

Flood Guidance Statement

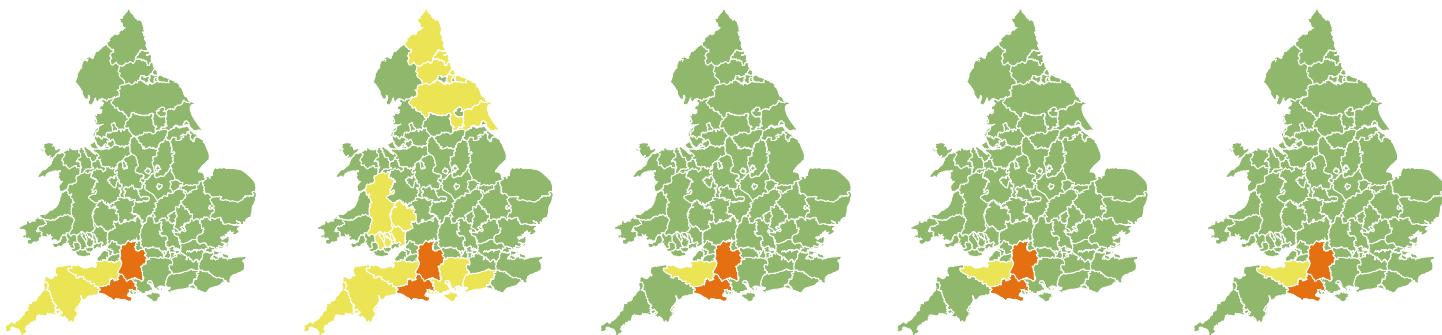
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Wednesday

4 Feb 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Steady

Thursday

5 Feb 2026

Increased

Friday

6 Feb 2026

↑ Increased

Saturday

7 Feb 2026

↑ Increased

Sunday

8 Feb 2026

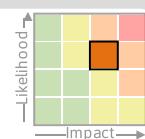
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Significant groundwater flooding impacts are probable in Dorset and Wiltshire, with significant inland flooding impacts possible but not expected in Somerset from today (Wednesday). The overall flood risk is MEDIUM. See 6-10 day section.

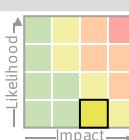
Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Wednesday 4 to Sunday 8 February 2026

RISK AREA A
Impact **SIGNIFICANT**
Likelihood **MEDIUM**



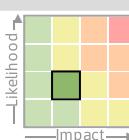
Source Ground
Likely duration 5 + Days
High groundwater levels.

