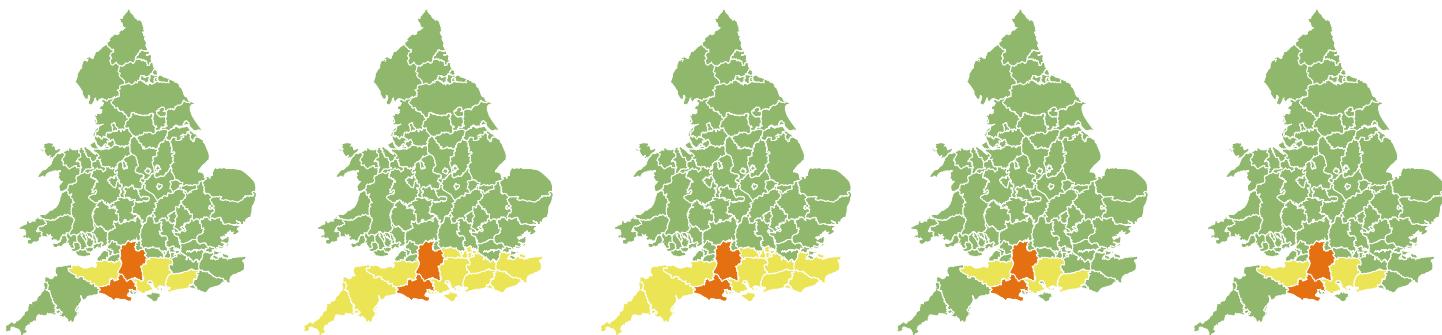


Flood Guidance Statement

10:30hrs Tuesday 17 February 2026



Tuesday

17 Feb 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Steady

Wednesday

18 Feb 2026

Increased

Thursday

19 Feb 2026

Increased

Friday

20 Feb 2026

Steady

Saturday

21 Feb 2026

Steady

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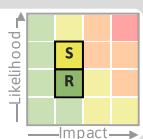
Significant groundwater flooding impacts are probable in Dorset and Wiltshire and significant river flooding impacts are possible in Somerset during the next five days. The overall flood risk is MEDIUM.

Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 February 2026

RISK AREA G

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



Source River Surface

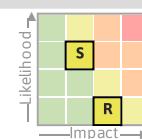
Likely duration 2 Days

Heavy rain falling onto saturated catchments

RISK AREA H

Impact **SIGNIFICANT**

Likelihood **VERY LOW**



Source River Surface

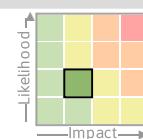
Likely duration 2 Days

Heavy and persistent rain.

RISK AREA I

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source River Surface

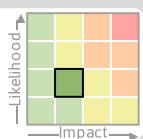
Likely duration 2 Days

Heavy rain. Surface water risk only to Thursday morning, river impacts continuing

