Groundwater Briefing Note, Hampshire

Environment Agency

Current situation:

Recorded rainfall

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In Spring and Summer 2025, less than average rain was recorded. Autumn 2025 was wetter than average, with particularly wet periods during the first half of September and the second half of October 2025. December 2025 was wetter than average. In January 2026, around a month's rainfall has been recorded in the first 3 weeks.

How much:

Below average | Average | Above average

Month	Long Term Average (Otterbourne)	North West Hampshire Rain (Andover)	Central Hampshire Rain (Otterbourne)	North Hampshire Rain (Basingstoke)	North East Hampshire Rain (Farnham)	South East Hampshire Rain (Havant)
February 2025	67.76	60.60	78.70	63.60	51.50	52.60
March 2025	59.90	5.90	8.50	7.30	5.50	3.70
April 2025	58.59	11.90	26.50	15.10	17.20	20.90
May 2025	51.75	15.00	9.80	15.70	19.00	20.60
June 2025	56.93	28.50	42.60	23.40	36.60	41.50
July 2025	54.56	9.90	49.30	30.30	53.70	60.50
August 2025	63.98	26.90	13.60	23.10	22.60	42.60
September 2025	63.95	68.60	82.10	67.40	56.30	110.00
October 2025	98.80	77.80	61.60	77.50	75.60	88.50
November 2025	106.77	113.88	94.05	72.84	80.11	71.65
December 2025	97.07	117.68	130.39	86.20	78.94	95.78
January 2026	95.16	98.09	99.25	82.82	81.02	78.31

Where:

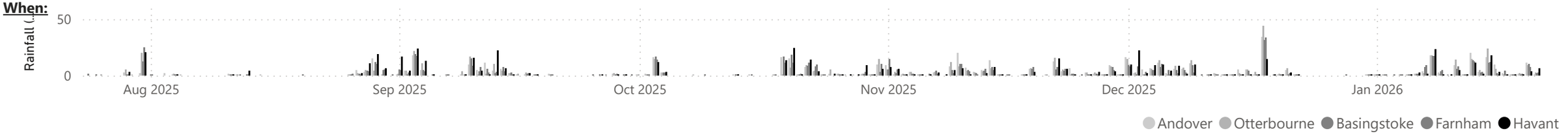
Below average
Average
Above average

Current month (to date):

Last 3 months:

Last 6 months:

When:

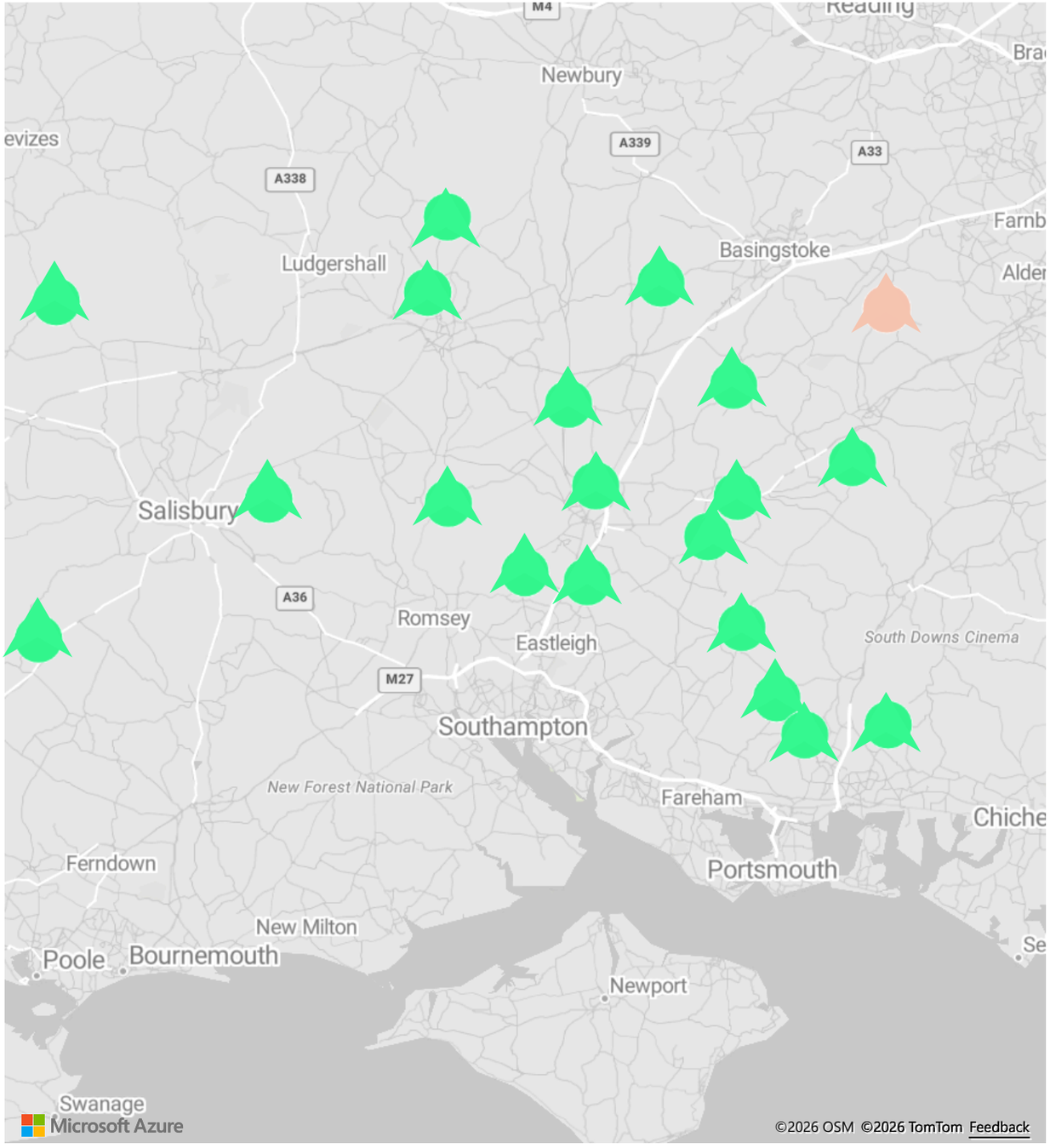


Groundwater status summary

Rising Steady Falling

Below average Average Above average Flood impacts

With only small amounts of rain through spring and summer, groundwater levels fell and remained low through autumn. Following December's persistent rain, groundwater rose, but stabilised during the cold end of the year. January's rain caused groundwater to rise again. At most monitoring boreholes in Hampshire, groundwater is now at an average level for the time of year. In a few locations, including at Preston Candover and Meonstoke, groundwater levels are slightly above average for the time of year.

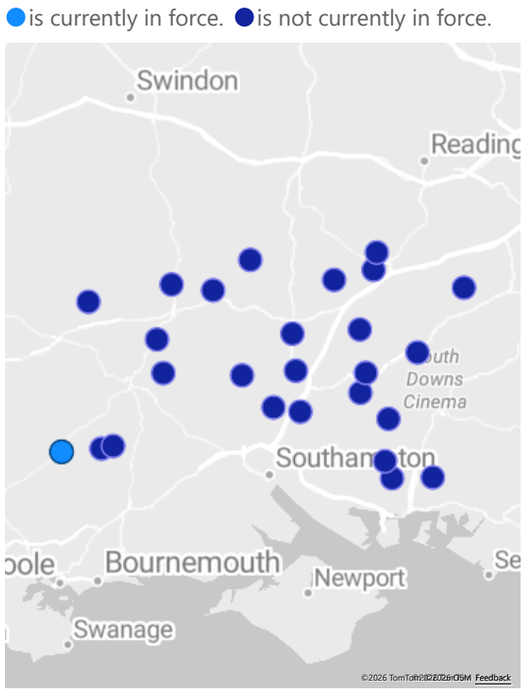


Current groundwater flood impacts

Groundwater flood impacts are not thought to be occurring.

Flood Alert Area	In force?	Link	District
Groundwater flooding in Bishops Sutton	is not currently in force.		Winchester
Groundwater flooding in Bramdean and Cheriton	is not currently in force.		Winchester
Groundwater flooding in Deane and Ashe in North Hampshire	is not currently in force.		Basingstoke and Deane
Groundwater flooding in Denmead	is not currently in force.		Winchester
Groundwater flooding in Finchdean, Dean Lane End and Rowlands Castle	is not currently in force.		East Hampshire
Groundwater flooding in Hambledon	is not currently in force.		Winchester
Groundwater flooding in Hursley	is not currently in force.		Winchester
Groundwater flooding in Kings Somborne and Little Somborne	is not currently in force.		Test Valley
Groundwater flooding in Littleton, Headbourne, Kings and Martyr Worthy, Easton and Chilland	is not currently in force.		Winchester
Groundwater flooding in Pitton, West Tytherley, Nether Wallop and Broughton	is not currently in force.		Test Valley
Groundwater flooding in Sutton Scotney and Chilbolton	is not currently in force.		Winchester, Test Valley
Groundwater flooding in the Alton area	is not currently in force.		East Hampshire
Groundwater flooding in the Basingstoke and Buckskin areas	is not currently in force.		Basingstoke and Deane
Groundwater flooding in the Bourne Valley - The Winterbournes	is not currently in force.		Test Valley
Groundwater flooding in the Bourne Valley from North Tidworth to the A303	is not currently in force.		Test Valley
Groundwater flooding in the Candovers and Old Alresford	is not currently in force.		Basingstoke and Deane, Winchester
Groundwater flooding in the Cranborne Chase area	is currently in force.		New Forest
Groundwater flooding in the Cranborne Chase in West Hampshire - Damerham and Martin	is not currently in force.		New Forest
Groundwater flooding in the Cranborne Chase in West Hampshire - Rockbourne	is not currently in force.		New Forest
Groundwater flooding in the Crondall area	is not currently in force.		Hart
Groundwater flooding in the Meon Valley from East Meon to Soberton	is not currently in force.		Winchester, East Hampshire
Groundwater flooding in the Salisbury Plain area	is not currently in force.		Test Valley
Groundwater flooding in the Sherborne St John area	is not currently in force.		Basingstoke and Deane
Groundwater flooding in Twyford and Hensting	is not currently in force.		Winchester
Groundwater flooding in Vernham Dean, Upton and the Bourne Valley	is not currently in force.		Basingstoke and Deane, Test Valley
Groundwater flooding in villages surrounding Andover	is not currently in force.		Test Valley

Number of Flood Alerts:	Number of Flood Warnings:
1	0



Weather forecast

Days 1 to 5

Periods of rain are forecast on each of the next five days, to 28 January 2026. There remains uncertainty in locations and amounts, but it could be possible for some locations in Hampshire to receive the equivalent of another half a month's rainfall over the coming week.

Days 6 to 10 to 14 to 30

More unsettled weather is predicted during the last week of January 2026, but there is uncertainty in geographic location. The unsettled weather might predominantly affect the west of England. Longer term weather forecasting is very difficult, but the current suggestion is that February could start with colder weather, although with milder and wetter weather possible again from the middle of February 2026.

Forecast groundwater response and risk of flooding

If persistent and widespread rainfall occurs this week, groundwater levels are expected to continue rising throughout January and into February. If this occurs, then it is possible that minor groundwater flooding impacts could be observed in a few communities in East Hampshire such as Hambledon, Finchdean and Meonstoke. Flooding impacts could include winterbourne streams flowing, water appearing in fields, gardens and roads, as well as water affecting cellars of isolated properties.

In all other communities in Hampshire, groundwater flooding impacts are less likely and would require heavy and persistent rain for much of February as well to occur.

