

Flood Guidance Statement

10:30hrs Thursday 15 January 2026

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Thursday

15 Jan 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Increased

Friday

16 Jan 2026

Steady

Saturday

17 Jan 2026

Steady

Sunday

18 Jan 2026

Steady

Monday

19 Jan 2026

Steady



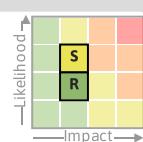
Minor surface water flooding is probable in parts of the South of England, the Midlands and the East of England today (Thursday), with inland flooding also possible more widely in England today and on Friday. The overall flood risk is LOW.

Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Thursday 15 January 2026

RISK AREA A

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source River Surface

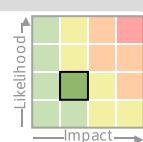
Likely duration 1 Day

Heavy and persistent rain falling on wet ground today (Thursday).

RISK AREA B

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

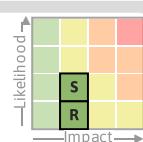
Likely duration 2 Days

Heavy rain moving northeast. River response continues into Friday.

RISK AREA C

Impact **MINOR**

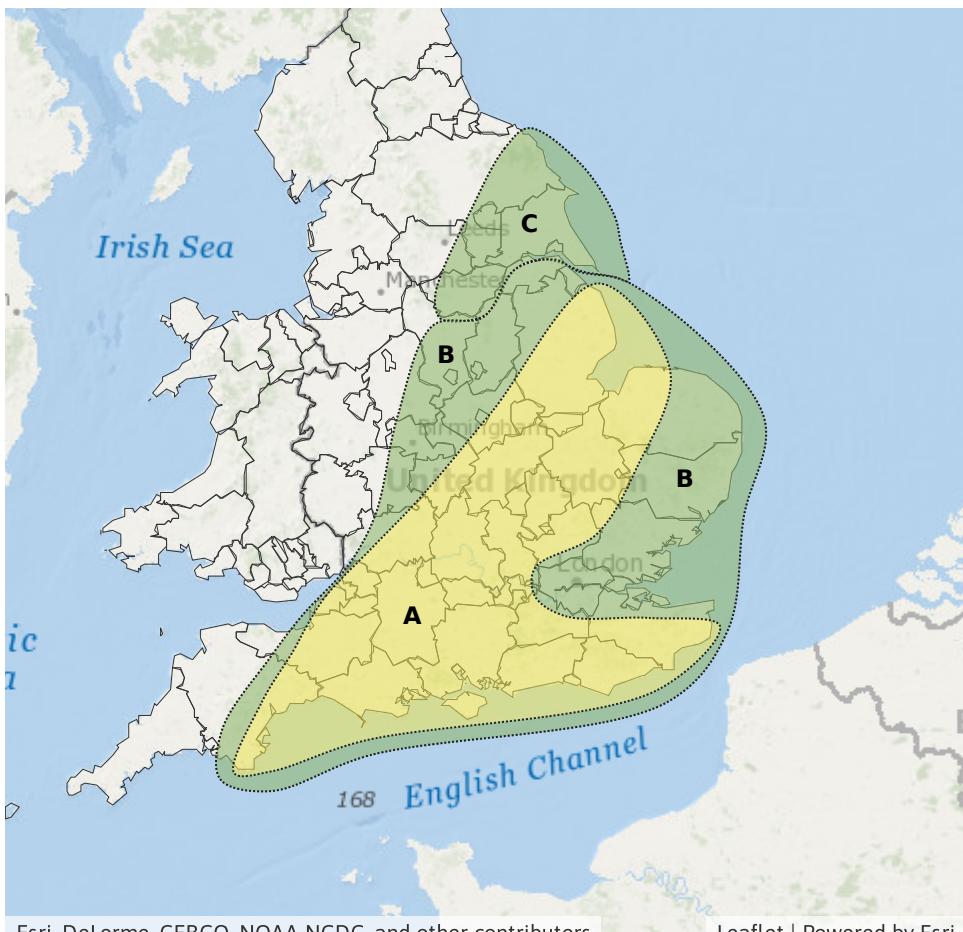
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 2 Days

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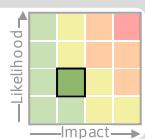


Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Friday 16 January 2026

RISK AREA B

Impact **MINOR**

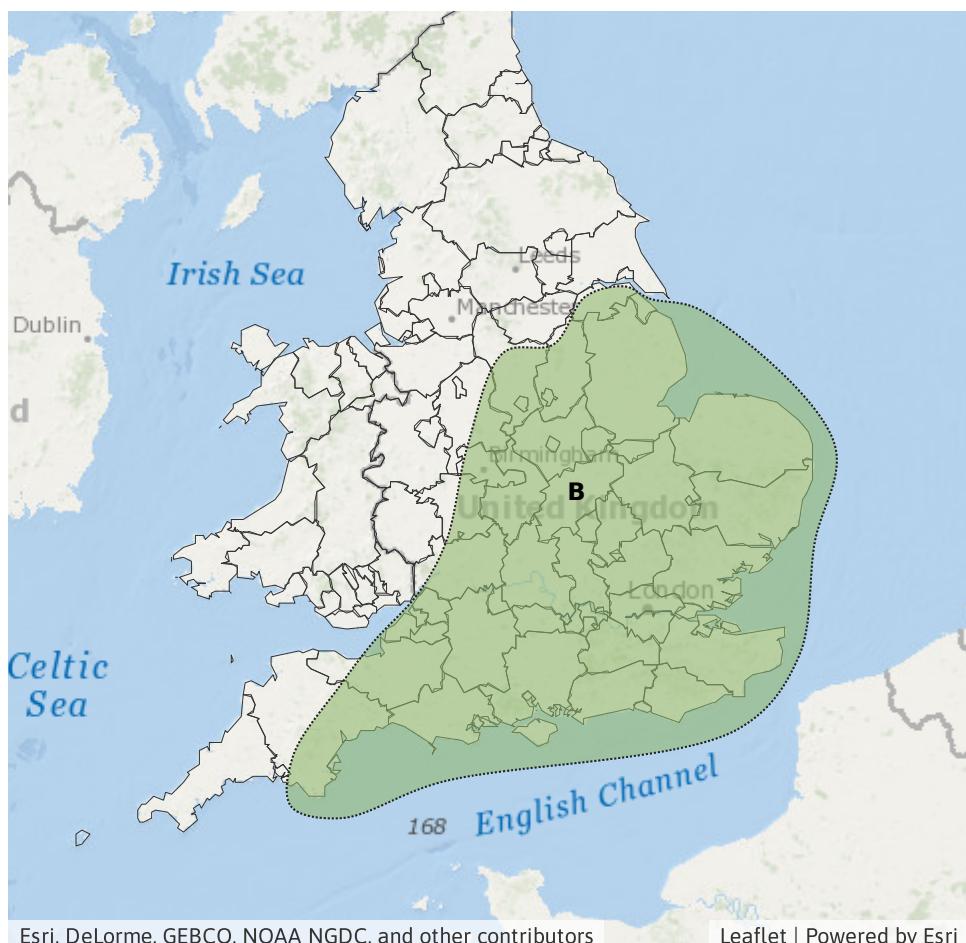
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

Likely duration 2 Days

Rivers responding to Thursday's rainfall.



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Assessment of flood risk



Surface water

The surface water flood risk is **LOW** today (Thursday).

Minor surface water flooding is probable in the South of England, the Midlands and the East of England today, and possible more widely across parts of England today. This is due to widespread, heavy rain moving northeastwards across many parts. See Specific Areas of Concern Map for details.

Impacts could include localised flooding from urban and fast responding smaller watercourses/catchments, drains, channels and flooding from overland flow.



Rivers

The river flood risk is **VERY LOW** for the next five days.

Minor river flooding is possible across parts of England today (Thursday) and on Friday, and possible but not expected in other parts of England on these days. This is due to widespread, heavy rain falling on wet catchments. See Specific Areas of Concern Maps for details.

Minor river flooding is also possible but not expected across parts of England on Saturday as larger rivers continue to respond.



Coastal/Tidal

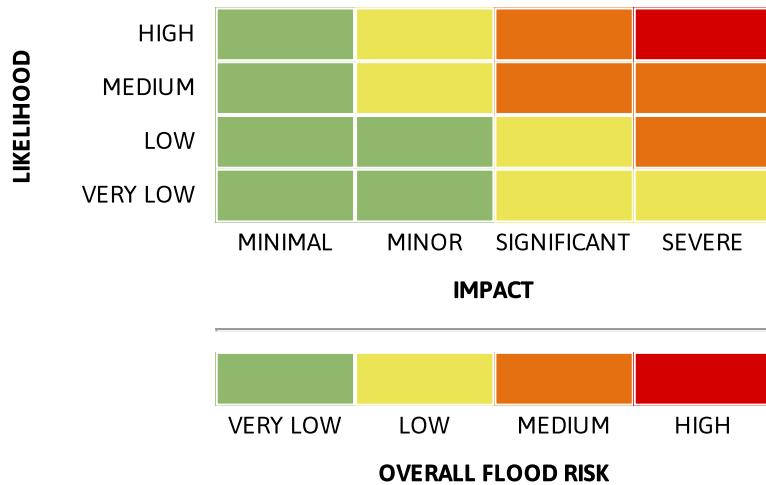
The coastal/tidal flood risk is **VERY LOW** for the next five days.



Groundwater

The groundwater flood risk is **VERY LOW** for the next five days.

Flood risk matrix



Summary of potential impacts

MINIMAL

Isolated and minor flooding of low-lying land and roads
Isolated spray/wave on coastal promenades
Little or no disruption to travel, but wet road surfaces

MINOR

Localised flooding of land and roads
Flooding affecting individual properties
Disruption to travel and key sites in flood plans

SIGNIFICANT

Flooding affecting parts of communities
Possible danger to life and damage to buildings/structures
Disruption to travel and key sites in flood plans

SEVERE

Danger to life, severe disruption to travel
Widespread flooding affecting whole communities
Widespread disruption or loss of infrastructure
Large scale evacuation of properties possible

Next statement due **10:30hrs Friday 16 January 2026 (all times are local)**

Contact details **Flood Forecasting Centre Duty Hydrometeorologist - 0330 135 4400**

More information <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/flood-forecasting-centre>