

# Flood Guidance Statement

10:30hrs Wednesday 21 January 2026



Wednesday  
21 Jan 2026 10:30-23:59

Thursday  
22 Jan 2026

Friday  
23 Jan 2026

Saturday  
24 Jan 2026

Sunday  
25 Jan 2026

Trend since last FGS

Steady



Steady



Increased



Increased



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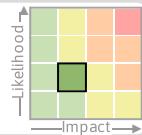


Minor inland flooding is possible in parts of England and Wales from today (Wednesday) until Sunday. Minor coastal flooding is possible but not expected in parts of England from Wednesday to Friday. The overall flood risk is **VERY LOW**.

## Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 January 2026

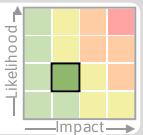
### RISK AREA A

Impact **MINOR**  
Likelihood **LOW**



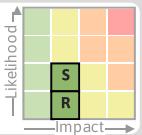
### RISK AREA B

Impact **MINOR**  
Likelihood **LOW**



### RISK AREA C

Impact **MINOR**  
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface  
Likely duration 5 Days

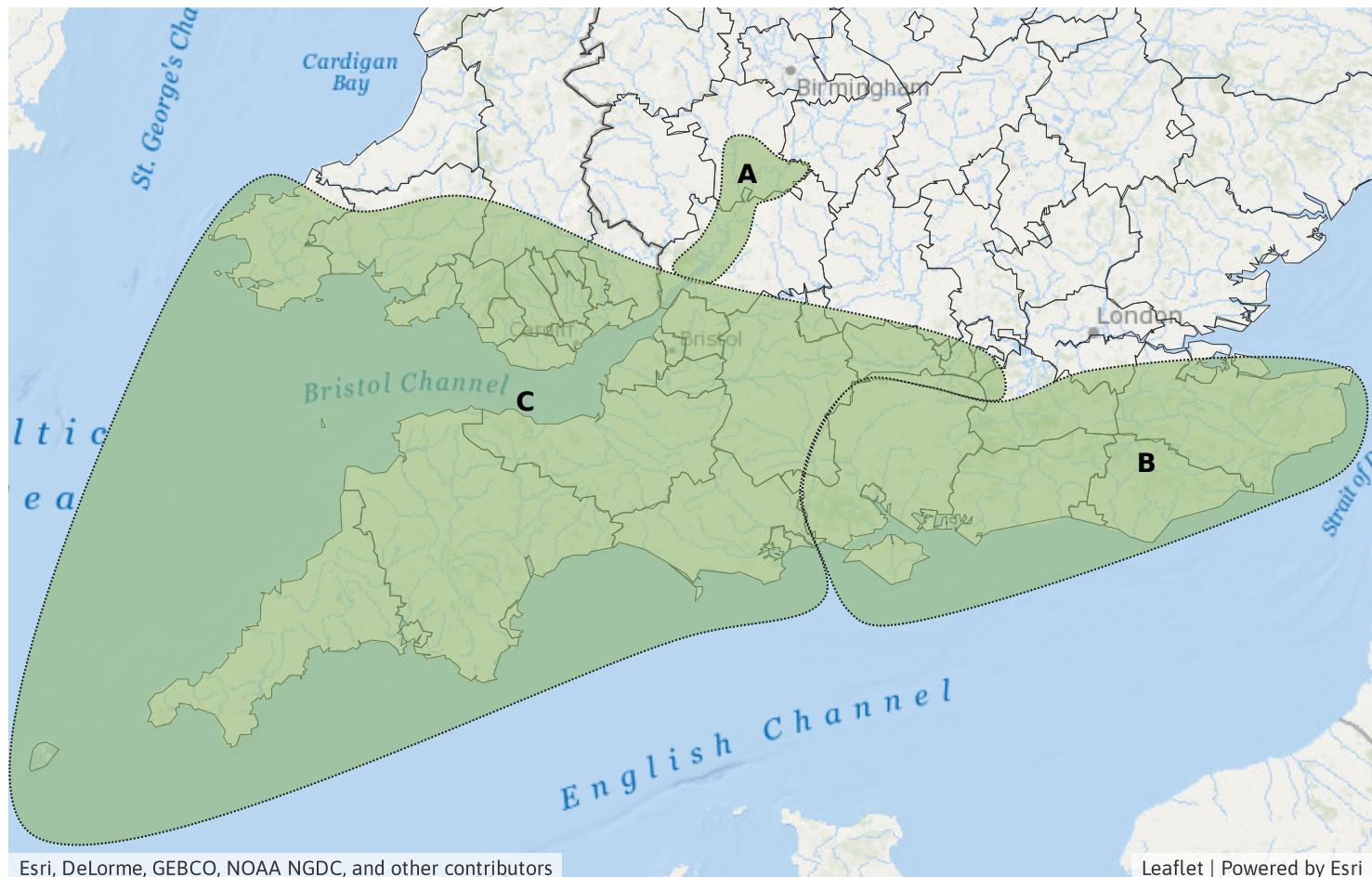
Elevated river levels continue until Sunday.  
Surface water flood risk reduces Thursday

