Groundwater Briefing Note, Hampshire

Environment Agency

Current situation:

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Recorded rainfall

2026 has started off extremely wet. In January 2026, all rain gauges in Hampshire recorded between 150 and 220% of the monthly long-term average. In February, rain gauges in Hampshire have already recorded between 85 and 180% of the monthly long-term average.

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)
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	177.36	195.99	152.35	162.54	149.18
February 2026	67.76	76.24	87.30	53.57	64.93	100.01

Where:

Below average
Average
Above average

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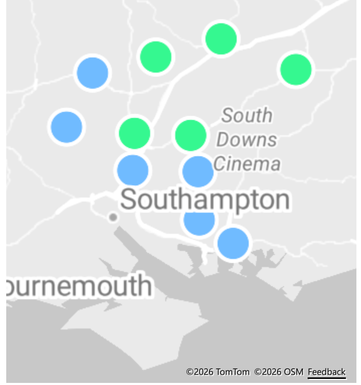

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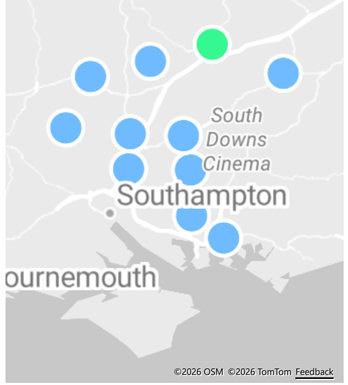

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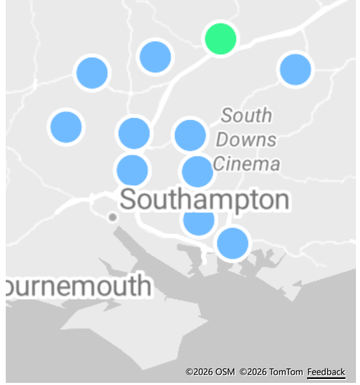

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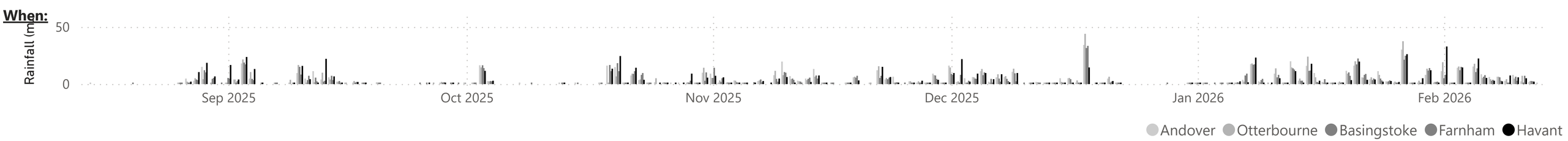
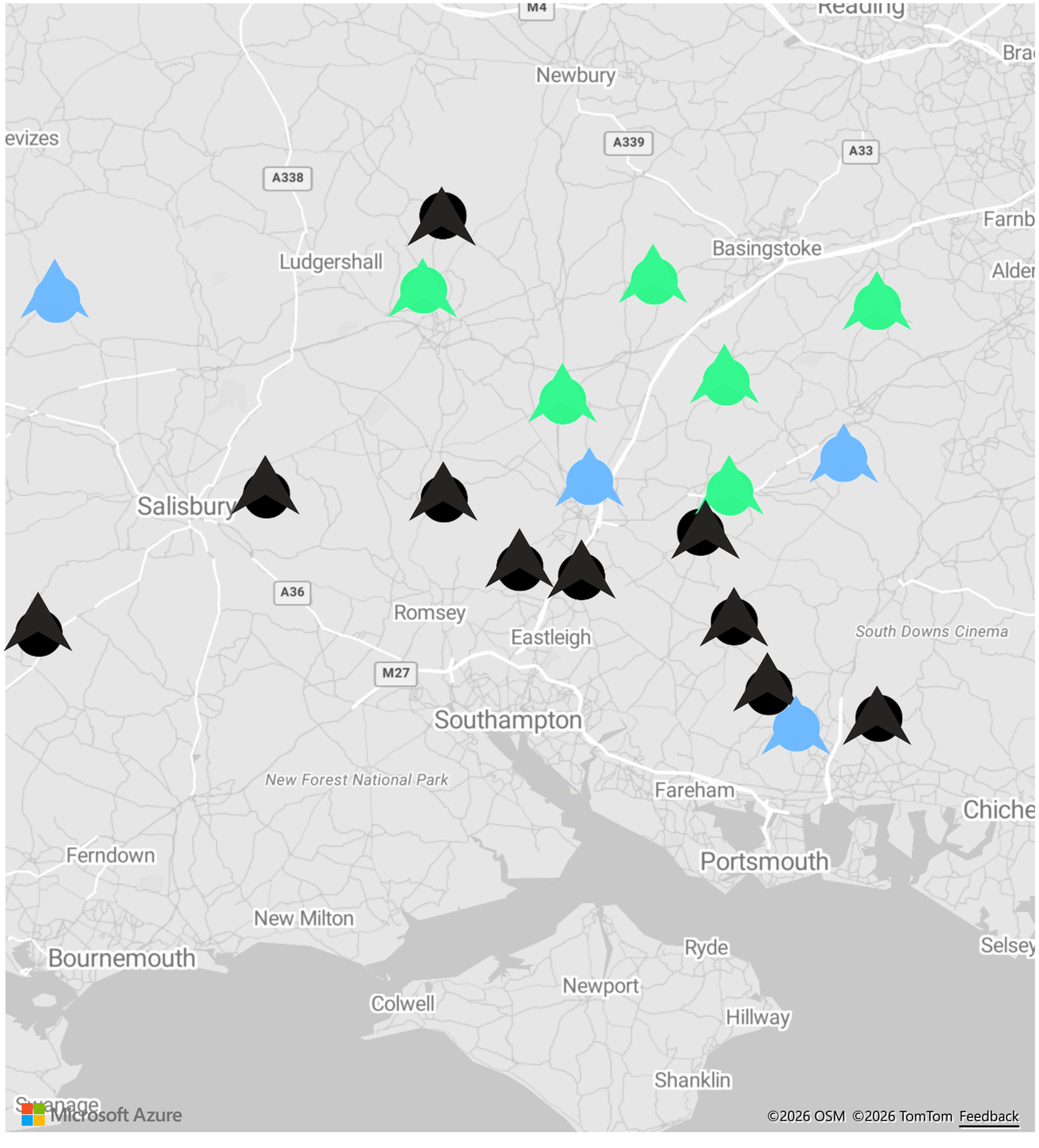


Groundwater status summary

Rising Steady Falling

Below average Average Above average Flood impacts

During January and February, groundwater levels across Hampshire have risen significantly quickly in response to the very wet weather. In all communities, groundwater levels are now well above average for the time of year. The exception being the far north of Hampshire, near Basingstoke. Groundwater is still rising. At almost all groundwater boreholes, levels are continuing to rise. However, in a couple of locations, levels have started to stabilise.



Current groundwater flood impacts

Groundwater flooding impacts are occuring in many susceptible communities across Hampshire.

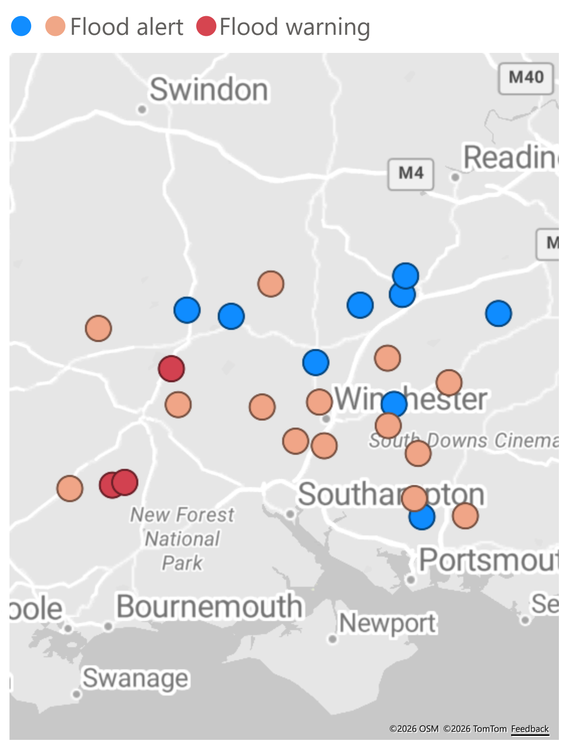
Groundwater is thought to be affecting cellar of properties in Upton, Nether Wallop, Pitton, Kings Somborne, Little Somborne, Hursley, Preston Candover, Old Alresford, Cheriton, Twyford, Hensting, Hambledon, Finchdean, Dean Lane End and Rowlands Castle.

Road, land and garden flooding is expected to be ongoing in many communities. Impacts to the sewerage system and septic tanks are expected across Hampshire.

Groundwater may soon affect cellars in Deane, villages along the Bourne Valley, villages surrounding Andover, West Tytherley, and Bramdean, and Bishops Sutton.

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 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 currently in force.		East Hampshire
Groundwater flooding in Hambledon	is currently in force.		Winchester
Groundwater flooding in Hursley	is currently in force.		Winchester
Groundwater flooding in Kings Somborne and Little Somborne	is currently in force.		Test Valley
Groundwater flooding in Littleton, Headbourne, Kings and Martyr Worthy, Easton and Chilland	is currently in force.		Winchester
Groundwater flooding in Pitton, West Tytherley, Nether Wallop and Broughton	is 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 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 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 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 currently in force.		New Forest
Groundwater flooding in the Cranborne Chase in West Hampshire - Rockbourne	is 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 currently in force.		Winchester, East Hampshire
Groundwater flooding in the Salisbury Plain area	is 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 currently in force.		Winchester
Groundwater flooding in Vernham Dean, Upton and the Bourne Valley	is 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:
14	3



Weather forecast

Days 1 to 5

Only small amounts of rain are forecast on Friday and Saturday. However, on Sunday 15 February 2026 another widespread area of rain is predicted. There remains uncertainty in locations and amounts, but the currently the forecast suggests 10 to 20mm of rain could occur on Sunday. A relatively small amount. Only isolated showers are forecast Monday and Tuesday 17 February 2026.

Days 6 to 10 to 14 to 30

More unsettled weather is predicted during the third week of February 2026, with showers or longer periods of rain possible. There is uncertainty in geographic location, the wettest communities could be in the south west of England. Longer term weather forecasting is very difficult, but the current suggestion is that mild and wet conditions will continue throughout the second half of February 2026, in the south of England. Unsettled weather could possibly continue through the first half of March 2026 too.

Forecast groundwater response and risk of flooding

Groundwater is expected to rise in most communities throughout February 2026, and in some communities through March 2026 too.

Groundwater flood impacts are probable in most communities that have previously experienced groundwater flooding.

Flooding impacts will include winterbourne streams flowing, water appearing in fields, gardens and roads, as well as water affecting cellars of small numbers of properties.

Hopefully, as we move closer to spring, less rain will occur less often. From March, groundwater risk tends to reduce. However, the exact groundwater response will depend on the amount, intensity and distribution of any rainfall that occurs. Given the very wet January and February we have had, groundwater impacts are probable through to April.

It is very difficult to accurately predict the weather weeks or months ahead, and the forecast might change.

If only a small amount of rain occurs in Hampshire during the second half of February, then groundwater flood impacts should remain minor, and may begin to ease in some communities in south, west, and east Hampshire by mid March 2026.

If persistent rain continues, or there is a significant rainfall event in the next few weeks, flood impacts could increase and continue for longer, and may extend to all groundwater risk communities.

