

Flood Guidance Statement

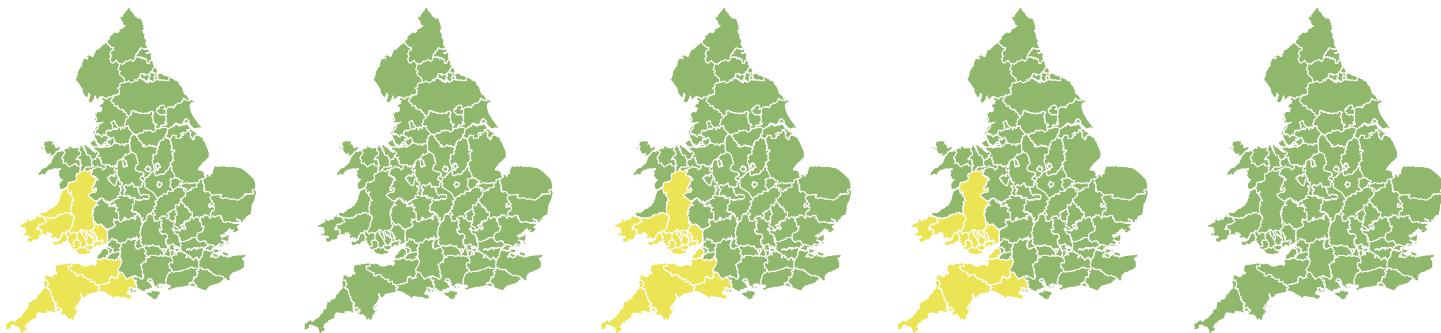
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Saturday

24 Jan 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Steady

Sunday
25 Jan 2026

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Steady
→

Monday
26 Jan 2026

Increased
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Tuesday
27 Jan 2026

Increased
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Wednesday
28 Jan 2026

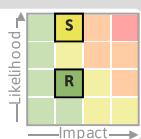
Increased
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Significant inland flooding impacts are possible but not expected on Tuesday in parts of England and Wales. Minor inland flooding is expected in parts of England and Wales today (Saturday). The overall flood risk is LOW. See 6-10 day section.

Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Saturday 24 January 2026

RISK AREA A

Impact **MINOR**
Likelihood **HIGH**

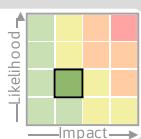


Source River Surface
Likely duration 1 Day

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

RISK AREA B

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



Source River
Likely duration 2 Days

Elevated river levels continue until Sunday

RISK AREA C

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

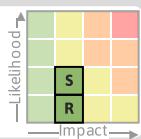


Source River
Likely duration 1 Day

Persistent light to moderate rain and
showers.

