

Flood Guidance Statement

10:30hrs Thursday 29 January 2026

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Thursday

29 Jan 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Increased

Friday
30 Jan 2026

Steady

Saturday
31 Jan 2026

Increased

Sunday
1 Feb 2026

Steady

Monday
2 Feb 2026

Increased

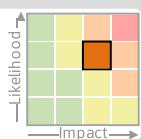


Significant river flooding impacts are probable in parts of the South of England today (Thursday), with minor surface water impacts expected in parts of the South of England today (Thursday). The overall flood risk is MEDIUM. See 6-10 day section.

Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Thursday 29 January and early Friday 30 January 2026

RISK AREA A

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



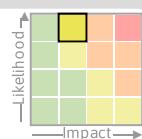
Source River

Likely duration 1 Day

Ongoing impacts following recent heavy rain.

RISK AREA B

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



Source Surface

Likely duration 1 Day

Heavy rain on Thursday may cause surface water flooding impacts.

RISK AREA C

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



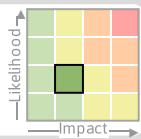
Source River

Likely duration 2 Days

Heavy rain on Thursday in Friday may lead to river flooding impacts.

RISK AREA F

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



Source River Surface
Likely duration 3 Days

Inland flood risk Thursday to Saturday due to heavy rain on wet catchments.

RISK AREA G

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



Source River
Likely duration 1 Day

Ongoing minor river impacts possible through Thursday.

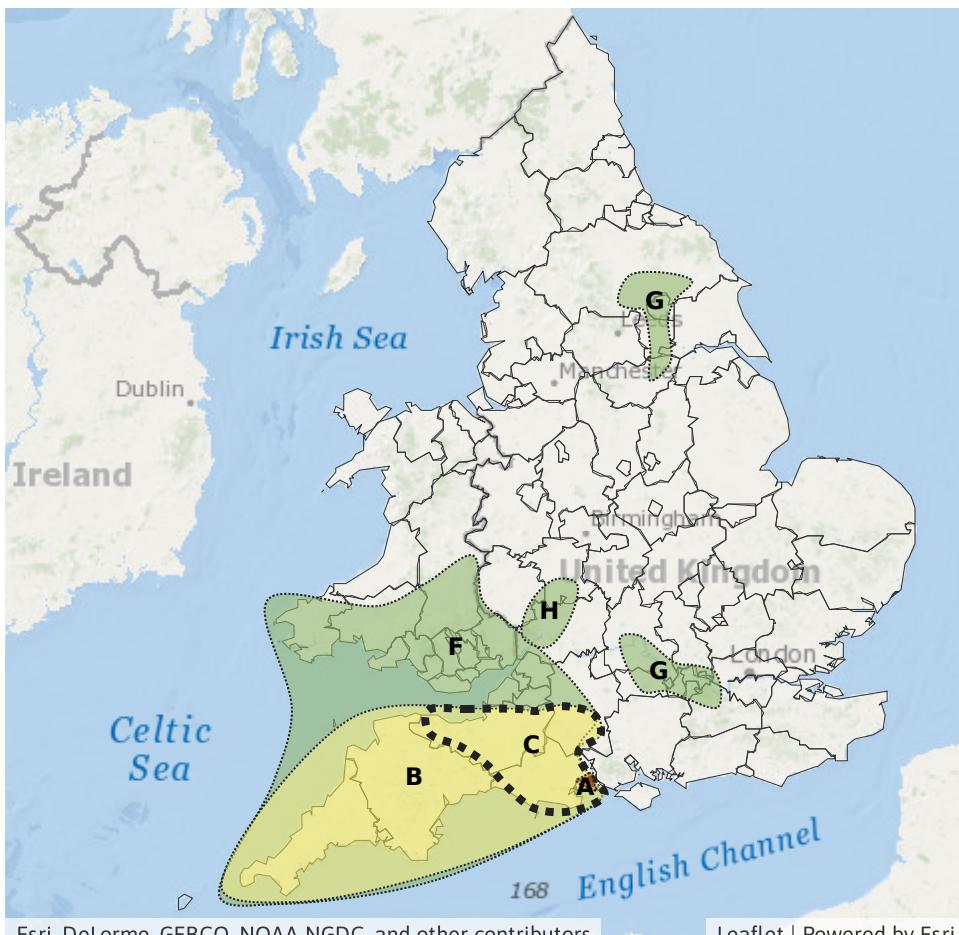
RISK AREA H

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



Source River
Likely duration 2 Days

Ongoing minor river impacts possible between Wednesday and Friday.