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						Probable	Probable	Possible	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in Bramdean and Cheriton	Winchester						Probable	Probable	Possible	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in Deane and Ashe in North Hampshire	Basingstoke and Deane						Probable	Probable	Probable	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in Denmead	Winchester						Possible	Probable	Possible	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in Finchdean, Dean Lane End and Rowlands Castle	East Hampshire						Probable	Probable	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Hambledon	Winchester					Probable	Probable	Probable	Possible	Possible if v wet			
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Groundwater flooding in Kings Somborne and Little Somborne	Test Valley						Probable	Probable	Possible	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in Littleton, Headbourne, Kings and Martyr Worthy, Easton and Chilland	Winchester						Probable	Probable	Possible	Possible if v wet			
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Groundwater flooding in Sutton Scotney and Chilbolton	Winchester, Test Valley						Probable	Probable	Possible	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in the Alton area	East Hampshire												
Groundwater flooding in the Basingstoke and Buckskin areas	Basingstoke and Deane												
Groundwater flooding in the Candovers and Old Alresford	Basingstoke and Deane, Winchester						Probable	Probable	Possible	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in the Cranborne Chase area	New Forest												
Groundwater flooding in the Crondall area	Hart												
Groundwater flooding in the Meon Valley from East Meon to Soberton	East Hampshire, Winchester					Proable	Probable	Probable	Possible	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in the Salisbury Plain area	Test Valley							Probable					
Groundwater flooding in the Sherborne St John area	Basingstoke and Deane												
Groundwater flooding in Twyford and Hensting	Winchester						Probable	Probable	Possible	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in Vernham Dean, Upton and the Bourne Valley	Test Valley, Basingstoke and Deane						Probable	Probable	Possible	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in villages surrounding Andover	Test Valley						Probable	Probable	Possible	Possible if v wet			

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:

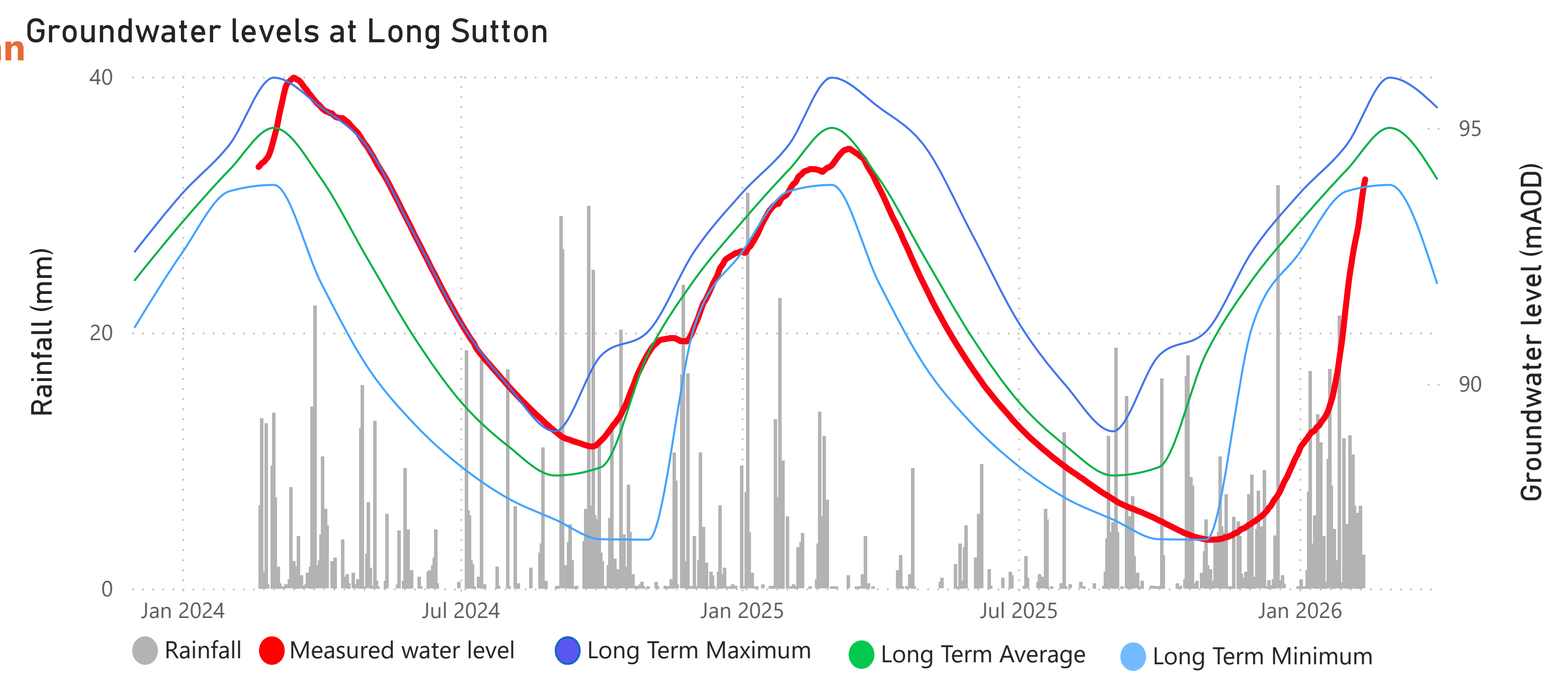
A Flood Alert is not currently in force.

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

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 **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
between October and March.

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

Alton

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Farringdon** are:
Above 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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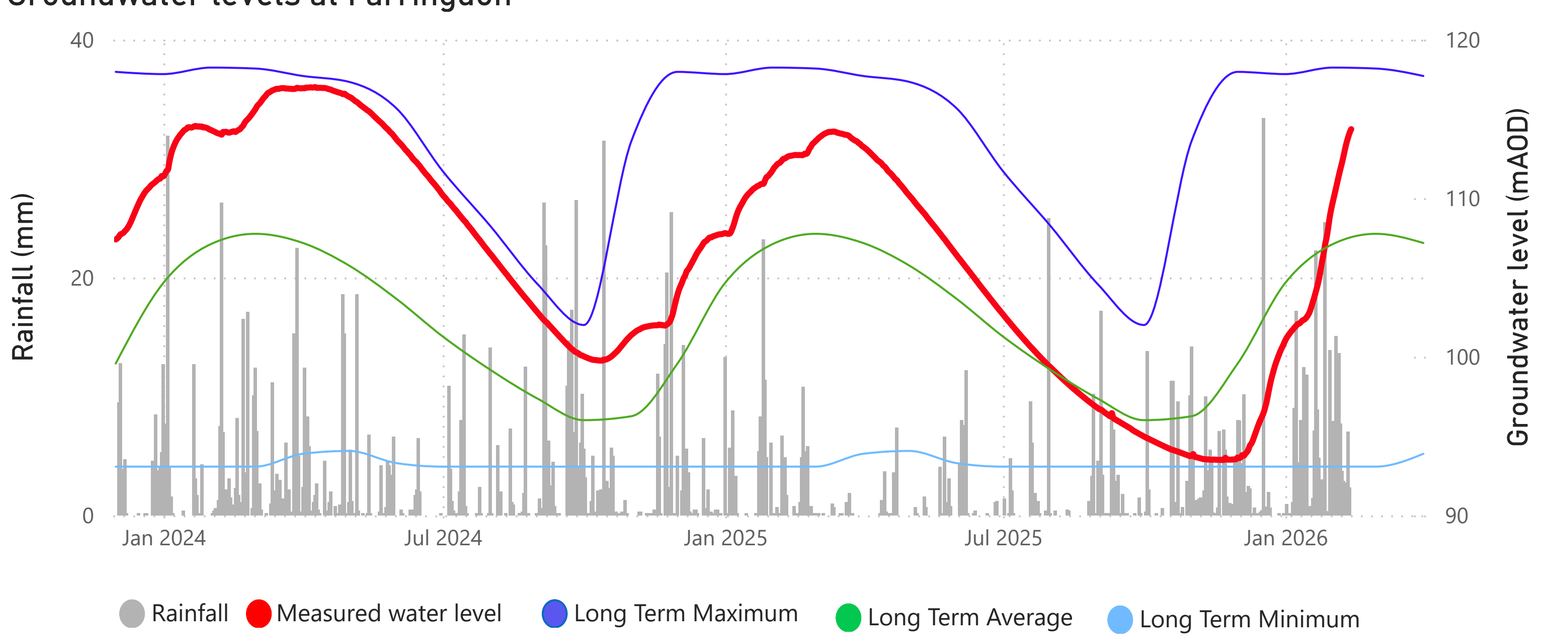


Deane and Ashe, North Hampshire

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 mid March 2026.

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

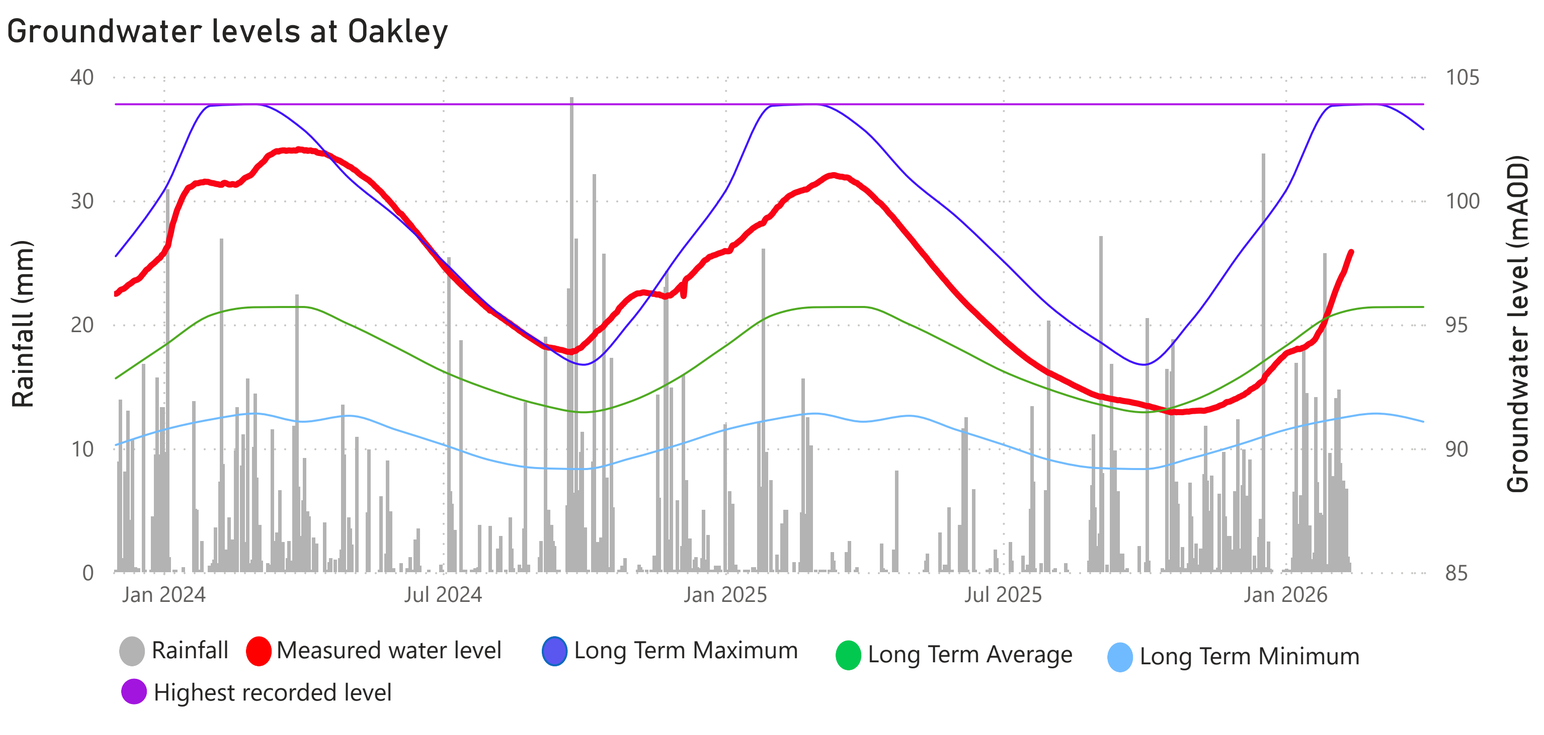
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from mid February 2026 and may last until mid April 2026.

