

Flood Guidance Statement

10:30hrs Wednesday 18 March 2026



Wednesday

18 Mar 2026 10:30-23:59

Trend since last FGS

Steady



Thursday

19 Mar 2026

Steady



Friday

20 Mar 2026

Steady



Saturday

21 Mar 2026

Steady



Sunday

22 Mar 2026

Steady



Ongoing minor groundwater flooding in parts of the South of England for the next five days. The overall flood risk is VERY LOW.

Specific Areas of Concern Map 1 - Wednesday 18 to Sunday 22 March 2026

RISK AREA A

Impact **MINOR**

Likelihood **LOW**



Source Ground

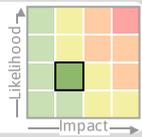
Likely duration 5 + Days

High but falling groundwater levels in Dorset & Wiltshire.

RISK AREA B

Impact **MINOR**

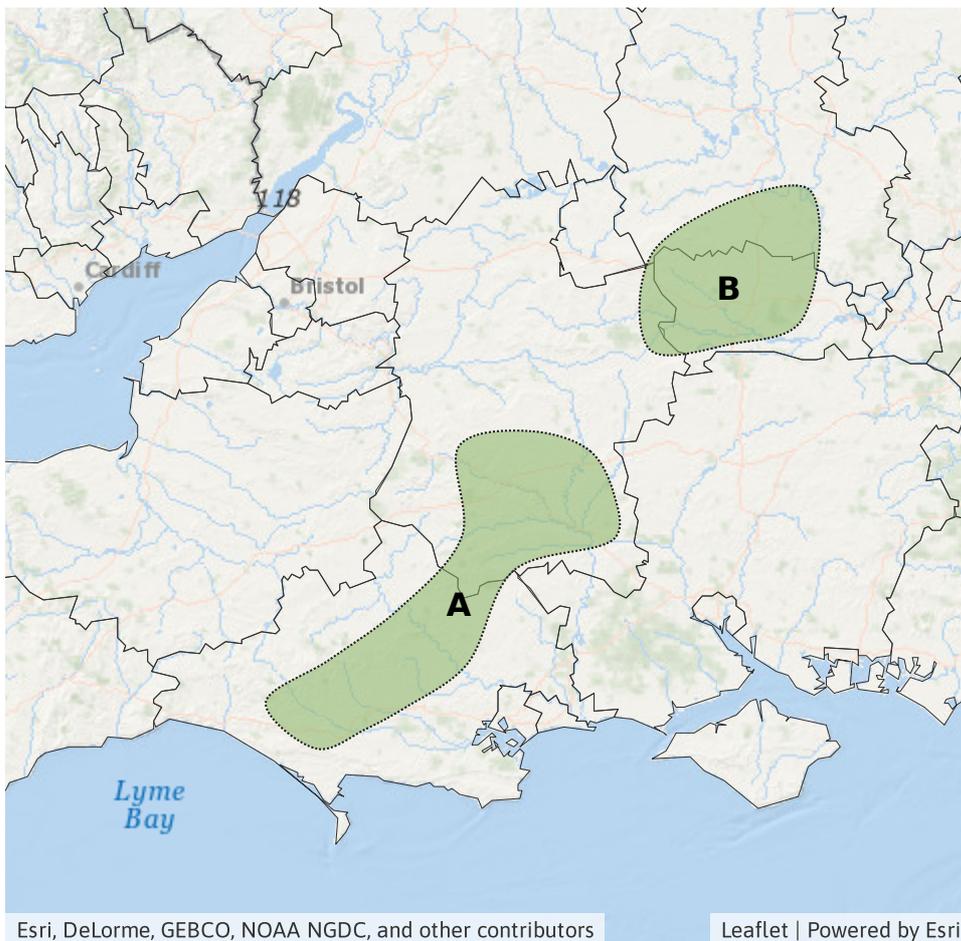
Likelihood **LOW**



Source Ground

Likely duration 5 + Days

High groundwater levels.



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Assessment of flood risk



Groundwater

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

Minor groundwater flooding impacts are possible across parts of Dorset, Wiltshire, West Berkshire and Oxfordshire for the next five days. See Specific Areas of Concern Map.

There are ongoing minor groundwater flooding impacts in Hampshire, West Sussex and Kent. The level of ongoing disruption is being managed locally and awareness is high. Consequently the groundwater flood risk in these areas is assessed as VERY LOW.



Rivers

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

Minor river flooding impacts are possible but not expected on the Somerset Levels and Moors until Sunday.



Coastal/Tidal

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



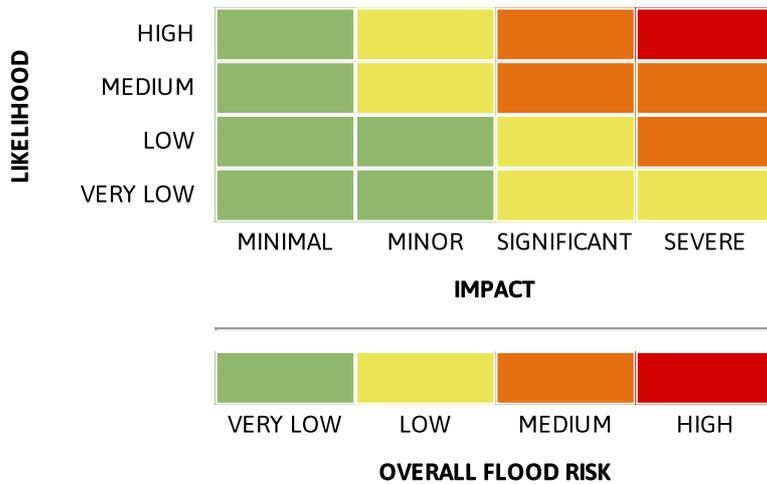
Surface water

The surface water 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 Thursday 19 March 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>