

Flood Guidance Statement

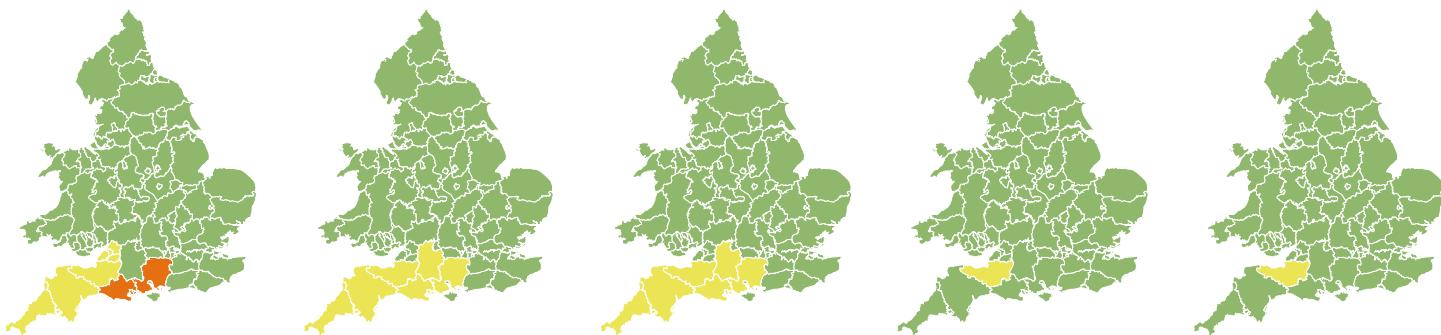
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Wednesday

28 Jan 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Increased

Thursday

29 Jan 2026

Steady

Friday

30 Jan 2026

Increased

Saturday

31 Jan 2026

Increased

Sunday

1 Feb 2026

Increased

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Significant river flooding impacts are probable in parts of the South of England today (Wednesday). The overall flood risk is MEDIUM. See 6-10 day section.

Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Wednesday 28 January 2026

RISK AREA A

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



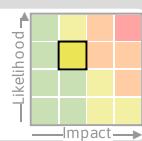
Source River

Likely duration 1 Day

Ongoing impacts following recent heavy rain.

RISK AREA B

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



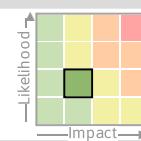
Source River

Likely duration 1 Day

Ongoing minor river impacts probable from recent heavy rain.

RISK AREA E

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



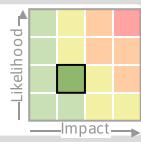
Source River

Likely duration 2 Days

Ongoing minor river impacts possible through Wednesday and Thursday.

RISK AREA F

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



Source River

Likely duration 2 Days

Ongoing minor river impacts possible on Wednesday and Thursday.

RISK AREA G

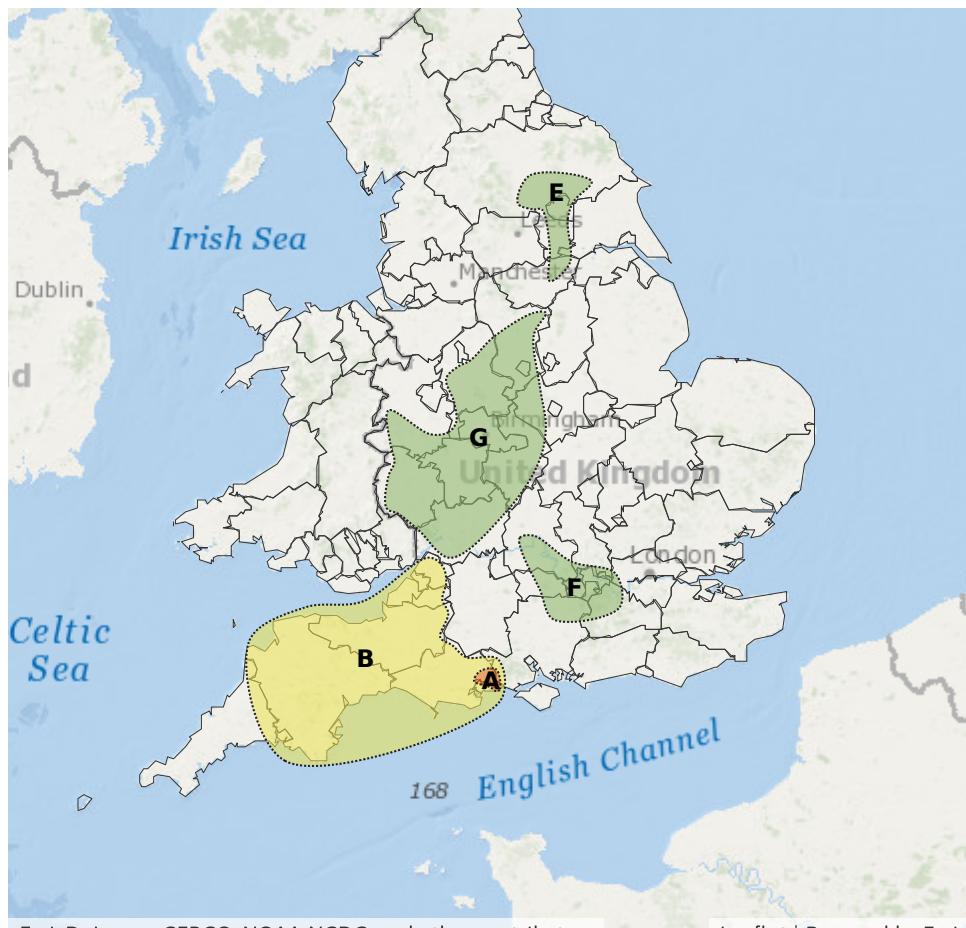
Impact **MINOR**
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