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Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Friday 30 to Saturday 31 January 2026

RISK AREA D

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source River

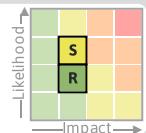
Likely duration 4 + Days

Ongoing river impacts in Somerset Levels.

RISK AREA E

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source River Surface

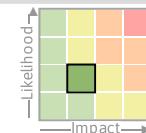
Likely duration 2 Days

Further rain may lead to inland flooding on Friday and Saturday

RISK AREA F

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

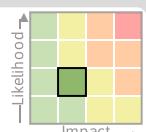
Likely duration 3 Days

Inland flood risk Thursday to Saturday due to heavy rain on wet catchments.

RISK AREA H

Impact **MINOR**

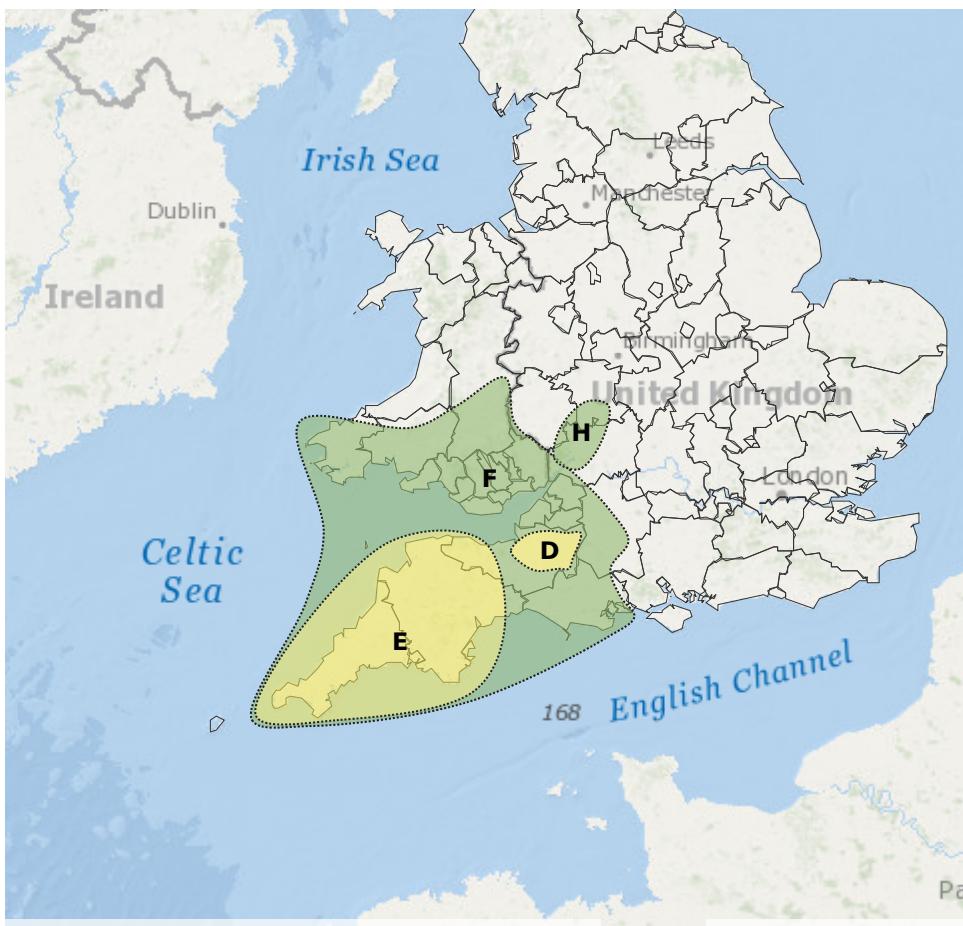
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

Likely duration 2 Days

Ongoing minor river impacts possible between Wednesday and Friday.