In most years, most boreholes experience groundwater rise until March.

It is very difficult to accurately predict the weather weeks or months ahead, and the forecast might change. The exact groundwater response will depend on the amount, intensity and distribution of any rainfall that occurs.

If only a small amount of rain occurs at the end of January, and a period of cold weather occurs in February, then groundwater flood impacts are much less likely to occur during this winter season.

Summary of possible groundwater flood impacts

Name	District	September 2025	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	July 2026	August 2026
Groundwater flooding in Bishops Sutton	Winchester						Possible if v wet	Possible	Possible				
Groundwater flooding in Bramdean and Cheriton	Winchester						Possible	Possible	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Deane and Ashe in North Hampshire	Basingstoke and Deane							Possible if v wet	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Denmead	Winchester							Possible if v wet	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Finchdean, Dean Lane End and Rowlands Castle	East Hampshire						Possible	Possible	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Hambledon	Winchester					Possible if v wet	Possible	Possible	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Hursley	Winchester						Possible if v wet	Possible	Possible				
Groundwater flooding in Kings Somborne and Little Somborne	Test Valley							Possible if v wet	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Littleton, Headbourne, Kings and Martyr Worthy, Easton and Chilland	Winchester						Possible if v wet	Possible	Possible				
Groundwater flooding in Pitton, West Tytherley, Nether Wallop and Broughton	Test Valley							Possible if v wet	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Sutton Scotney and Chilbolton	Winchester, Test Valley							Possible	Possible				
Groundwater flooding in the Candovers and Old Alresford	Basingstoke and Deane, Winchester						Possible	Possible	Possible if v wet	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in the Cranborne Chase area	New Forest					Possible if v wet	Possible if v wet						
Groundwater flooding in the Meon Valley from East Meon to Soberton	East Hampshire, Winchester						Possible	Possible	Possible				
Groundwater flooding in the Salisbury Plain area	Test Valley					Possible if v wet	Possible if v wet						
Groundwater flooding in Twyford and Hensting	Winchester						Possible	Possible	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Vernham Dean, Upton and the Bourne Valley	Test Valley, Basingstoke and Deane							Possible	Possible				
Groundwater flooding in villages surrounding Andover	Test Valley						Possible	Possible	Possible				

Community information

- Alton
- Andover
- Basingstoke
- Bourne Valley
- Bramdean
- Deane and Ashe
- Denmead
- Finchdean
- Hambledon
- Hursley
- King's Somborne
- Littleton
- Meon Valley
- Pitton
- Preston Candover
- Rockbourne, Damerha...
- Shipton Bellinger
- Sutton Scotney

Basingstoke and Buckskin, Crondall and Sherborne St John

Current situation:

More information:

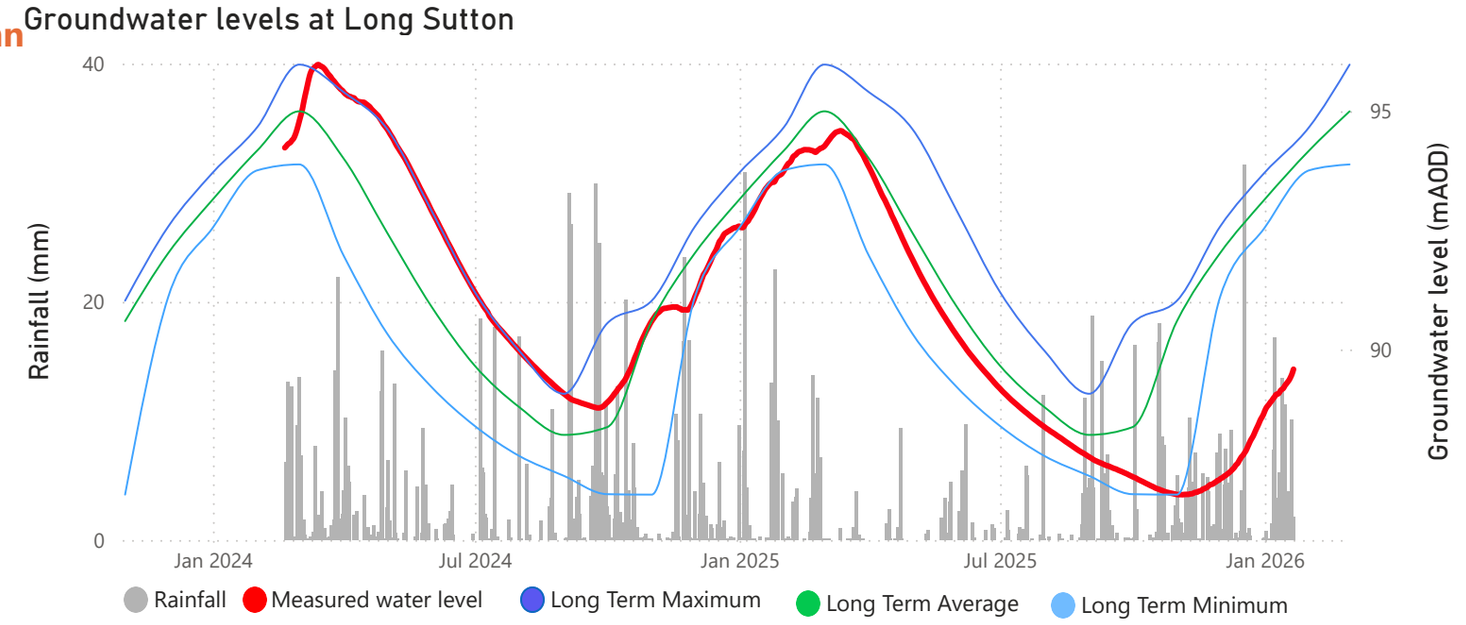
A Flood Alert is not currently in force.

Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Long Sutton** are:

Below average for the time of year but currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.



Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Long Sutton** will likely initially rise until early March 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts are not currently expected.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

Alton

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Farringdon** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Farringdon** will likely initially rise until early March 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

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Groundwater flood impacts are not currently expected.

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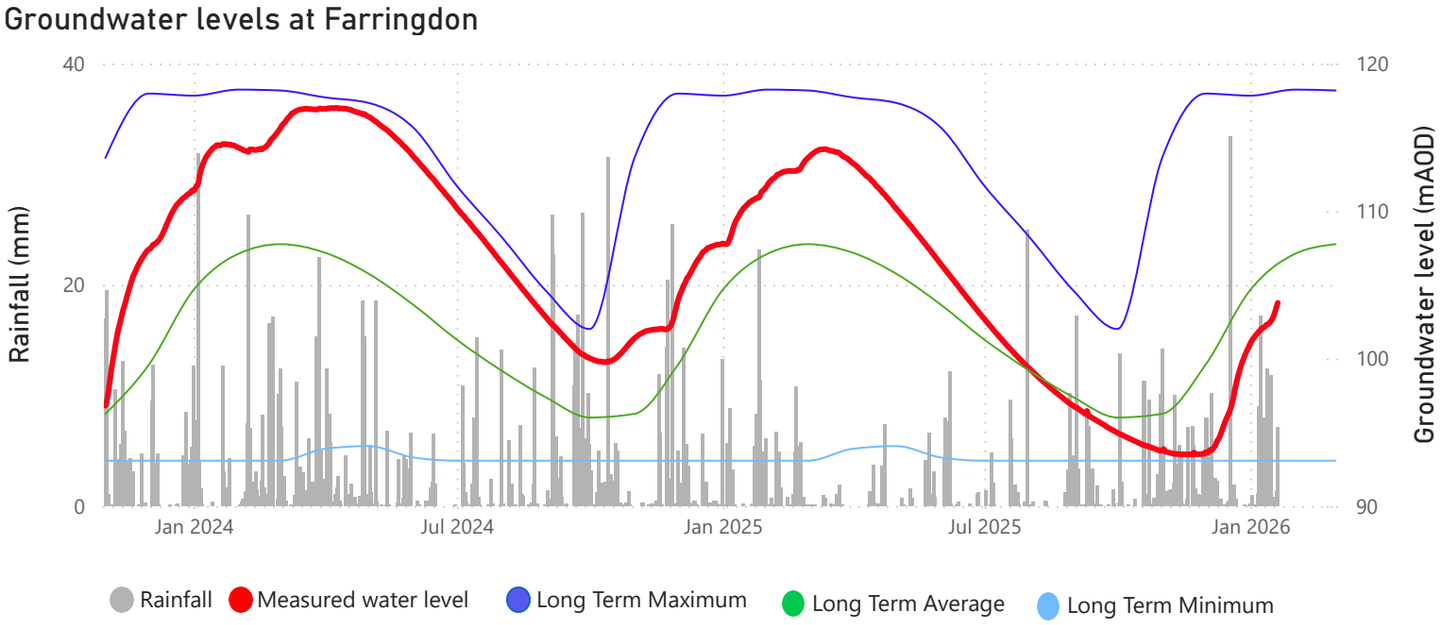


Deane and Ashe, North Hampshire

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.

Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Oakley** are:

Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast, groundwater at **Oakley** will likely initially rise until late February 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

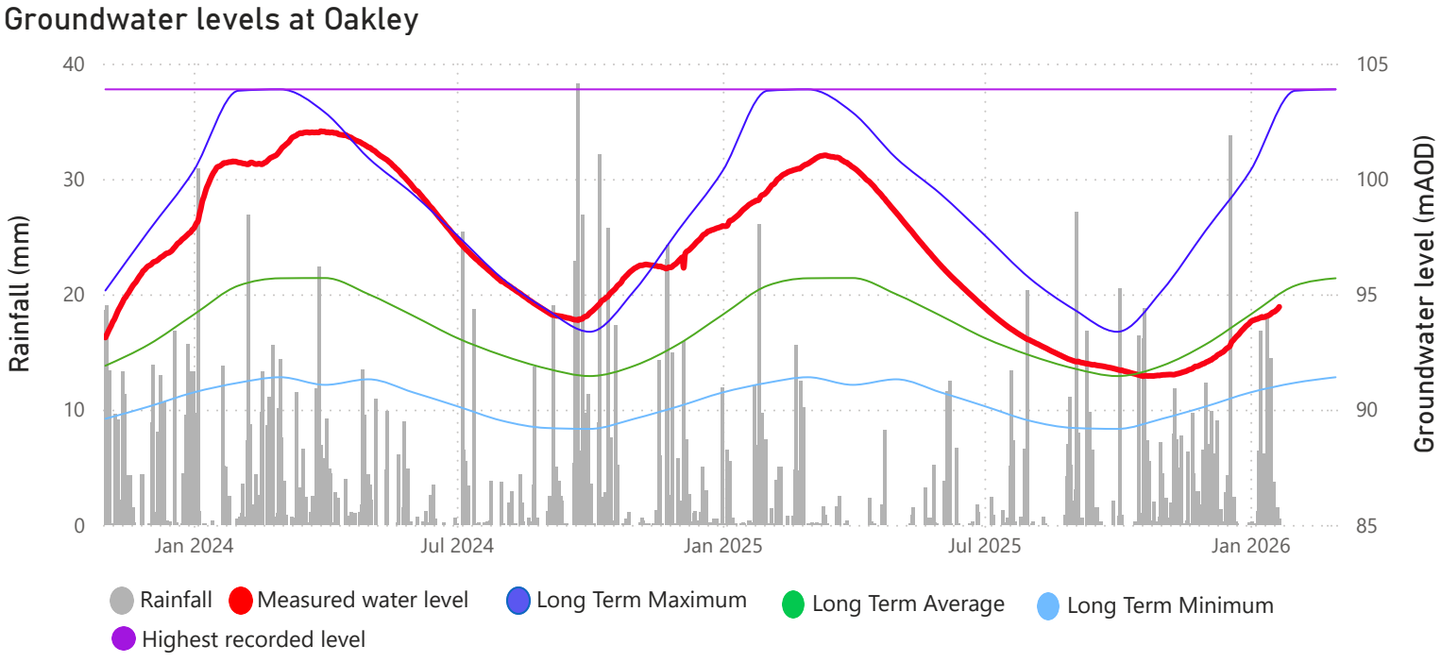
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts are not currently expected. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from mid March 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If very heavy and persistent rain occurs throughout the end of January and February, then groundwater springflows may impact land and the ability of septic tanks to operate properly.