Likely duration 3 Days

Ongoing minor river impacts possible between Wednesday and Friday.



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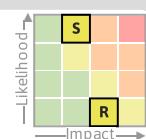
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Thursday 29 January and early Friday 30 January 2026

RISK AREA C

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



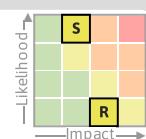
Source River Surface

Likely duration 2 Days

Heavy rain on Thursday and into early Friday may lead to inland flooding impacts.

RISK AREA E

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



Source River

Likely duration 2 Days

Ongoing minor river impacts possible through Wednesday and Thursday.

RISK AREA F

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



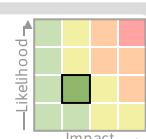
Source River

Likely duration 2 Days

Ongoing minor river impacts possible on Wednesday and Thursday.

RISK AREA G

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



Source River

Likely duration 3 Days

Ongoing minor river impacts possible between Wednesday and Friday.

RISK AREA H

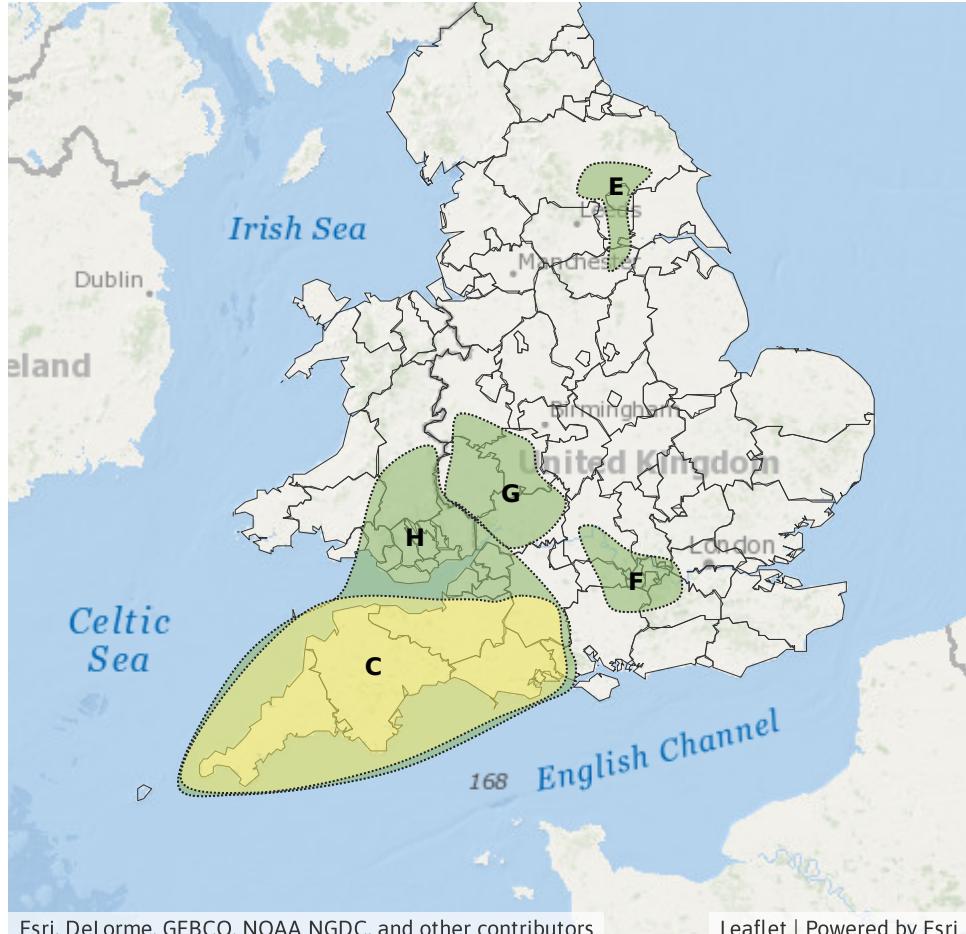
Impact **MINOR**
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 2 Days