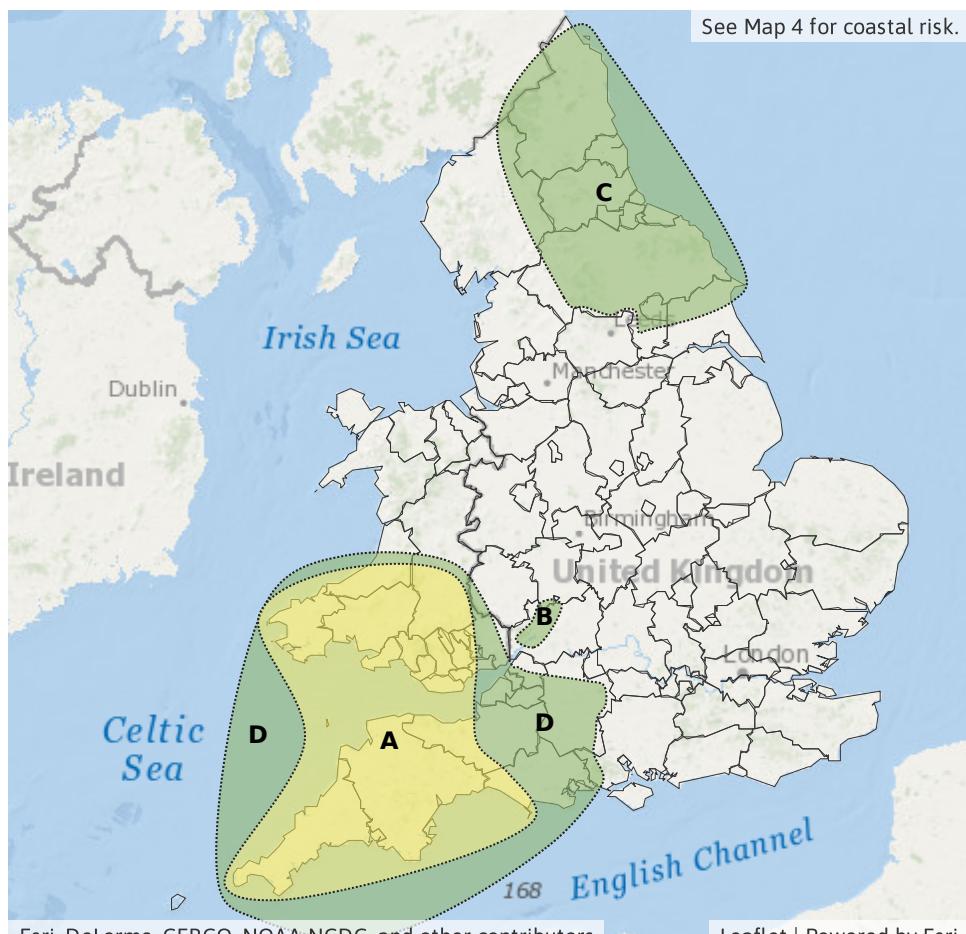
RISK AREA D

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



Source River Surface
Likely duration 2 Days

Persistent and frequent bands of rain or
showers.



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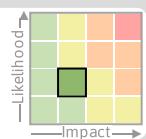


Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Sunday 25 January 2026

RISK AREA B

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

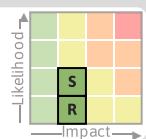
Likely duration 2 Days

Elevated river levels continue until Sunday

RISK AREA D

Impact **MINOR**

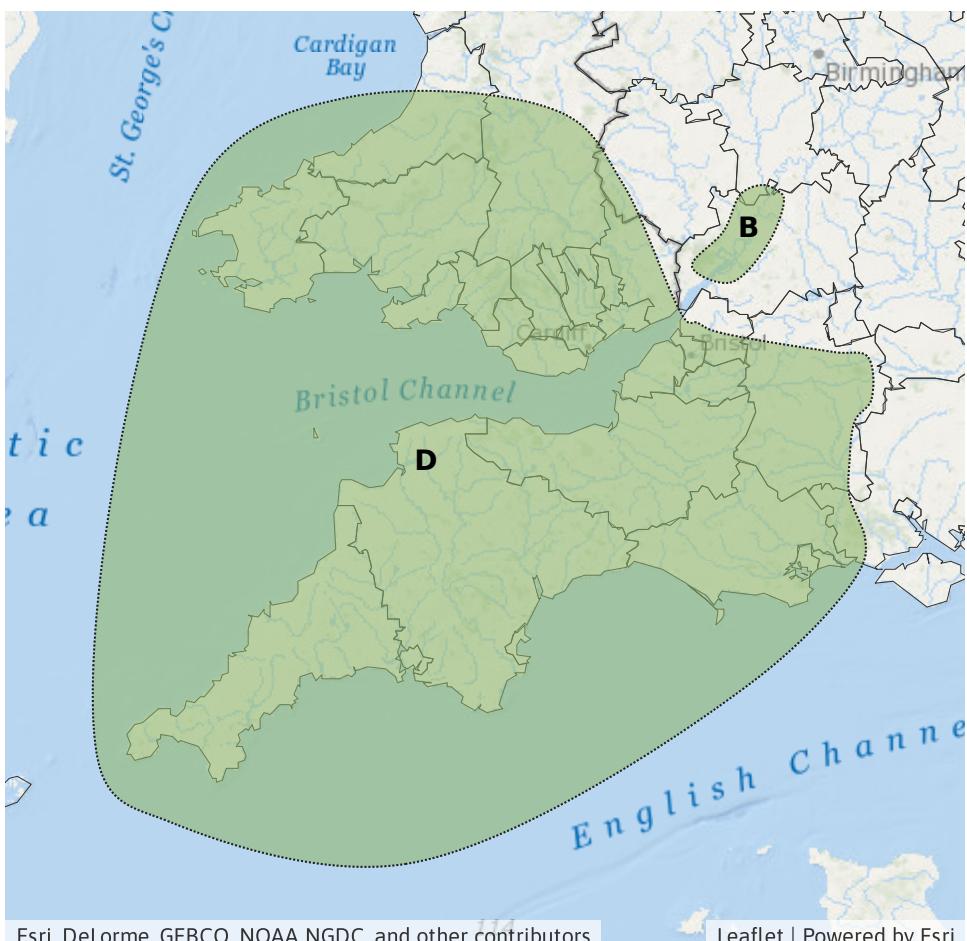
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 2 Days

Persistent and frequent bands of rain or showers.



