

# Flood Guidance Statement

10:30hrs Saturday 31 January 2026

FLOOD  
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Saturday

31 Jan 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Increased

Sunday  
1 Feb 2026

Increased

Monday  
2 Feb 2026

Increased

Tuesday  
3 Feb 2026

Increased

Wednesday  
4 Feb 2026

Increased



Significant groundwater flooding impacts are probable in parts of Dorset and Wiltshire from today (Saturday). Significant inland impacts are also possible but not expected in the Somerset Levels from today. The overall flood risk is MEDIUM. See 6-10 day section.

## Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Saturday 31 January to Wednesday 4 February 2026

### RISK AREA A

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



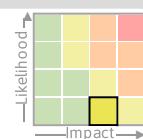
Source Ground

Likely duration 5 + Days

High groundwater levels rising in some places.

### RISK AREA B

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



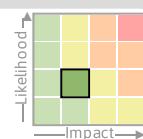
Source River

Likely duration 5 + Days

Ongoing river impacts in Somerset Levels.

### RISK AREA C

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



Source Ground

Likely duration 5 + Days

High groundwater levels and rising in some places.

### RISK AREA D

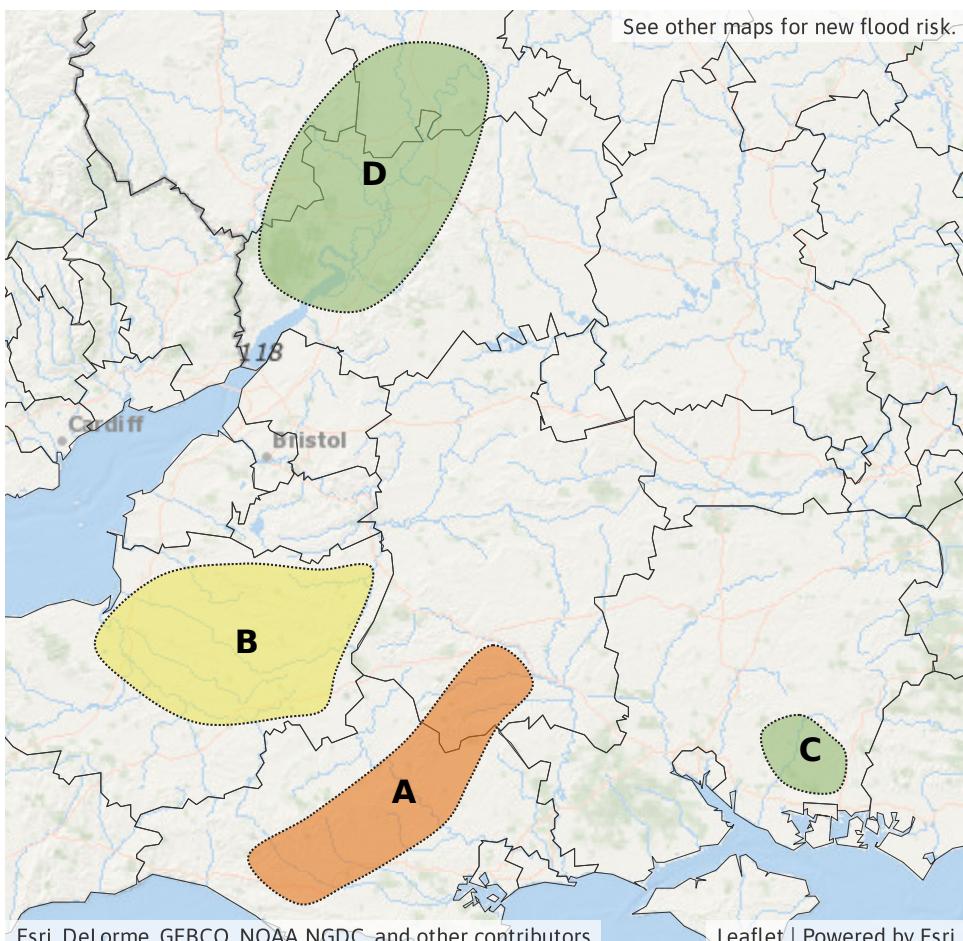
Impact **MINOR**  
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

Likely duration 1 Day

Ongoing minor river impacts today (Saturday) only.



