

Flood Guidance Statement

10:30hrs Monday 26 January 2026

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Monday

26 Jan 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Increased

Tuesday

27 Jan 2026

Increased

Wednesday

28 Jan 2026

Increased

Thursday

29 Jan 2026

Increased

Friday

30 Jan 2026

Increased

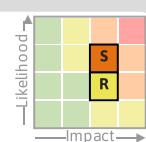
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Significant inland flooding impacts are probable on Monday and Tuesday in parts of England, and possible in wider parts of England and Wales on Tuesday. The overall flood risk is MEDIUM. See 6-10 day section.

Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Monday 26 January 2026

RISK AREA A

Impact **SIGNIFICANT**
Likelihood **MEDIUM**

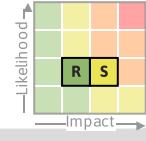


Source River Surface
Likely duration 2 Days

Heavy rain from late on Monday. River impacts on Tuesday only.

RISK AREA D

Impact **SIGNIFICANT**
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface
Likely duration 2 Days

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

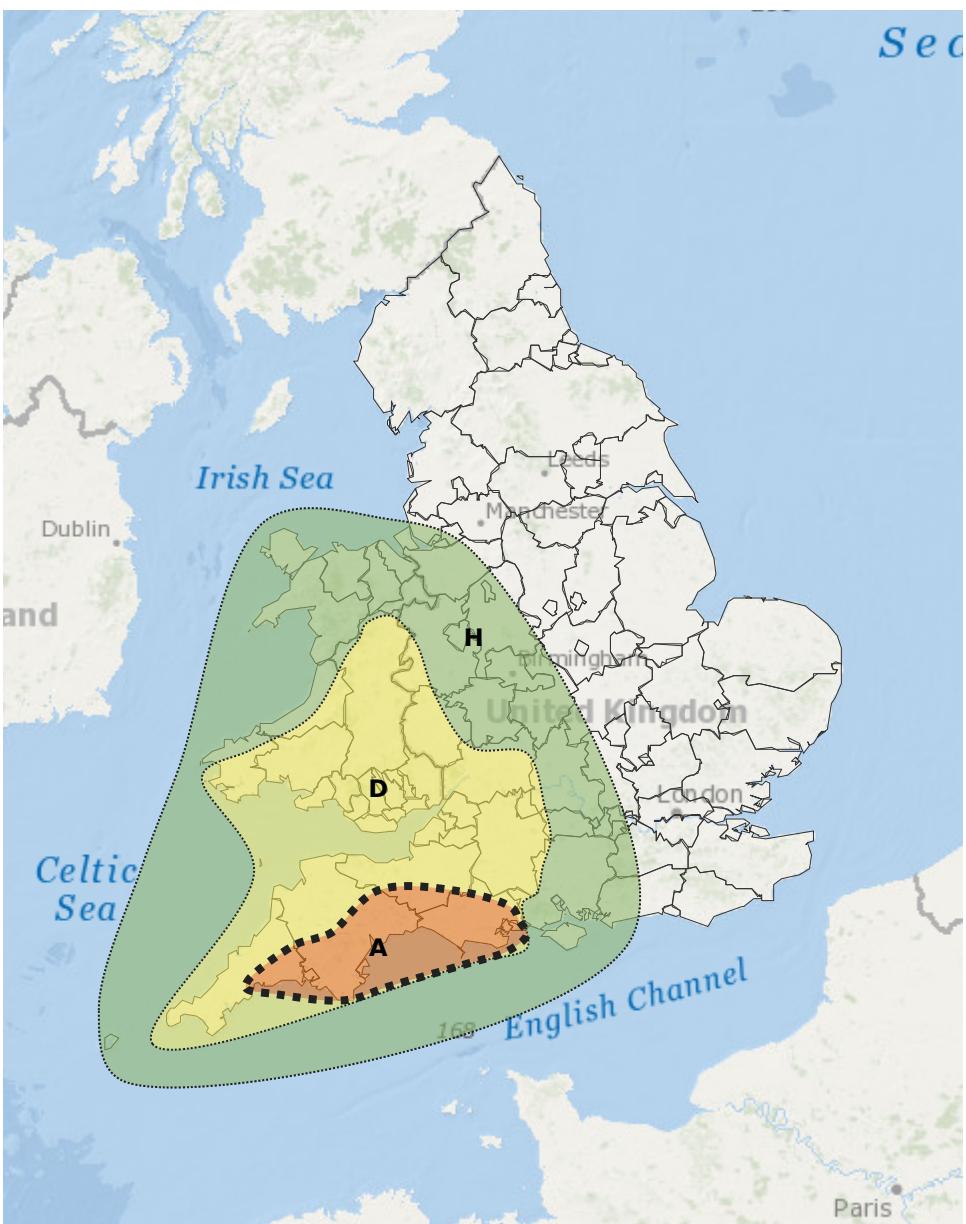
RISK AREA H

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



Source River Surface
Likely duration 2 Days

Persistent and at times heavy rain Monday afternoon and evening



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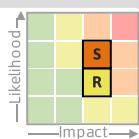
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Tuesday 27 January 2026

RISK AREA A

Impact **SIGNIFICANT**
Likelihood **MEDIUM**

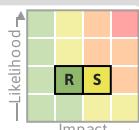


Source River Surface
Likely duration 2 Days

Heavy rain from late on Monday. River impacts on Tuesday only.

RISK AREA B

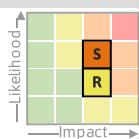
Impact **SIGNIFICANT**
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface
Likely duration 1 Day

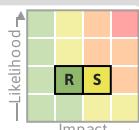
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Impact **SIGNIFICANT**
Likelihood **LOW**



