

Flood Guidance Statement

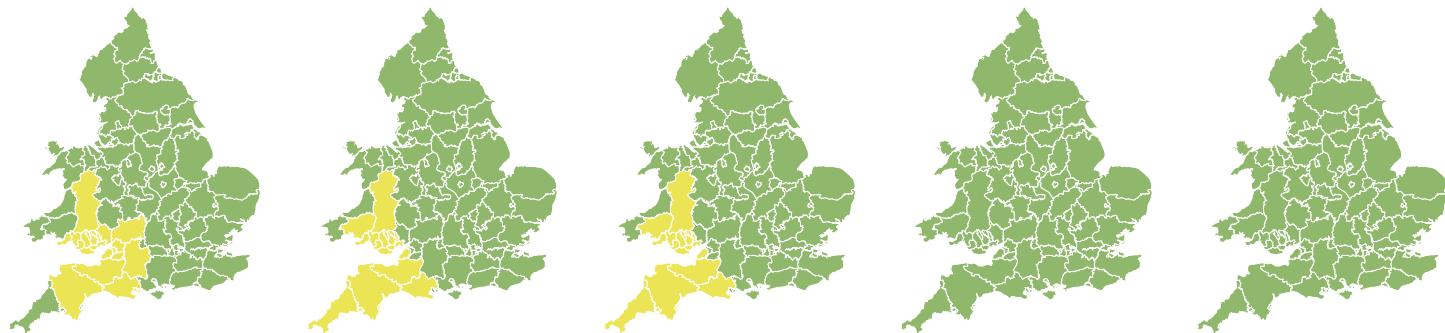
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Thursday

22 Jan 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Increased

Friday

23 Jan 2026



Saturday

24 Jan 2026



Sunday

25 Jan 2026



Monday

26 Jan 2026



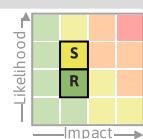
Minor inland flooding is expected in parts of England and Wales on Friday and Saturday and probable today (Thursday). The overall flood risk is LOW.

Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Thursday 22 January 2026

RISK AREA A

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source River Surface

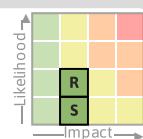
Likely duration 1 Day

Heavier bursts of rain leading to probable impacts.

RISK AREA C

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

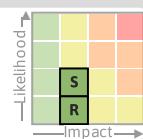
Likely duration 4 Days

Elevated river levels today. West Midlands risk until Sunday.