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rain occurs throughout the second half of 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 currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Vernham Dean** are:
Above average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, including cellar flooding in Upton and the inability of septic tanks to operate.

Prediction:

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

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

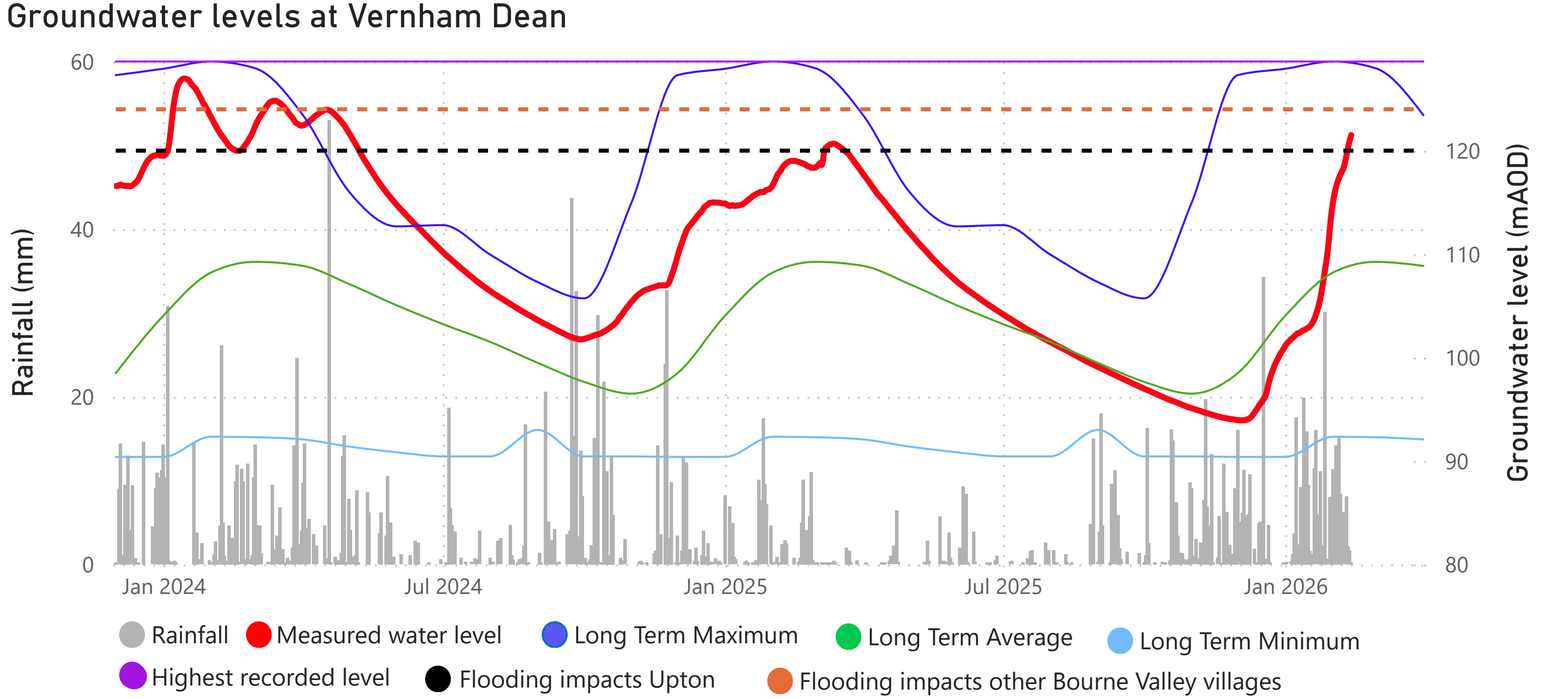
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise between October and May.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from mid February 2026 and may last until early April 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 February, then further impacts to properties in Vernham Dean, Stoke, St Mary Bourne and Hurstbourne Tarrant could occur.



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, but water expected to appear on roads in Penton Mewsey soon.

Prediction:

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

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

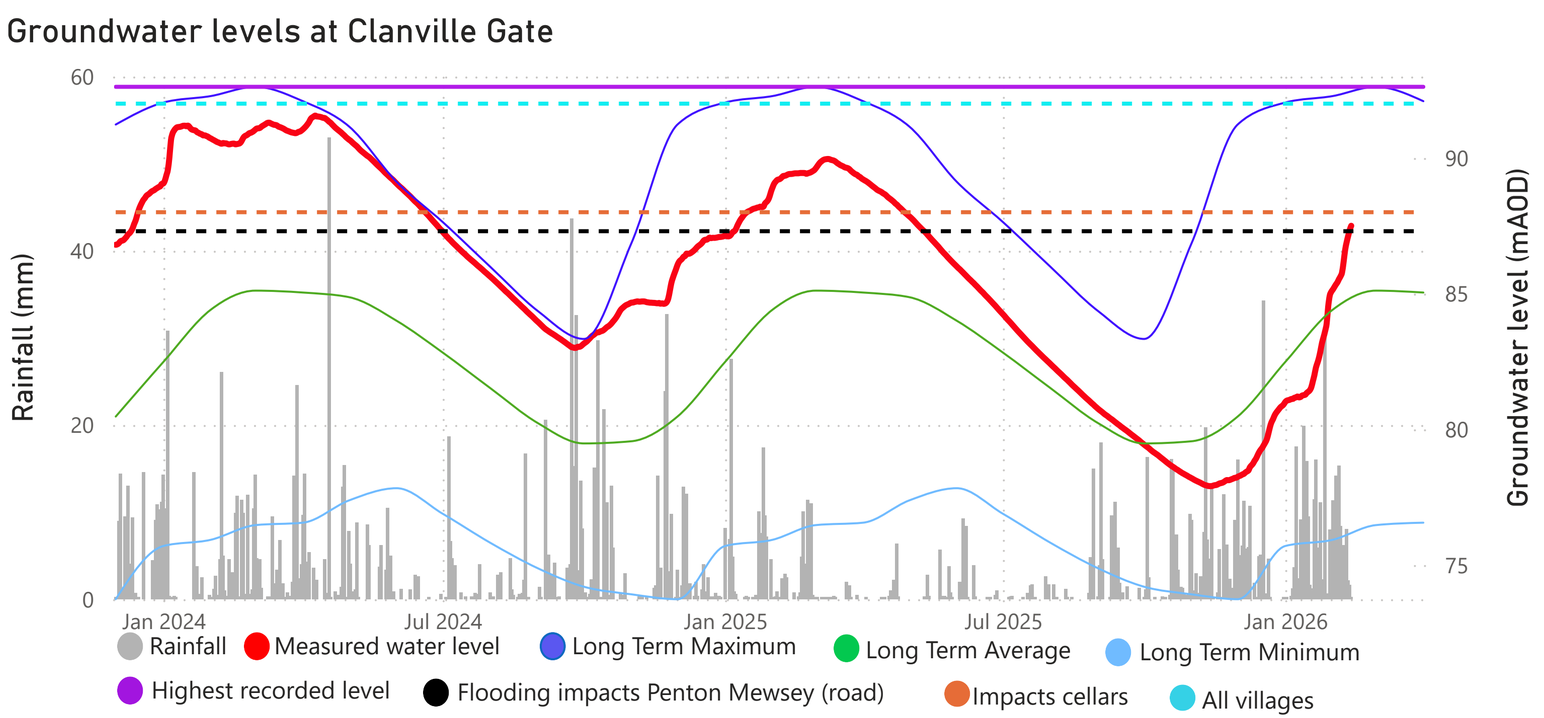
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from mid February 2026 and may last until early April 2026.

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rain falls in the second half of February, then cellar flooding impacts could occur in Appleshaw, the Pentons, and Hatherden, as well as road flooding in Kimpton and Thruxton.



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 late February 2026.

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

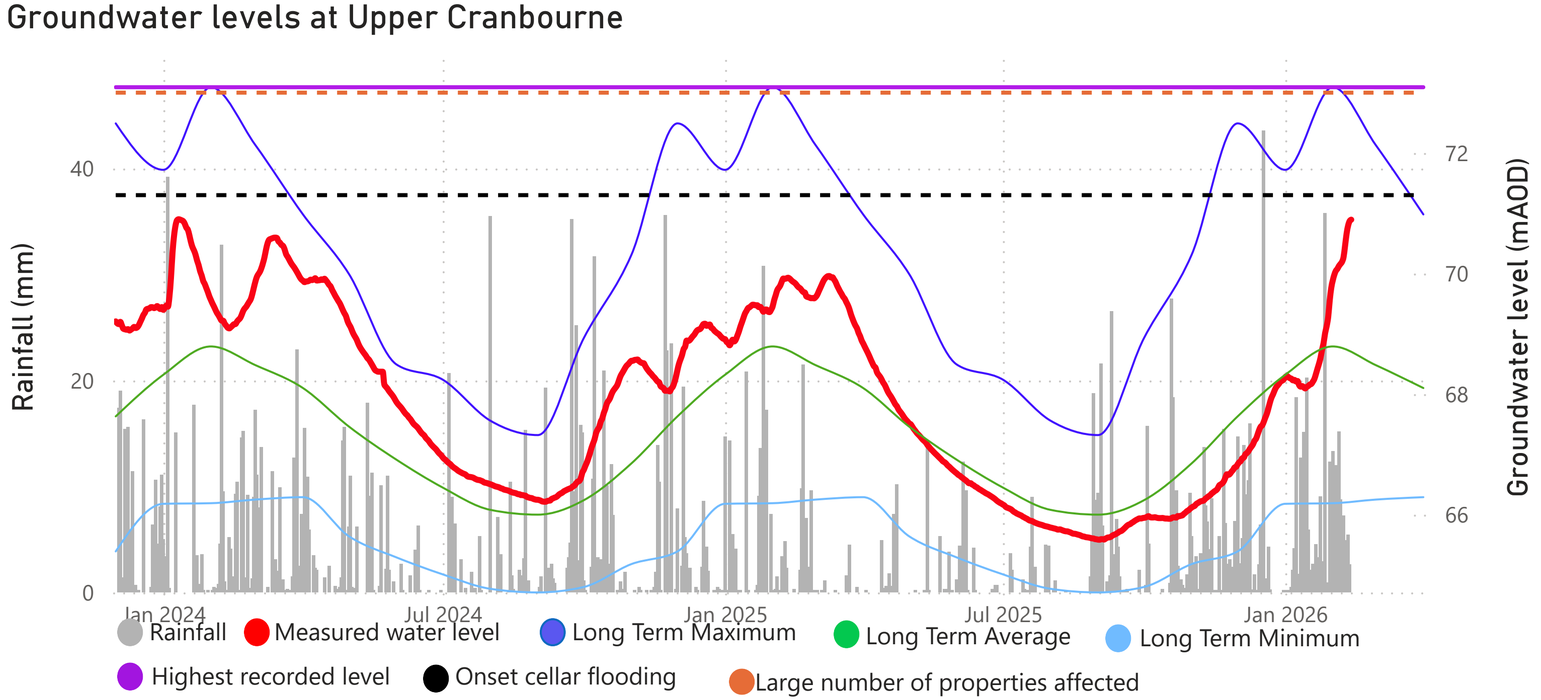
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise between October and May.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from mid February 2026 and may last until early April 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 February, then cellar flooding to properties along Oxford Road, Sutton Scotney may occur.



King's and Little Somborne

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **King's Somborne** are:
Above average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with water in a small number of cellars in King's Somborne and Little Somborne.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **King's Somborne** 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 between October and March.
Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026 and may last until early April 2026.

