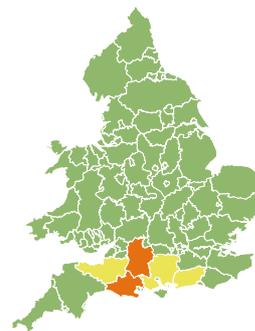
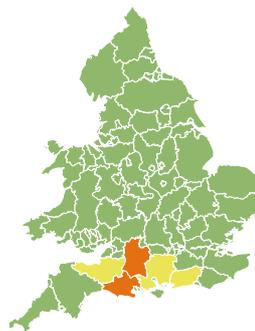
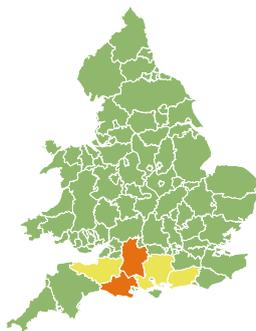
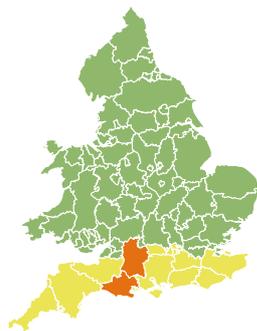
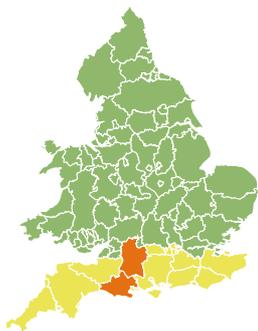


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Wednesday

18 Feb 2026 10:30-23:59  
Trend since last FGS

Steady



Thursday

19 Feb 2026

Steady



Friday

20 Feb 2026

Steady



Saturday

21 Feb 2026

Steady



Sunday

22 Feb 2026

Steady



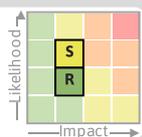
Significant groundwater flooding impacts are probable in Dorset and Wiltshire and significant river flooding impacts are possible in Somerset during the next five days. The overall flood risk is MEDIUM.

## Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Wednesday 18 to Friday 20 February 2026

### RISK AREA D

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **MEDIUM**



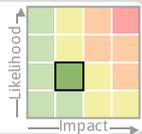
Source River Surface  
Likely duration 2 Days

Heavy rain falling onto saturated catchments

### RISK AREA G

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



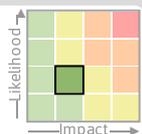
Source River Surface  
Likely duration 3 Days

Surface water risk Wednesday and Thursday.  
River risk Wednesday to Friday.

### RISK AREA H

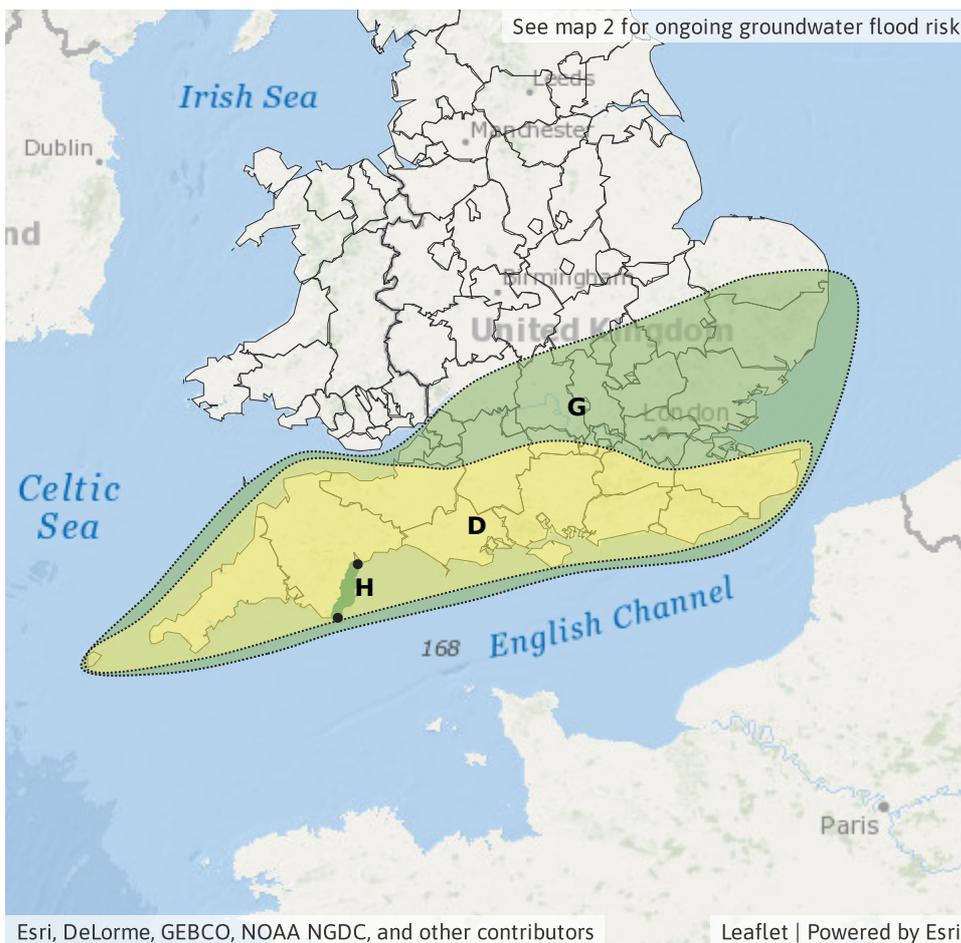
Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source Coastal/Tidal  
Likely duration 1 Day

