

# Flood Guidance Statement

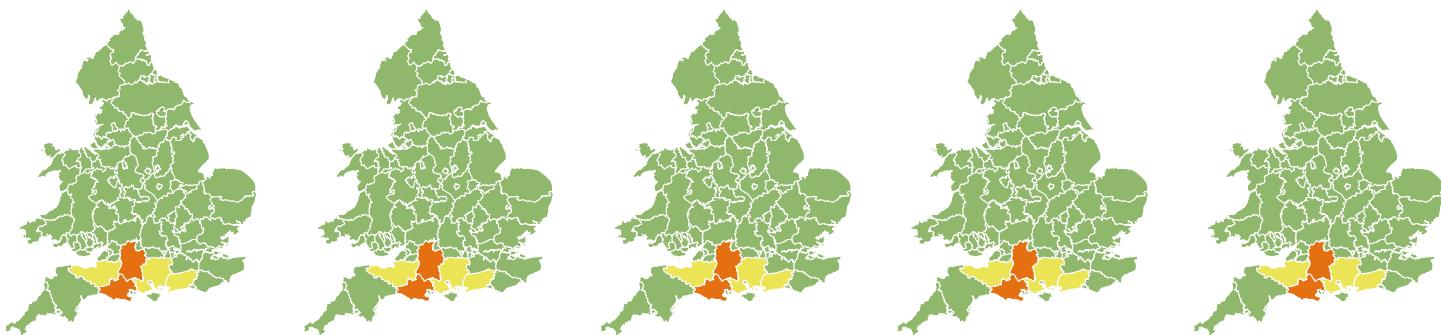
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Thursday

19 Feb 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Decreased



Friday

20 Feb 2026

Steady



Saturday

21 Feb 2026

Increased



Sunday

22 Feb 2026

Increased



Monday

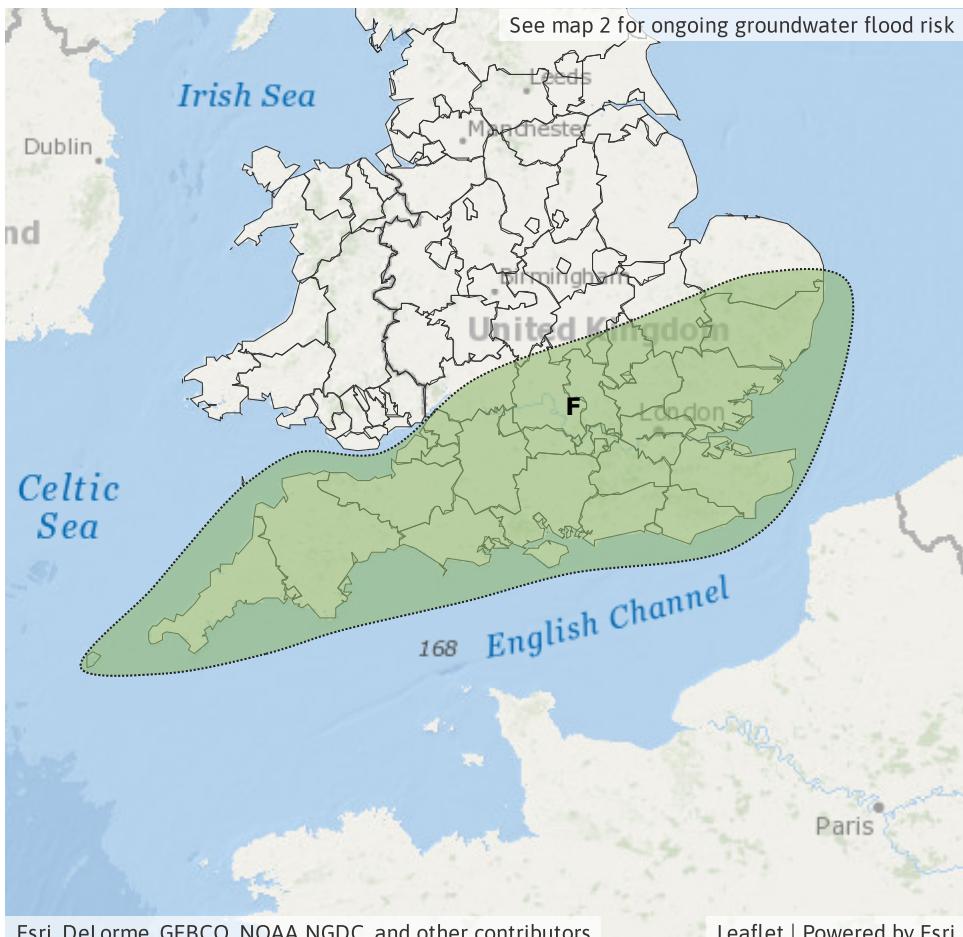
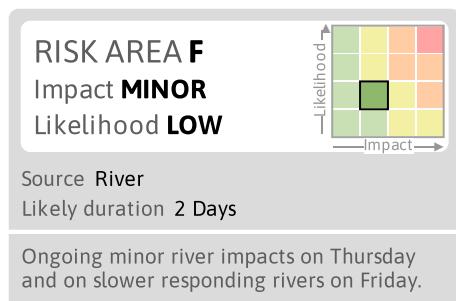
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Steady



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 - Thursday 19 to Friday 20 February 2026



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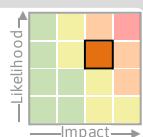
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## Specific Areas of Concern Map 2 - Thursday 19 to Monday 23 February 2026

### RISK AREA A

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



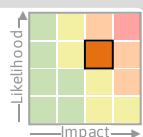
Source Ground

Likely duration 5 + Days

High groundwater levels in Dorset and Wiltshire.