Bourne Valley

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Vernham Dean** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Vernham Dean** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and May.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from late March 2026 and may last until early April 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early March 2026.

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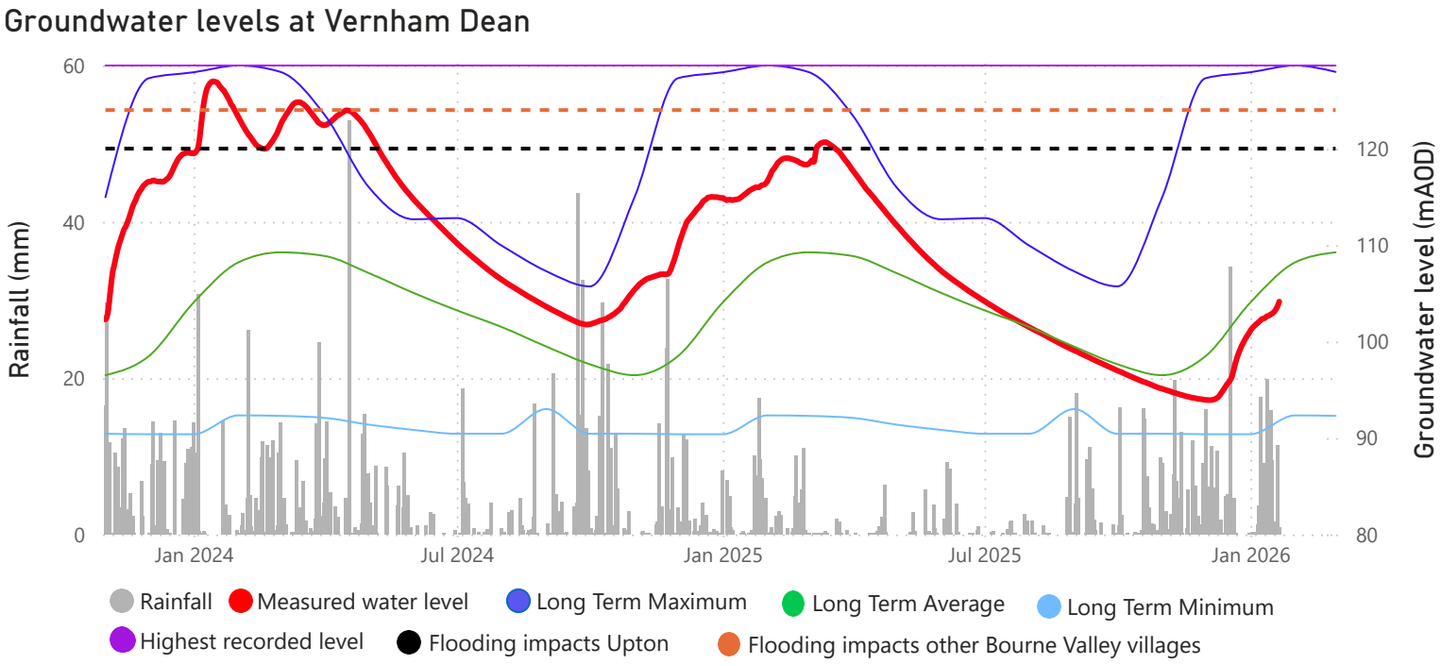
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs through the remainder of January and through February, then groundwater flooding to cellars in Upton may occur in March.



Villages surrounding Andover

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Clanville Gate** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Clanville Gate** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

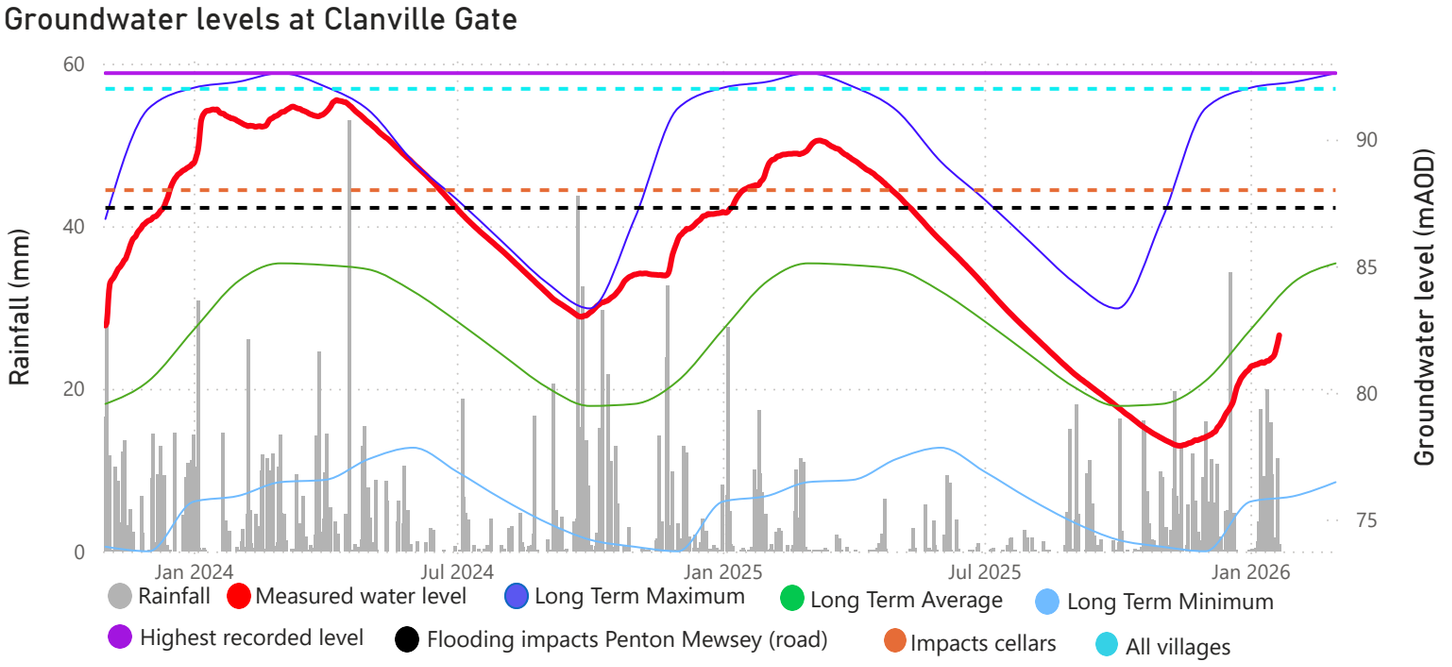
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from mid February 2026 and may last until early April 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs during the remainder of January and in February, then cellar flooding in Appleshaw, road flooding in Penton Grafton, as well as groundwater inundation of the sewage system in Penton Mewsey, may occur in early March.



Sutton Scotney and Chilbolton

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Upper Cranbourne** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Upper Cranbourne** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and May.

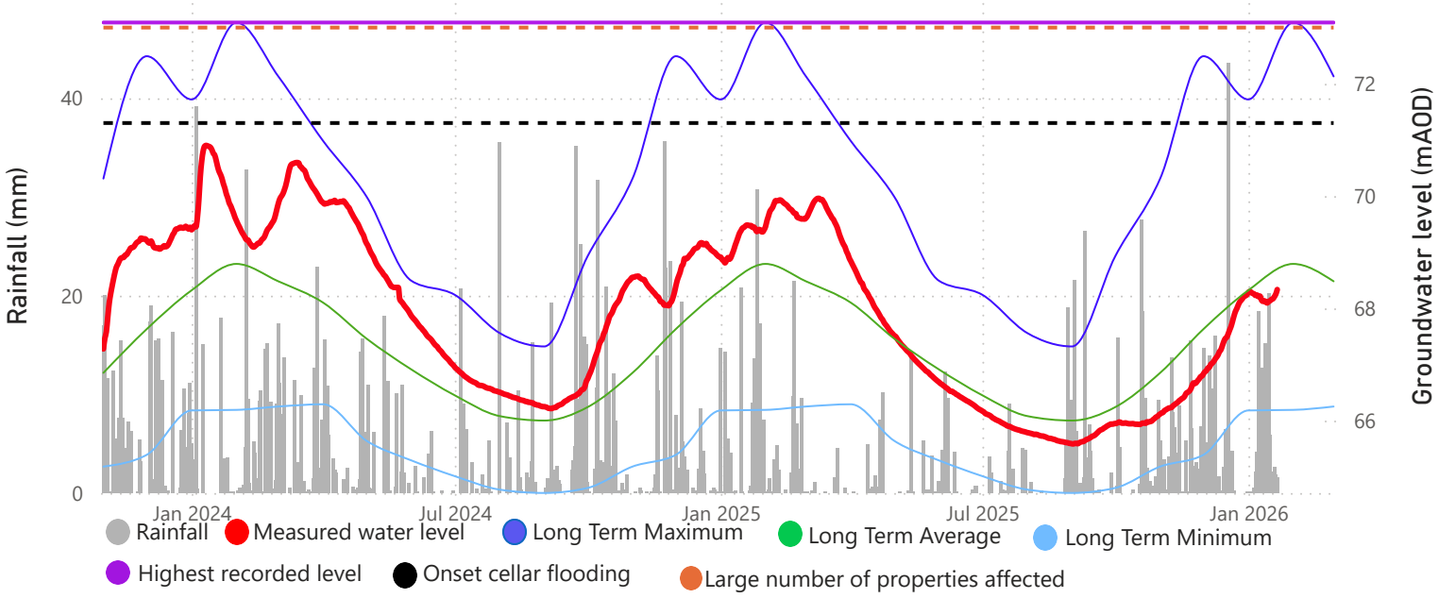
Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from late March 2026 and may last until early April 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early March 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs through the remainder of January and in February, then cellar flooding to properties along Oxford Road, Sutton Scotney may occur in March.

