

Flood Guidance Statement

10:30hrs Tuesday 20 January 2026

FLOOD
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CENTRE

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Tuesday

20 Jan 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Steady

Wednesday

21 Jan 2026

Steady

Thursday

22 Jan 2026

Increased

Friday

23 Jan 2026

Increased

Saturday

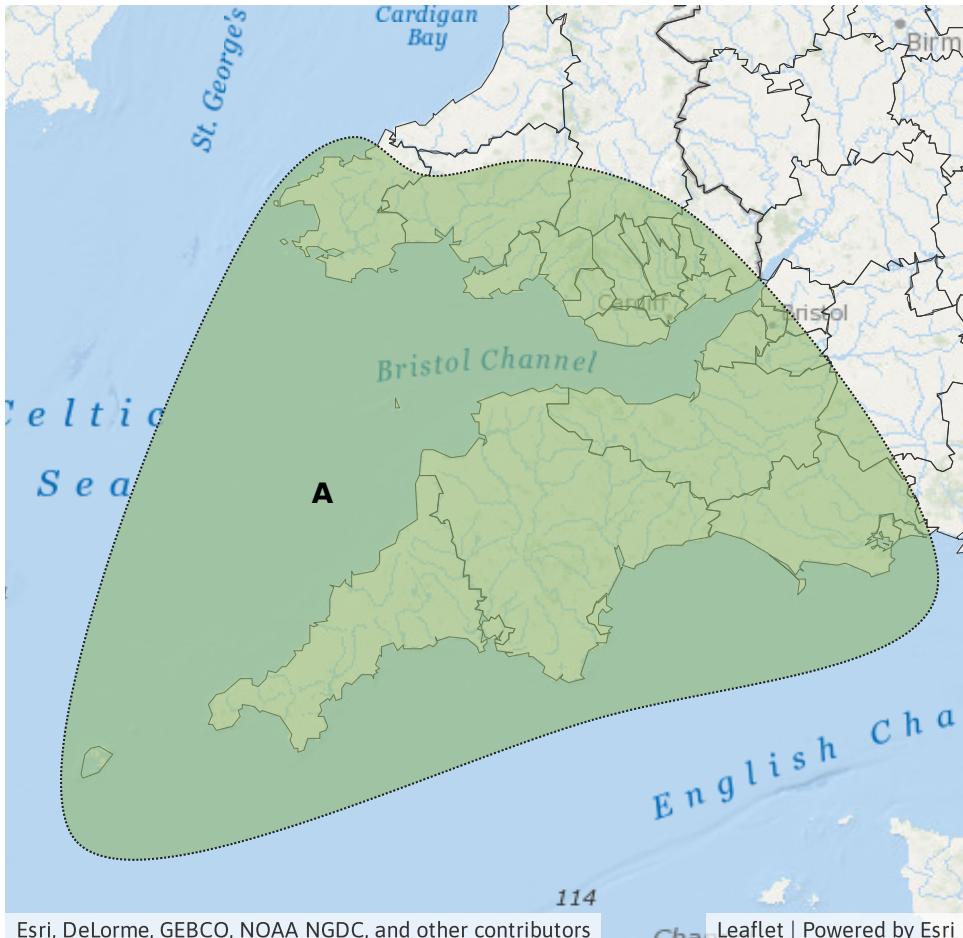
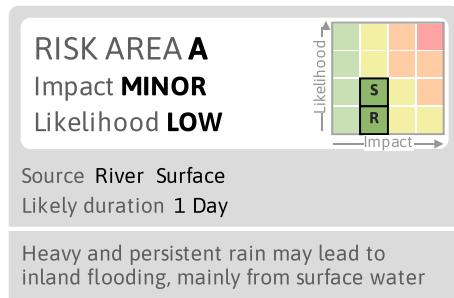
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Steady

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Minor inland flooding is possible in parts of England and Wales from today (Tuesday) to Thursday. Minor coastal flooding is possible but not expected in parts of England from Wednesday to Friday. The overall flood risk is VERY LOW.

Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Tuesday 20 January 2026



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Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 January 2026

RISK AREA B

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

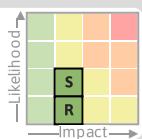
Likely duration 2 Days

Elevated river levels continue into Thursday.
Surface water flood risk reduces Thursday