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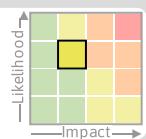
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 3 - Sunday 1 February 2026

RISK AREA **D**

Impact **MINOR**

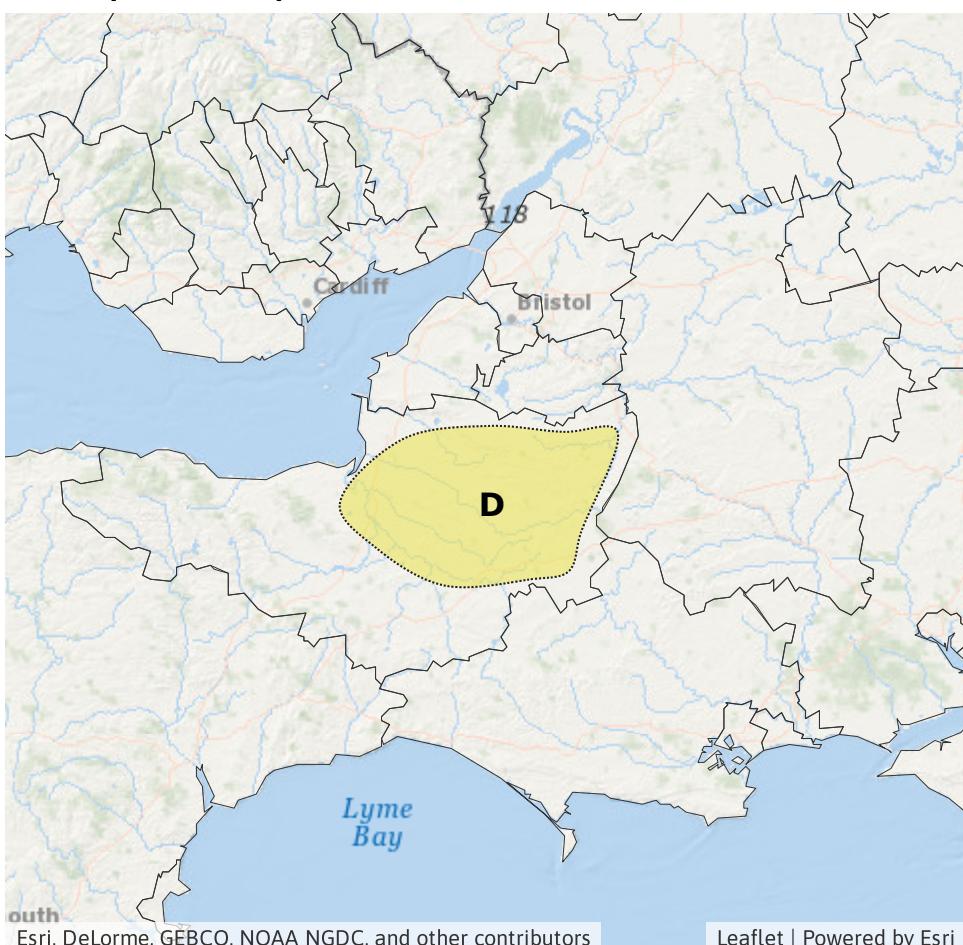
Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source River

Likely duration 4 + Days

Ongoing river impacts in Somerset Levels.



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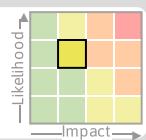
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 4 - Monday 2 February 2026

RISK AREA **D**

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source River

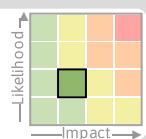
Likely duration 4 + Days

Ongoing river impacts in Somerset Levels.