Groundwater levels at Upper Cranbourne



King's and Little Somborne

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **King's Somborne** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **King's Somborne** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

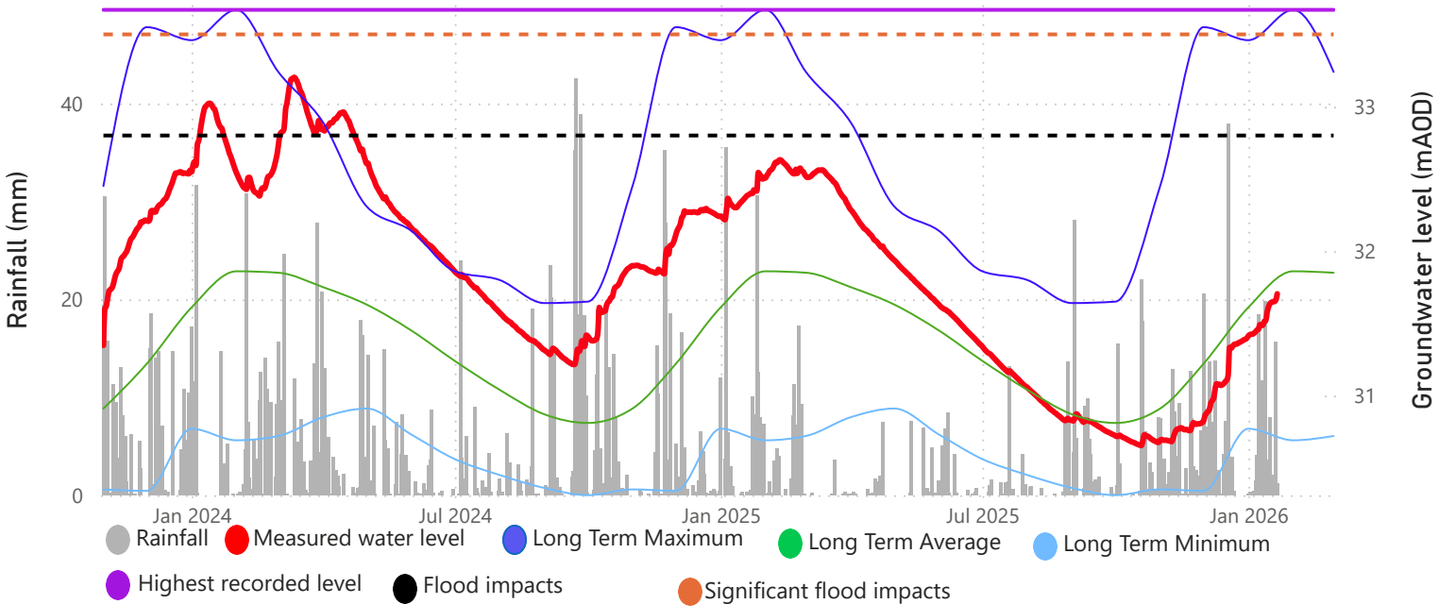
Groundwater flood impacts are not currently expected. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from late March 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent and heavy rainfall affects the area during the remainder of January, February and in March then properties in Kings Somborne could be affected by cellar flooding.

Groundwater levels at King's Somborne



Hursley

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Hursley** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Hursley** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

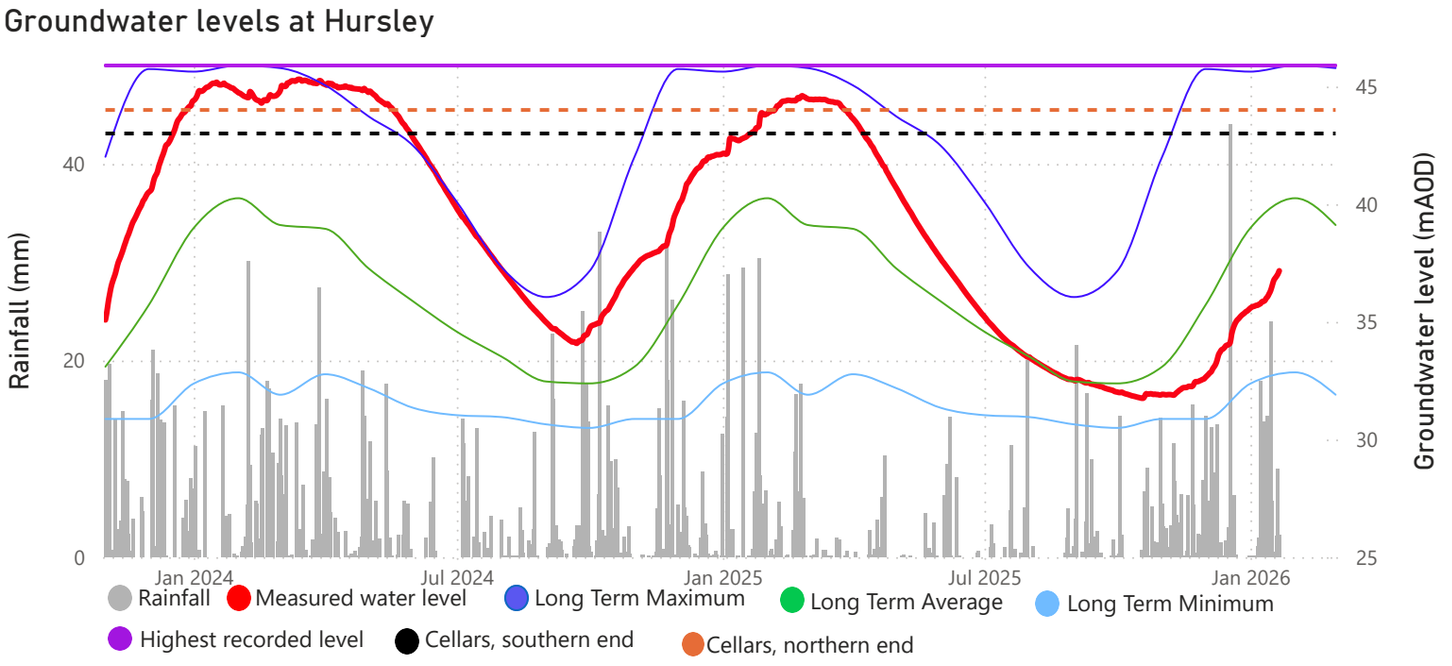
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and February.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early March 2026 and may last until early April 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from late February 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs during the remainder of January and in February, then cellar flooding may affect the south end of the village as well as the Dolphin Inn pub.



Pitton, West Tytherley, Broughton, Nether and Over Wallop

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Lopcombe Corner** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **West Tytherley** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:
Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Lopcombe Corner** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

and at **West Tytherley** will likely initially rise until mid February 2026.
The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

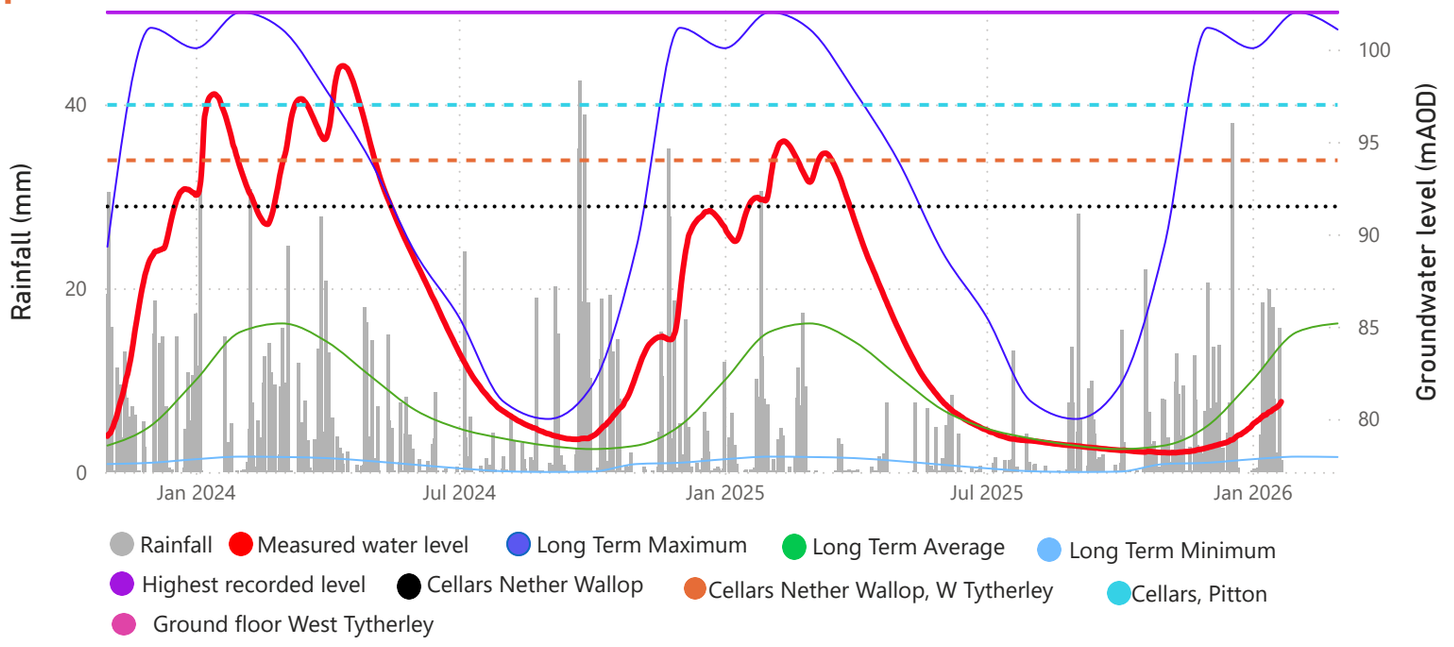
Groundwater flood impacts are not currently expected. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from mid March 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

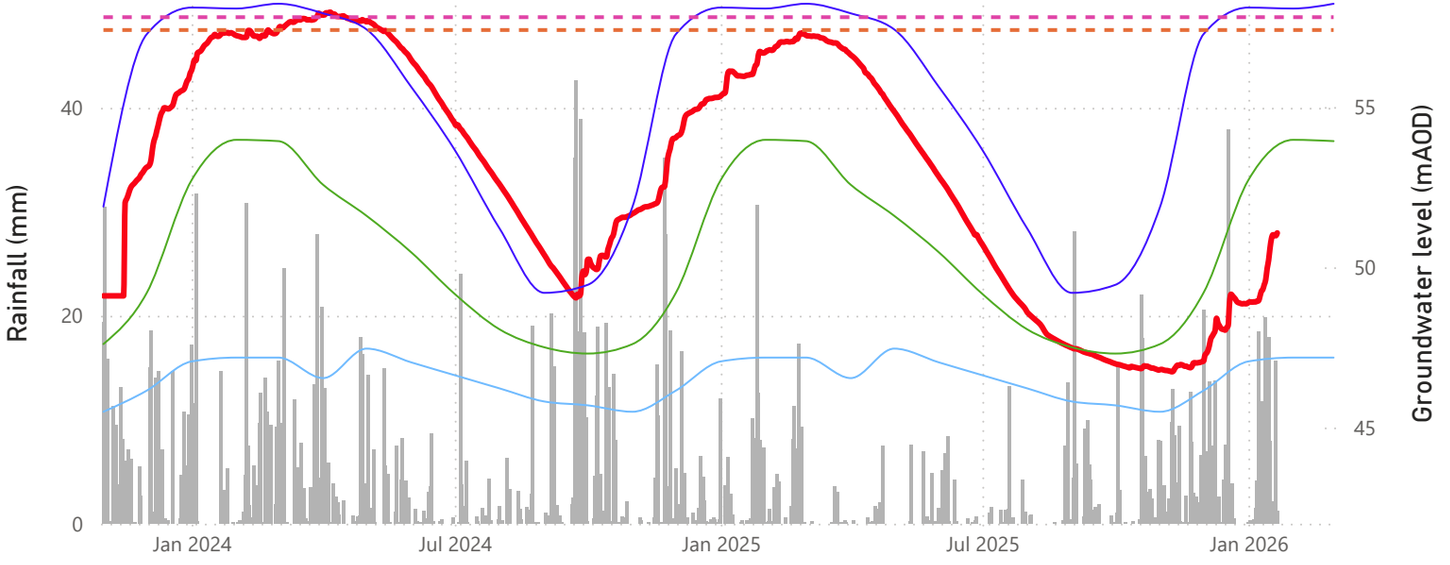
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent and heavy rain affects the area during the remainder of January, February and March, then cellar, land and road flooding could West Tytherley.
If persistent and heavy rain affects the area during the remainder of January, February and March, then cellar flooding could affect properties in Nether Wallop as well as garden and land flooding in Over Wallop and Broughton.