RISK AREA D

Impact **MINOR**

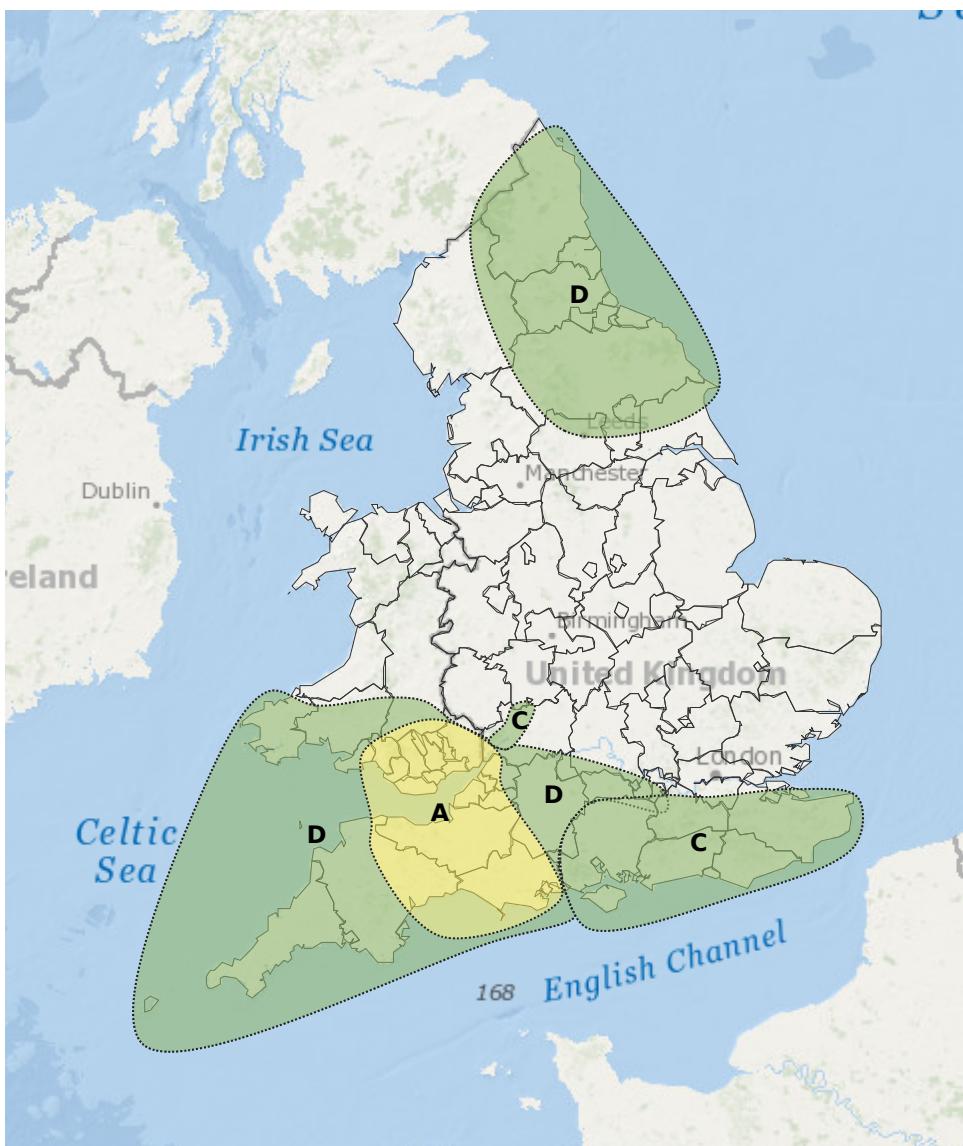
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 3 Days

Persistent rain may lead to inland flooding today.



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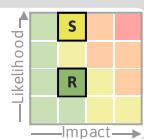
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Friday 23 and Saturday 24 January 2026

RISK AREA B

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **HIGH**



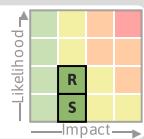
Source River Surface
Likely duration 2 Days

Minor impacts probable from Friday evening into Saturday. Reduced river risk in south Wales.

RISK AREA C

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



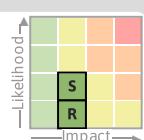
Source River Surface
Likely duration 4 Days

