

# Flood Guidance Statement

10:30hrs Friday 23 January 2026



Friday 23 Jan 2026 10:30-23:59 Trend since last FGS Steady →	Saturday 24 Jan 2026 Steady →	Sunday 25 Jan 2026 Steady →	Monday 26 Jan 2026 Increased ↑	Tuesday 27 Jan 2026 Increased ↑
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Minor inland flooding is expected in parts of England and Wales from today (Friday) until Saturday. The overall flood risk is LOW.

## Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Friday 23 and Saturday 24 January 2026

**RISK AREA A**  
Impact **MINOR**  
Likelihood **HIGH**

Source River Surface  
Likely duration 2 Days

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

**RISK AREA B**  
Impact **MINOR**  
Likelihood **LOW**

Source River Surface  
Likely duration 3 Days

Elevated river levels continue until Sunday

**RISK AREA C**  
Impact **MINOR**  
Likelihood **LOW**

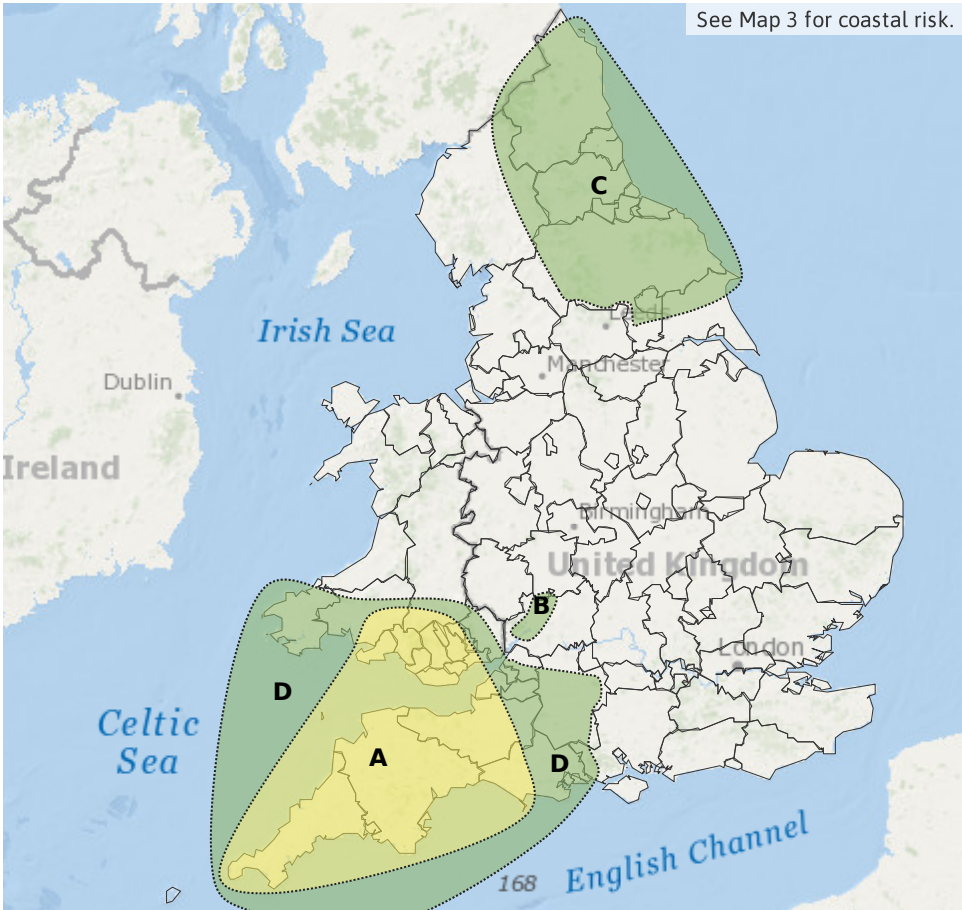
Source River Surface  
Likely duration 2 Days

Persistent light to moderate rain and showers.

**RISK AREA D**  
Impact **MINOR**  
Likelihood **LOW**

Source River Surface  
Likely duration 3 Days

Persistent and frequent bands of rain or showers.