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



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Specific Areas of Concern Map 3 - Friday 30 January 2026

RISK AREA D

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source River

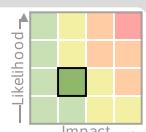
Likely duration 3 + Days

Ongoing river impacts in Somerset Levels.

RISK AREA G

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

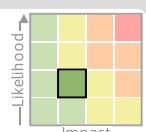
Likely duration 3 Days

Ongoing minor river impacts possible between Wednesday and Friday.

RISK AREA H

Impact **MINOR**

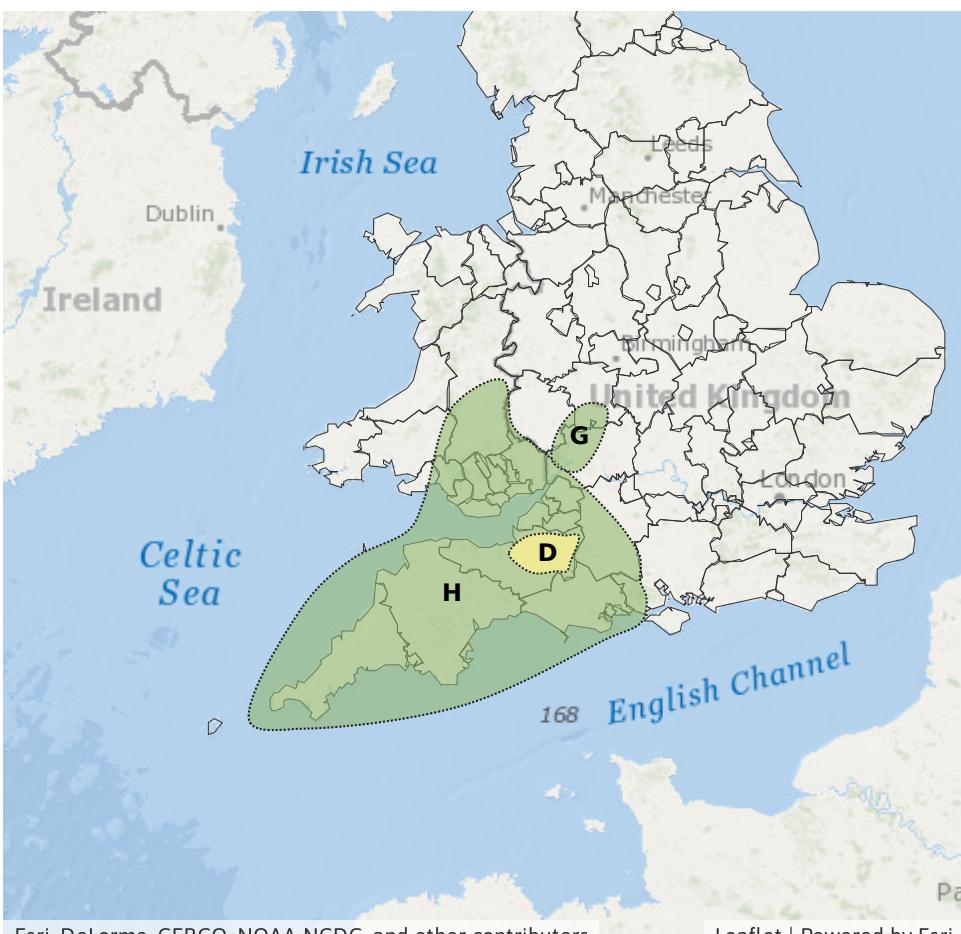
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 2 Days