RISK AREA B
Impact **SIGNIFICANT**
Likelihood **VERY LOW**

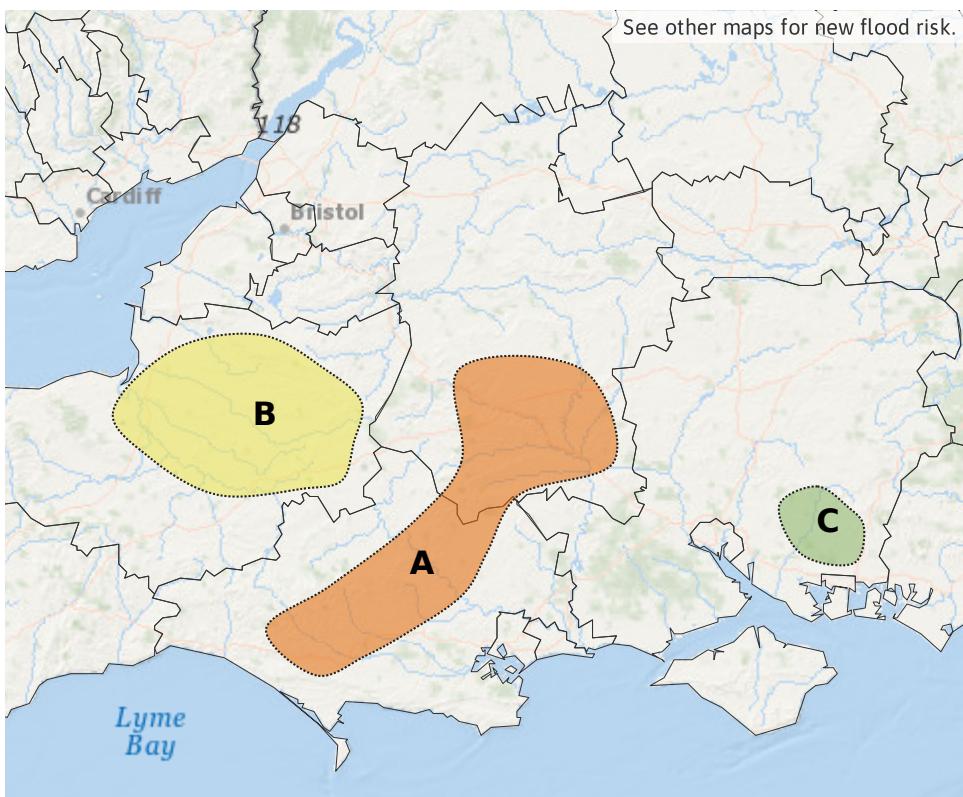


Source River
Likely duration 5 + Days
Ongoing river impacts in Somerset Levels.

RISK AREA C
Impact **MINOR**
Likelihood **LOW**



Source Ground
Likely duration 5 + Days
High groundwater levels.



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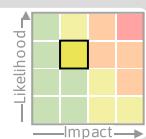
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Wednesday 4 February 2026

RISK AREA D

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source Coastal/Tidal

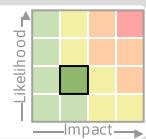
Likely duration 2 Days

Minor coastal impacts probable around high tides.

RISK AREA F

Impact **MINOR**

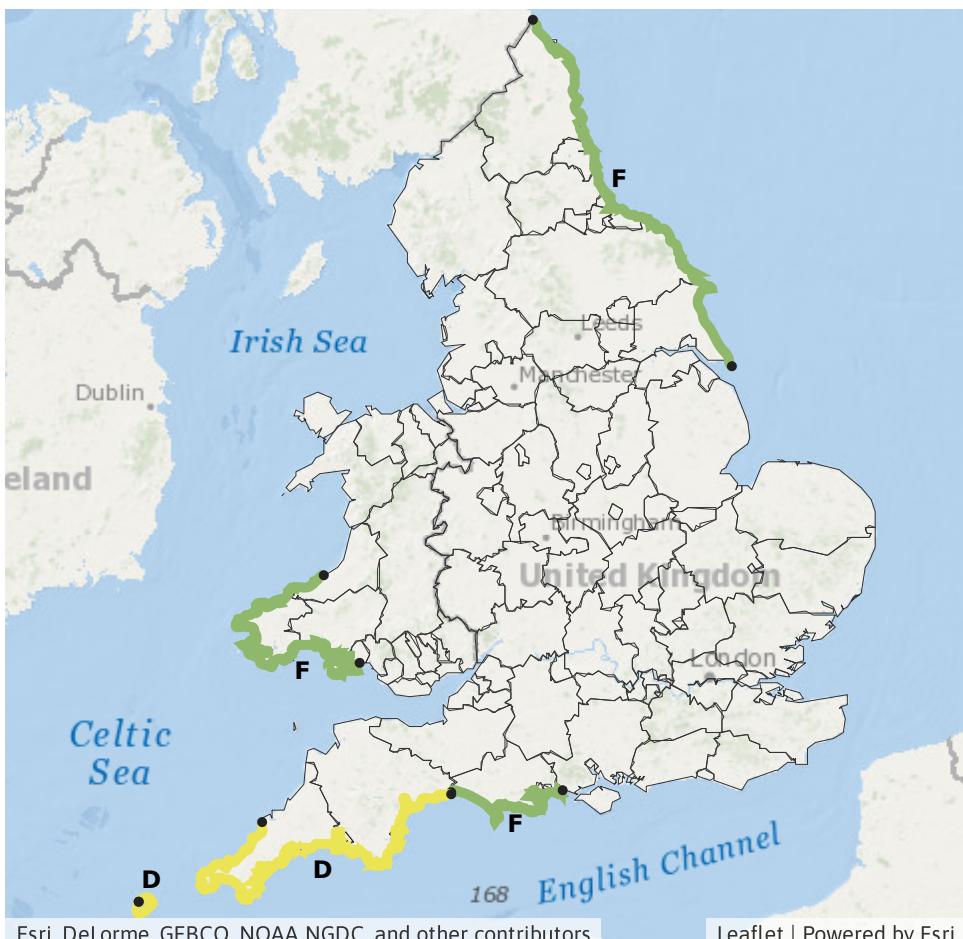
Likelihood **LOW**



Source Coastal/Tidal

Likely duration 3 Days

Risk continues for the SW until Thu and NE of England until Fri.