Groundwater levels at Lopcombe Corner



Groundwater levels at West Tytherley



Preston Candover and Old Alresford

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Preston Candover** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Lanham Lane** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast, groundwater at **Preston Candover** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

and at **Lanham Lane** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.
The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

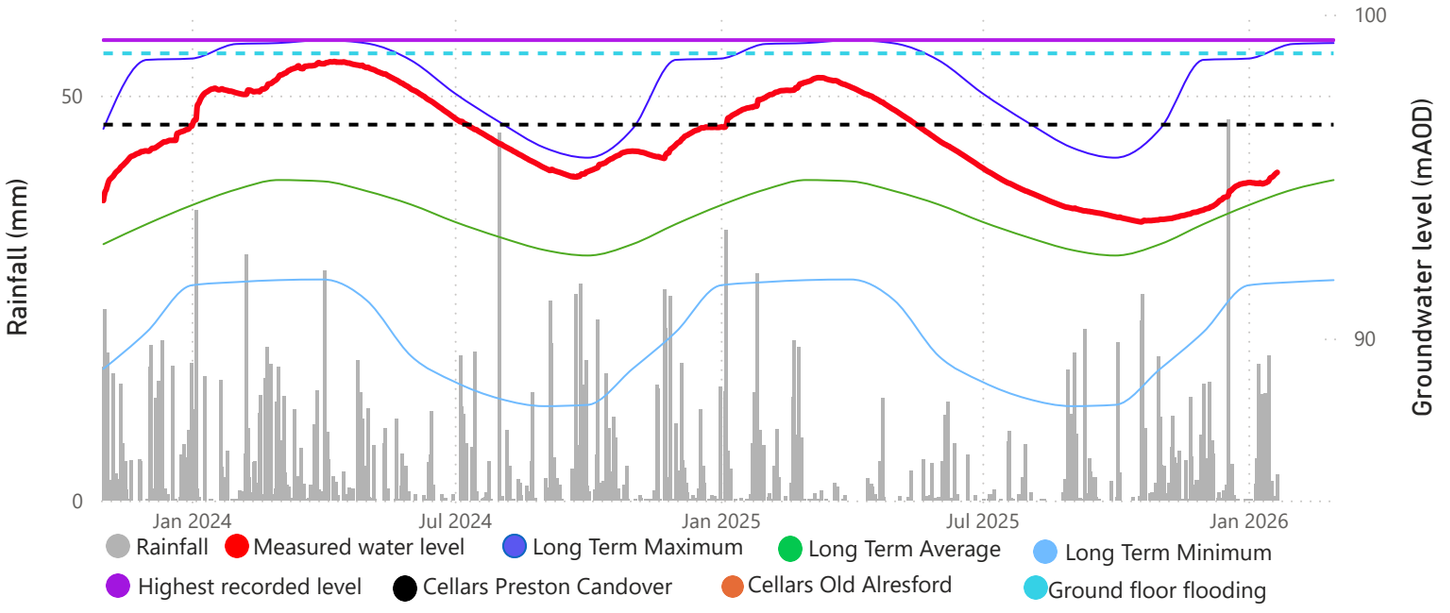
Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from late February 2026 and may last until late March 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from mid February 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

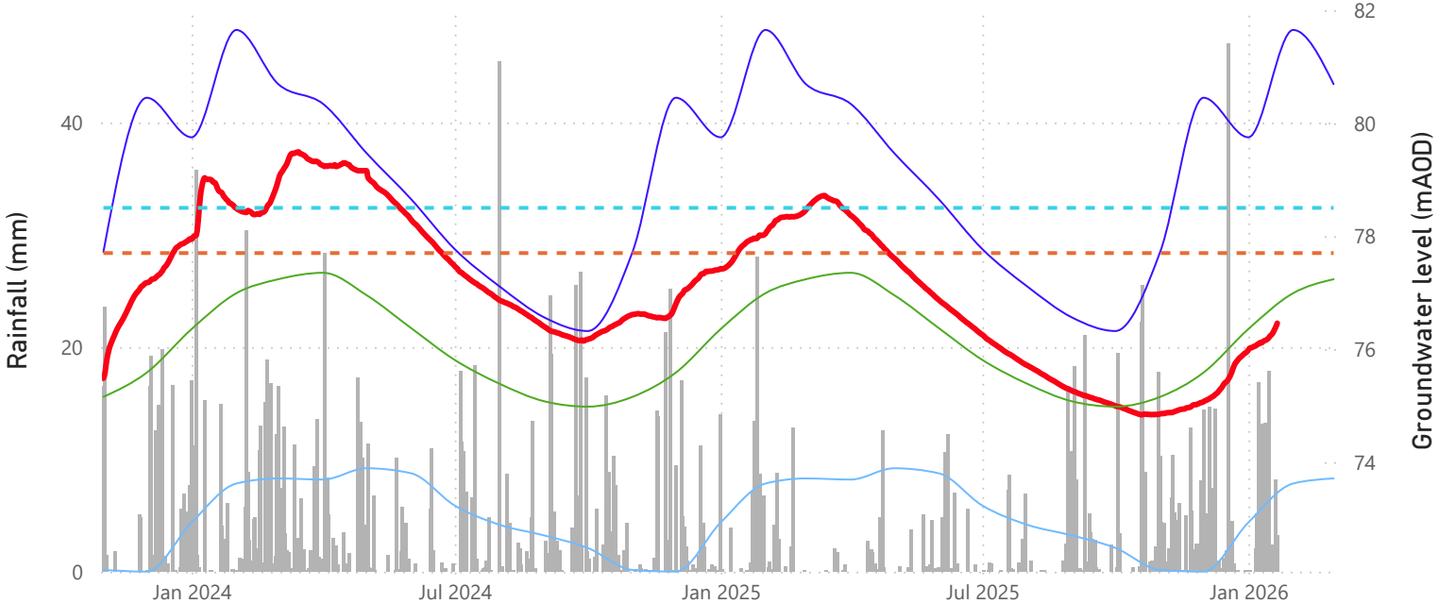
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs during the remainder of January and in February, then cellar flooding may affect properties in Old Alresford.
If persistent rainfall affects the area during the remainder of January and in February, then cellar flooding may affect properties in Preston Candover.

Groundwater levels at Preston Candover



Groundwater levels at Lanham Lane



Bishop's Sutton

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Bishop's Sutton** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Bishop's Sutton** will likely initially rise until late January 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

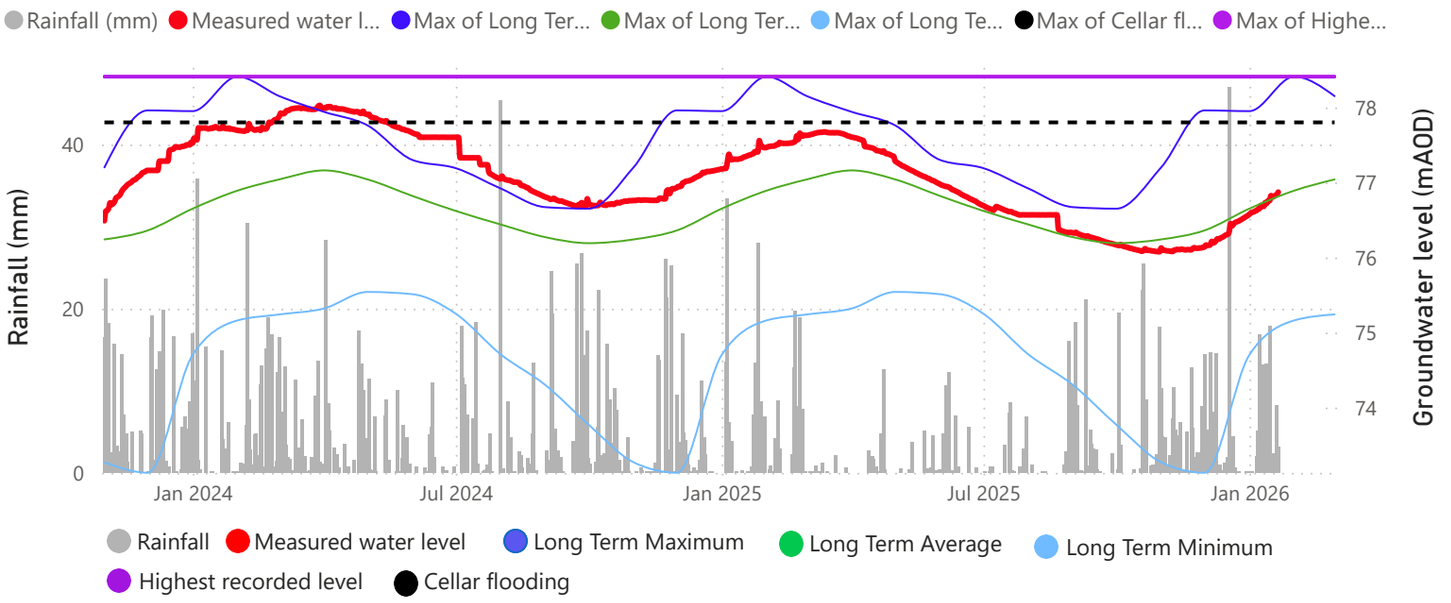
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early March 2026 and may last until early April 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from mid February 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall affects Bishops Sutton during the remainder of January and in February, cellar flooding could affect a small number of properties.



Littleton, Headbourne, King's, Martyr Worthy, Chilland, and Easton

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Harestock** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Harestock** will likely initially rise until late January 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and May.

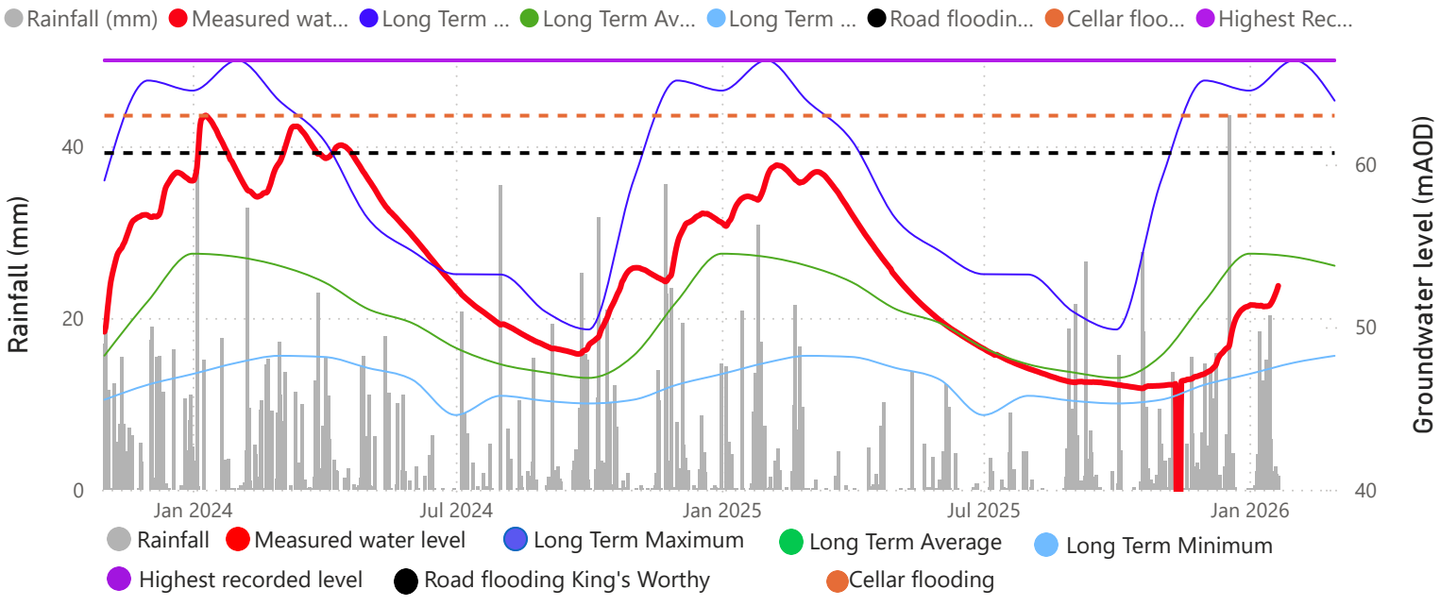
Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early March 2026 and may last until early April 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from mid February 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent and heavy rainfall affects the area during the remainder of January and in February, rising groundwater could affect Springvale Road, Kings Worthy, and some properties in Martyor Worthy, Chilland and Easton may experience cellar flooding.