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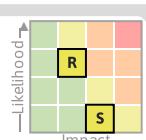
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 3 - Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 January

RISK AREA G

Impact **SIGNIFICANT**

Likelihood **VERY LOW**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 2 Days

Surface water risk from late Monday and on Tuesday. River risk Tuesday only.

RISK AREA H

Impact **MINOR**

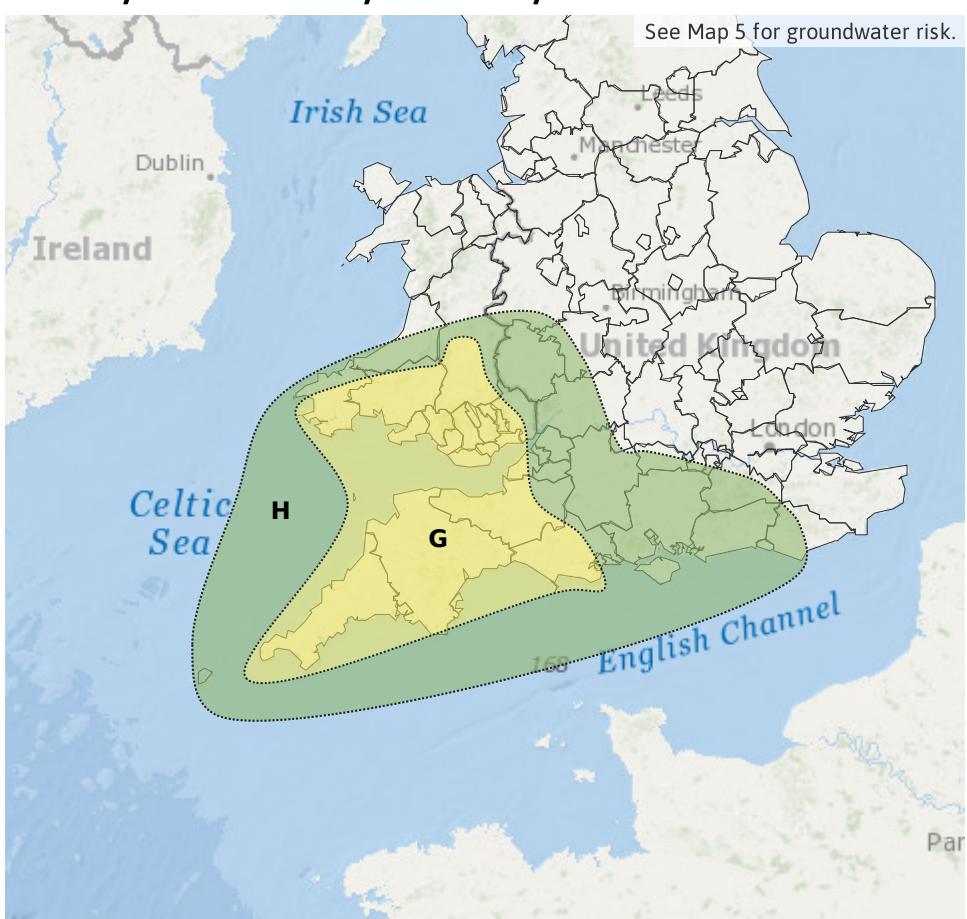
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 1 Day

Surface water risk from late Monday and on Tuesday. River risk Tuesday only.



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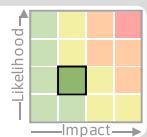