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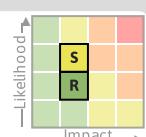
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 3 - Thursday 5 February 2026

RISK AREA G

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 1 Day

Further inland flooding impacts possible from heavy rain.

RISK AREA H

Impact **MINOR**

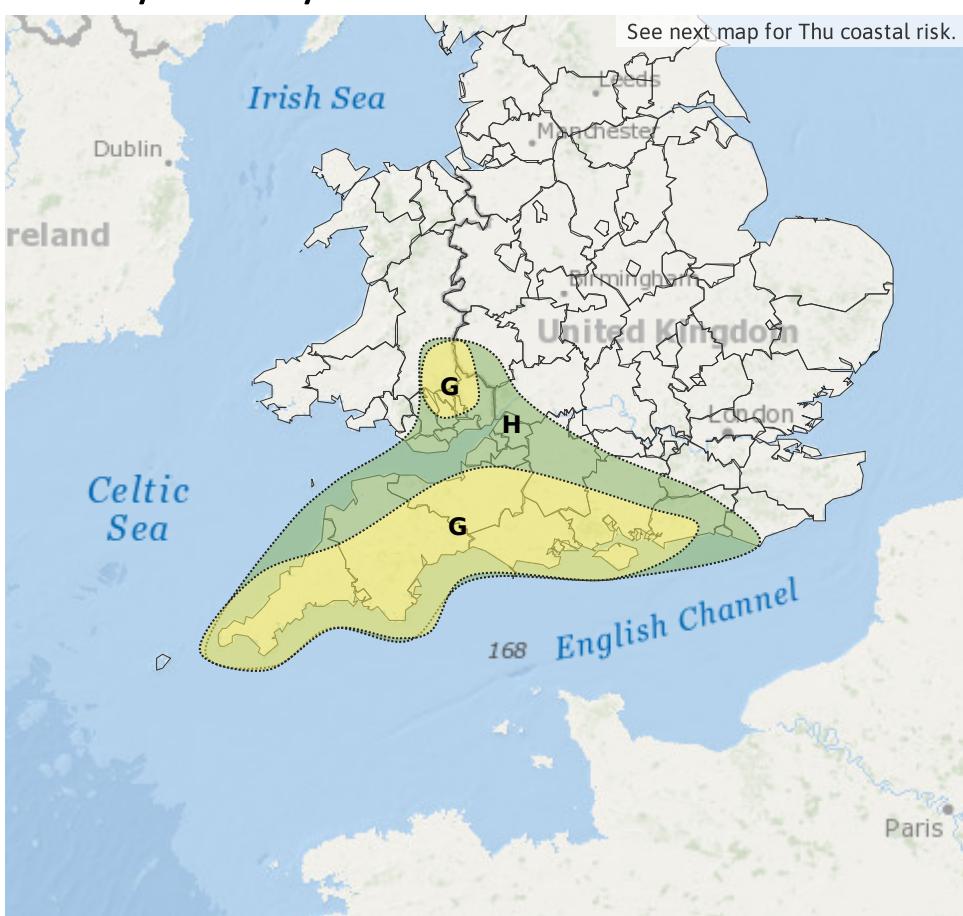
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

Likely duration 2 Days

Inland flood impacts from further widespread rain



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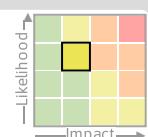
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 4 - Thursday 5 February 2026

RISK AREA D

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



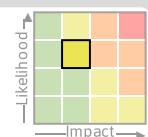
Source Coastal/Tidal
Likely duration 2 Days

Minor coastal impacts probable around high tides.

RISK AREA E

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



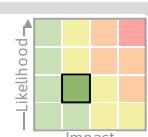
Source Coastal/Tidal
Likely duration 1 Day

Wave and spray over-topping around high tides.