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## Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 February 2026

### RISK AREA E

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

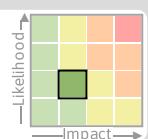


Source River Surface  
Likely duration 2 Days

Persistent and heavy rain may lead to flooding impacts.

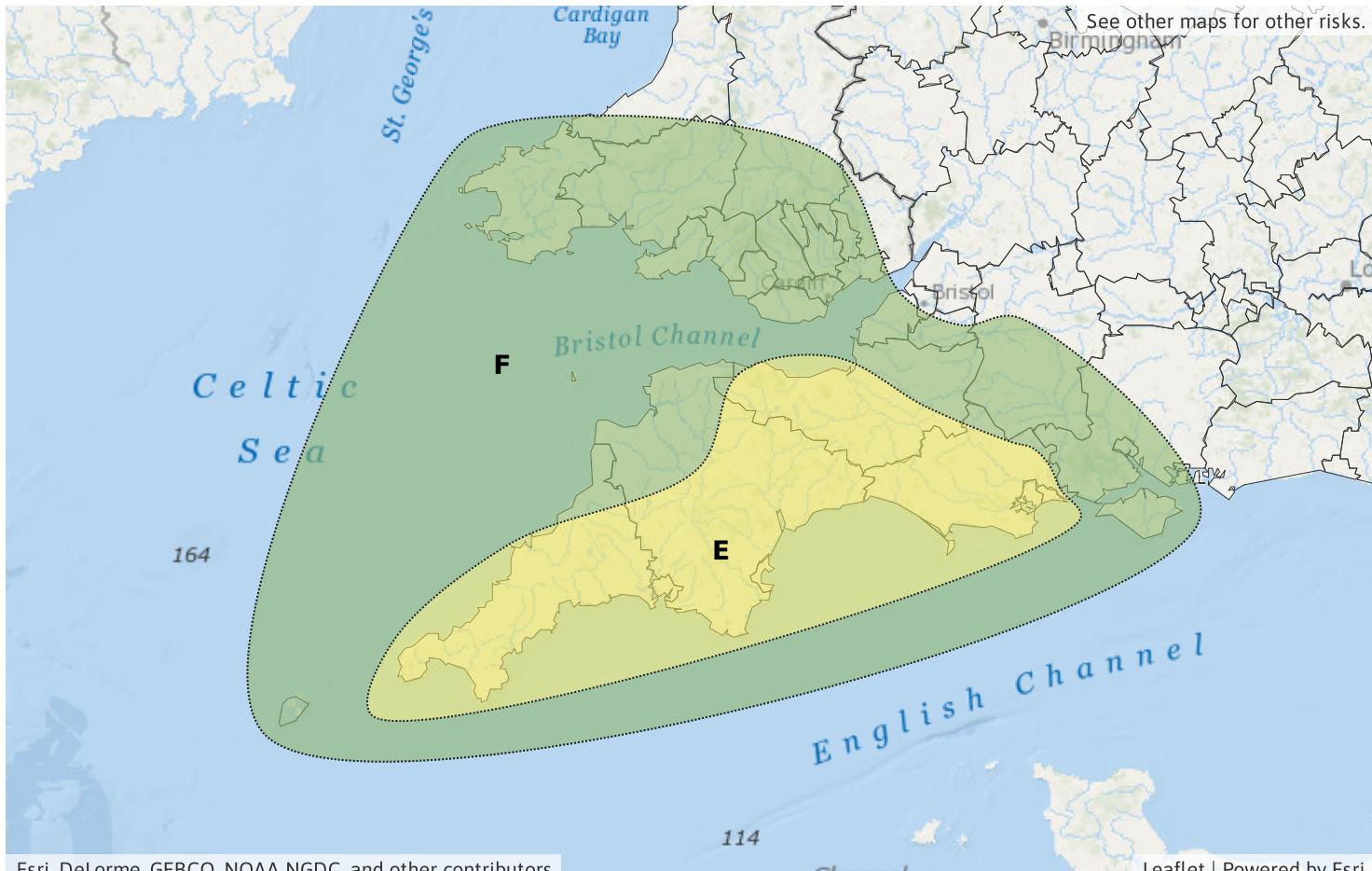
### RISK AREA F

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



Source River Surface  
Likely duration 2 Days

Persistent and heavy rain may lead to flooding impacts.



