

Flood Guidance Statement

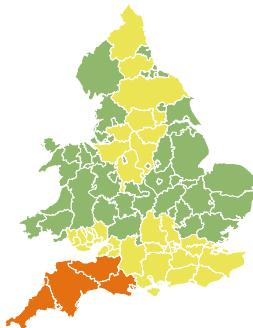
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Tuesday

27 Jan 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Steady

Wednesday

28 Jan 2026

Decreased

Thursday

29 Jan 2026

Steady

Friday

30 Jan 2026

Increased

Saturday

31 Jan 2026

Increased

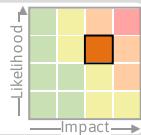
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Significant river flooding impacts are probable today (Tuesday) in parts of England, and possible more widely in parts of England and Wales. The overall flood risk is MEDIUM. See 6-10 day section.

Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Tuesday 27 January 2026

RISK AREA A

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



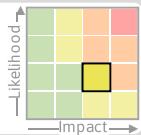
Source River

Likely duration 1 Day

Ongoing river impacts from recent heavy rain

RISK AREA B

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



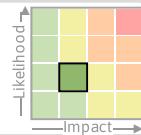
Source River

Likely duration 1 Day

Elevated river levels following heavy rain

RISK AREA C

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



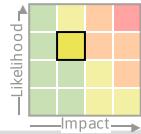
Source River

Likely duration 1 Day

Recent heavy rain may cause river flooding

RISK AREA D

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



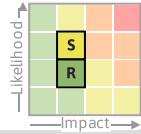
Source River Surface

Likely duration 1 Day

Surface water impacts probable this morning and river levels will remain high

RISK AREA E

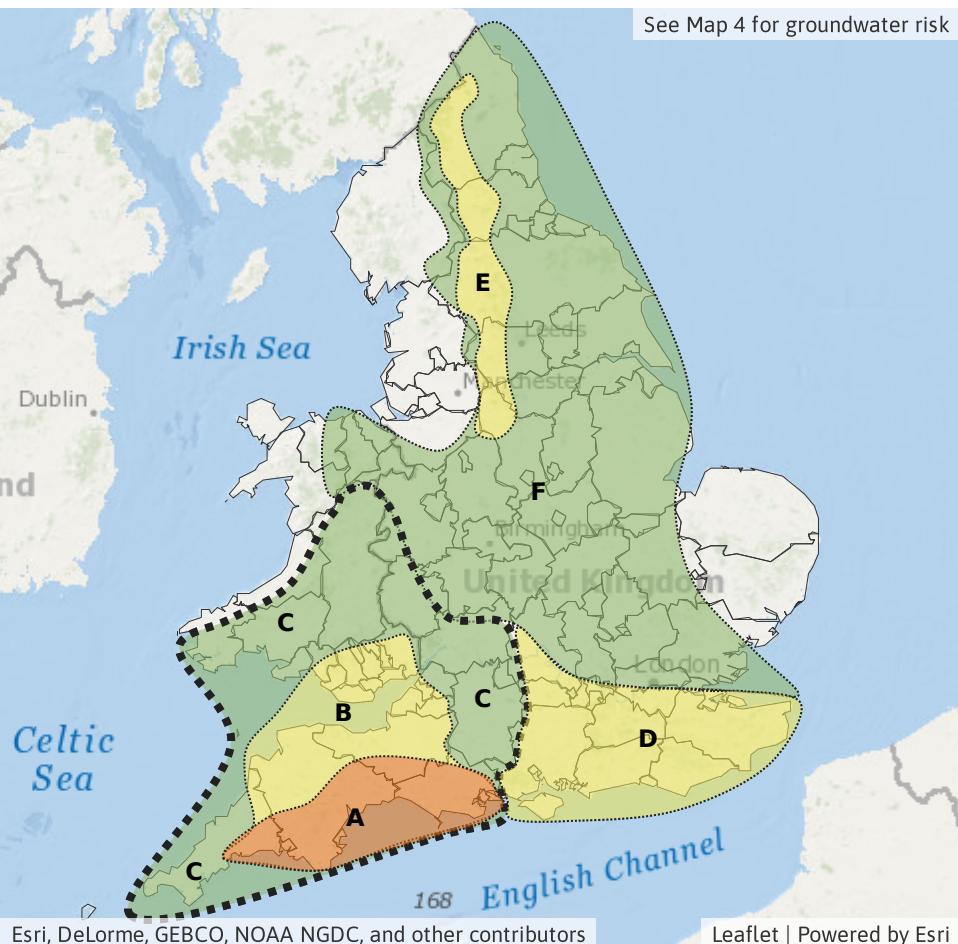
Impact **MINOR**
Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source River Surface