Specific Areas of Concern Map 4 - Saturday 24 January 2026

RISK AREA E

Impact **MINOR**

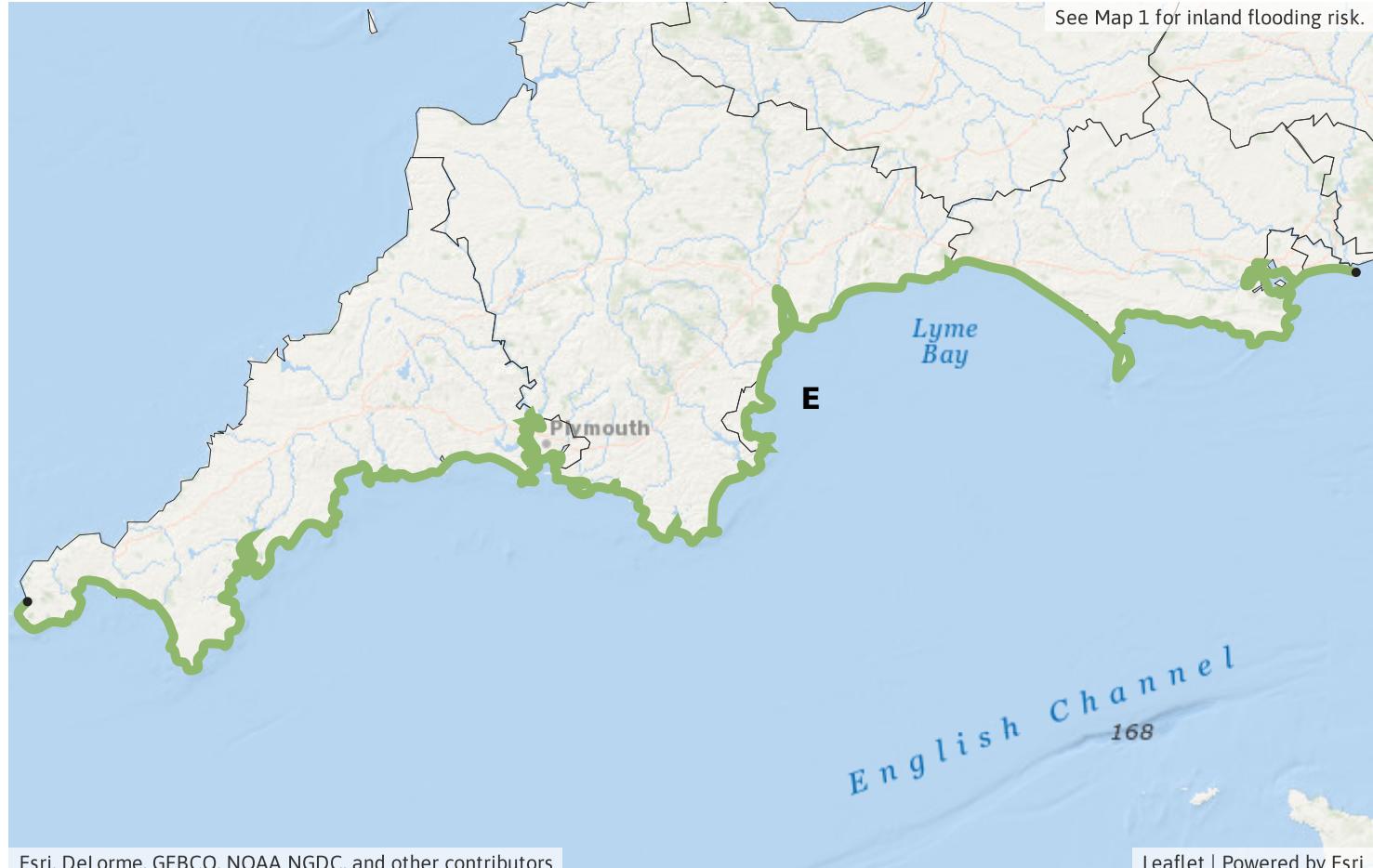
Likelihood **LOW**



Source Coastal/Tidal

Likely duration 1 Day

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



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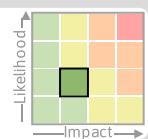