Groundwater levels at Harestock



Bramdean and Cheriton

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **West Meon Hut** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **West Meon Hut** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

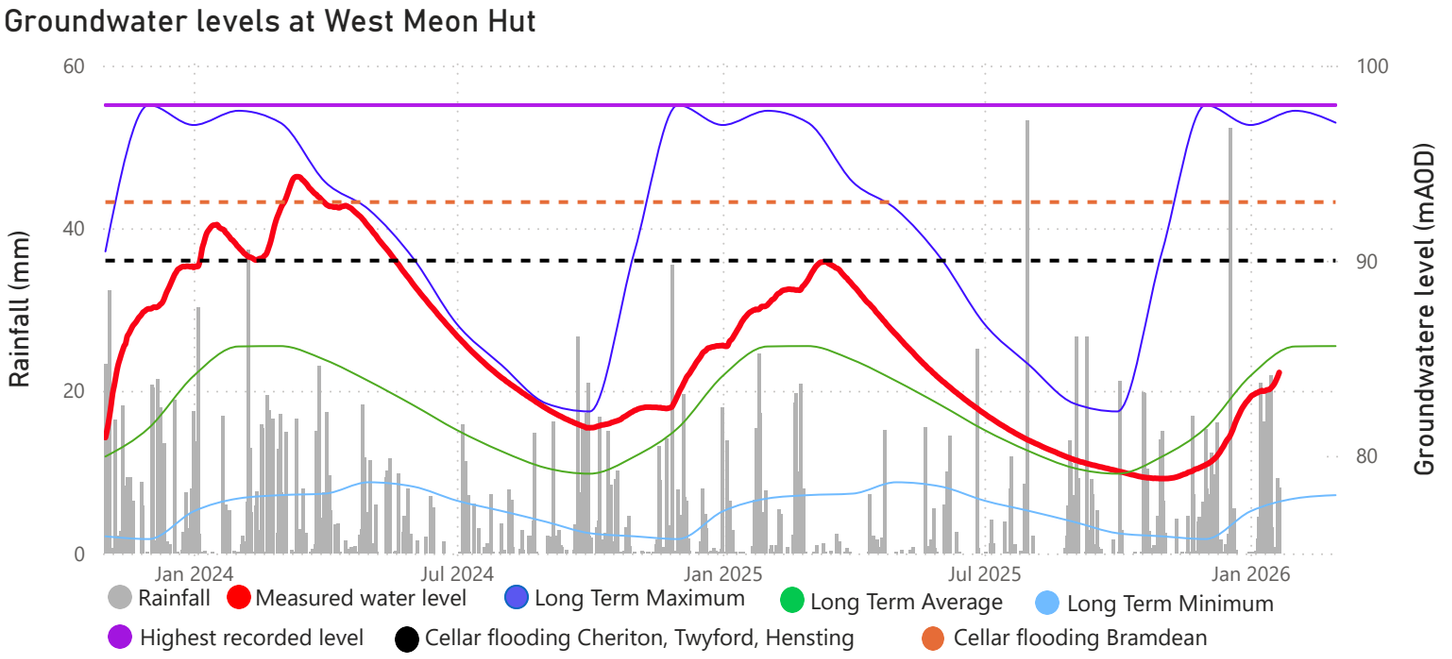
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and February.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from late February 2026 and may last until late March 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from mid February 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs during the remainder of January and in February, then cellar flooding may affect properties in Bramdean and Cheriton.



Twyford and Hensting

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **West Meon Hut** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **West Meon Hut** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

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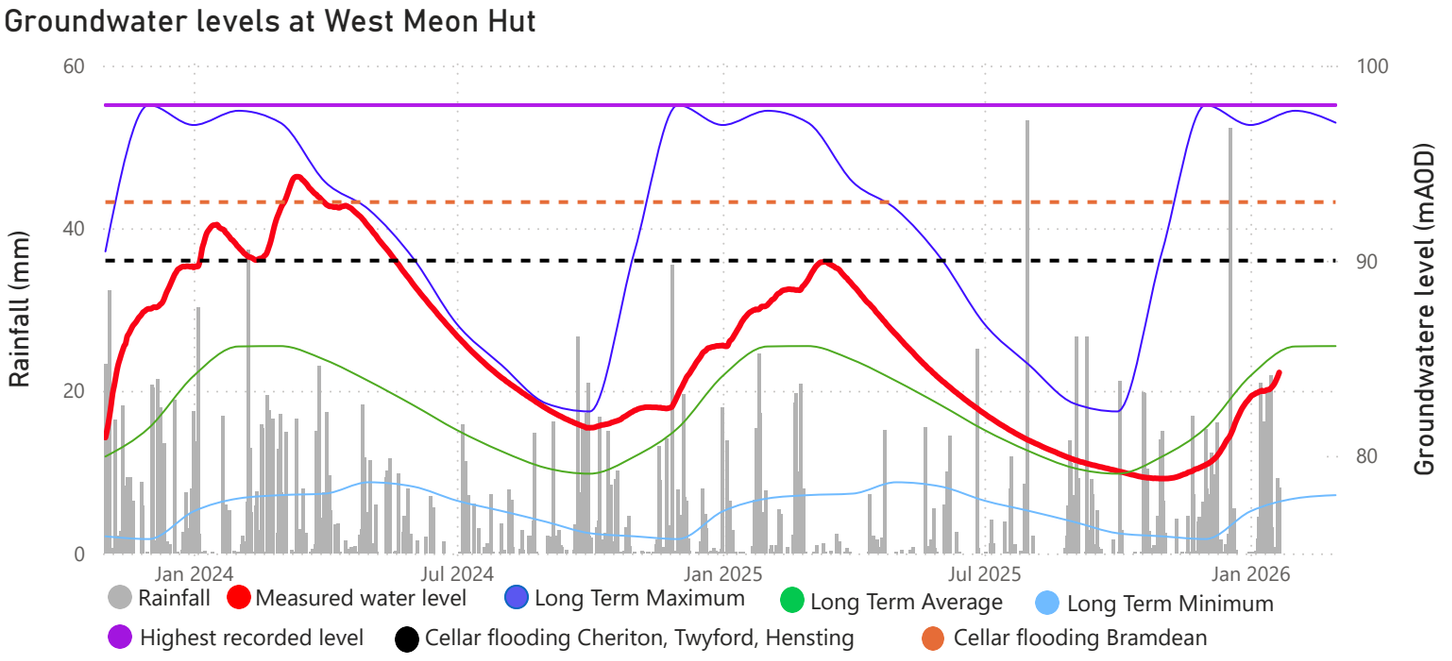

Meon Valley

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Pound Lane** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Pound Lane** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026 and may last until early April 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026.

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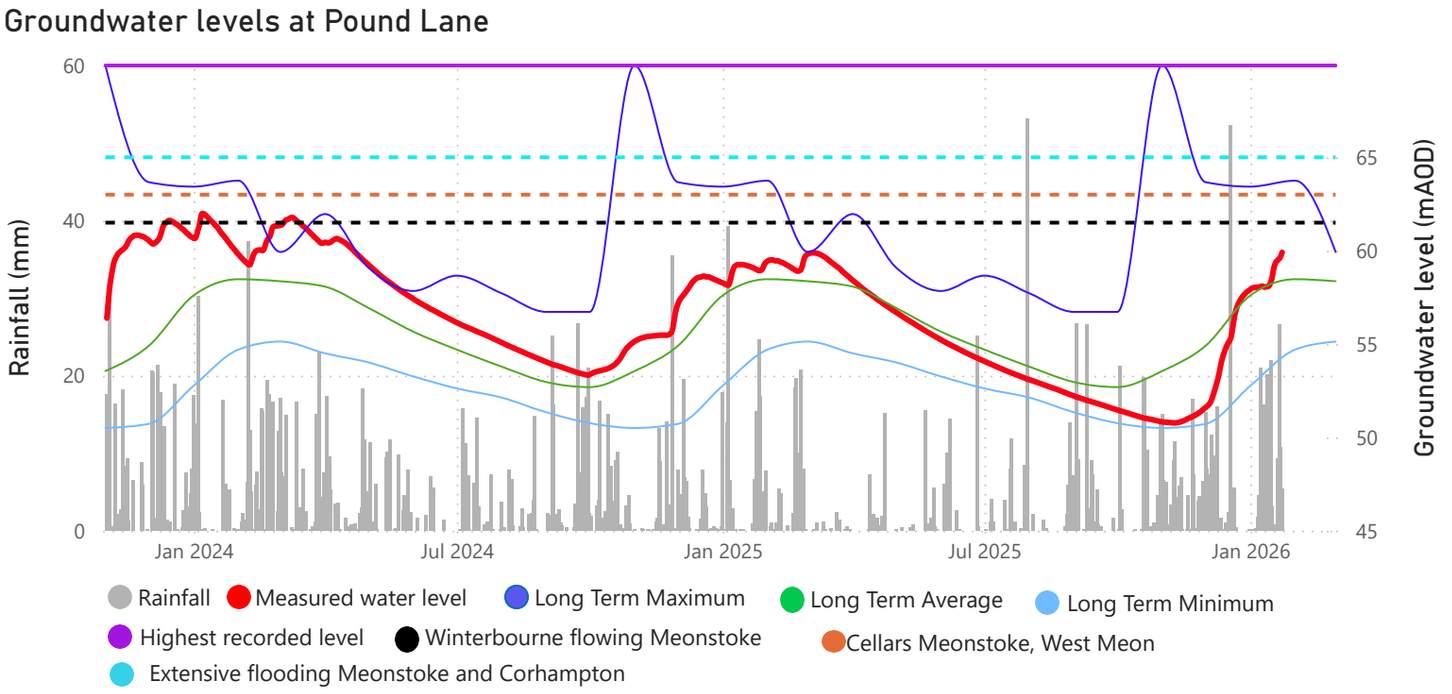
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs during the remainder of January, then water will begin to flow across Rectory Lane, Meonstoke.