Strong winds may bring wave overtopping through Wednesday.



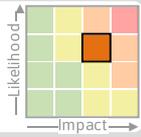
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## Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Wednesday 18 to Sunday 22 February 2026

### RISK AREA A

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



Source Ground  
Likely duration 5 + Days

High groundwater levels in Dorset and Wiltshire.

### RISK AREA B

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

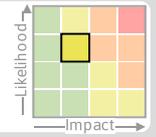


Source River  
Likely duration 5 + Days

Ongoing river impacts in Somerset Levels.

### RISK AREA C

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

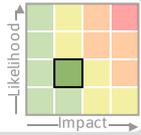


Source Ground  
Likely duration 5 + Days

High groundwater levels in Hampshire and West Sussex.

### RISK AREA E

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

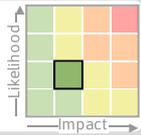


Source Ground  
Likely duration 5 + Days

Steady or rising high groundwater levels.

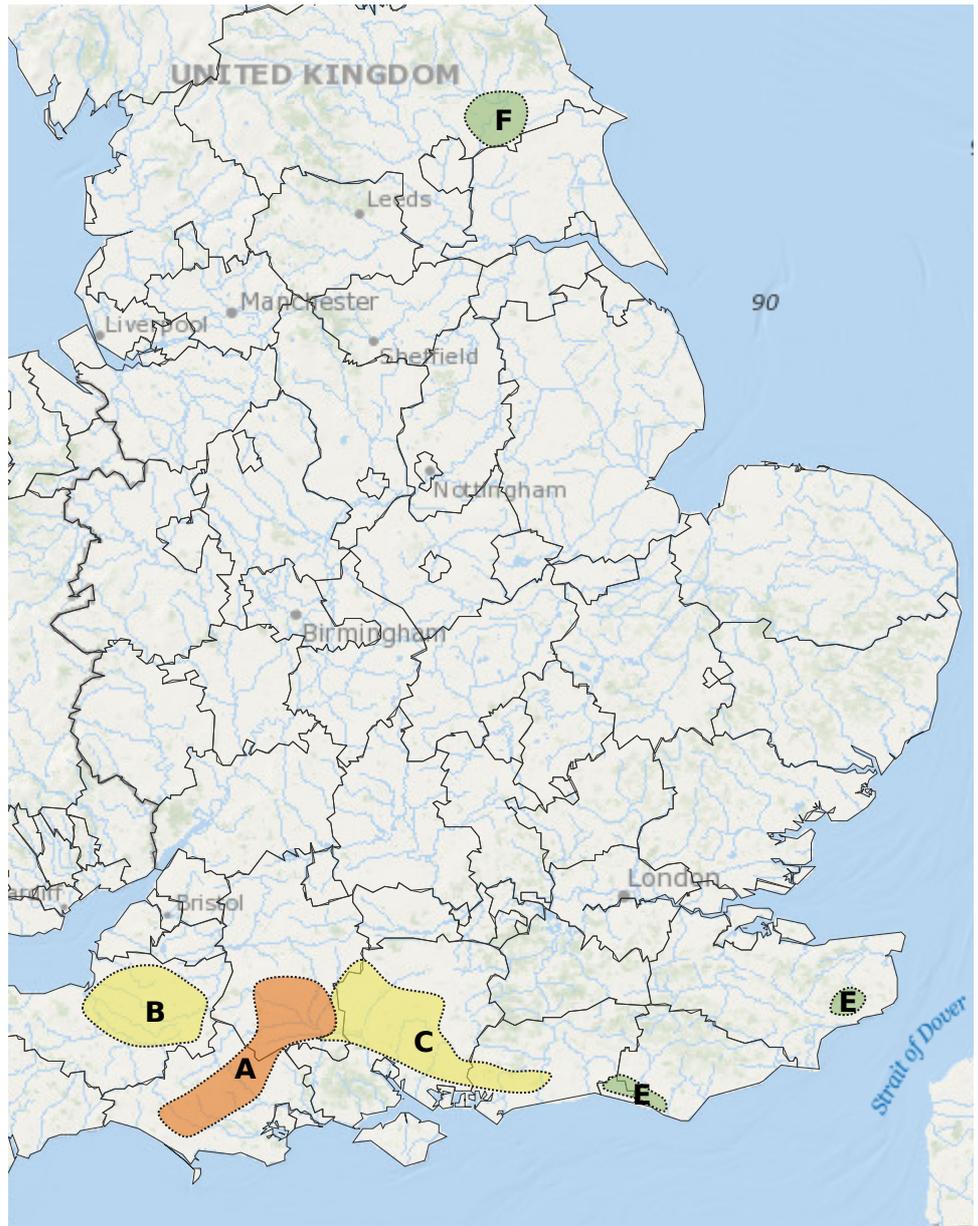
### RISK AREA F

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



Source Ground  
Likely duration 5 + Days

High and rising groundwater levels.