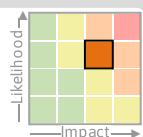
### RISK AREA B

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



### RISK AREA C

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



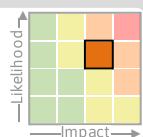
Source River

Likely duration 5 + Days

Ongoing river impacts in Somerset Levels.

### RISK AREA D

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



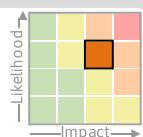
Source Ground

Likely duration 5 + Days

Steady or rising high groundwater levels.

### RISK AREA E

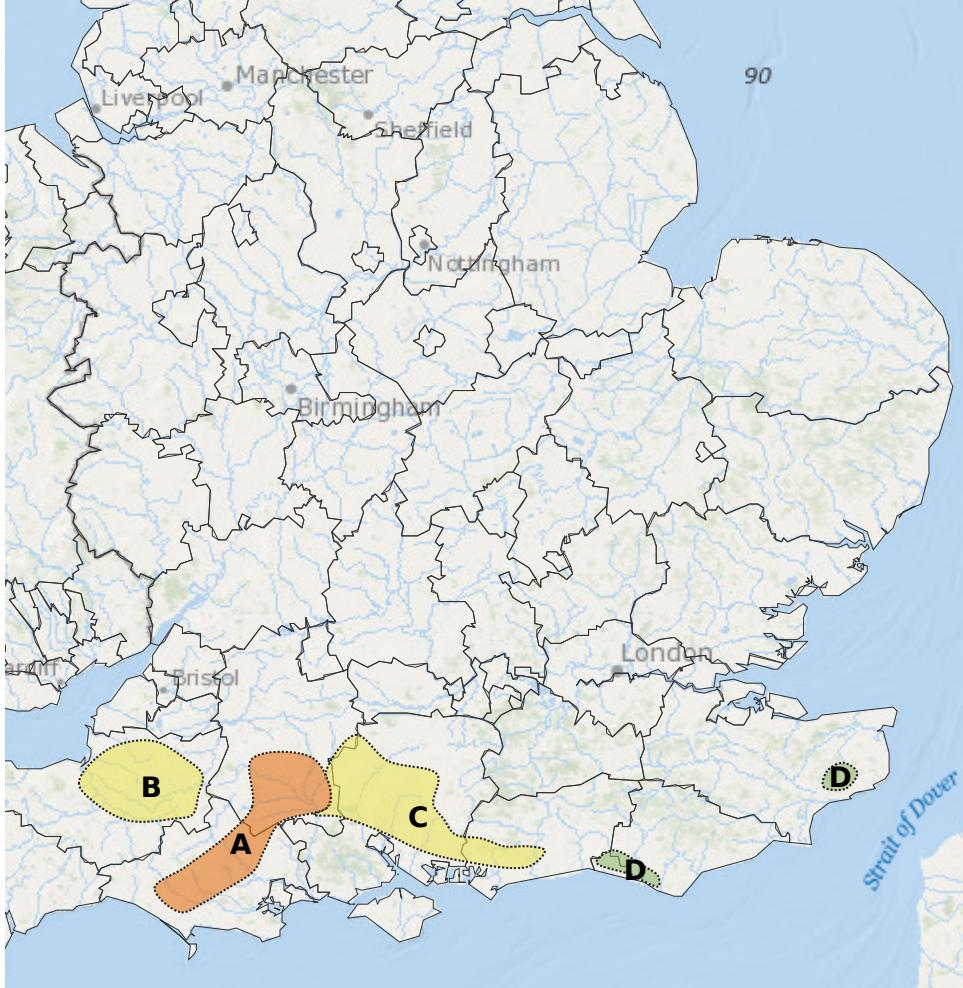
Impact **MINOR**  
Likelihood **LOW**



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.

Ongoing minor river flooding impacts are possible across the South and East of England today (Thursday) and on slower responding rivers into Friday. See Specific Areas of Concern Map.

Minor river flooding is also possible but not expected across parts of England and Wales on Sunday as heavy rain spreads across the South of England.



### Surface water

The surface water flood risk is VERY LOW for the next five days.

Minor surface water flooding impacts are possible but not expected across parts of England and Wales on Saturday evening and Sunday as heavy rain spreads across the South of England.

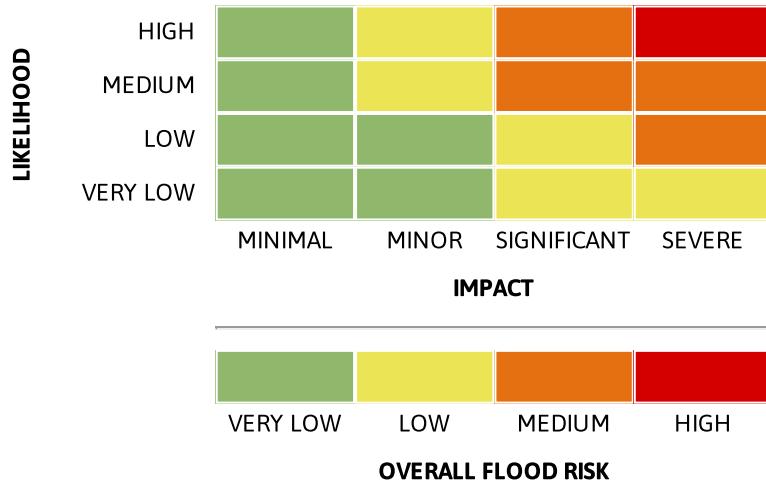
Impacts could include localised flooding from urban and fast responding smaller watercourses/catchments, drains, channels and flooding from overland flow.



### Coastal/Tidal

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

## 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 Friday 20 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>