RISK AREA D

Impact **SIGNIFICANT**
Likelihood **LOW**

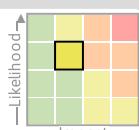


Source River Surface
Likely duration 2 Days

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

RISK AREA E

Impact **MINOR**
Likelihood **MEDIUM**

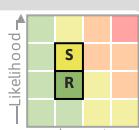


Source River Surface
Likely duration 1 Day

Heavy and persistent rain

RISK AREA F

Impact **MINOR**
Likelihood **MEDIUM**

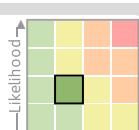


Source River Surface
Likely duration 1 Day

Heavy rain may cause inland flooding

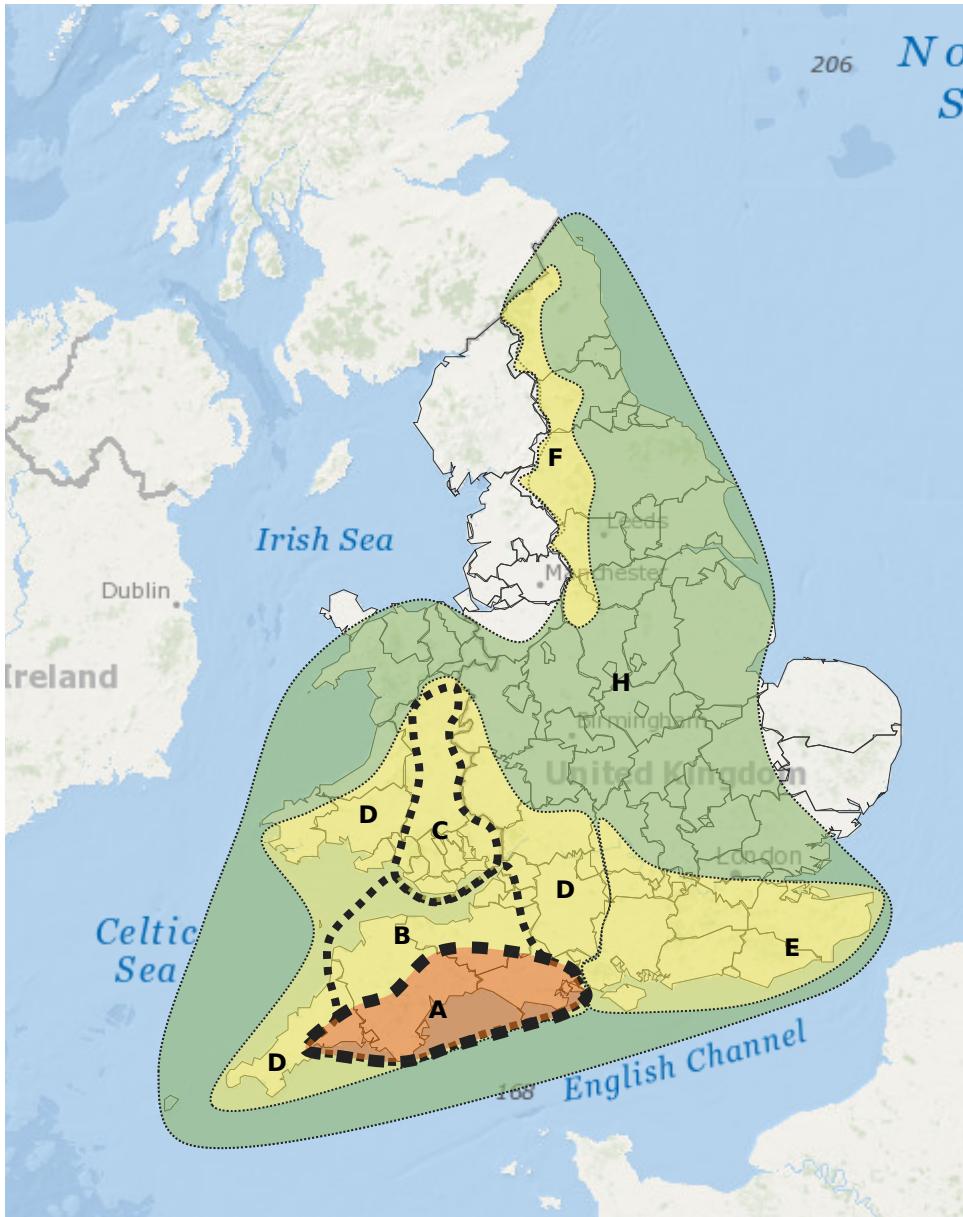
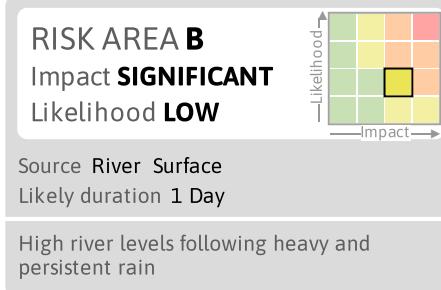
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Impact **MINOR**
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface
Likely duration 2 Days

Persistent and at times heavy rain



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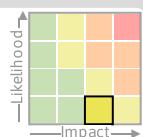
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 3 - Wednesday 26 to Friday 30 January 2026

RISK AREA G

Impact **SIGNIFICANT**
Likelihood **VERY LOW**



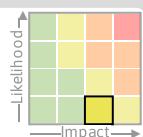
Source River

Likely duration 1 Day

Residual river risk on Wednesday from Tuesdays rainfall.

RISK AREA J

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



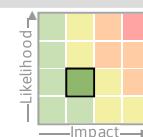
Source River

Likely duration 1 Day

Ongoing high river levels from previous heavy rain on Wednesday

RISK AREA K

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



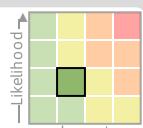
Source River Surface

Likely duration 2 Days

Potential for more rain on Wednesday and Thursday.

RISK AREA L

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



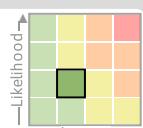
Source River

Likely duration 2 Days

Residual river flooding risk on Wednesday and Thursday.