RISK AREA J

Impact **MINOR**

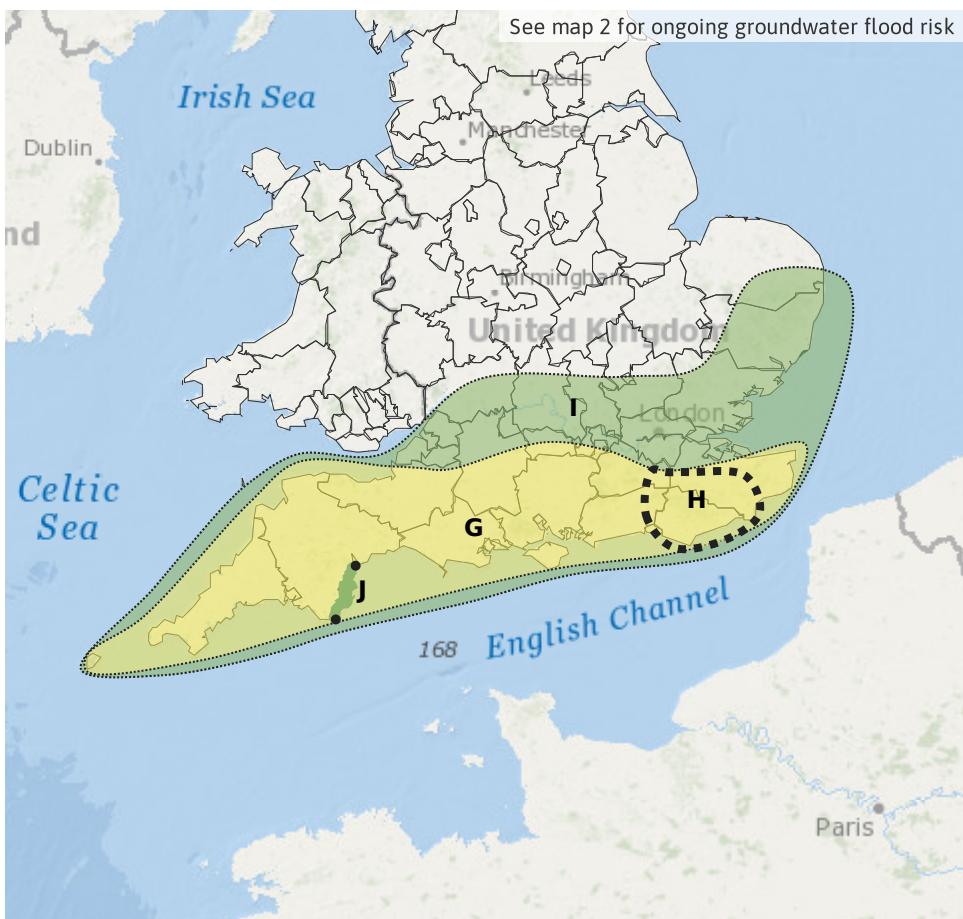
Likelihood **LOW**



Source Coastal/Tidal

Likely duration 2 Days

Strong winds may bring wave overtopping Wednesday into Thursday morning



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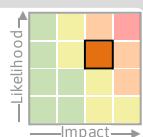
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Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Tuesday 17 to Saturday 21 February 2026

RISK AREA A

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



Source Ground

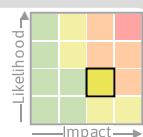
Likely duration 5 + Days

High groundwater levels in Dorset and Wiltshire.

RISK AREA B

RISK AREA B

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



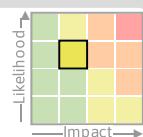
Source River

Likely duration 5 + Days

Ongoing river impacts in Somerset Levels, reducing to minor impacts from Friday.

RISK AREA C

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



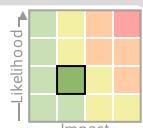
Source Ground

Likely duration 5 + Days

High groundwater levels in Hampshire and West Sussex.

RISK AREA D

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



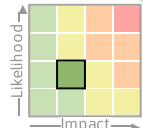
Source Ground

Likely duration 5 + Days

High groundwater levels in Kent and East Sussex.

RISK AREA E

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



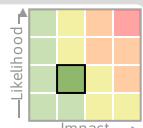
Source Ground

Likely duration 5 + Days

High and rising groundwater levels.