Specific Areas of Concern Map 5 - Monday 26 to Wednesday 28 January 2026

RISK AREA F

Impact **MINOR**

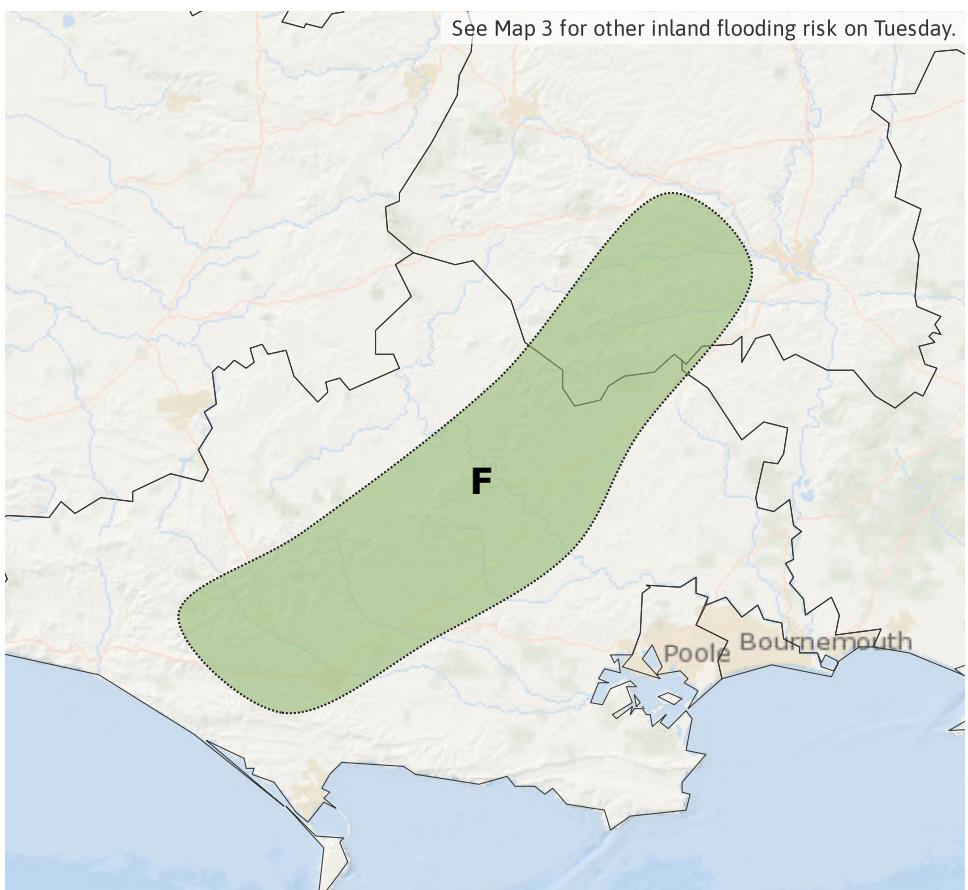
Likelihood **LOW**



Source Ground

Likely duration 5 + Days

High and rising groundwater levels



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Assessment of flood risk



Surface water

The surface water flood risk is **LOW** today (Saturday) and Tuesday.

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

Significant surface water flooding impacts are possible but not expected in parts of England and Wales on Tuesday, with minor impacts possible more widely, due to further rainfall falling on already wet catchments. 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 **LOW** on Tuesday.

Minor river flooding impacts are possible in parts of England and Wales today (Saturday) and Sunday. See Areas of Concern Maps.

Minor river flooding is possible but not expected on Monday in England due to ongoing river response from recent rainfall.

Minor river flooding impacts are probable in parts of England and Wales on Tuesday and possible or possible but not expected more widely on Tuesday and Wednesday. This is due to heavy rain falling on catchments which have become increasingly sensitive following recent rainfall. 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 (Saturday), 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

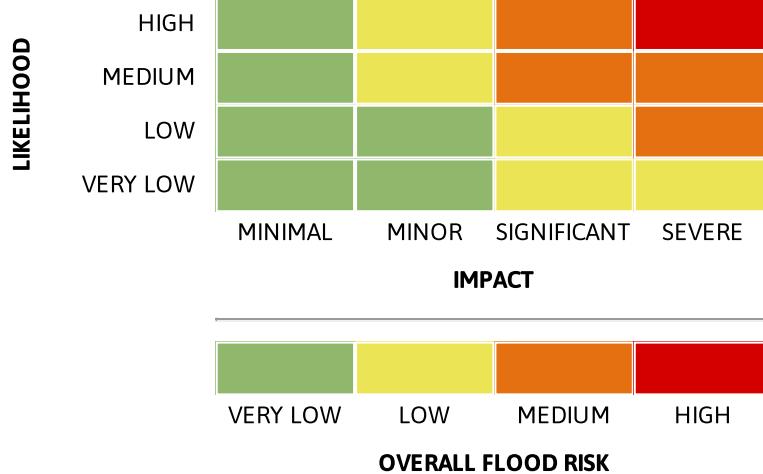
The groundwater flood risk is **VERY LOW** for the next five days.

Minor groundwater flooding impacts are possible but not expected in parts of England today (Saturday) and Sunday and possible from Monday. See Areas of Concern Maps.

6-10 day forecast

Unsettled conditions are expected to continue with further low pressure systems from the southwest. Areas that have seen the most rainfall recently are those most likely to see further heavy rain during this period. This could lead to significant inland flooding impacts.

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 Sunday 25 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>