RISK AREA **I**

Impact **MINOR**

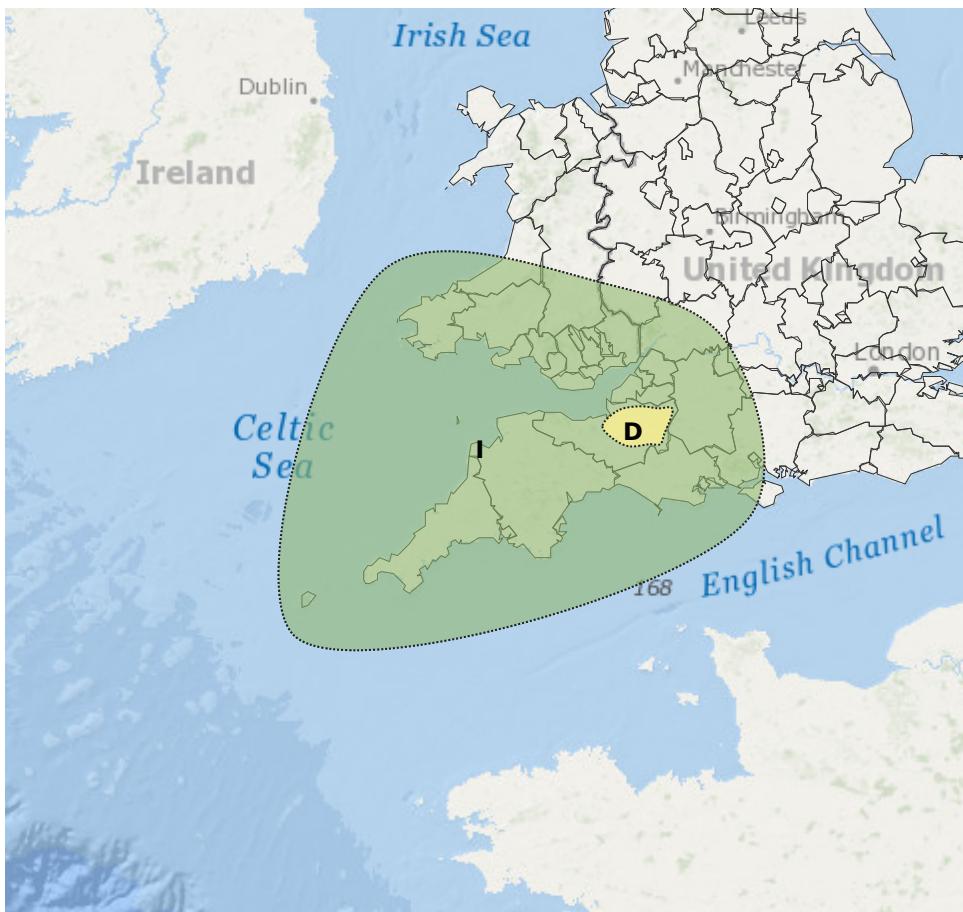
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 1 Day

Persistent and heavy rain may lead to flooding impacts.



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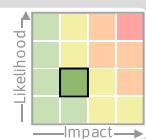
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 5 - Thursday 29 January to Monday 2 February 2026