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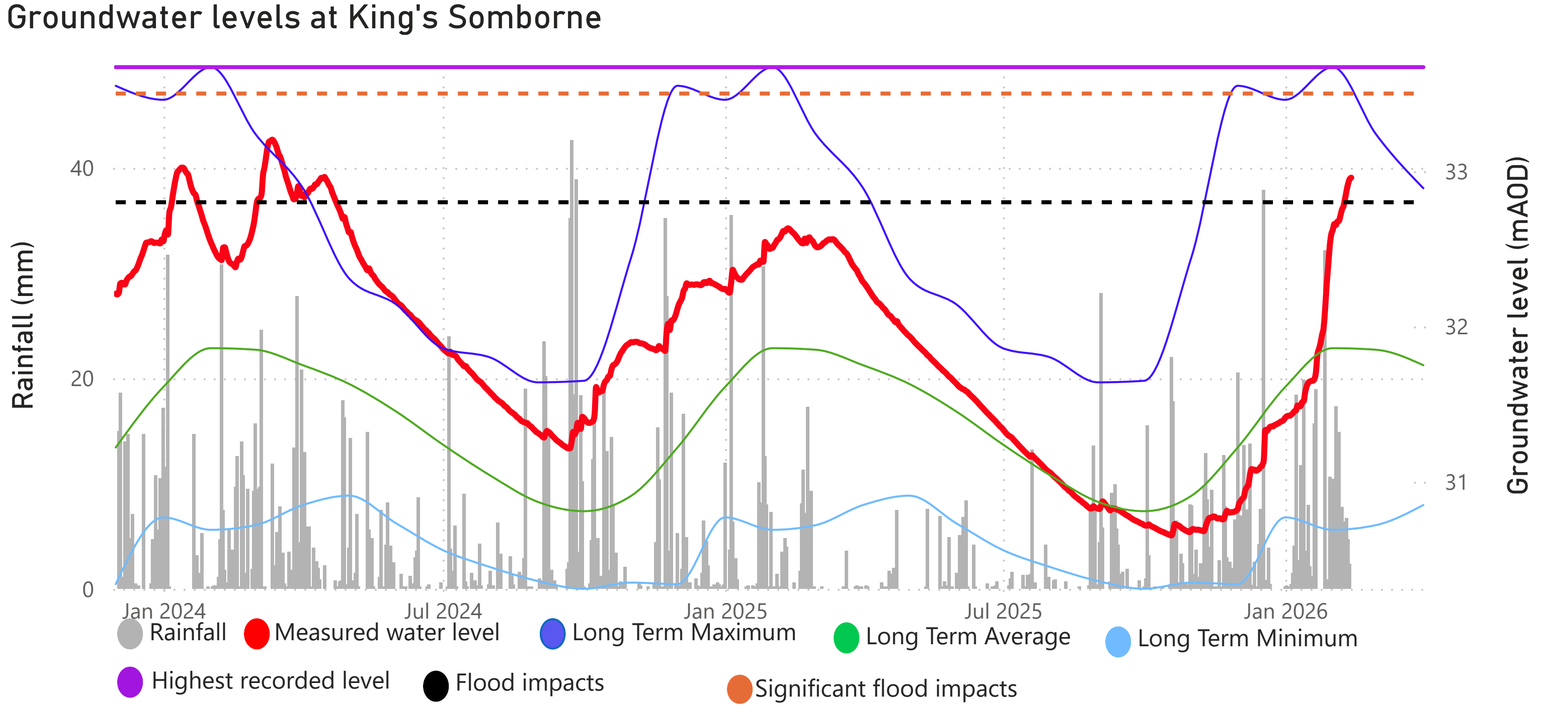
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent and heavy rainfall affects the area during the remainder of February, then the stream could come out of bank beginning to flood roads.



Hursley

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Hursley** are:
Above average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with water in a small number of cellars in Hursley.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Hursley** 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 between October and February.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026 and may last until early April 2026.

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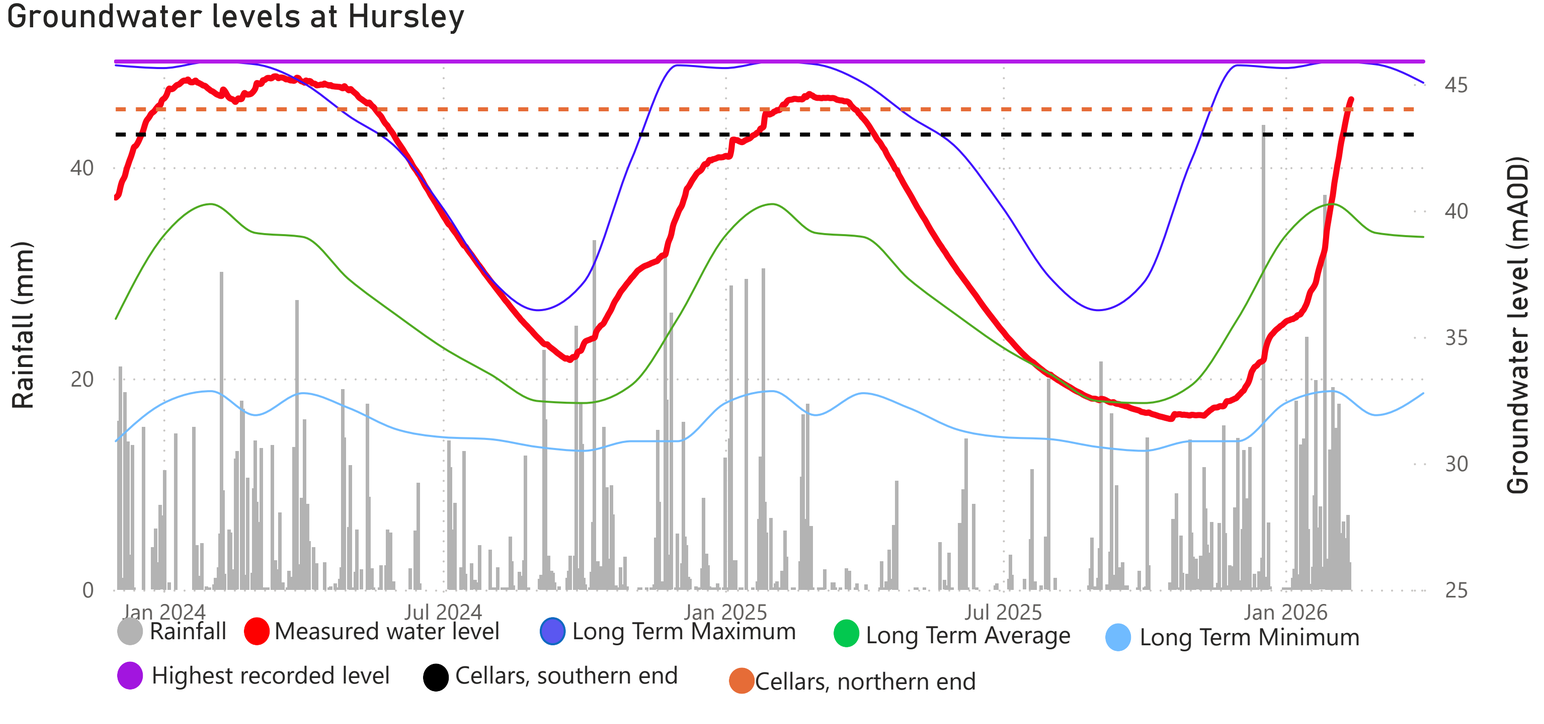
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs during the remainder of February, then cellar flooding impacts in the village will increase. Internal ground floor flooding to isolated properties could occur.



Pitton, West Tytherley, Broughton, Nether and Over Wallop

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Lopcombe Corner** are:
Above average for the time of year and currently rising.

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

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with water in a small number of cellars in Nether Wallop and Pitton, and will soon be occurring in West Tytherley.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Lopcombe Corner** will likely initially rise until late February 2026.
and at **West Tytherley** 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 between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026 and may last until early April 2026

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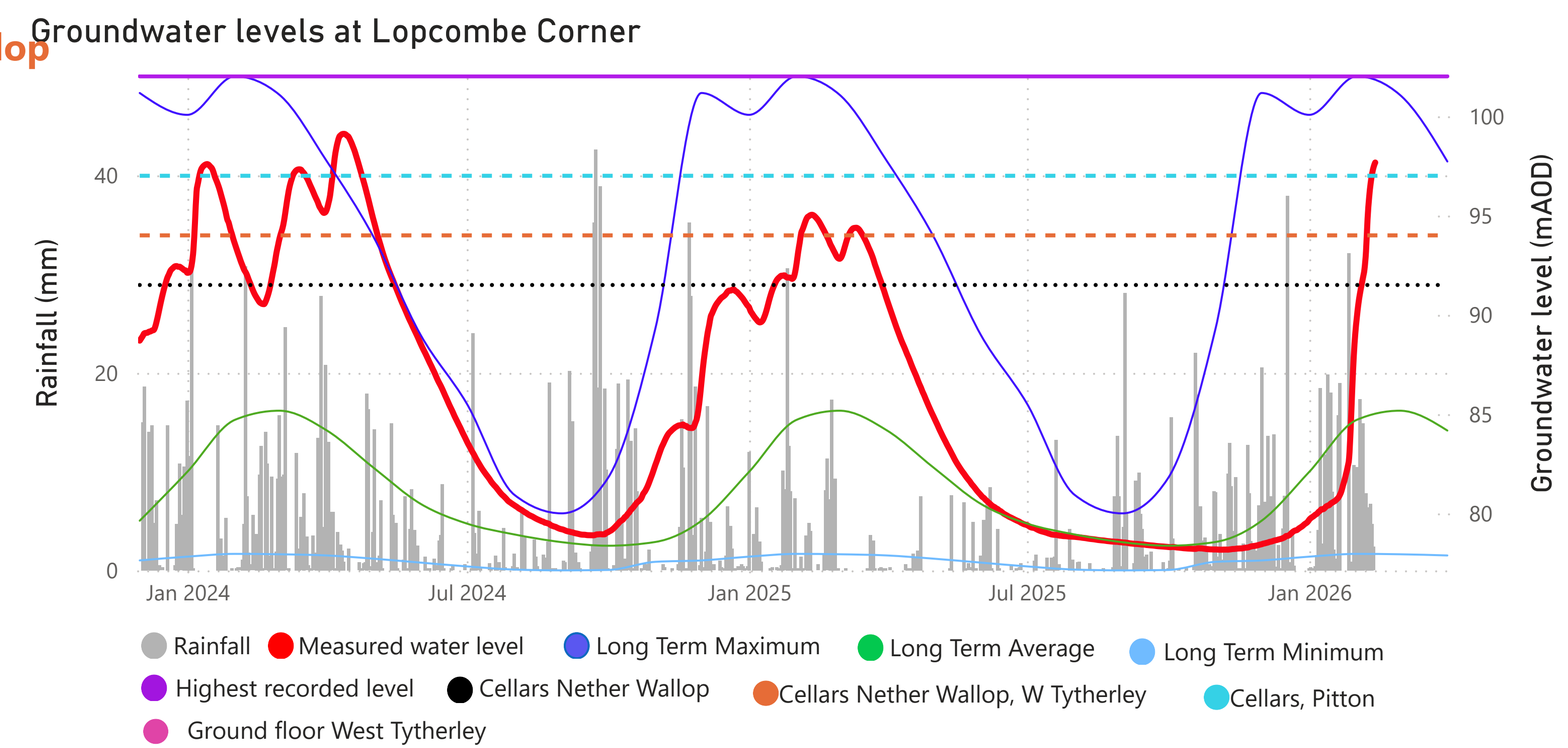
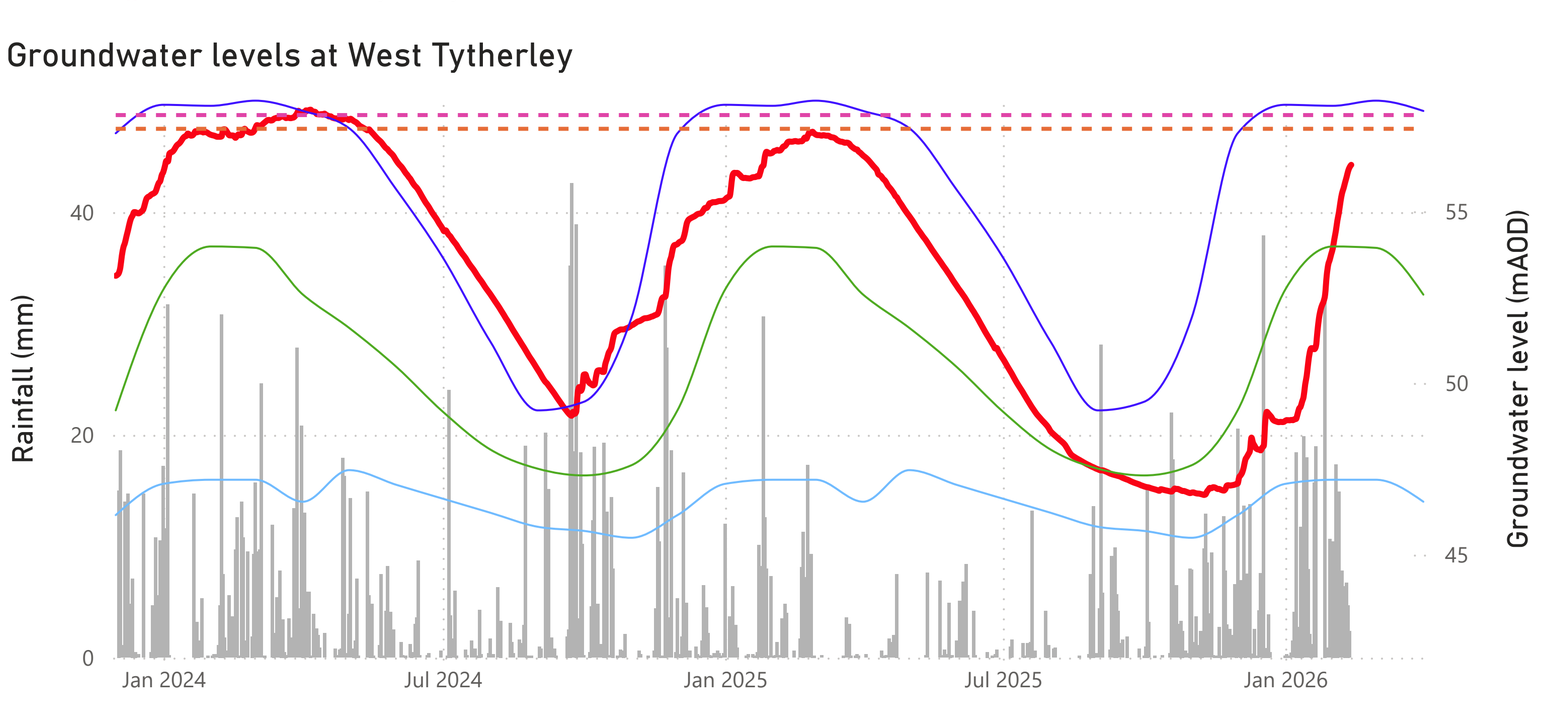
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rain occurs in the second half of February, more significant flooding impacts could occur in Pitton and West Tytherley.