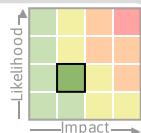
Likely duration 1 Day

A mix of heavy rain and snow may cause inland flooding



RISK AREA F

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



Source River Surface

Likely duration 1 Day

Persistent and at times heavy rain

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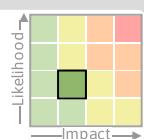
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Wednesday 28 January 2026

RISK AREA G

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

Likely duration 2 Days

Ongoing high river levels from previous heavy rain

RISK AREA H

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

Likely duration 3 Days

Ongoing river risk on Wednesday following recent heavy rain

RISK AREA I

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

Likely duration 2 Days

Residual river flooding risk on Wednesday and Thursday only

RISK AREA J

Impact **MINOR**

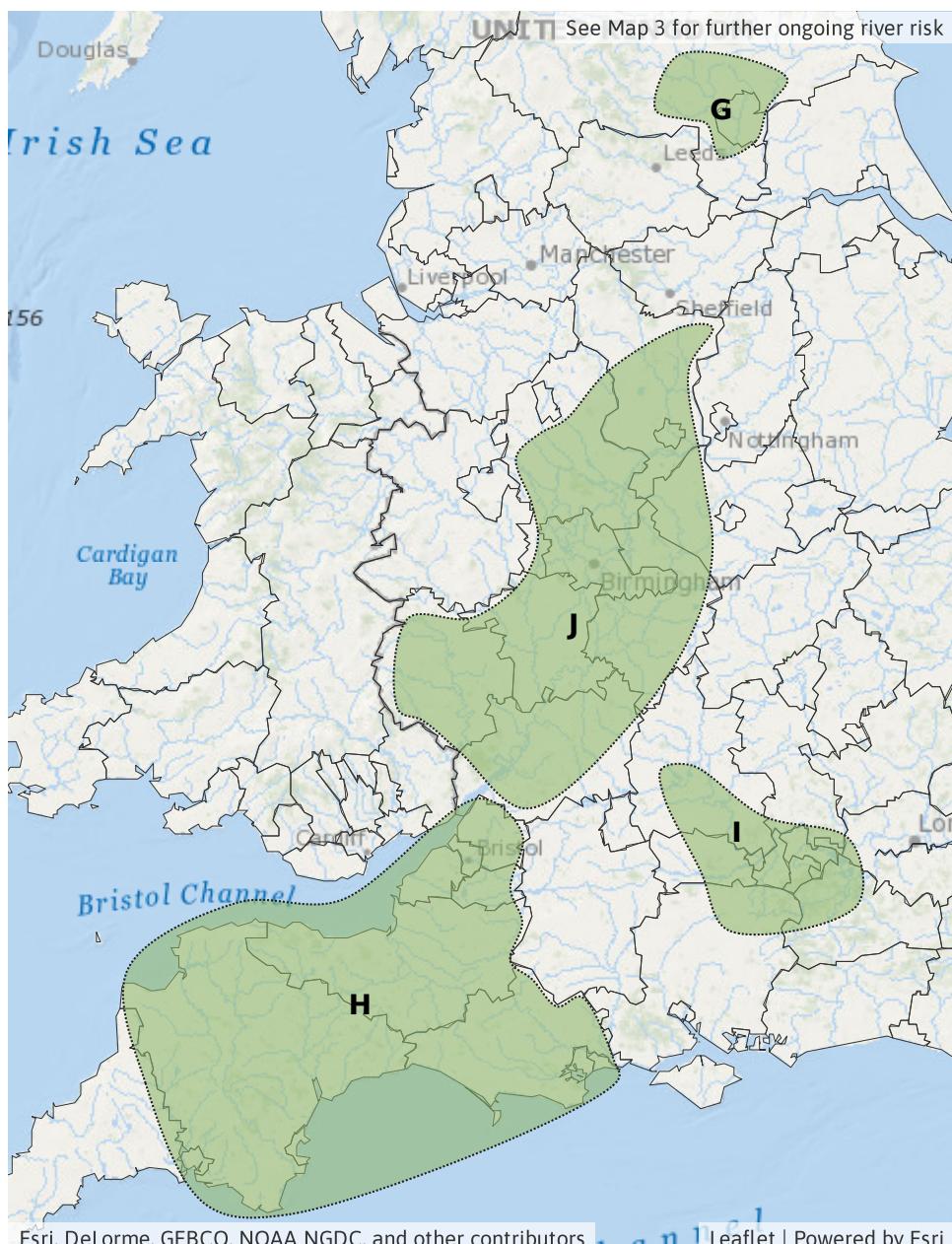
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