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



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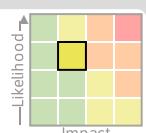
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 4 - Saturday 31 January and Sunday 1 February 2026

RISK AREA D

Impact **MINOR**

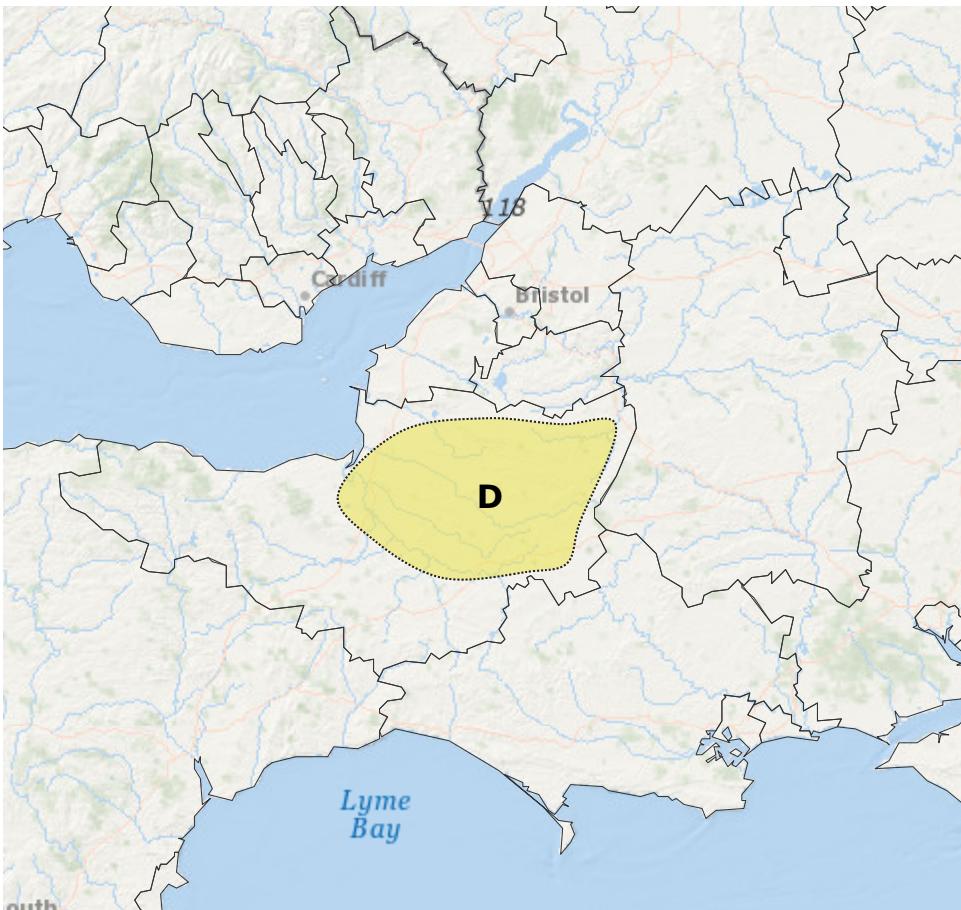
Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source River

Likely duration 3 + Days

Ongoing river impacts in Somerset Levels.