Elevated river levels continue until Sunday

RISK AREA E

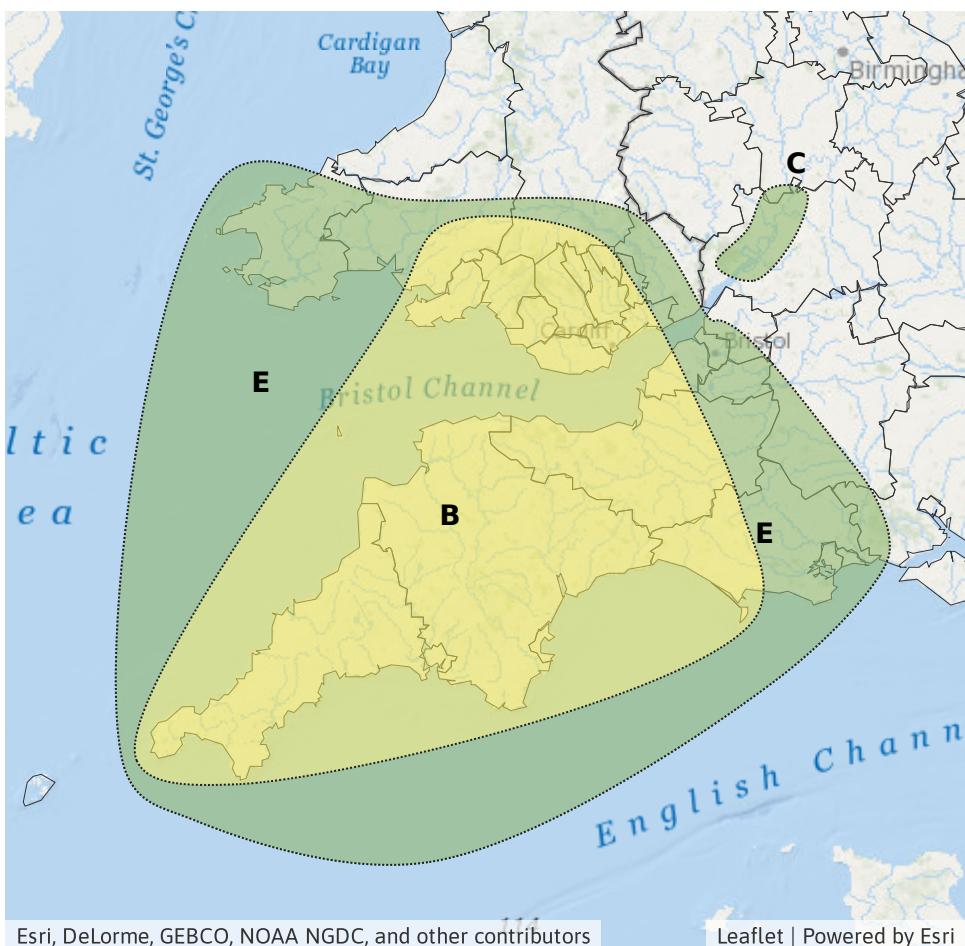
Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface
Likely duration 3 Days

Persistent and frequent bands of rain or showers.