Hambledon

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Whitedale Farm** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Whitedale Farm** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

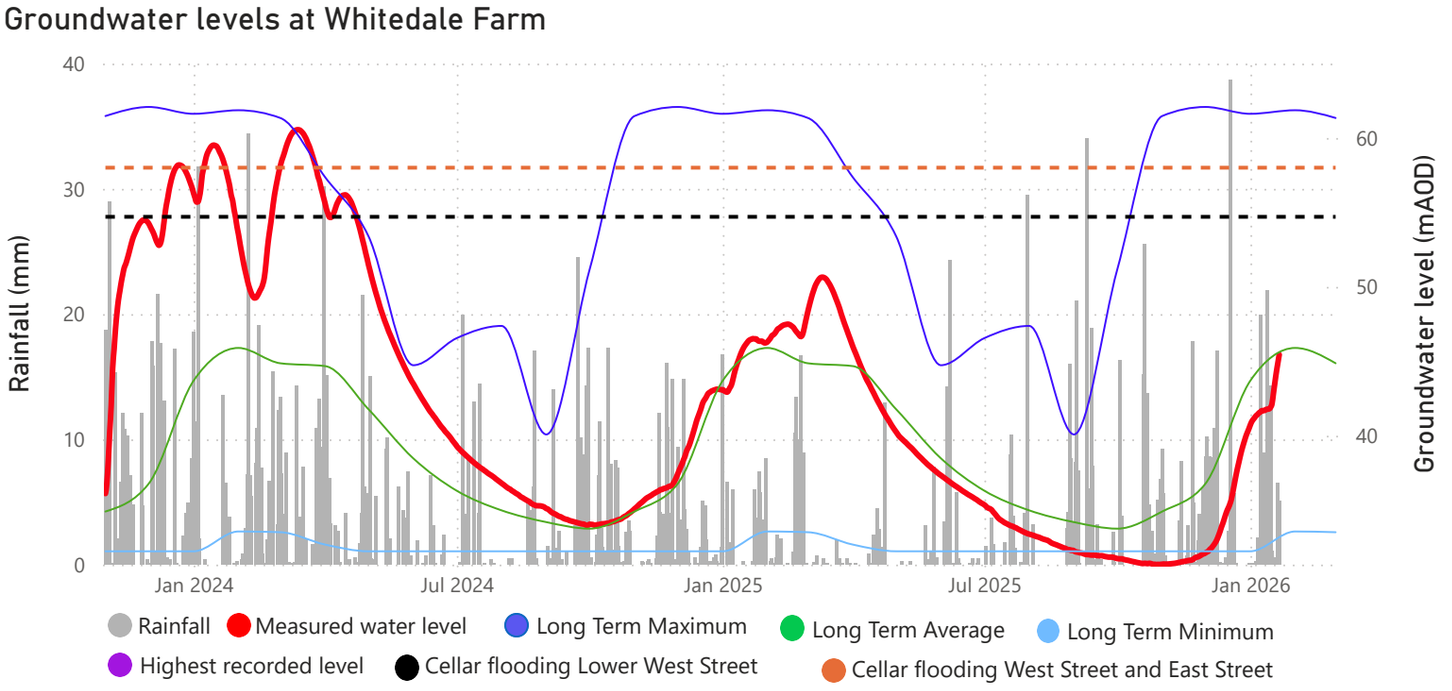
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026 and may last until early March 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from late January 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs during the remainder of January, then cellar flooding may affect a small number of properties in Lower West Street.



Denmead

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Rookwood Farm** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Rookwood Farm** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

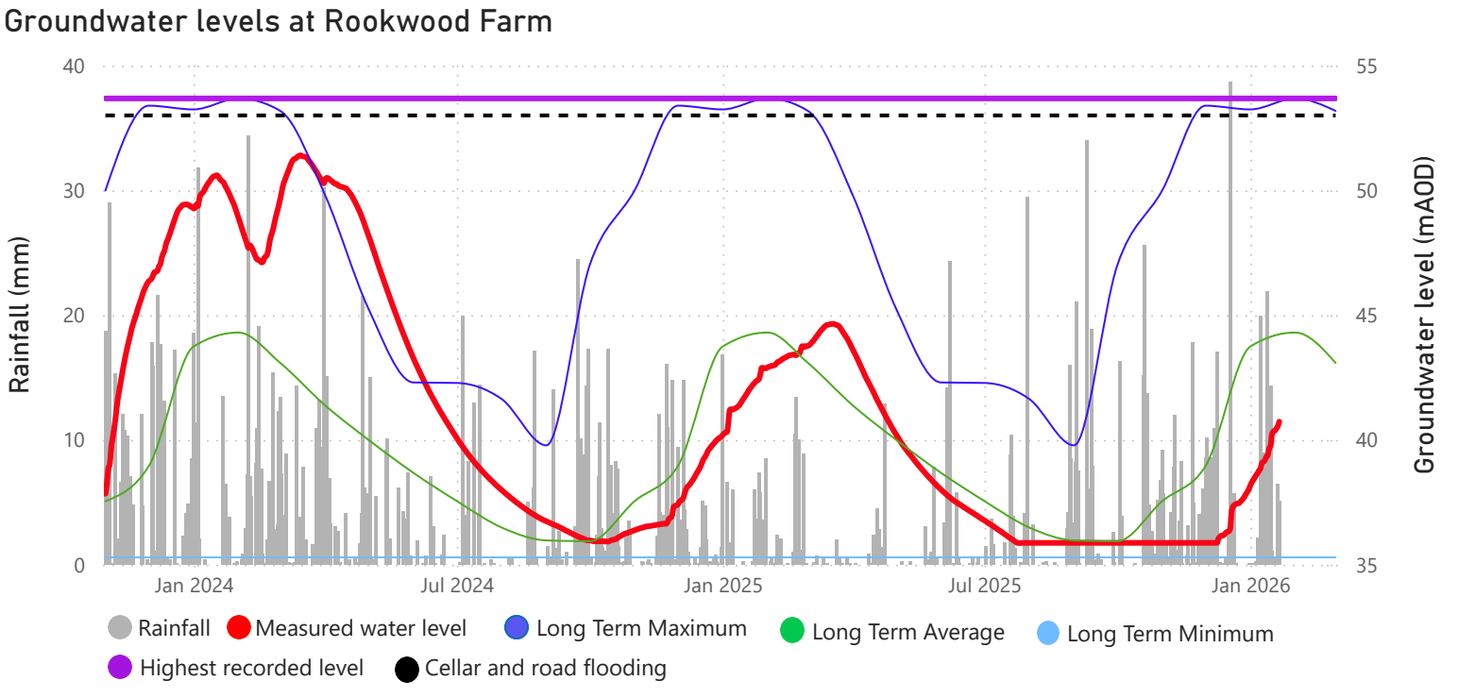
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and February.

Groundwater flood impacts are not currently expected. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from late March 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If very heavy and persistent rain affects Denmead during the remainder of January, February and March, then water may begin to flood Anmore Road.



Finchdean and Rowlands Castle

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.

Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Chalton** are:

Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Finchdean** are:

Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Chalton** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

and at **Finchdean** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.
The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

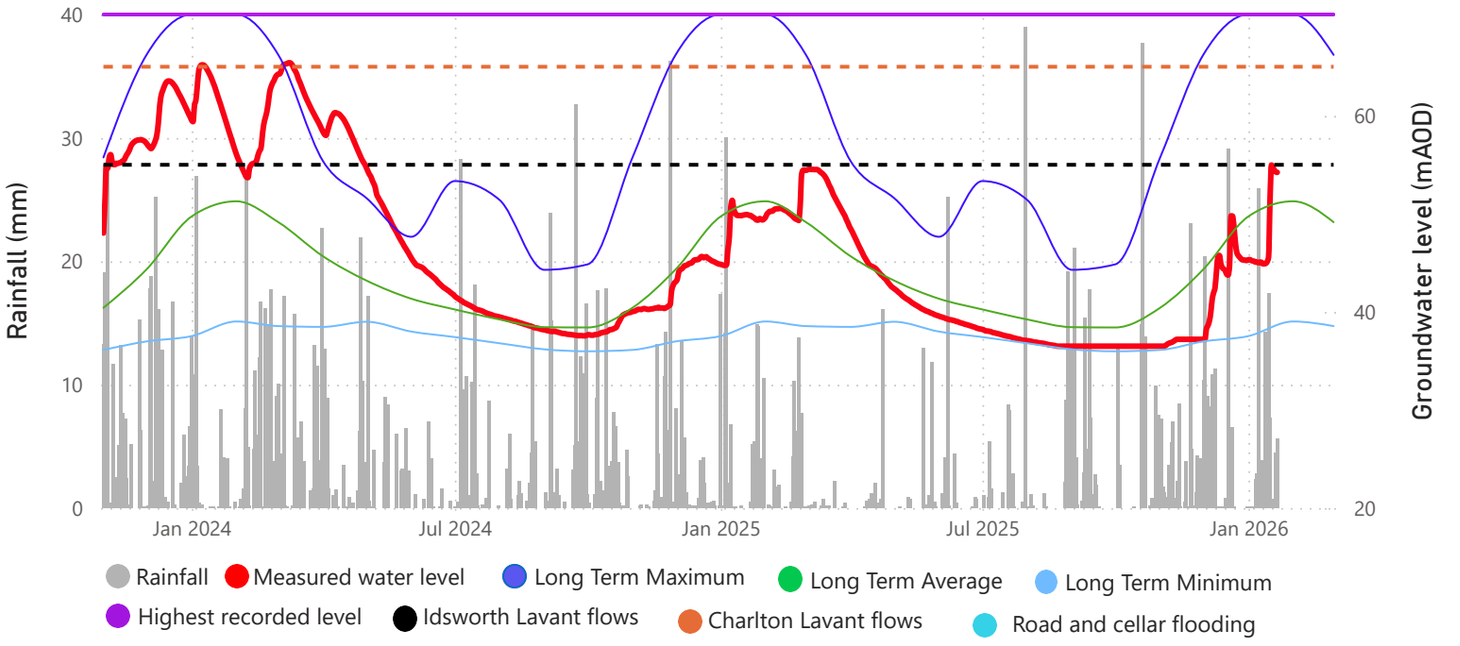
Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from mid February 2026 and may last until mid March 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026.

These estimates could change, particularly if rainfall significantly differs from average.

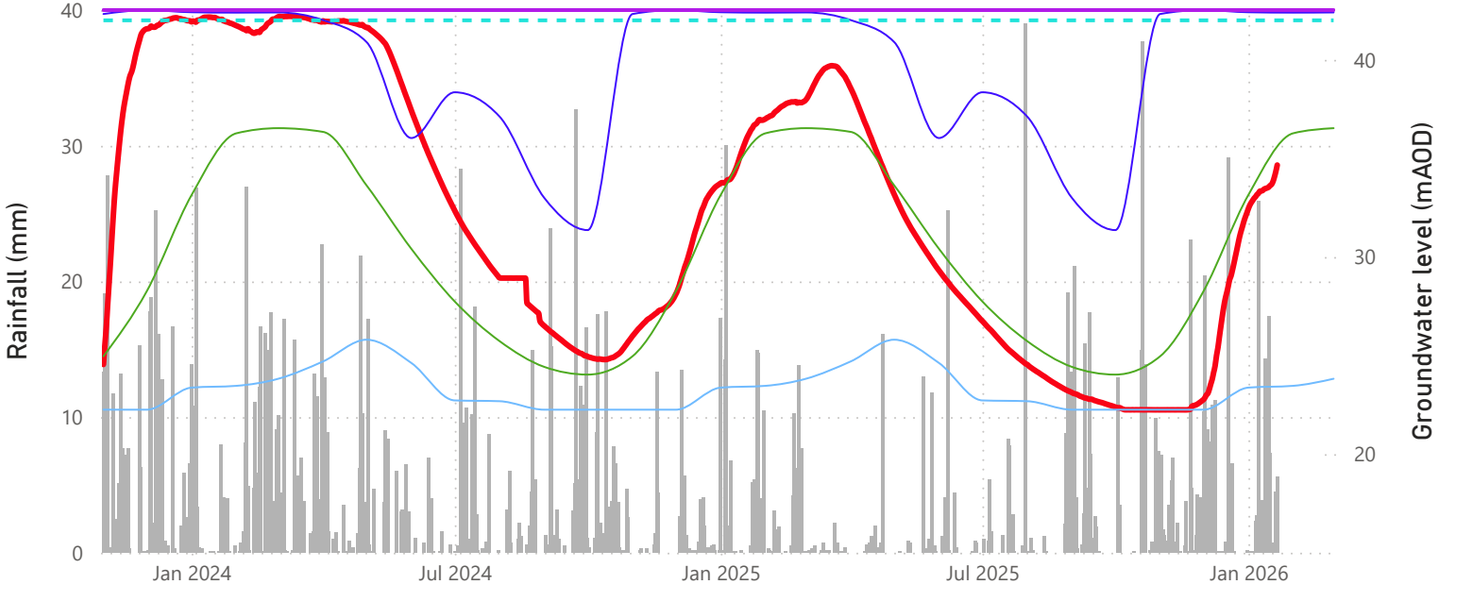
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs through the remainder of January 2026, minor flood impacts affecting fields, roads, gardens, and a small number of cellars could be possible.