RISK AREA F

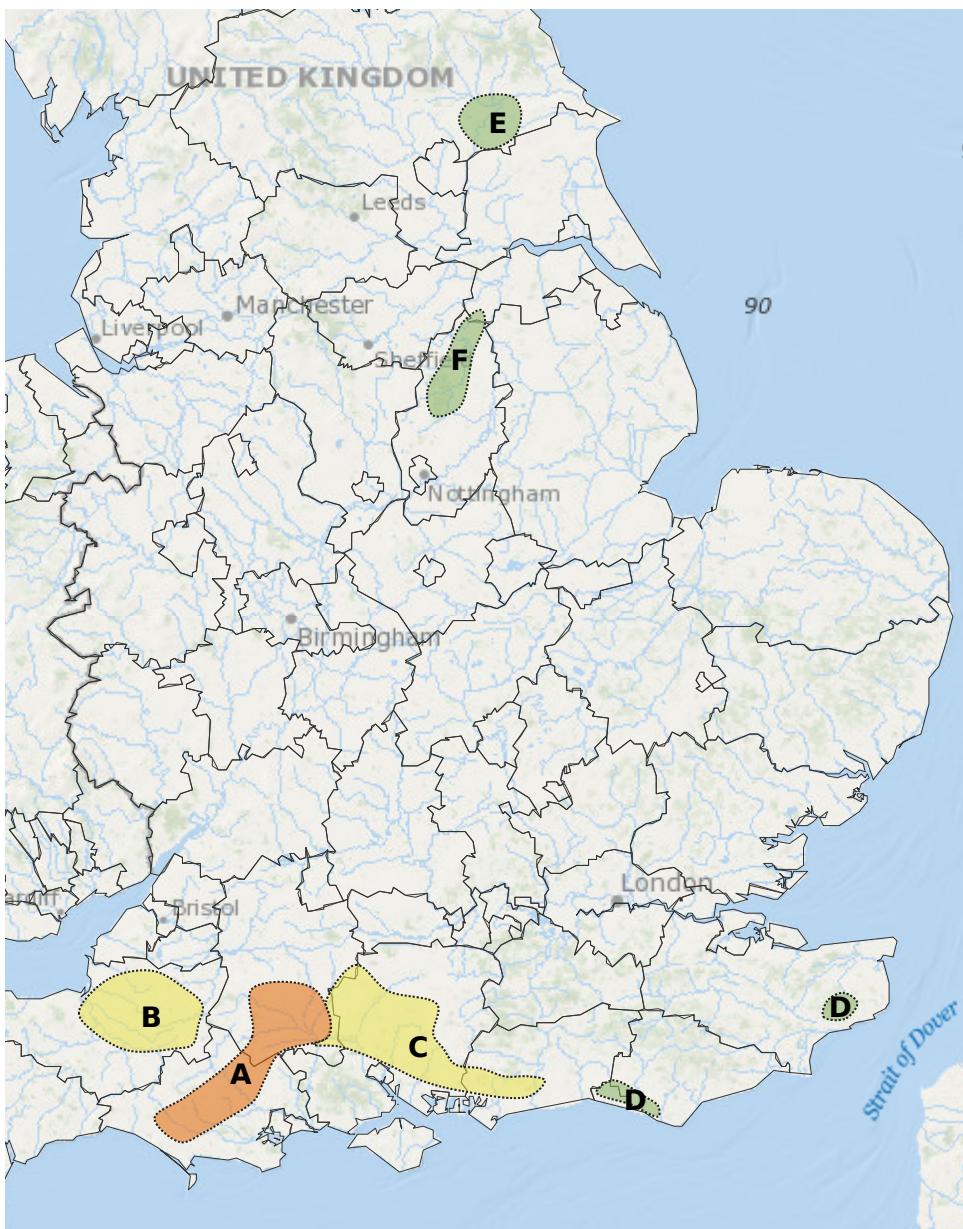
Impact **MINOR**
Likelihood **LOW**



Source River

Likely duration 2 Days

River levels remain high but are reducing. Tuesday and Wednesday only.



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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 probable for parts of Hampshire and West Sussex for the next five days.

Minor groundwater flooding impacts are also possible elsewhere in parts of England due to steadily rising levels. See Specific Areas of Concern Maps.



Rivers

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

Ongoing significant river flooding impacts remain possible on the Somerset Levels for the next five days, with new significant river flooding impacts possible but not expected in parts of the South East of England on Wednesday and Thursday.

Heavy rain on Wednesday and Thursday leads to possible new minor river flood risk across the south of England, with minor river flooding impacts possible more widely from today (Tuesday) until Thursday. See Specific Areas of Concern Maps.



Surface water

The surface water flood risk is LOW on Wednesday and Thursday.

Minor surface water flooding impacts are probable across the south of England, and are possible more widely, on Wednesday and Thursday. See Specific Areas of Concern Maps.

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

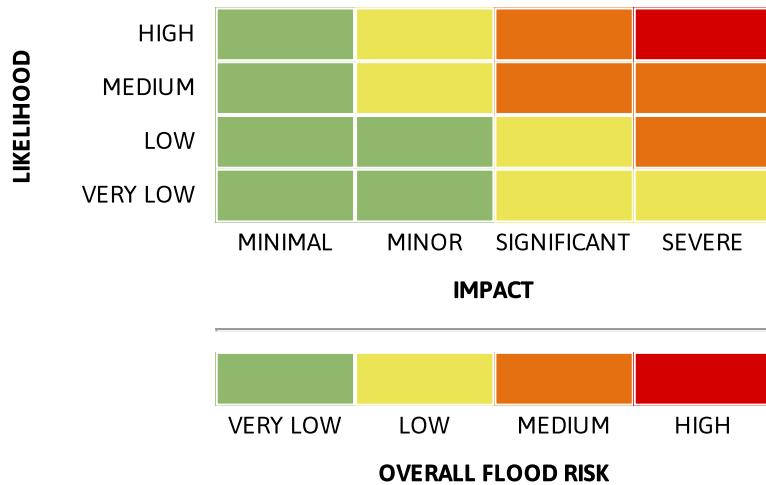


Coastal/Tidal

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

Strong easterly winds may bring large waves leading to possible minor coastal impacts on east facing coastlines of South Devon on Wednesday and Thursday morning. See Specific Areas of Concern Maps.

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 Wednesday 18 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>