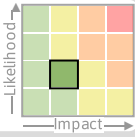


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## Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Sunday 25 January 2026

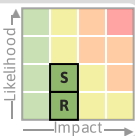
**RISK AREA B**  
Impact **MINOR**  
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River  
Likely duration 3 Days

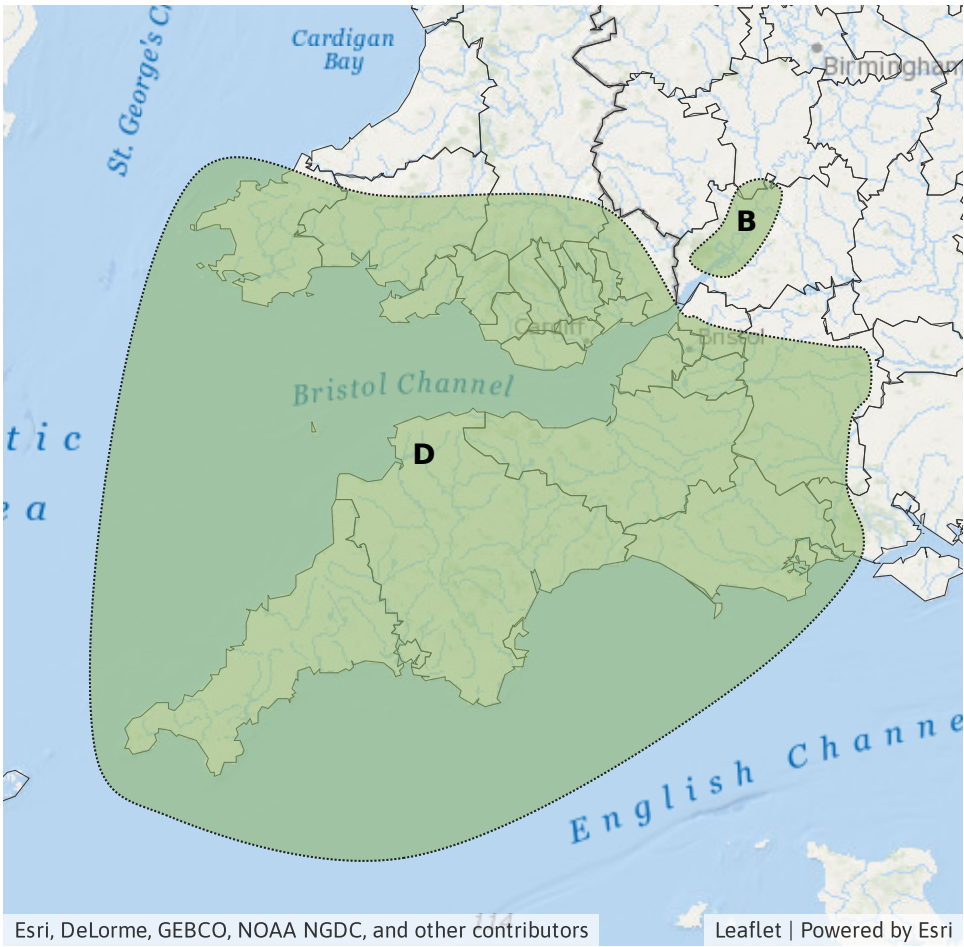
Elevated river levels continue until Sunday

**RISK AREA D**  
Impact **MINOR**  
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface  
Likely duration 3 Days

Persistent and frequent bands of rain or showers.



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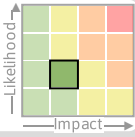
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## Specific Areas of Concern Map 3 - Friday 23 and Saturday 24 January 2026