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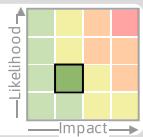
Met Office

## Specific Areas of Concern Map 3 - Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 February 2026

### RISK AREA G

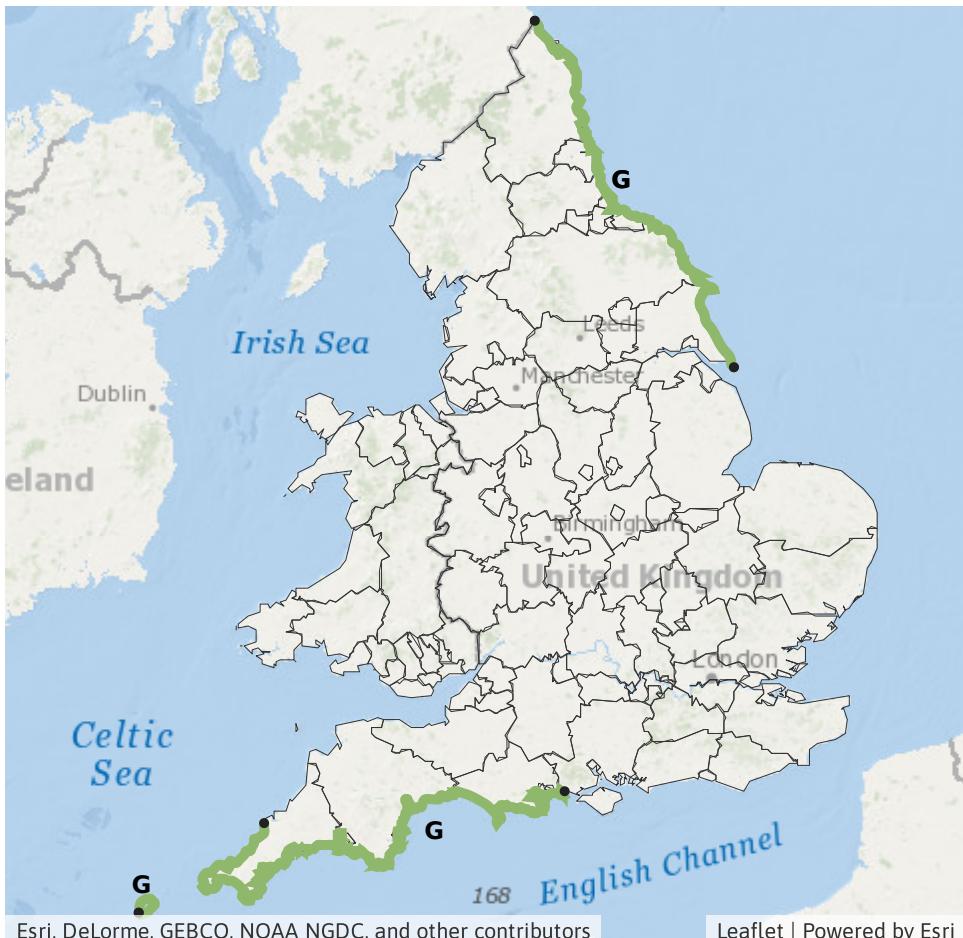
Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source Coastal/Tidal  
Likely duration 3 Days

Coastal flooding impacts possible around  
high tides.



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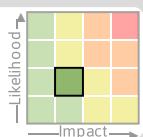
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## Specific Areas of Concern Map 4 - Wednesday 4 February 2026

### RISK AREA G

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



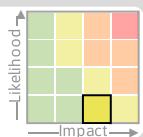
Source Coastal/Tidal  
Likely duration 3 Days

Coastal flooding impacts possible around  
high tides.