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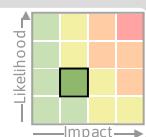
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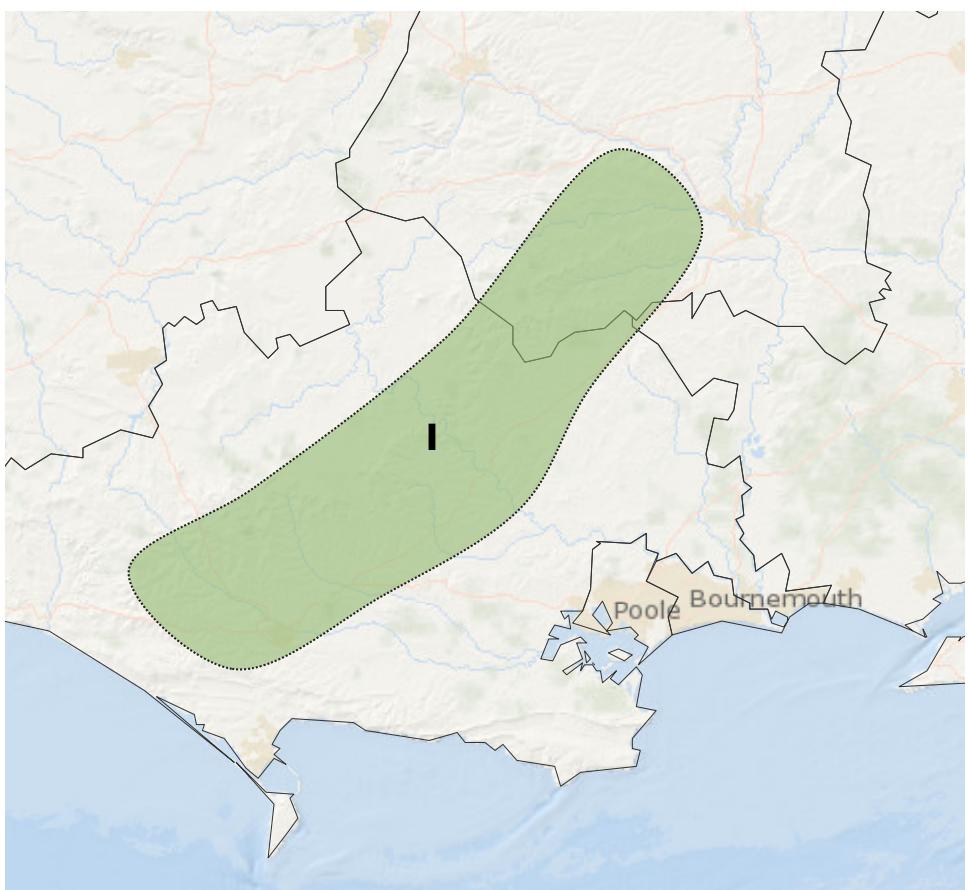
Specific Areas of Concern Map 5 - Wednesday 28 January to Sunday 1 February 2026

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



Rivers

The river flood risk is MEDIUM today (Wednesday).

Significant river flooding impacts are probable in parts of the South of England today (Wednesday). Significant river flooding impacts are also possible but not expected in parts of England on Thursday and into early Friday morning.

Minor river flooding impacts are probable across parts of the South of England from today until Sunday.

Minor river flooding impacts are possible elsewhere across parts of England from today until Friday, and for parts of Wales on Thursday and Friday.

See Areas of Concern Maps.

Minor river flooding impacts are also possible but not expected more widely across parts of England and Wales today, and for parts of England on Saturday.



Surface water

The surface water flood risk is LOW on Thursday and into early Friday.

Minor surface water flooding impacts are expected for parts of England on Thursday and into early Friday morning. Minor surface water flooding impacts are also possible on Thursday and Friday elsewhere in parts of England and Wales, and possible but not expected for parts of England on Saturday.

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 (Wednesday). See Areas of Concern Maps.



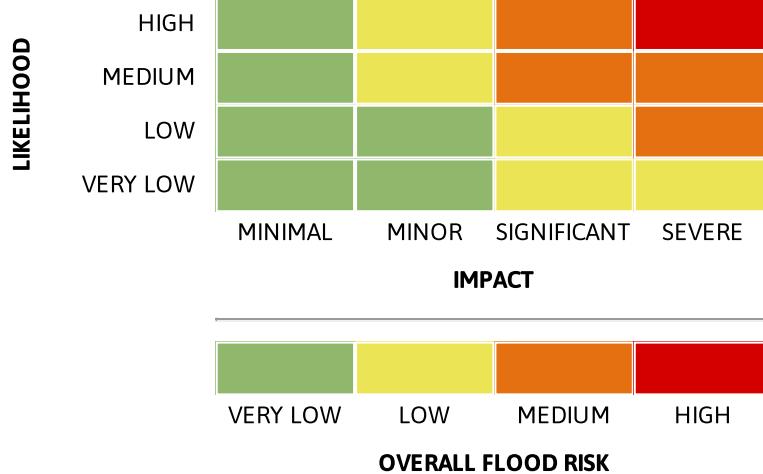
Coastal/Tidal

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

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>