Preston Candover and Old Alresford

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is 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.

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with water in a small number of cellars in Preston Candover and Old Alresford.

Prediction:

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

and at **Lanham Lane** 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 between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026 and may last until early April 2026.

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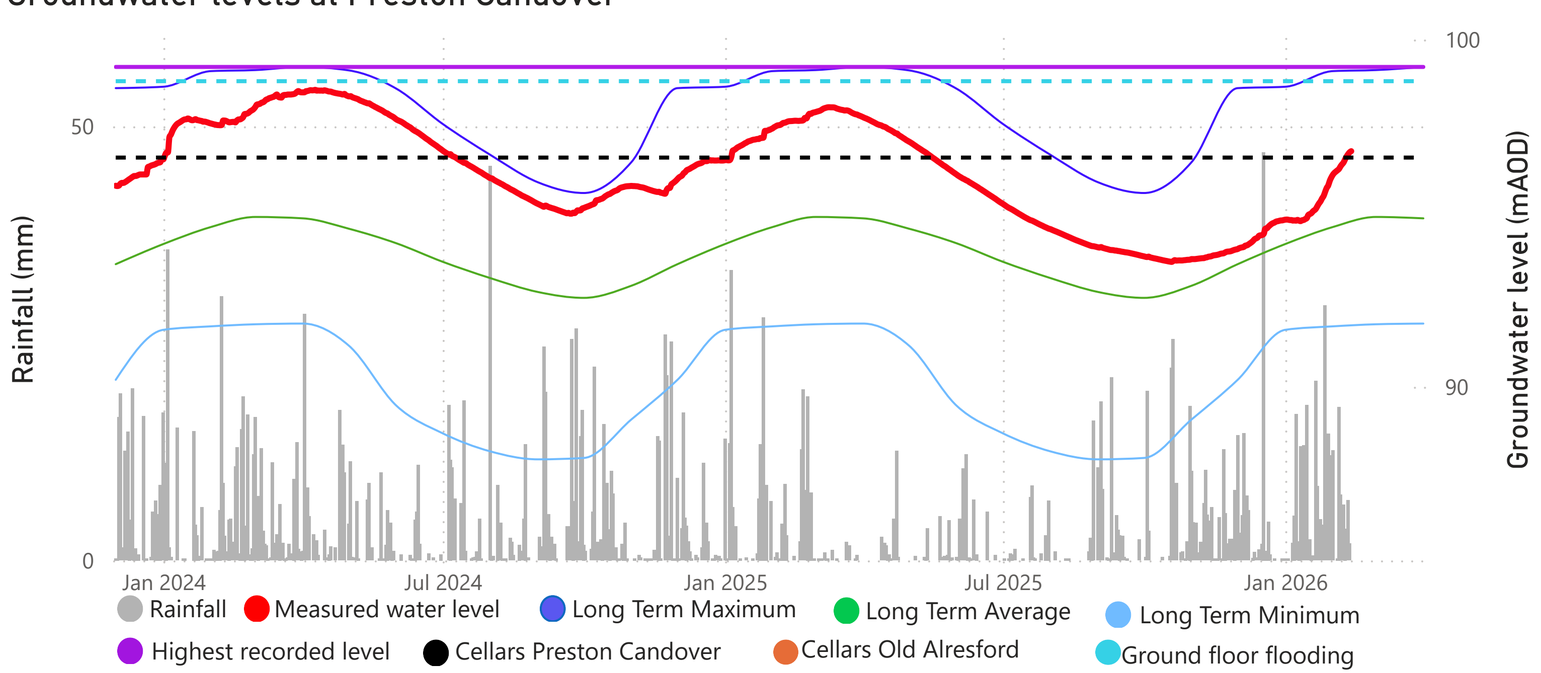
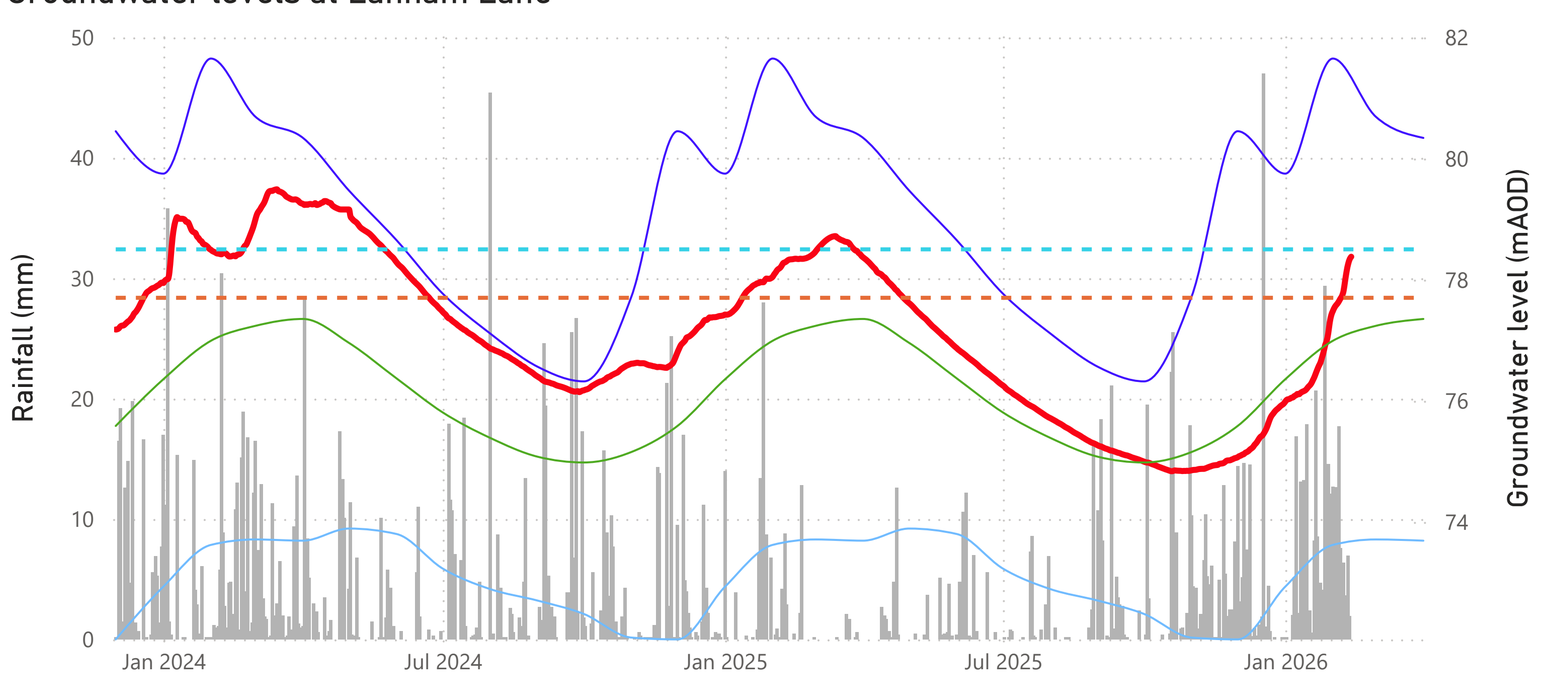
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall affects the area during the remainder of February, then internal ground floor flooding may occur in Old Alresford.





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 early March 2026.

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

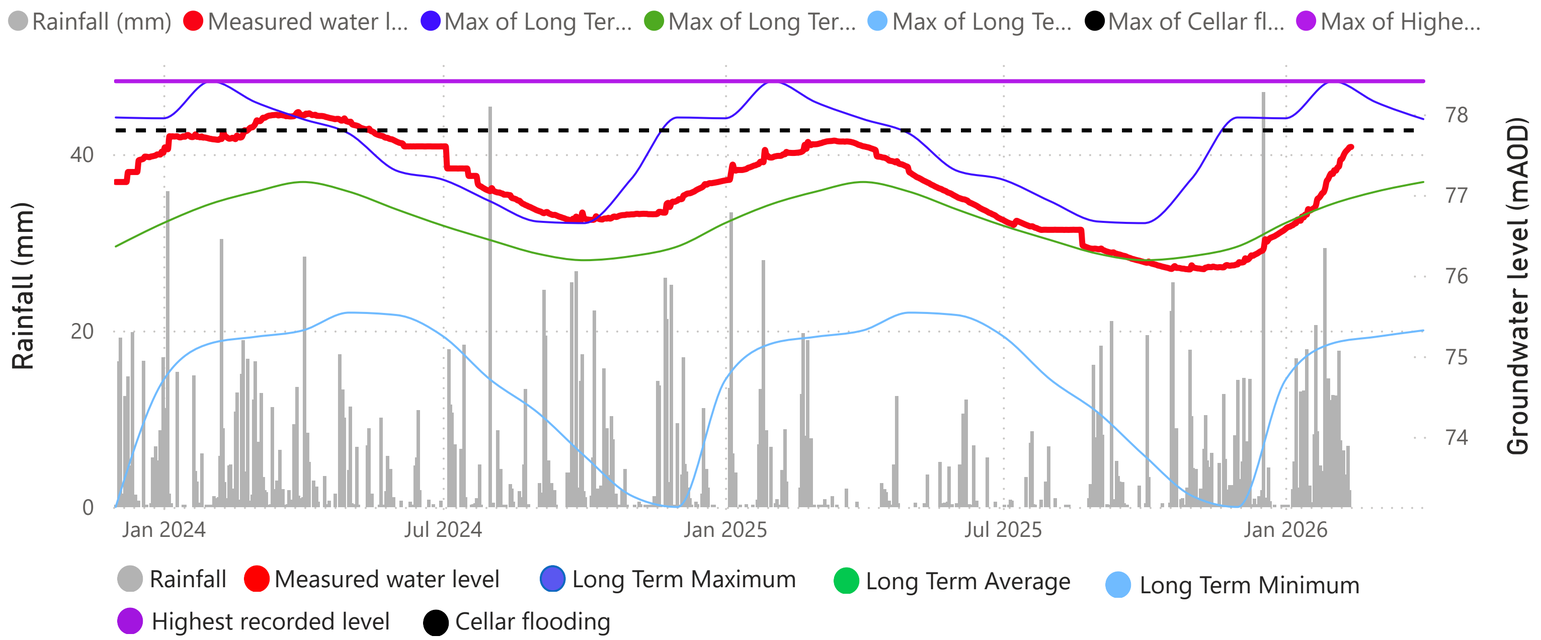
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from late February 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 second half of 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 currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Harestock** are:
Above average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with water flowing down Spring Lane in Kings Worthy.