### RISK AREA H

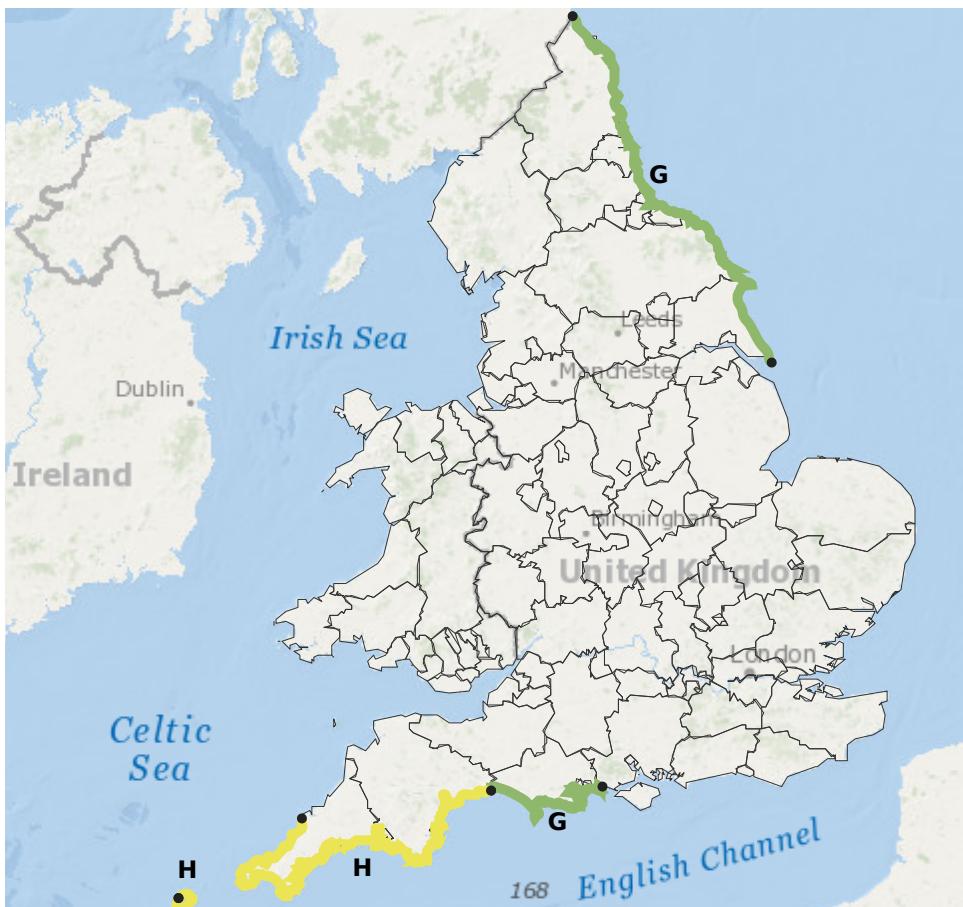
Impact **SIGNIFICANT**

Likelihood **VERY LOW**



Source Coastal/Tidal  
Likely duration 1 Day

Significant coastal impacts possible but not  
expected around high tides.



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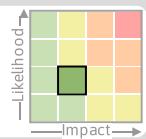