RISK AREA F

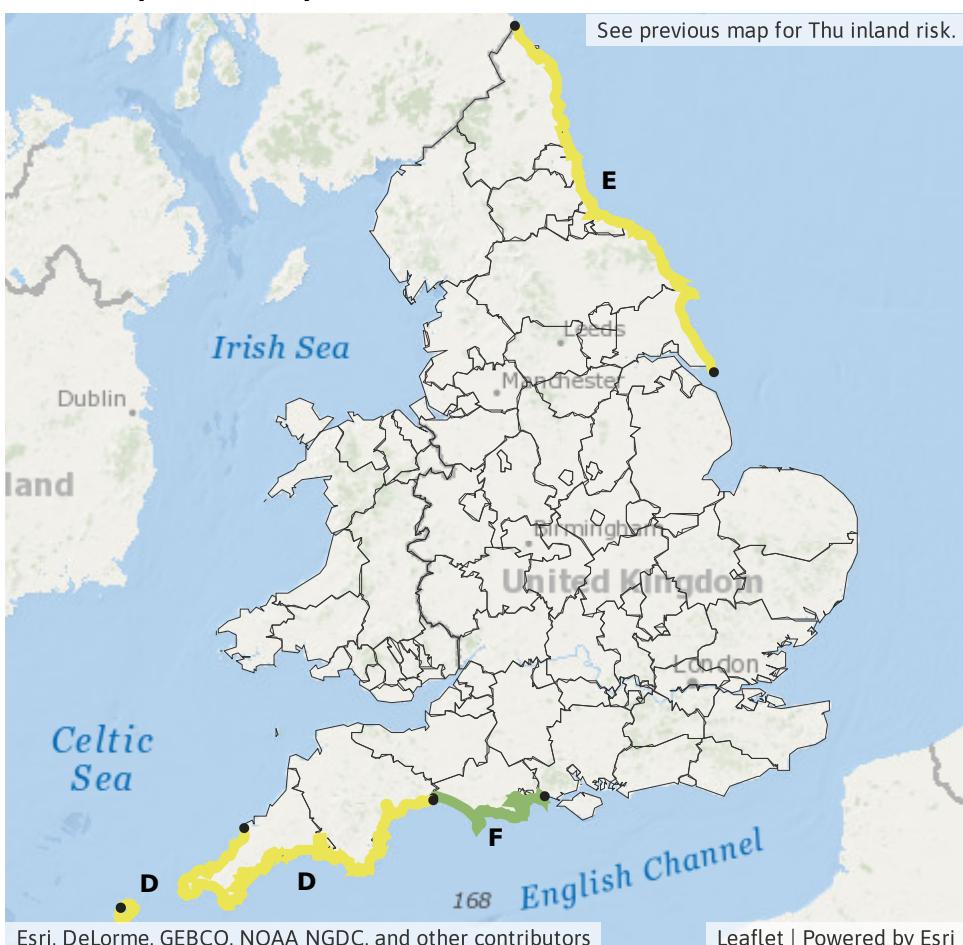
Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source Coastal/Tidal
Likely duration 3 Days

Risk continues for the SW until Thu.



Specific Areas of Concern Map 5 - Friday 6 February 2026

RISK AREA F

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source Coastal/Tidal
Likely duration 3 Days

Risk continues for the NE of England until Fri.

RISK AREA H

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



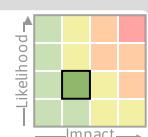
Source River Surface
Likely duration 2 Days