Source River Surface  
Likely duration 2 Days

Further rain on wet river catchments

Source River Surface  
Likely duration 2 Days

Persistent rain may lead to inland flooding  
Wednesday and overnight into Thursday



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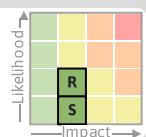
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## Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Friday 23 January 2026

### RISK AREA A

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

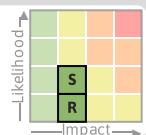
Likely duration 5 Days

Elevated river levels continue until Sunday

### RISK AREA D

Impact **MINOR**

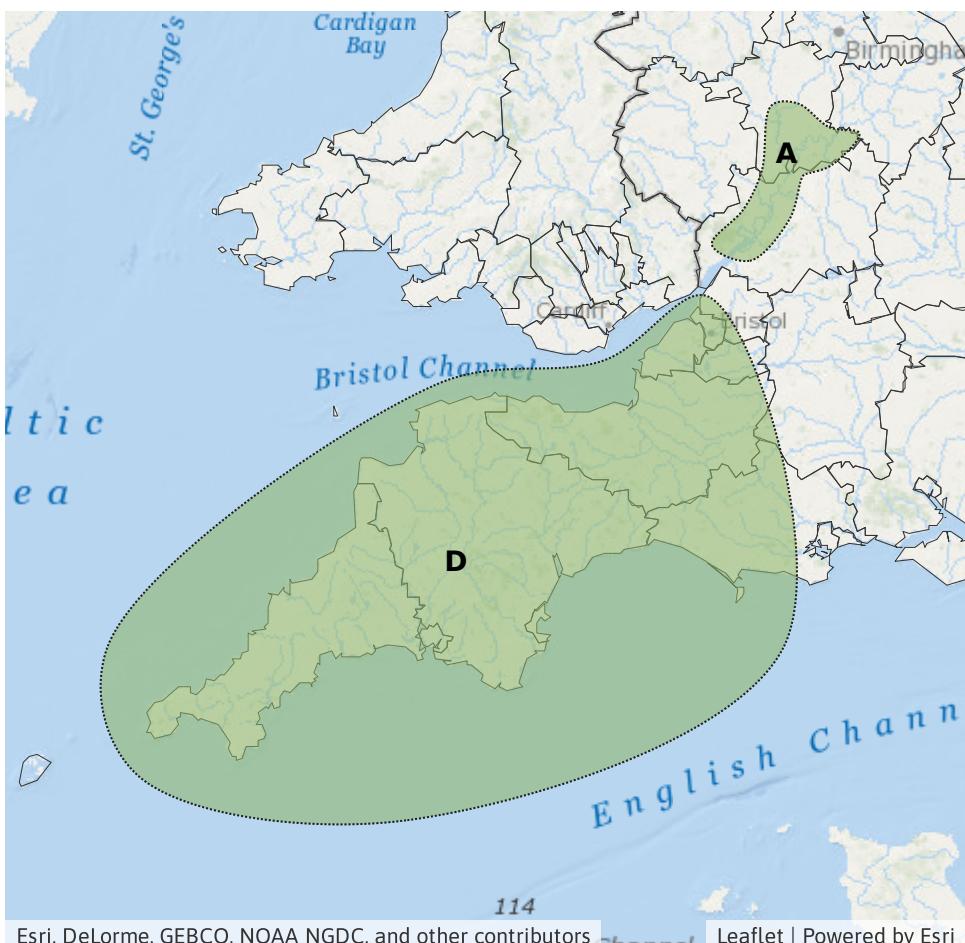
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 1 Day

Persistent and frequent bands of rain or showers.