Groundwater levels at Chalton



Groundwater levels at Finchdean



Rockbourne, Damerham, and Martin

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.

Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Woodyates** are:

Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast, groundwater at **Woodyates** will likely initially rise until early February 2026.

The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and February.

Groundwater flood impacts are not currently expected. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early January 2026.

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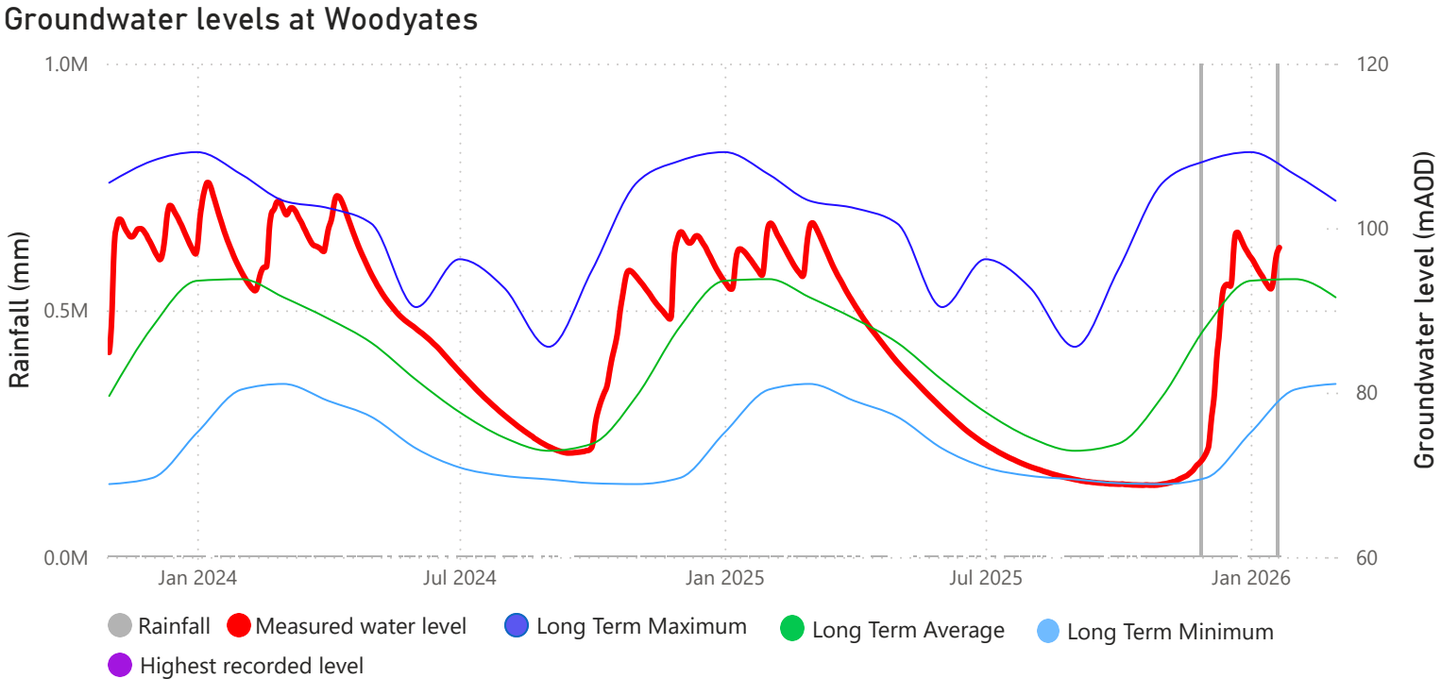

Shipton Bellinger

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Tilshead** are:
Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Not aware of flood impacts currently occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Tilshead** will likely initially rise until early March 2026.

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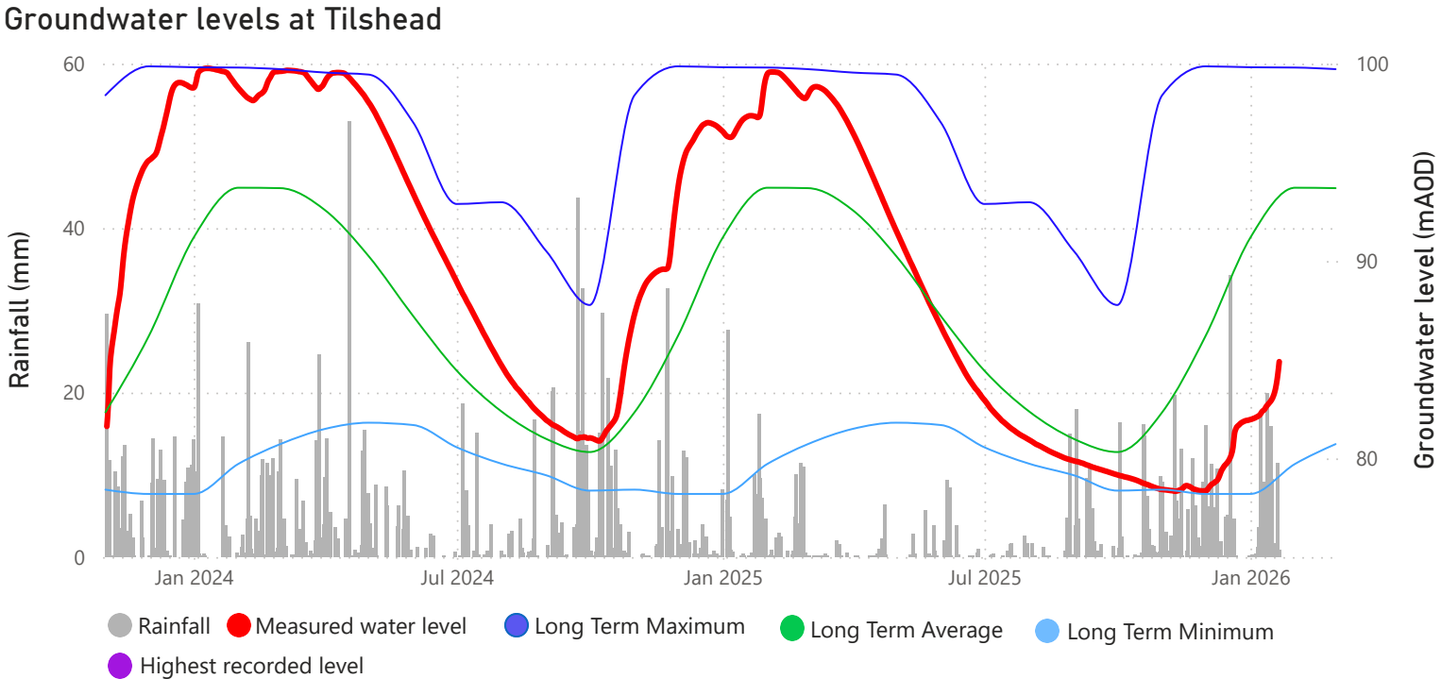

What we are doing

We will continue to monitor groundwater levels and their response to rainfall. We will be using our technical knowledge and experience alongside our flooding procedures to assess the risk of groundwater flooding.

We will update this Briefing Note when there is a risk of groundwater flood impacts, to provide the latest situation and forecast. We will issue Flood Alerts when flooding affecting properties is possible. When in force, groundwater Flood Alerts are updated with information more frequently.

Flood Alert service coverage

We offer a Groundwater Flood Alert service for the following areas:

- Basingstoke and Buckskin
- Sherbourne St John
- Alton
- Crondall
- Deane and Ashe in North Hampshire
- Vernham Dean and Bourne Valley
- Villages surrounding Andover
- King's Somborne and Little Somborne
- Pitton, West Tytherley, Broughton and Nether Wallop
- Sutton Scotney and Chilbolton
- Littleton, King's, Headbourne, Martyr Worthy, Chilland, Easton
- Bishop's Sutton
- The Candovers and Old Alresford
- Bramdean and Cheriton
- Hensting and Twyford
- Hursley
- Meon Valley
- Hambledon
- Finchdean and Rowlands Castle
- Denmead
- Damerham and Martin
- Rockbourne
- Shipton Bellinger

If you would like to receive our messages, please ensure you are registered to receive the information most relevant to you and that your contact details are up to date. If you wish to register or amend your registration then call Floodline on 0345 988 1188 (24 hour service) or go online at https://www.gov.uk/get-flood-warnings

If you are able, and would like to help, please do inform us how groundwater is affecting you. We would like to be able to use your experience to improve our service. Email richard.eastaff@environment-agency.gov.uk or use the contact details below.

Customer service line:
03708 506 506
www.gov.uk/prepare-for-flooding

Incident hotline:
0800 80 70 60

Floodline:
0345 988 1188

Actions and advice

Think and prepare now for what you'll do if flooding occurs where you live, don't wait until flooding happens. Prepare a flood plan to help you and your community decide what practical actions to take before and during a flood, which will help reduce the damage flooding could cause.

We have a leaflet offering practical advice to help you reduce the impact of flooding from groundwater. An accessible version is available on Gov.uk https://www.gov.uk/guidance/groundwater-flooding

Keep an eye on the latest rainfall and groundwater levels on our website.
We recommend opening this site in Google Chrome - some Microsoft internet browsers restrict access to Google Sites.
https://sites.google.com/view/groundwatergraphs

Some computers are preventing hyperlinks from taking you directly to our site.
Our site is secure, has a valid security certificate, and we do not ask for or take any information.

If our site does not open...
- You can type the address into your internet browser. Preferably Google Chrome, or Safari for Apple.
- Or you can click on the link above, and then click on the 'Groundwater Graphs - Google Sites; Groundwater levels in Hampshire and Sussex' page.
- Alternatively, search for 'Groundwater Graphs' on the internet. It is normally the first result.

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Next update

This groundwater briefing note will be updated by 18:00 on Friday 13 February 2026.

Further information

The latest Flood Alert information can be found on the GOV.UK website at:
https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/

You can view daily groundwater levels compared to average and maximum and indicative impact thresholds on our website here:
https://sites.google.com/view/groundwatergraphs
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You can view sub daily groundwater levels on the Gaugemap website at:
www.Gaugemap.co.uk
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We also publish a water situation report which can be found on the Gov.UK website at:
https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/water-situation-reports-for-england

We publish a shorter version of this groundwater briefing note on Gov.UK:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sussex-groundwater-situation

Contacts

If you would like any further information on groundwater levels please contact us by emailing:
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For any queries about our Flood Warning Service please contact Richard Eastaff on 02084 745935, or email richard.eastaff@environment-agency.gov.uk