RISK AREA **E**

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**

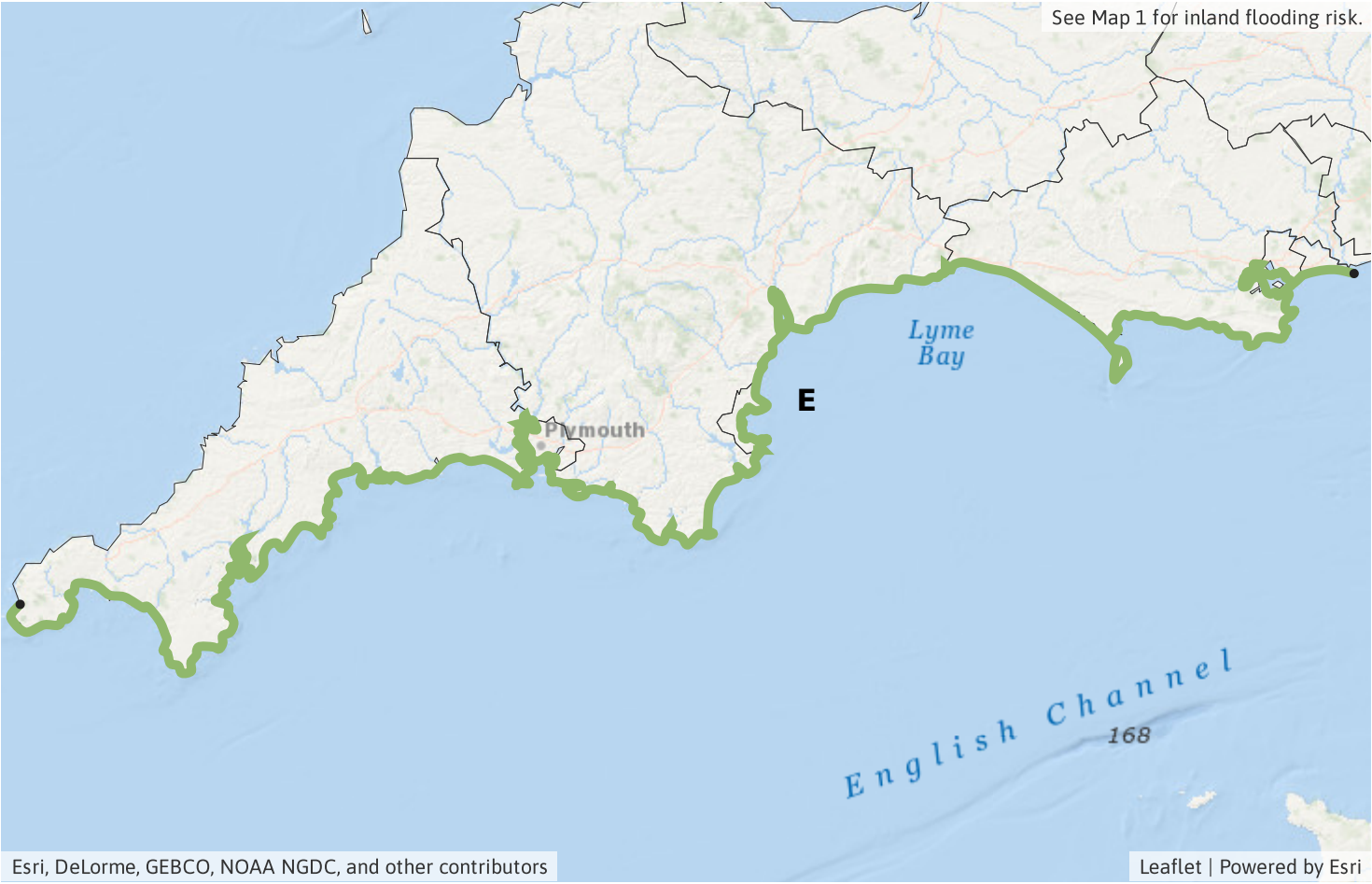


Source Coastal/Tidal

Likely duration 2 Days

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

See Map 1 for inland flooding risk.



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## Assessment of flood risk



### Surface water

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

Minor surface water flooding impacts are expected today and on Saturday, and possible more widely across parts of England and Wales from today until Sunday. See Areas of Concern Maps.

Minor surface water flooding impacts are possible but not expected in parts of England and Wales on Monday and Tuesday due to further rainfall falling on already wet catchments.

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 from today (Friday) until Sunday, and possible but not expected more widely for the next five days. 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 some coasts of South West England today (Friday) and on Saturday, and are possible but not expected around other parts of the coasts of England today due to high tides and large waves resulting from strong winds. See Areas of Concern Maps.

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



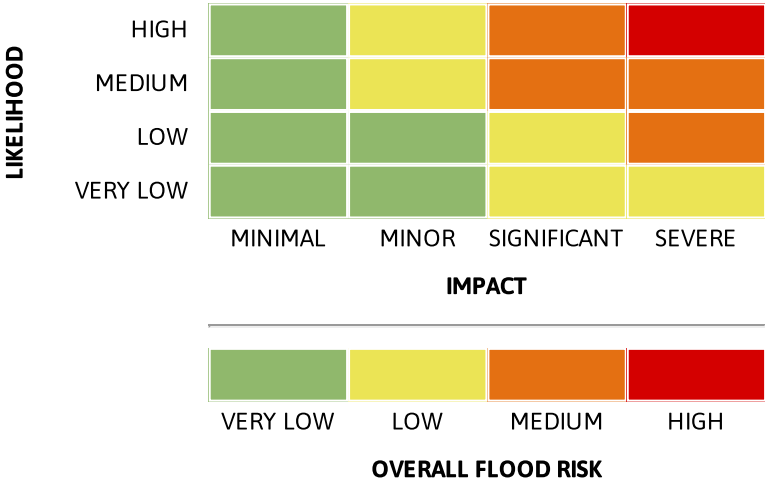
### Groundwater

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 today (Friday).



## 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 Saturday 24 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>