RISK AREA C

Impact **MINOR**

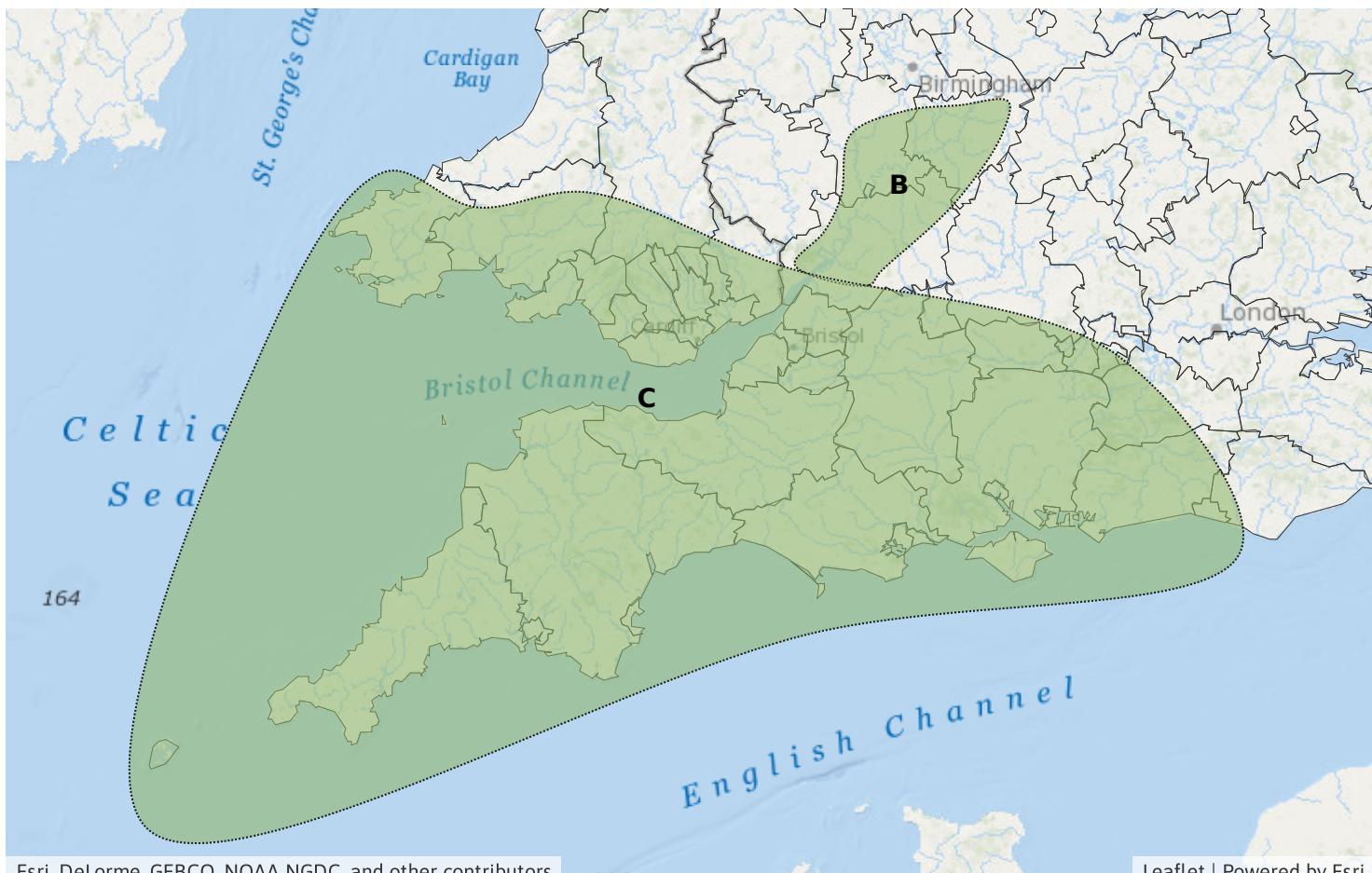
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 1 Day

Heavy and persistent rain may lead to
inland flooding on Wednesday



Assessment of flood risk



Surface water

The surface water flood risk is VERY LOW for the next five days.

Minor surface water flooding impacts are possible in parts of England and Wales today (Tuesday) and Wednesday, and possible but not expected more widely in parts of England Wednesday and Thursday. See Area of Concern Maps.

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 impacts are possible in parts of the Midlands on Wednesday and Thursday and possible but not expected more widely in parts of England and Wales today (Tuesday) and Wednesday. See Area of Concern Maps.



Coastal/Tidal

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

Minor coastal flooding impacts are possible but not expected in parts of England on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, due to large waves resulting from gale-force easterly winds.

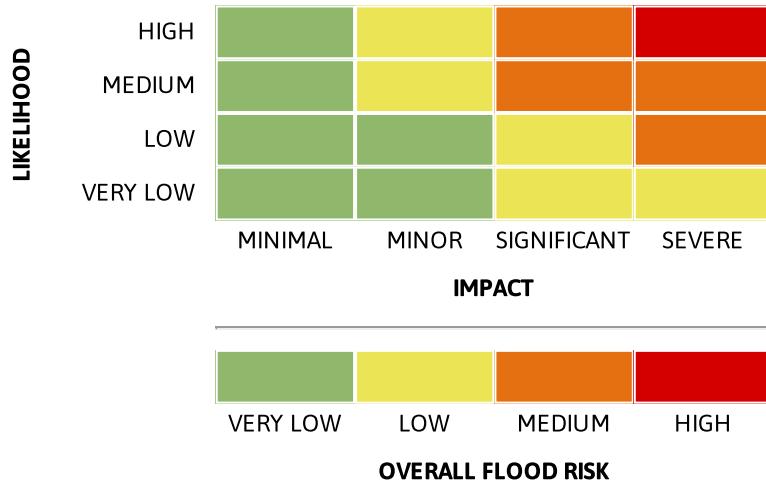
Impacts may include isolated spray on low-lying roads and coastal promenades.



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 Wednesday 21 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>