RISK AREA J

Impact **MINOR**

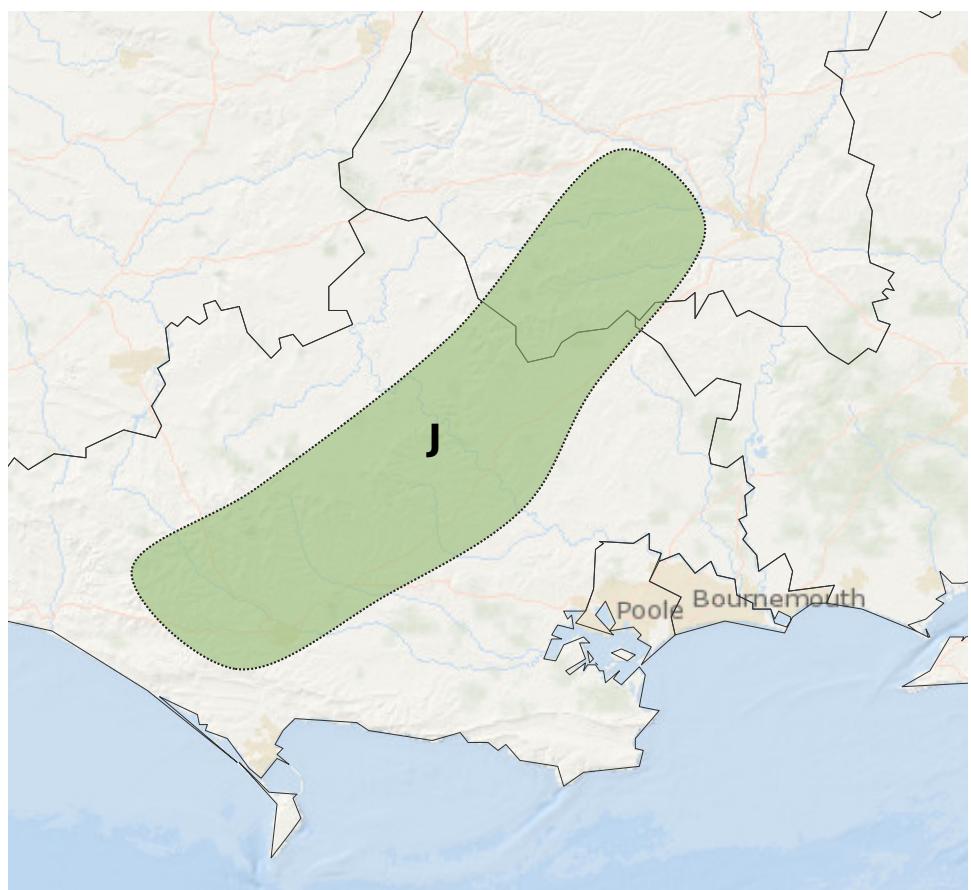
Likelihood **LOW**



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 (Thursday).

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

Minor river flooding impacts are probable across parts of the South of England from Friday until Monday.

Minor river flooding impacts are possible elsewhere across parts of England and Wales from today to Saturday, and again on Monday.

See Areas of Concern Maps.



Surface water

The surface water flood risk is LOW today (Thursday) to Saturday.

Minor surface water flooding impacts are expected for parts of England on Thursday and into early Friday morning. Minor surface water flooding impacts are then probable for parts of England on Friday and Saturday.

Minor surface water flooding impacts are also possible on Thursday to Saturday and again on Monday, more widely in parts of England and Wales.

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. See Areas of Concern Map.



Coastal/Tidal

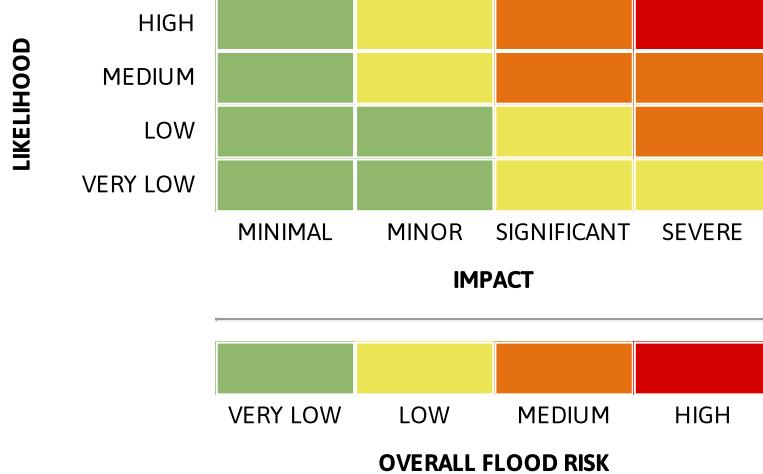
The coastal/tidal flood risk is VERY LOW for the next five days.

Minimal coastal impacts are possible along some English coasts on Friday and Saturday due to 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 flooding impacts at times.

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 Thursday 29 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>