Likely duration 3 Days

Ongoing residual river risk from Wednesday to Friday



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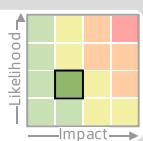
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 3 - Thursday 29 and Friday 30 January 2026

RISK AREA G

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

Likely duration 2 Days

Ongoing high river levels from previous heavy rain

RISK AREA H

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

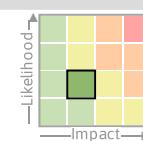
Likely duration 3 Days

Possible inland flood risk Thursday and Friday due to heavy rain on wet catchments

RISK AREA I

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

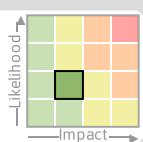
Likely duration 2 Days

Residual river flooding risk on Wednesday and Thursday only

RISK AREA J

Impact **MINOR**

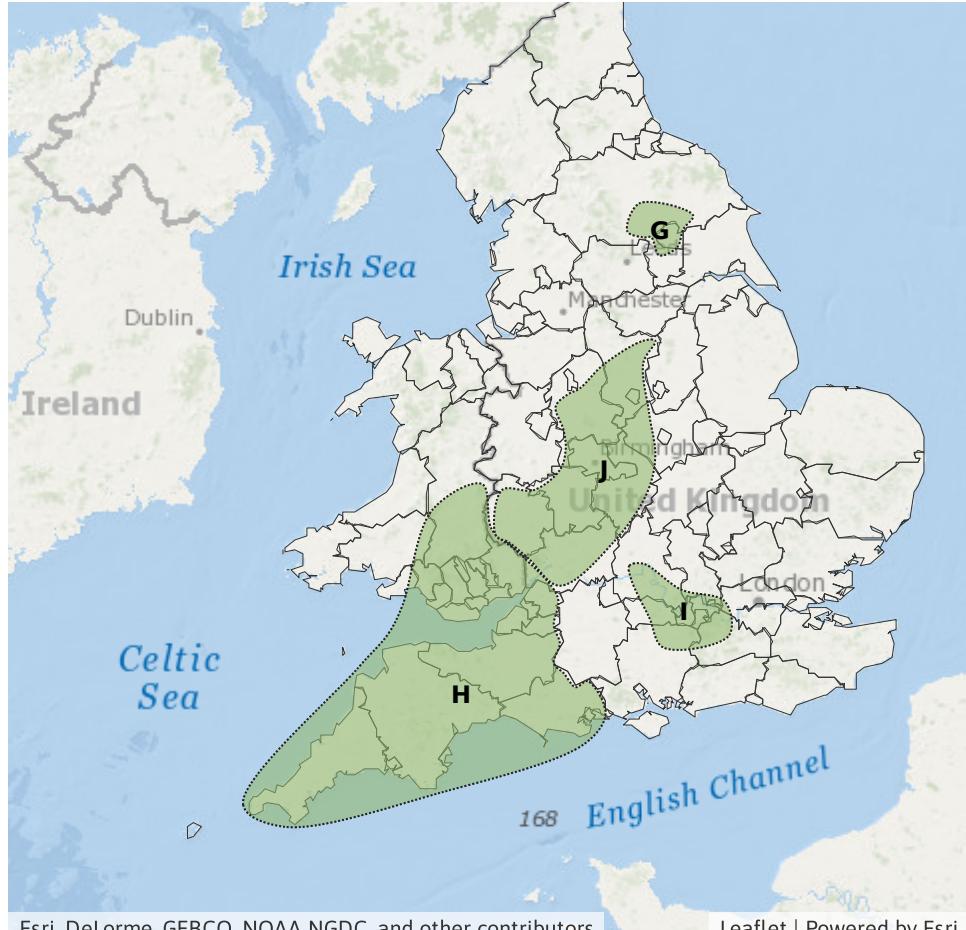
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

Likely duration 3 Days

Ongoing residual river risk from Wednesday to Friday



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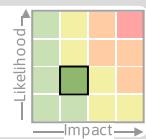
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 4 - Tuesday 27 to Saturday 31 January 2026