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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 high and steadily rising levels. See Specific Areas of Concern Map.



### 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.

Heavy rain today (Wednesday) and tomorrow leads to possible new minor river flooding risk across the South and East of England, lasting into Friday, with minor river flooding impacts also possible but not expected more widely across England until tomorrow. See Specific Areas of Concern Map.



### Surface water

The surface water flood risk is LOW today and Thursday.

Minor surface water flooding impacts are probable across the South of England, and are possible more widely, today and tomorrow. See Specific Areas of Concern Map.

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



### Coastal/Tidal

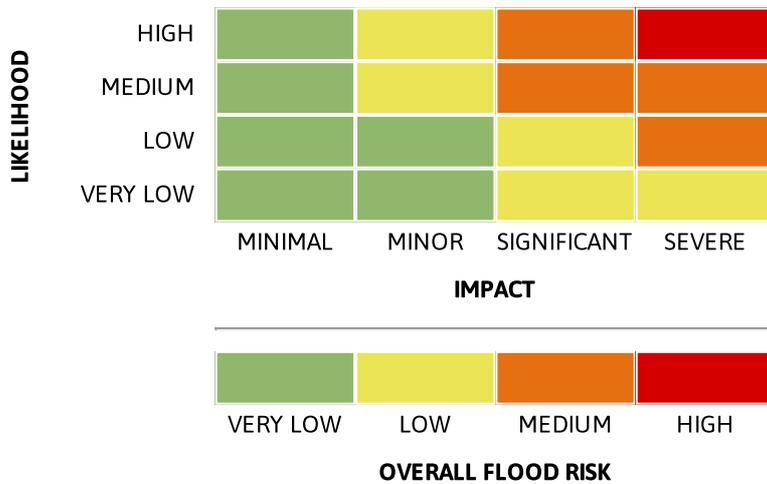
The coastal/tidal flood risk is VERY LOW for the next five days.

Strong easterly winds may bring large waves leading to possible minor coastal impacts on east-facing coastlines of South Devon today. See Specific Areas of Concern Map.

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## 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 19 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>