## Specific Areas of Concern Map 5 - Wednesday 4 February 2026

### RISK AREA I

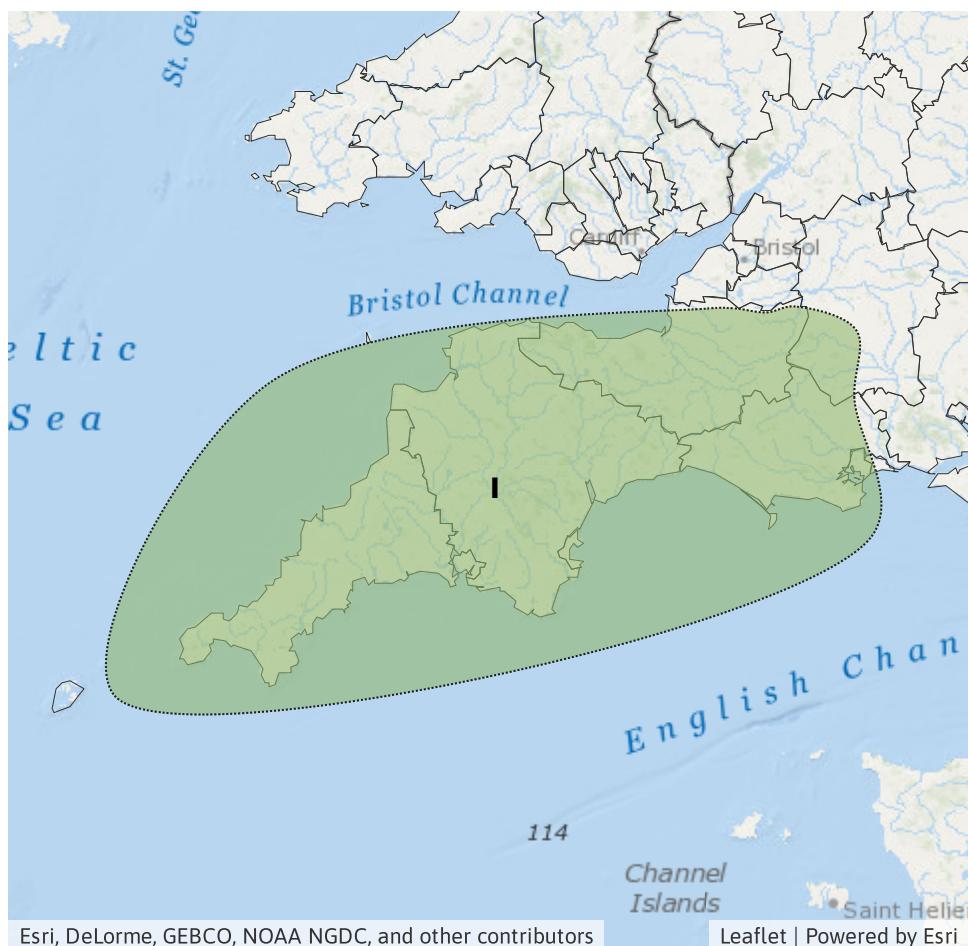
Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface  
Likely duration 1 Day

Further inland flooding impacts possible  
from heavy rain.



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## Assessment of flood risk



### Groundwater

The groundwater flood risk is MEDIUM for the next five days.

Significant groundwater flooding impacts are probable in parts of Dorset and Wiltshire, with minor impacts possible more widely for the next five days.

See Areas of Concern Maps.



### Rivers

The river flood risk is LOW for the next five days.

Ongoing significant river flooding impacts are possible but not expected in the Somerset Levels for the next five days.

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

See Areas of Concern Maps.



### Surface water

The surface water flood risk is LOW on Monday and Tuesday.

Significant surface water flooding impacts are possible but not expected for parts of the South West of England on Monday and Tuesday, and minor flooding impacts are possible more widely across England and Wales.

Minor surface water flooding impacts are possible for parts of the South West of England on Wednesday.

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.



### Coastal/Tidal

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

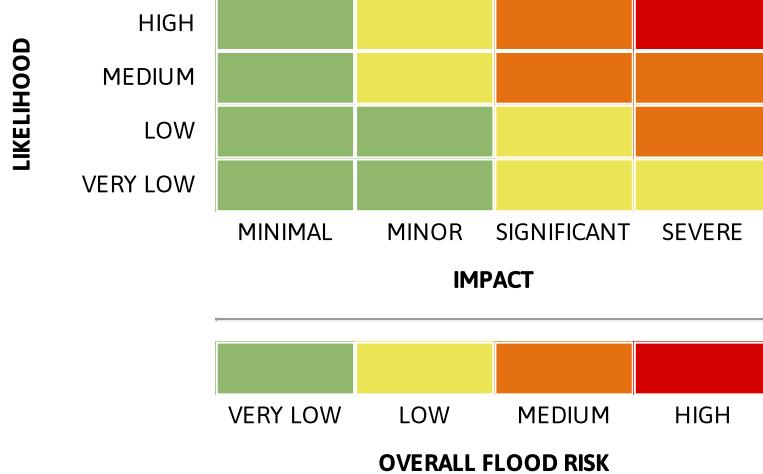
Significant coastal/tidal are possible but not expected along parts of the South West coast of England on Wednesday. Minor coastal/tidal flooding impacts are possible around the North East coast of England from Monday to Wednesday, and around parts of the South West coast of England from Tuesday, with minor impacts possible but not expected more widely.

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 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 **10:30hrs Sunday 01 February 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>