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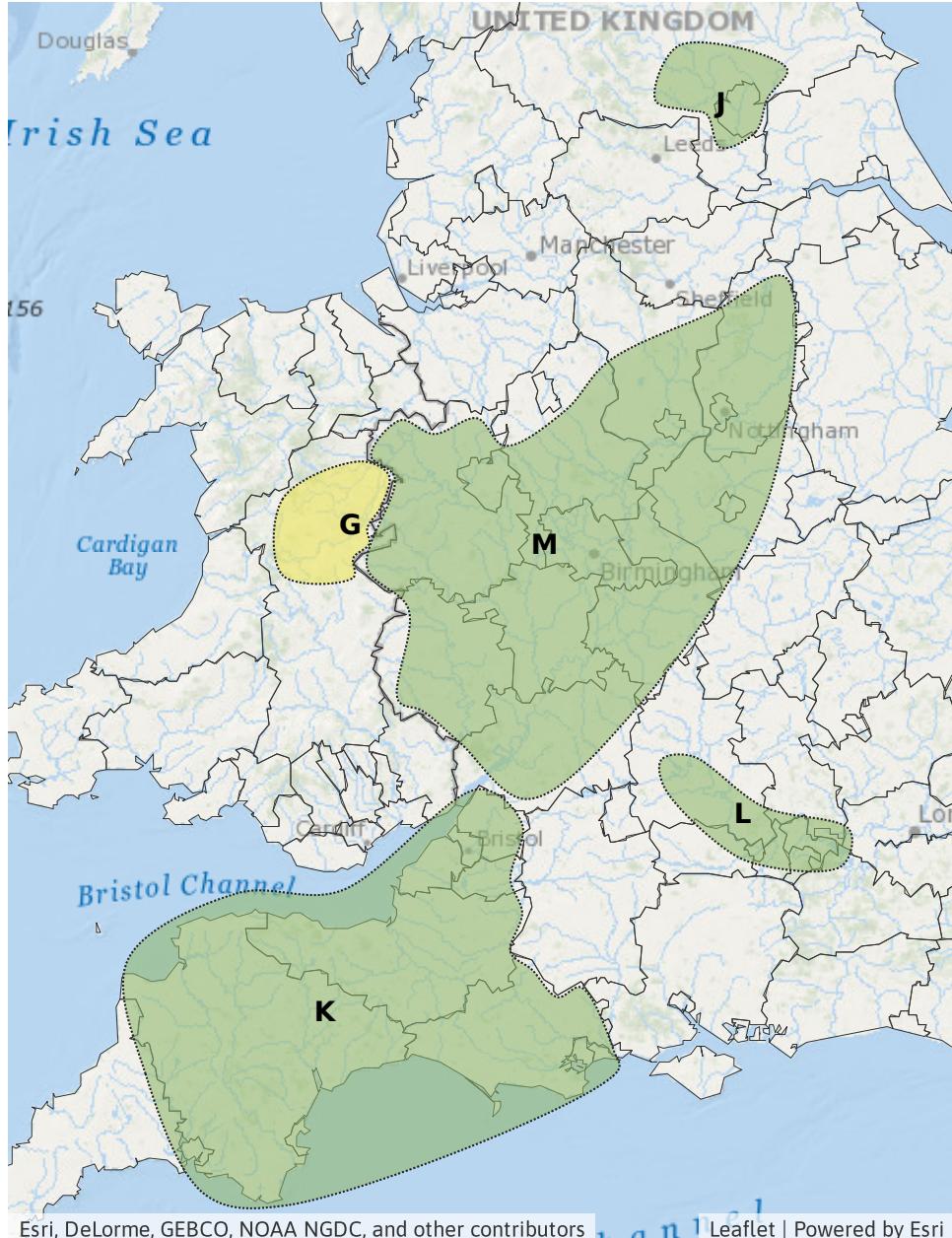
Impact **MINOR**
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

Likely duration 3 Days

Ongoing residual river risk from Wednesday to Friday.