Prediction:

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

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

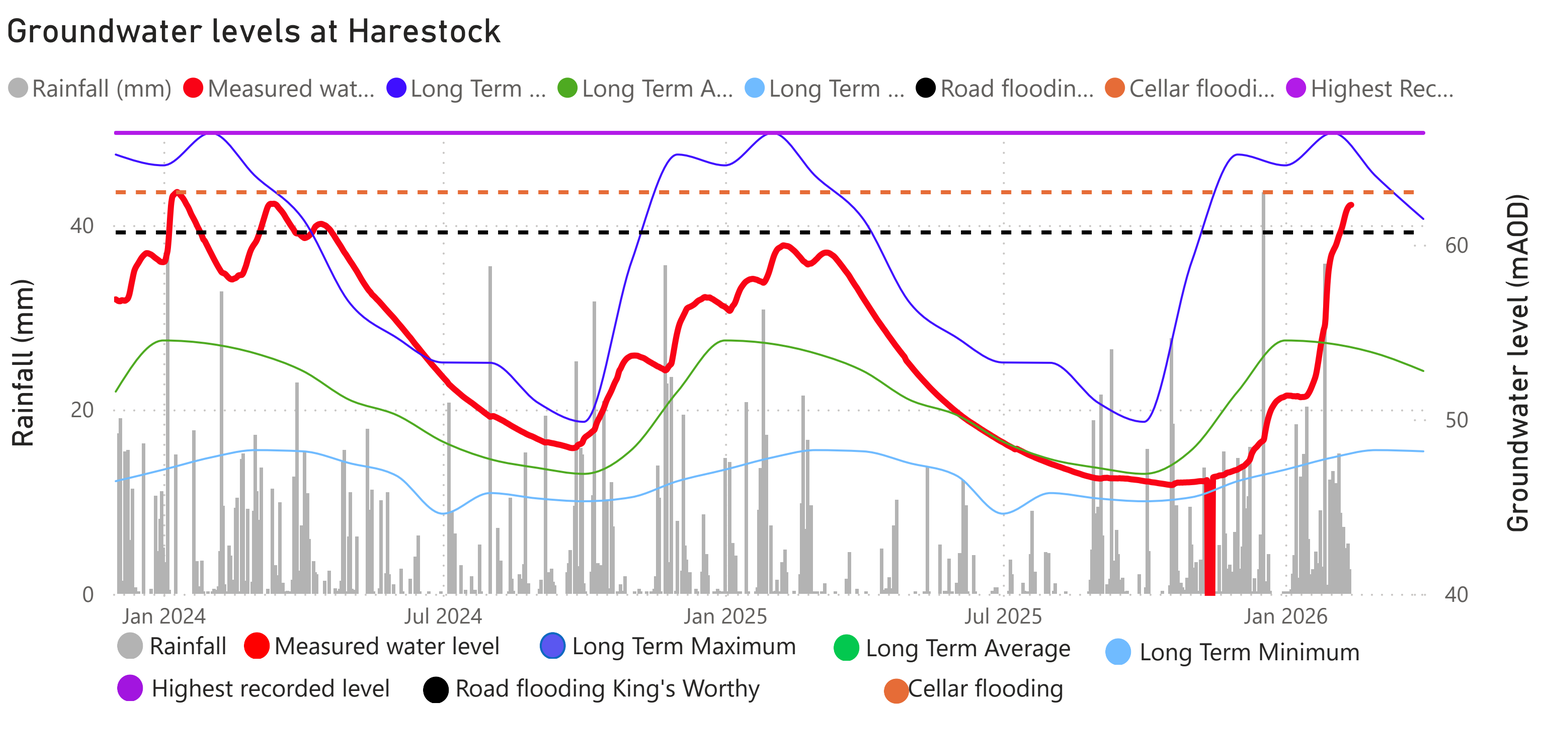
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise between October and May.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026 and may last until early April 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.



Bramdean and Cheriton

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **West Meon Hut** are:
Above average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with water in a small number of cellars in Cheriton, and soon to appear in a small number of cellars in Bramdean.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **West Meon Hut** 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 between October and February.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026 and may last until early April 2026.

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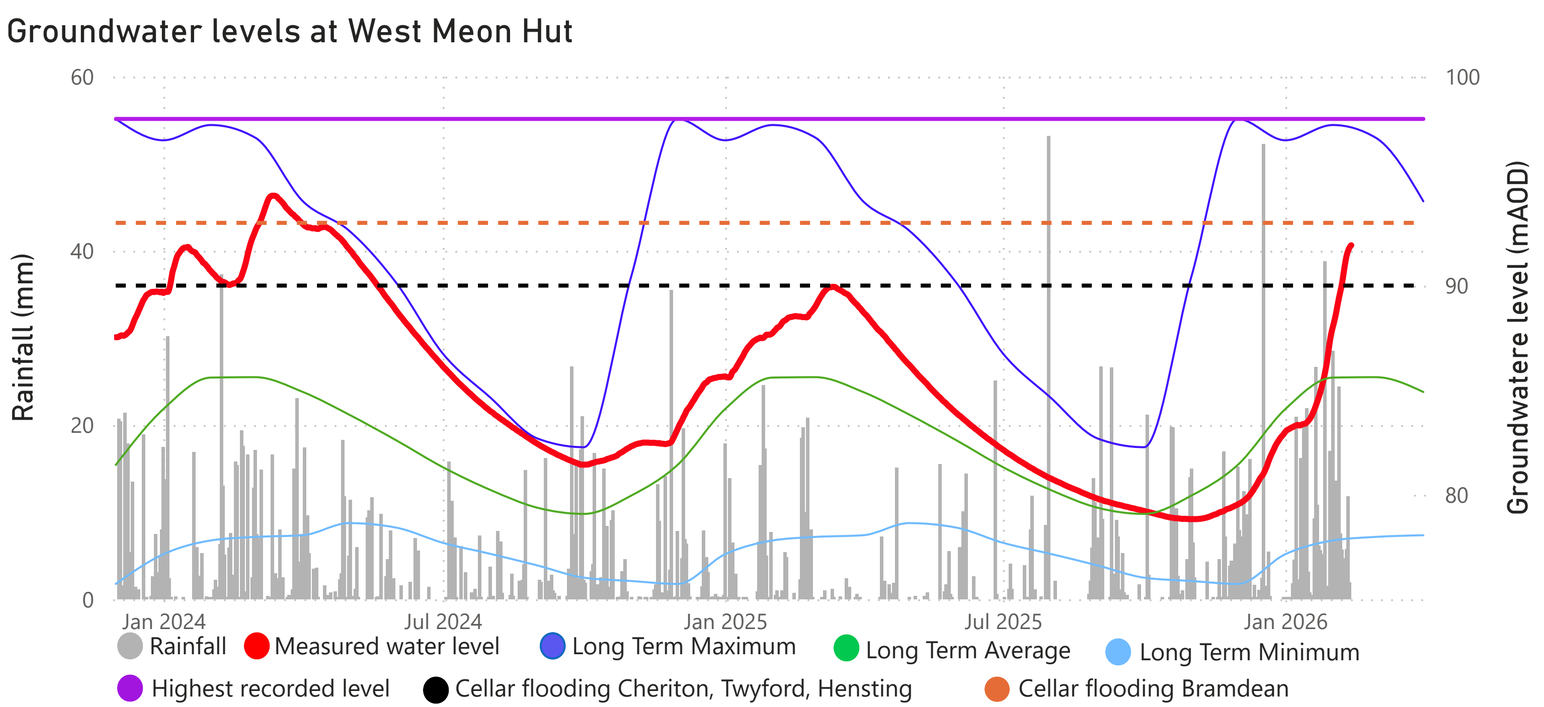
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs during the remainder of February, then cellar flooding impacts in Bramdean could occur.



Twyford and Hensting

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **West Meon Hut** are:
Above average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with water in a small number of cellars in Twyford and Hensting.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **West Meon Hut** 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 between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026 and may last until early April 2026

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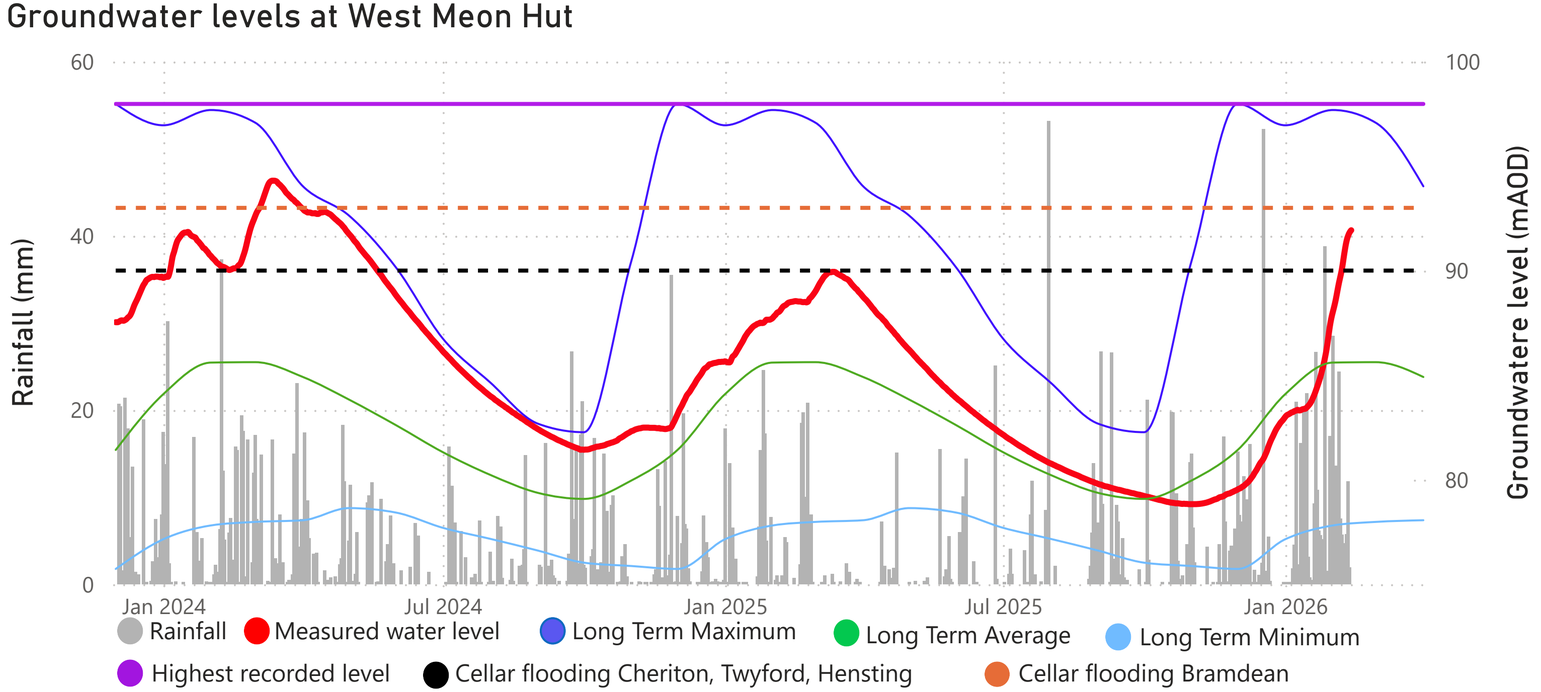
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs during the remainder of February, then more significant flooding impacts could occur in Twyford.