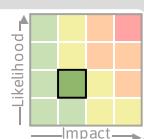


Specific Areas of Concern Map 3 - Sunday 24 January 2026

RISK AREA C

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**

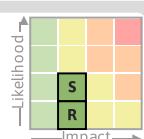


Source River
Likely duration 4 Days

RISK AREA E

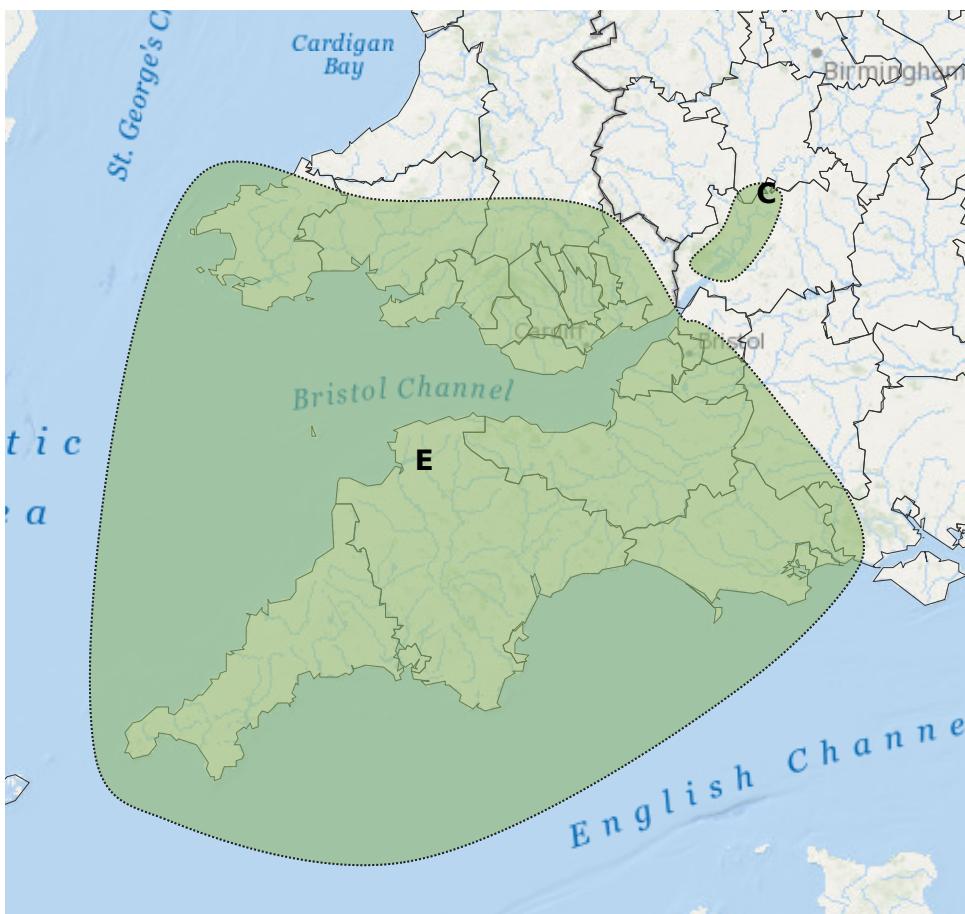
Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface
Likely duration 3 Days

Persistent and frequent bands of rain or showers.



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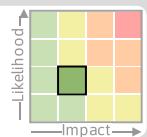
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 4 - Friday 23 and Saturday 24 January