Inland flood impacts from further widespread rain

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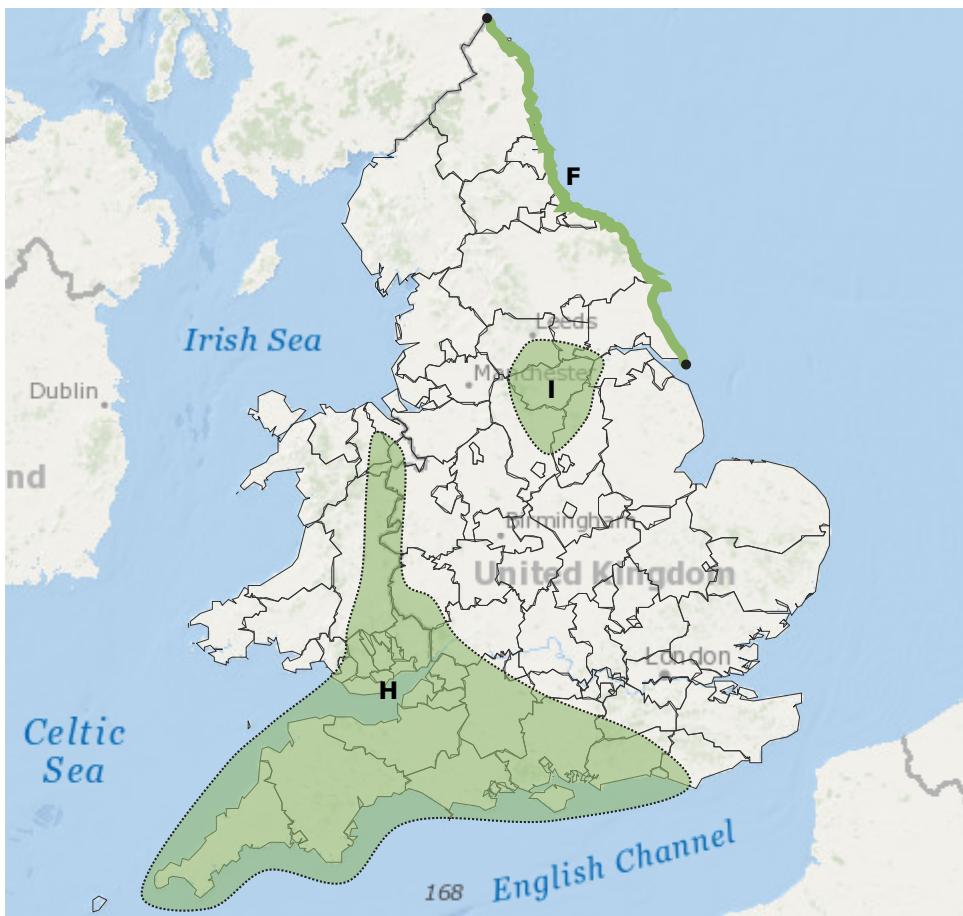
Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface
Likely duration 2 Days

Inland flooding impacts from widespread rain. River impacts continuing into Saturday.



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 for parts of Hampshire 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 in parts of England and Wales on Thursday and more widely on Friday. See Areas of Concern Maps.

It is also possible that minor river flooding impacts will continue in parts of the Midlands into Saturday.



Coastal/Tidal

The coastal/tidal flood risk is LOW today (Wednesday) and Thursday.

Minor coastal/tidal flooding impacts are probable along parts of the South West coast of England today and Thursday, and the North East coast on Thursday. Minor coastal/tidal flooding impacts are possible more widely for England and Wales today through Friday. Minor impacts are possible but not expected more widely still for England and Wales. See Areas of Concern Maps.



Surface water

The surface water flood risk is LOW for Thursday.

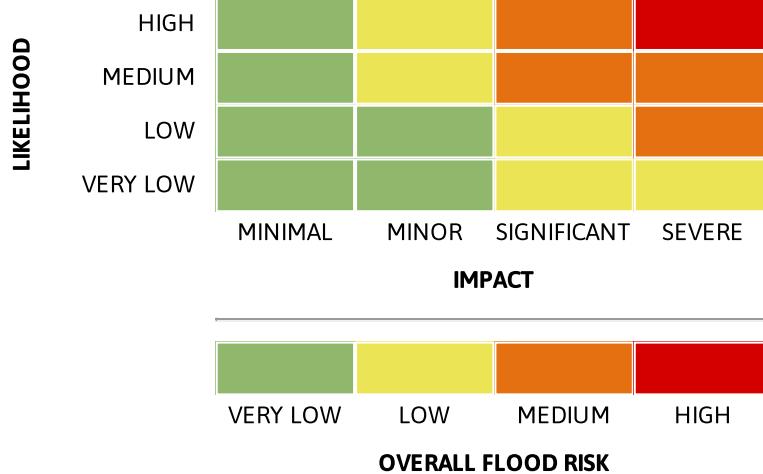
Minor surface water flooding impacts are likely in parts of England and Wales on Thursday, and possible more widely into Friday. See Areas of Concern Maps.

Impacts could include localised flooding from urban and fast responding smaller watercourses/catchments, drains, channels and flooding from overland flow.

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 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 Thursday 05 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>