Meon Valley

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Pound Lane** are:
Above average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with water flowing on roads and around the electricity sub-station in Meonstoke.

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 between October and March.
Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from late January 2026 and may last until early April 2026.

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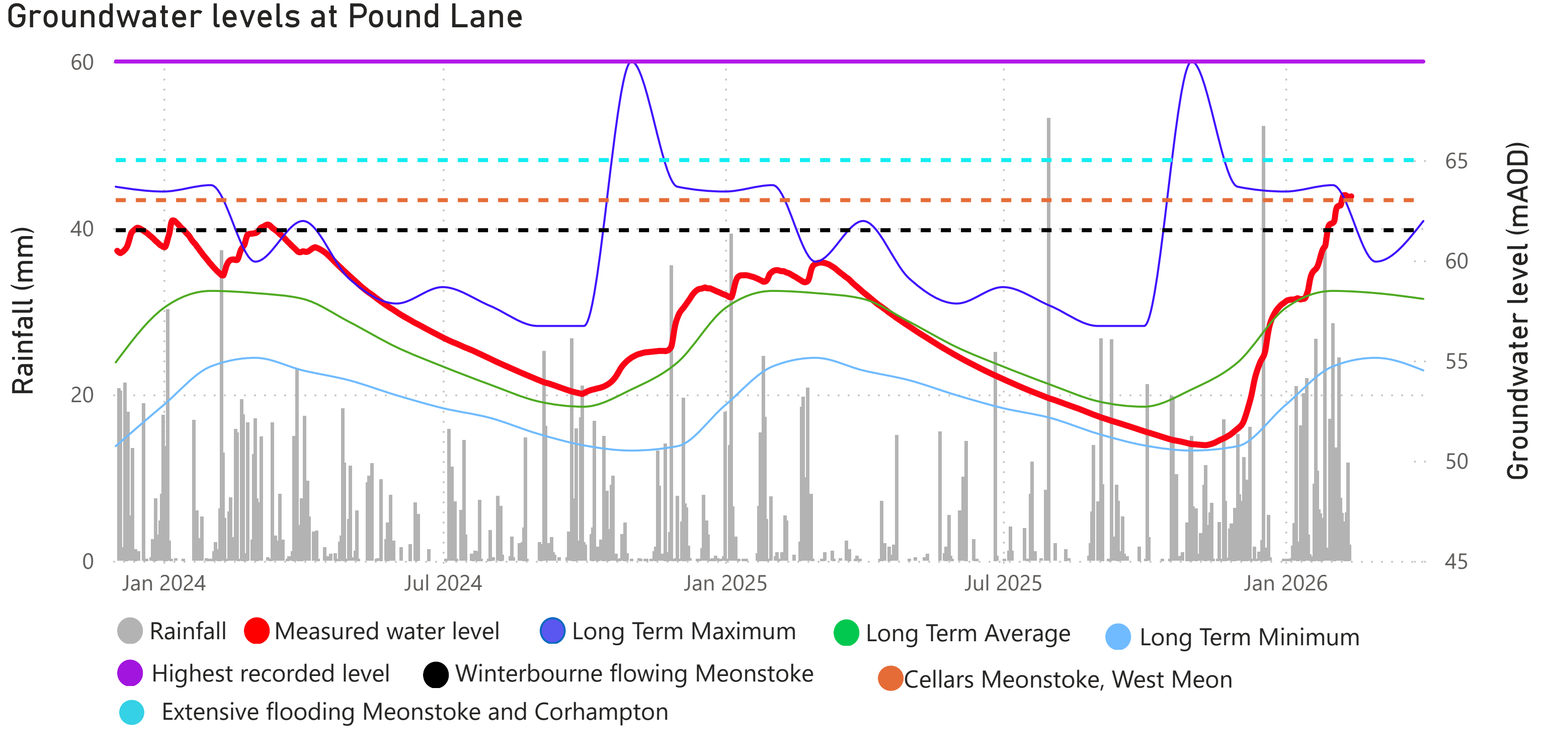
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

If persistent rainfall occurs during the remainder of February, then flooding impacts to cellars in the Meon Valley could occur.



Hambledon

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Whitedale Farm** are:
Above average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with widespread cellar flooding occuring as well as impacts to the sewerage system.

Prediction:

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

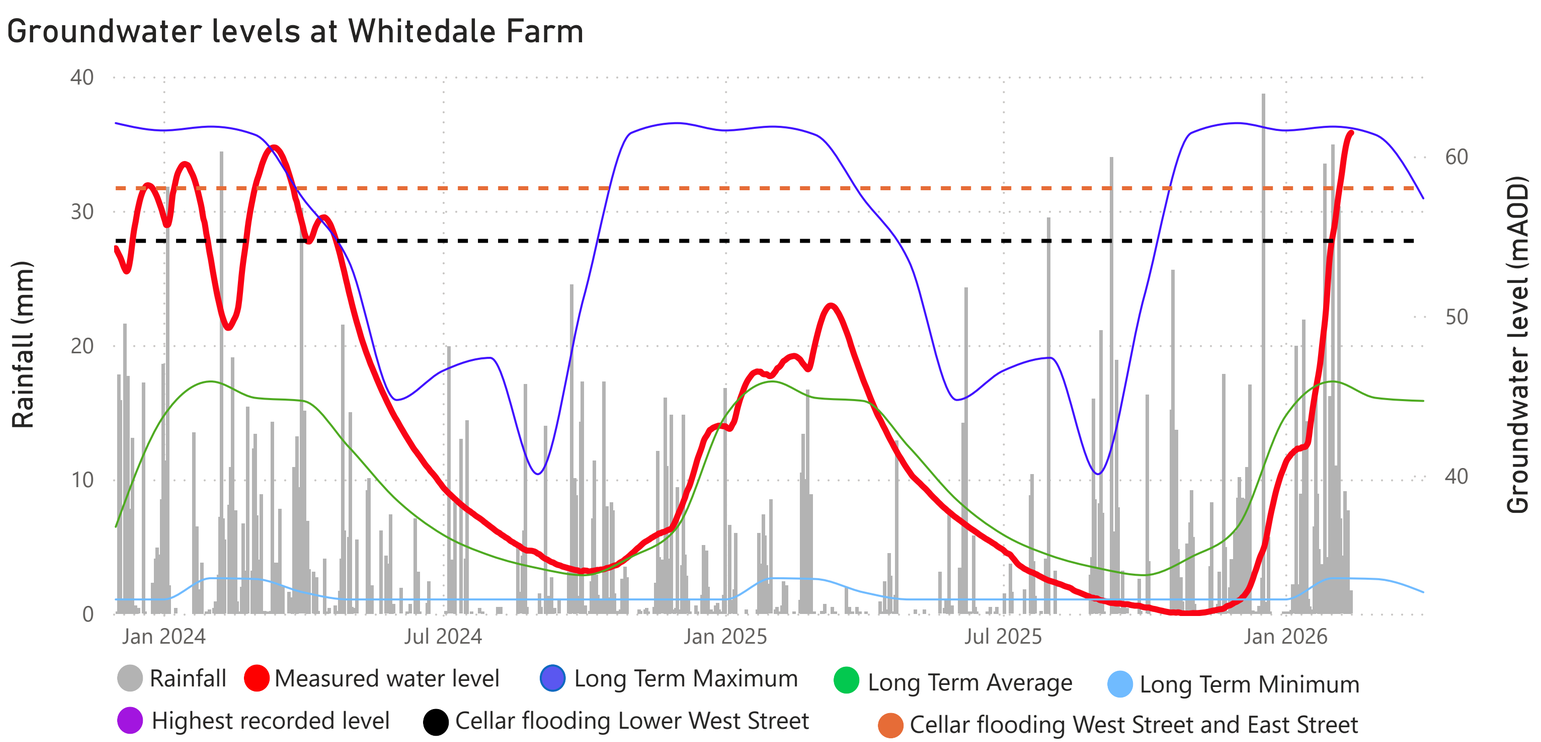
The groundwater might not continuously rise, there could be periods of rise and fall.

Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise between October and March.
Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from late January 2026 and may last until early April 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 February, then flooding impacts to cellars will increase. Groundwater levels may rise above the point at which road flooding has previously begun. The flood alleviation scheme is expected to minimise this impact.



Denmead

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is not currently in force.

Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Rookwood Farm** are:

Above 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 mid 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 between October and February.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from late February 2026 and may last until mid April 2026.

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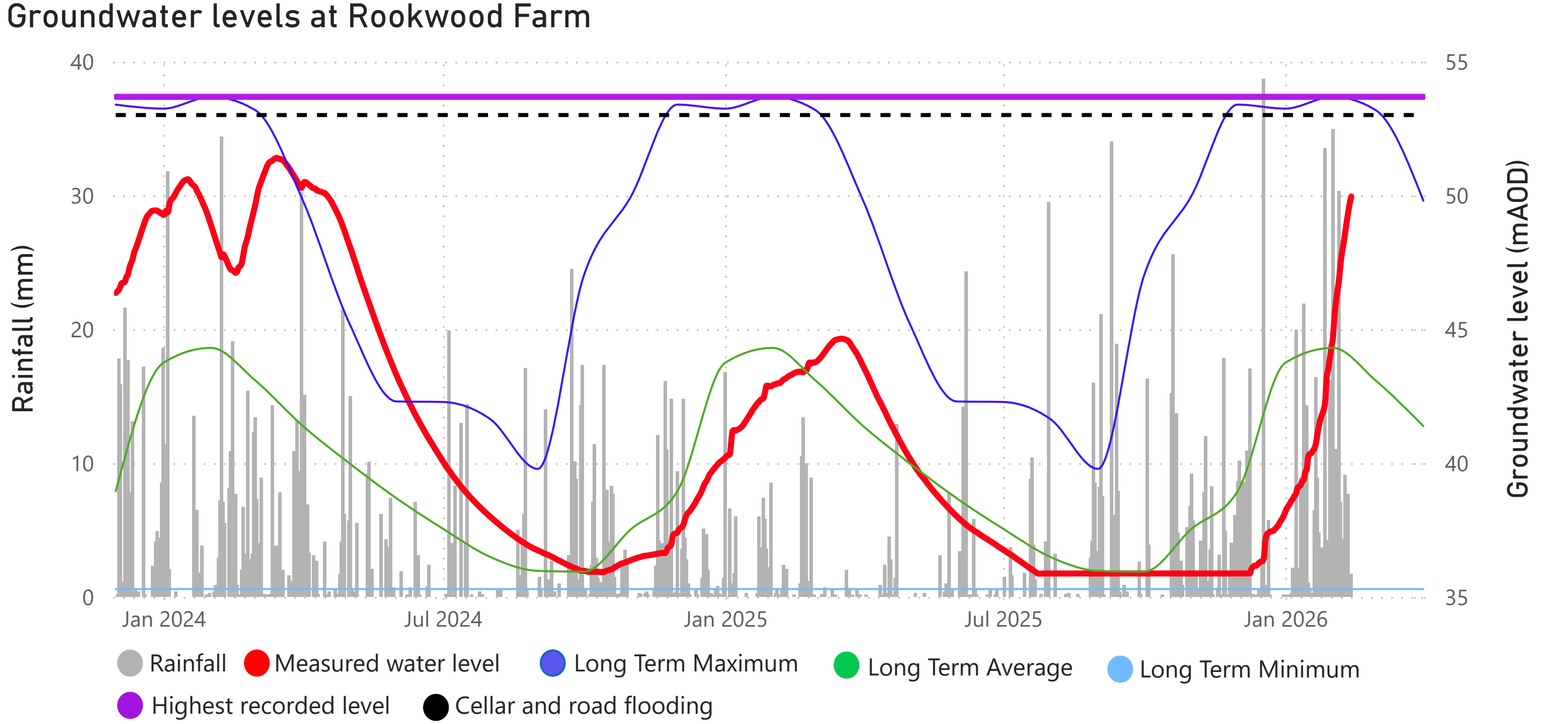
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

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



Finchdean and Rowlands Castle

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.