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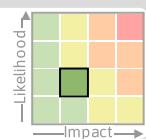
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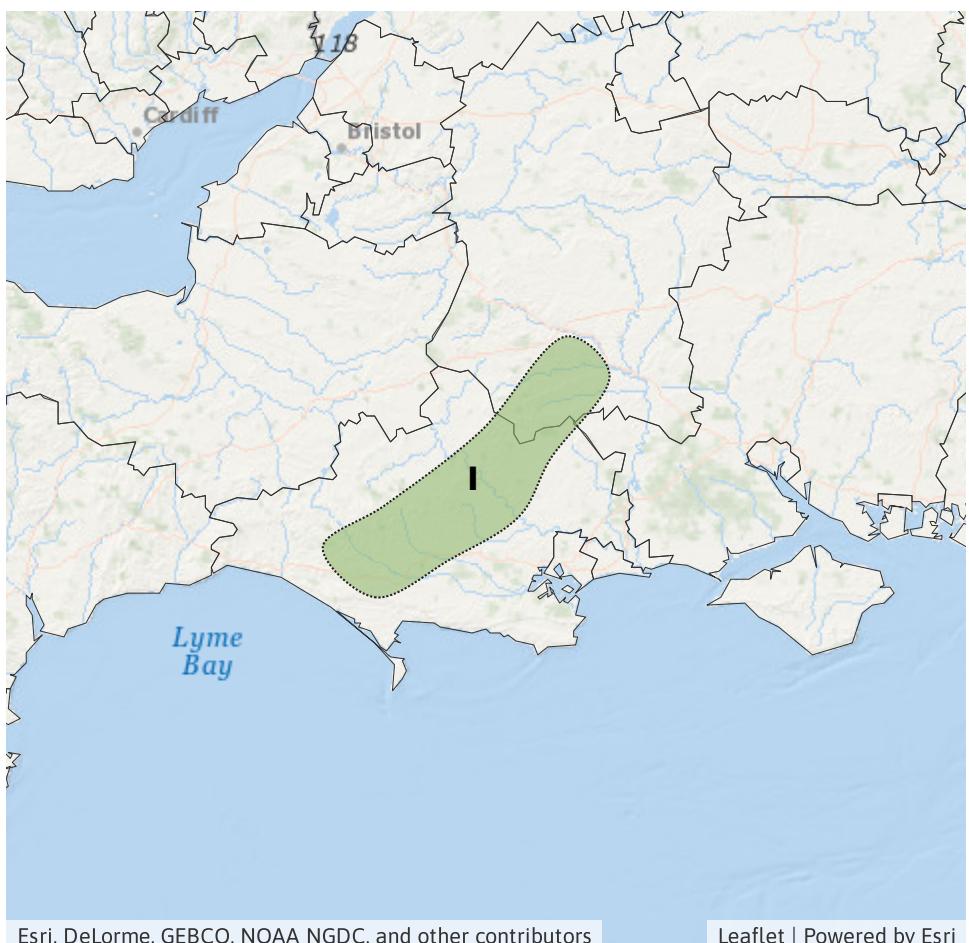
Specific Areas of Concern Map 4 - Monday 26 to Friday 30 January

RISK AREA I
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 MEDIUM on Monday and Tuesday.

Significant surface water flooding impacts are probable in parts of England, and possible in parts of England and Wales on Monday and Tuesday. Minor impacts are also possible more widely. Minor surface water flooding impacts are possible again on Wednesday and Thursday in parts of South West England. 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.

Significant river flooding impacts are possible in parts of England and possible but not expected in Wales on Tuesday. Minor river flooding impacts are probable in parts of England on Tuesday, and possible more widely in parts of England and Wales from Monday to Friday.

See Areas of Concern Maps.



Groundwater

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

Minor groundwater flooding impacts are possible from today (Monday). See Areas of Concern Maps.



Coastal/Tidal

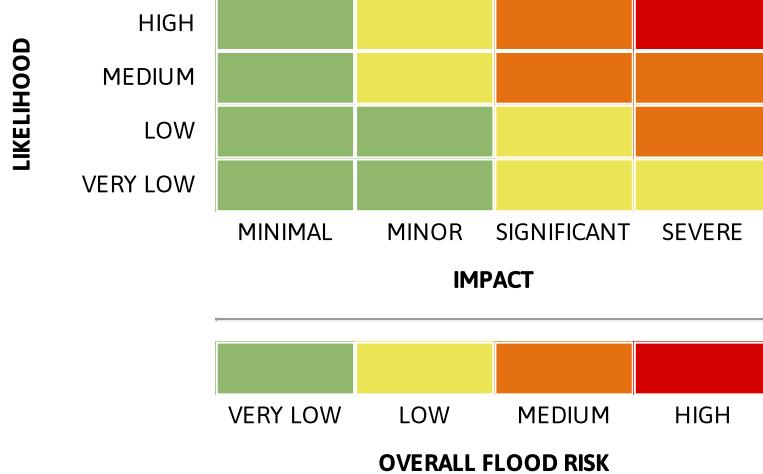
The coastal/tidal flood risk is VERY LOW for the next five days.

Minor coastal impacts are possible but not expected along some English coasts on Tuesday due to storm surge and large waves. Impacts may include isolated spray on low-lying roads and coastal promenades.

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 **15:30hrs Monday 26 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>