RISK AREA K

Impact **MINOR**

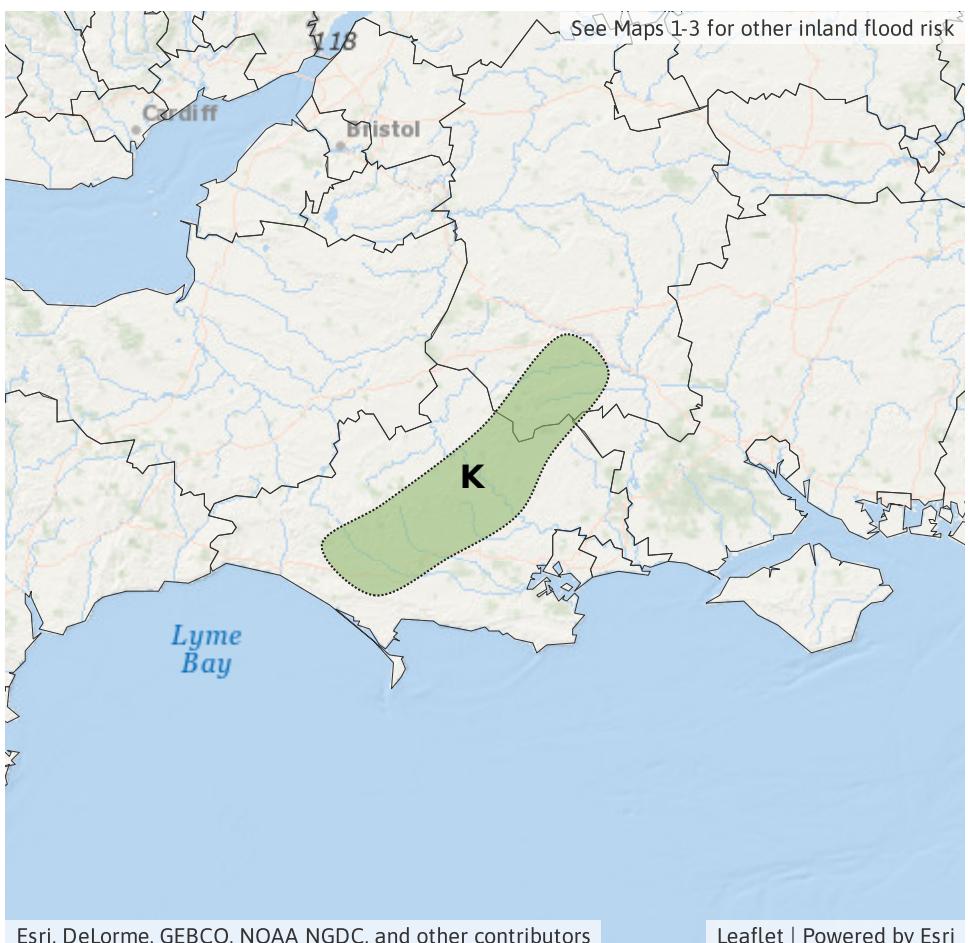
Likelihood **LOW**



Source Ground

Likely duration 5 + Days

High and rising groundwater levels



Assessment of flood risk



Rivers

The river flood risk is MEDIUM today (Tuesday).

Significant river flooding impacts are probable in parts of England and possible in parts of Wales today. Minor river flooding impacts are probable in parts of England today and possible more widely in parts of England and Wales from today until Friday.

See Areas of Concern Maps.



Surface water

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

Minor surface water flooding impacts are probable in parts of England today, and possible more widely in parts of England and Wales. Minor surface water flooding impacts are possible again on Thursday and Friday in parts of 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.



Groundwater

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

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



Coastal/Tidal

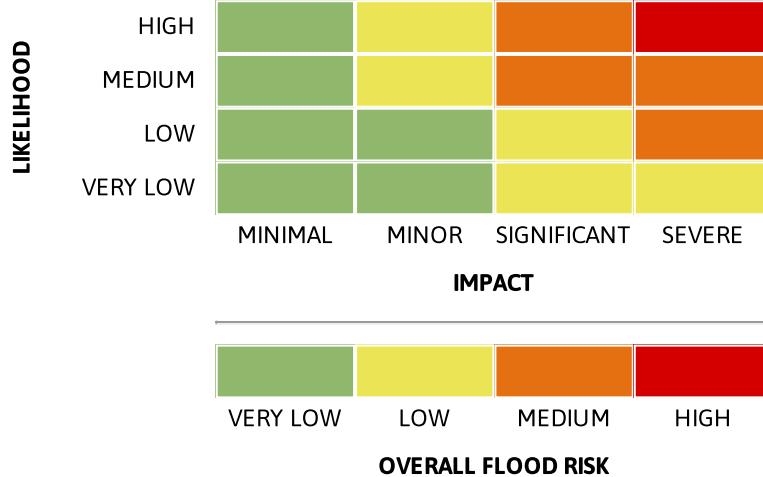
The coastal/tidal flood risk is VERY LOW for the next five days.

Minor coastal impacts are possible but not expected along some English coasts today (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 Wednesday 28 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>