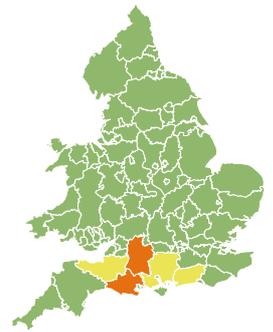
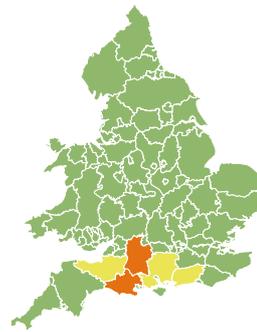
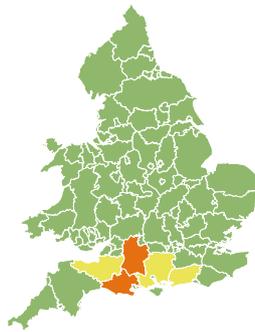
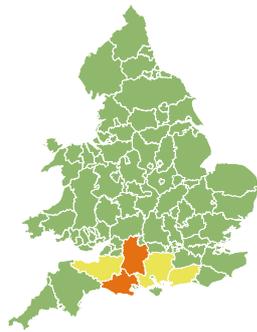
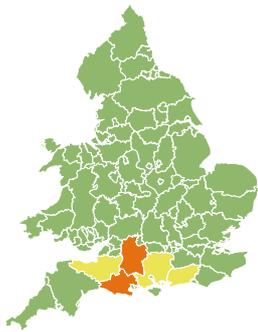


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Friday

20 Feb 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Steady



Saturday

21 Feb 2026

Steady



Sunday

22 Feb 2026

Steady



Monday

23 Feb 2026

Steady



Tuesday

24 Feb 2026

Steady

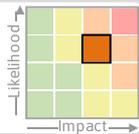


Significant groundwater flooding impacts are probable in Dorset and Wiltshire and significant river flooding impacts are possible in Somerset during the next five days. The overall flood risk is MEDIUM.

Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Friday 20 to Tuesday 24 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**

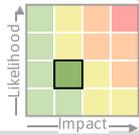


Source Ground
Likely duration 5 + Days

High groundwater levels in Hampshire and West Sussex.

RISK AREA D

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

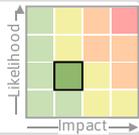


Source Ground
Likely duration 5 + Days

Steady or rising high groundwater levels.

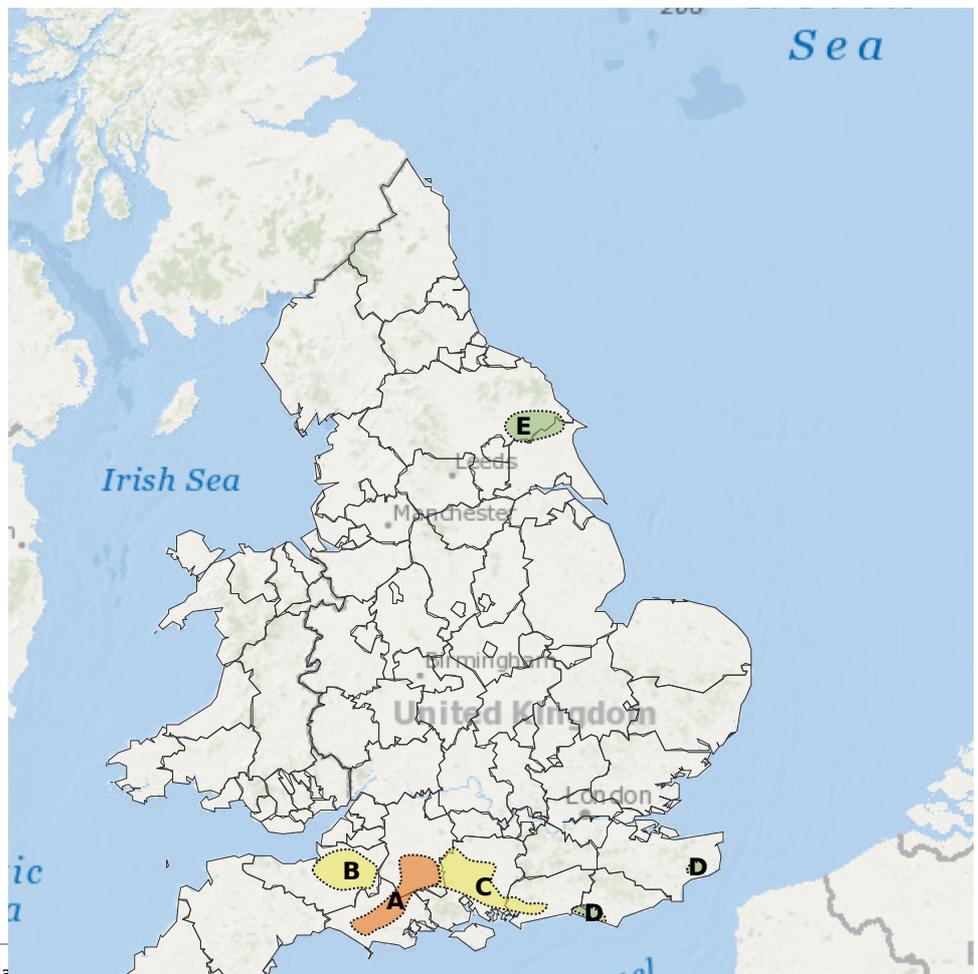
RISK AREA E

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



Source Ground
Likely duration 5 + Days

High and rising groundwater levels.



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.

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



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 Sunday, as heavy rain spreads across the country.

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



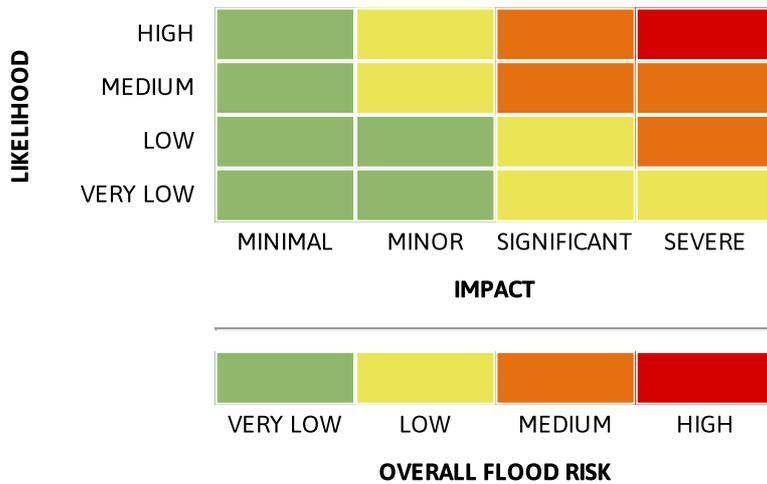
Coastal/Tidal

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

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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 Saturday 21 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>