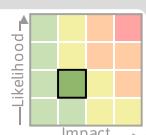


## Specific Areas of Concern Map 3 - Saturday 24 January 2026

### RISK AREA A

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

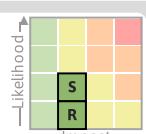
Likely duration 5 Days

Elevated river levels continue until Sunday

### RISK AREA E

Impact **MINOR**

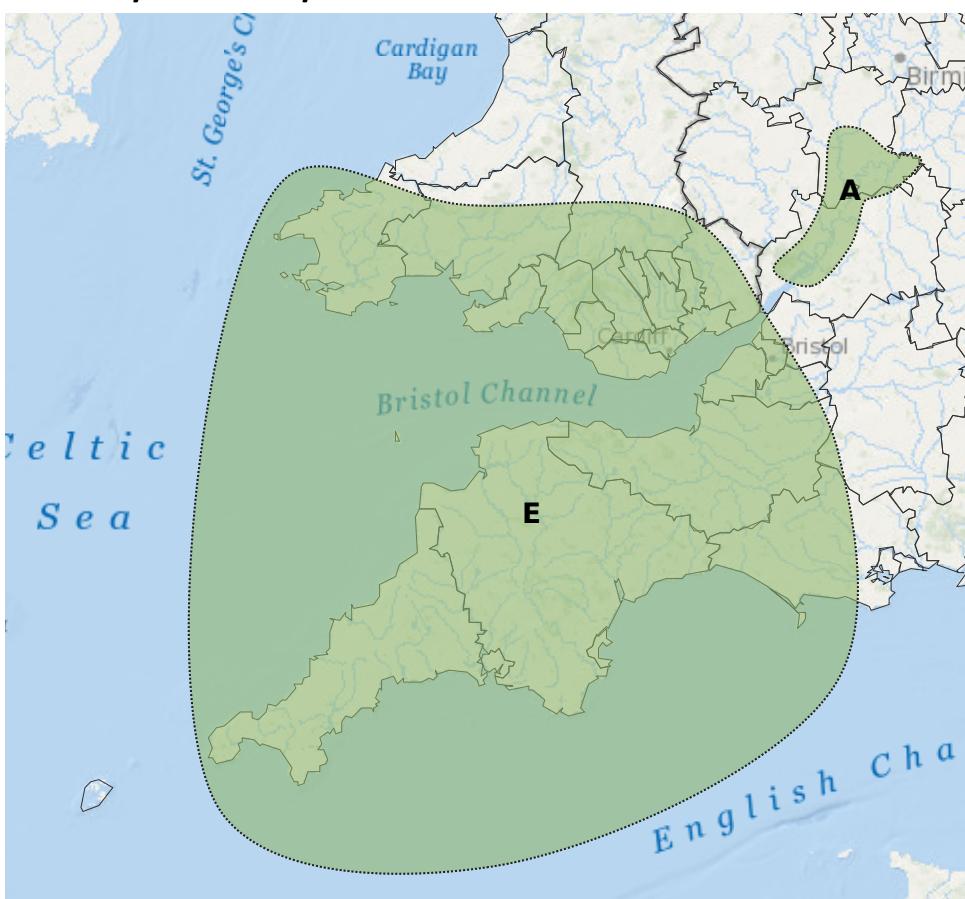
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 1 Day

Persistent and frequent bands of rain or showers.



## 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 through much of this week and into the weekend. See Areas 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 England from today (Wednesday) until Sunday and possible but not expected more widely in parts of England and Wales. See Areas 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 high tides and large waves resulting from gale-force winds.

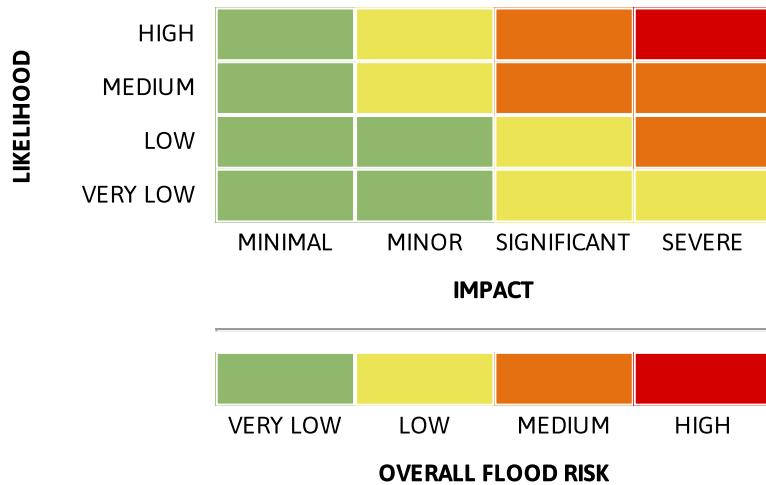
Impacts may include isolated spray on low-lying roads and coastal promenades.



### 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 Thursday 22 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>