RISK AREA **G**

Impact **MINOR**

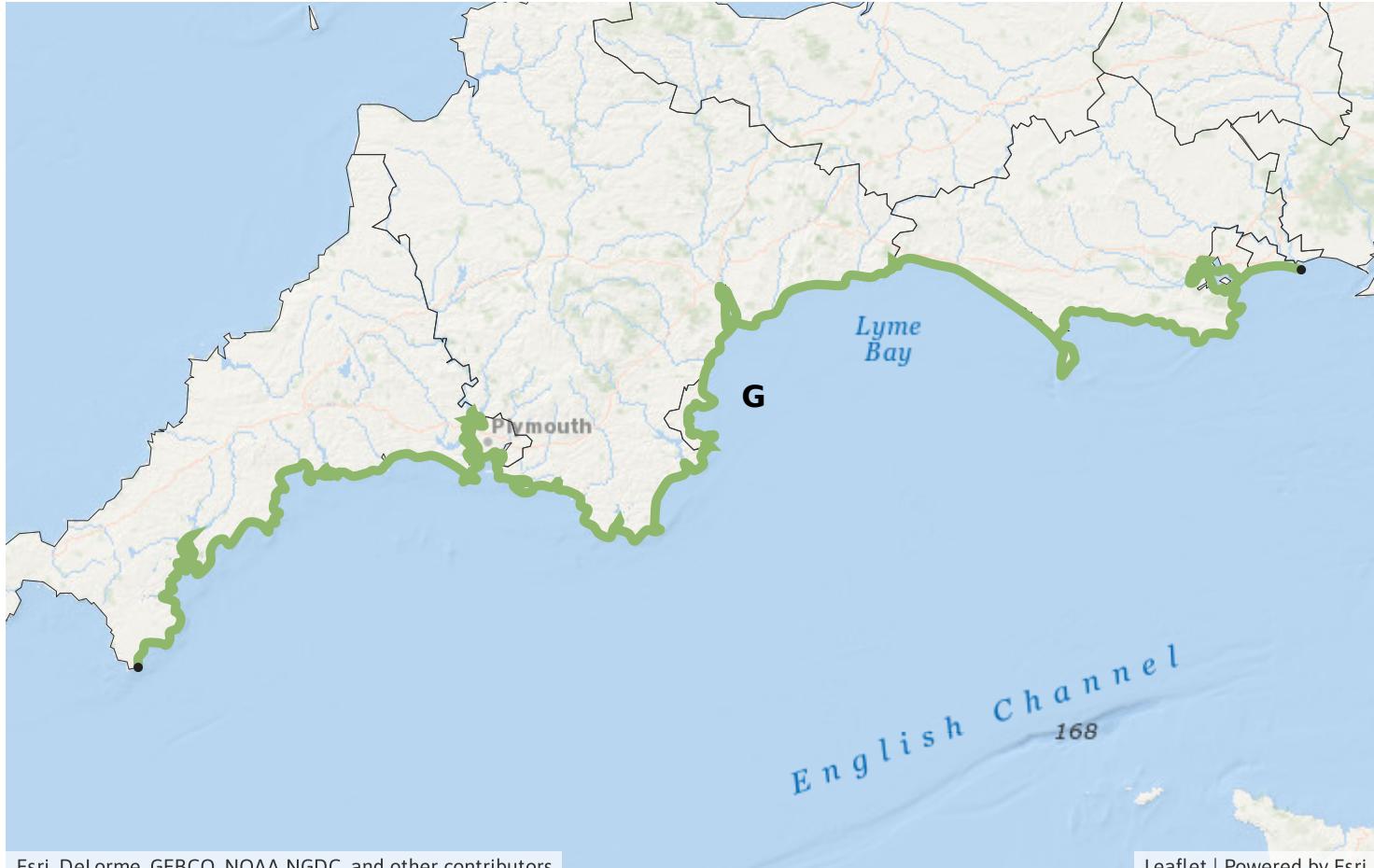
Likelihood **LOW**



Source Coastal/Tidal

Likely duration 2 Days

High tides and large waves lead to spray and wave over-topping.



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Assessment of flood risk



Surface water

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

Minor surface water flooding impacts are expected on Friday and Saturday and are probable today (Thursday). Minor surface water flooding is also possible more widely across England and Wales from today until Sunday. 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 and Wales, and possible but not expected more widely, from today (Thursday) until Sunday. 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 along the south coast of Devon and the Dorset coast on Friday and Saturday and possible but not expected around parts of the coast of England today (Thursday) and Friday due to high tides and large waves resulting from strong winds. Impacts may include isolated spray on low-lying roads and coastal promenades.

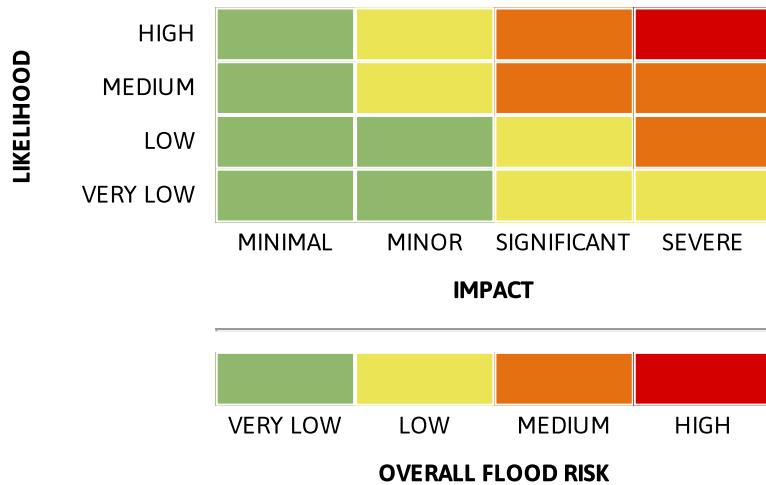


Groundwater

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

Minor groundwater flooding impacts are possible but not expected in parts of England from Sunday.

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 23 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>