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

Above average for the time of year and currently rising.

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

Above average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with deep water on roads and a small number of cellar being affected in Finchdean, Dean Lane End and Rowlands Castle.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Chalton** will likely initially rise until late February 2026.
and at **Finchdean** 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 between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts could be possible from early February 2026 and may last until mid March 2026.

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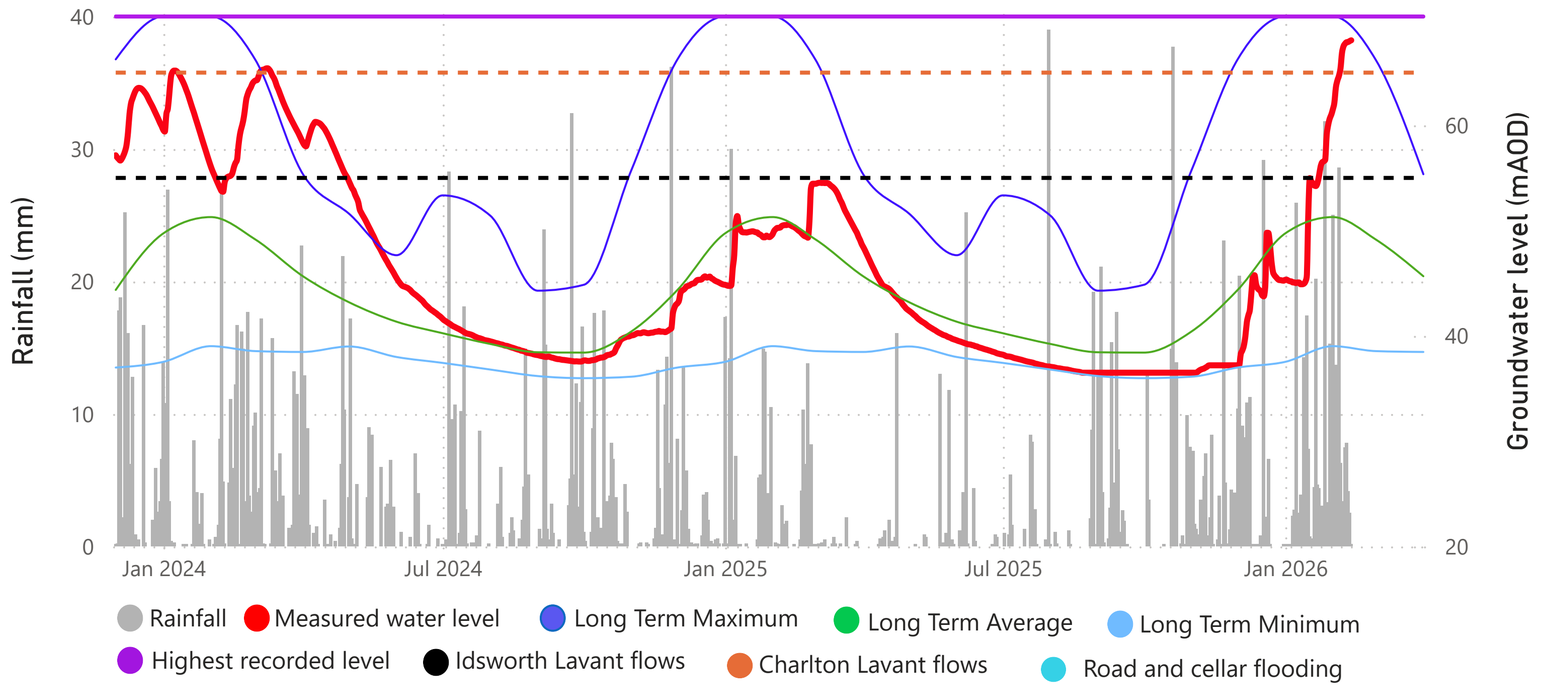
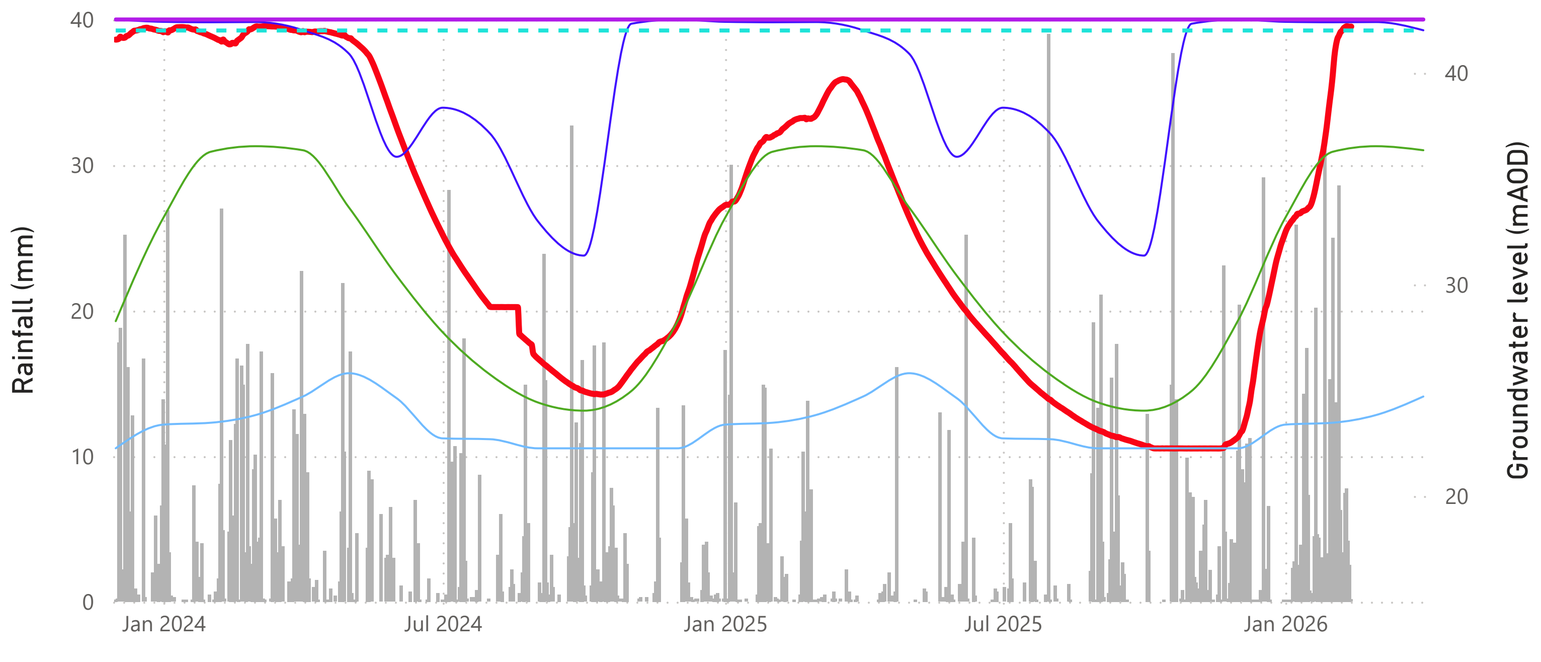
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

Flooding to roads and cellars is likely to continue for the next few weeks.

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:

Above average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Minor flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, including water on roads, inundation of septic tanks / sewage systems, and water in cellars.

Prediction:

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

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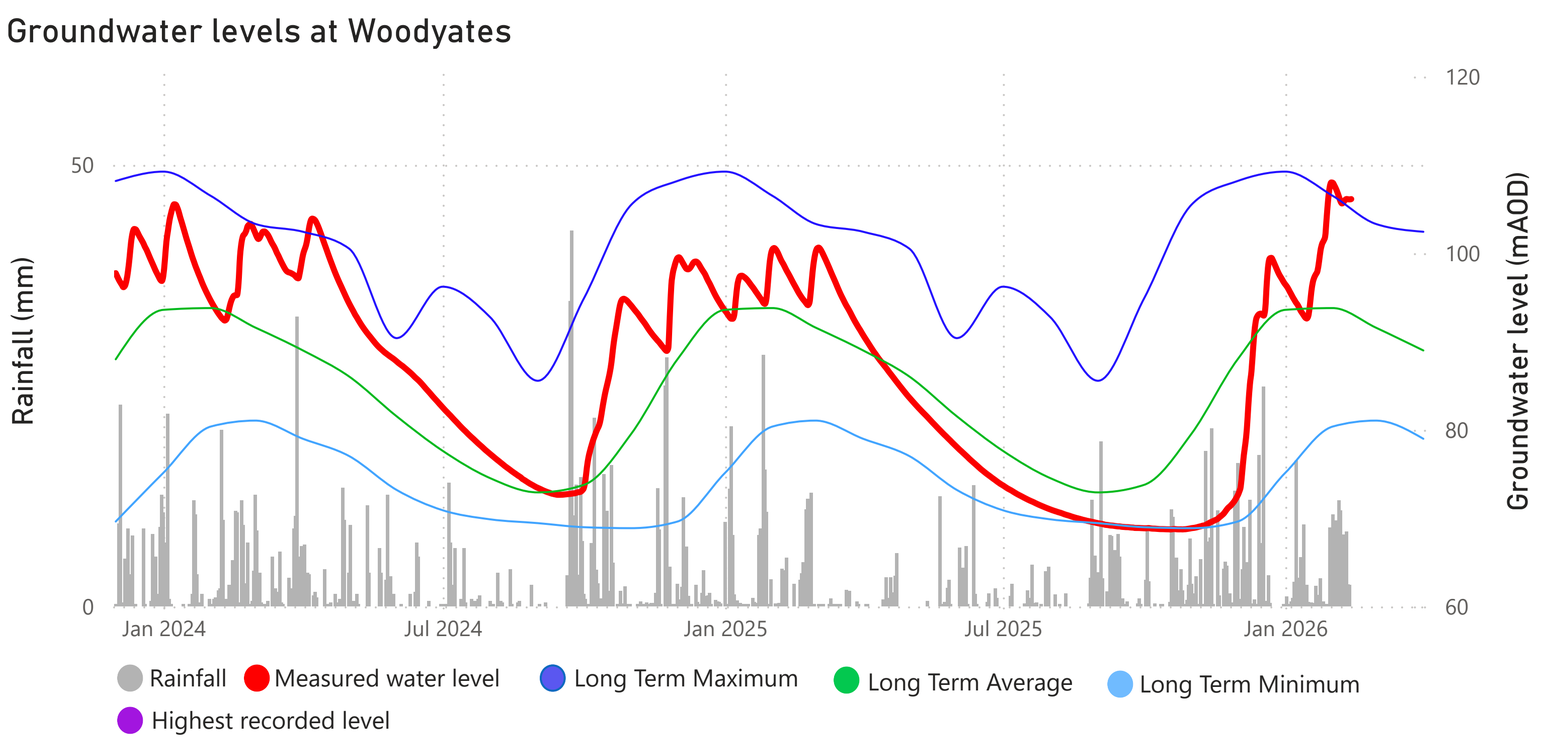

Shipton Bellinger

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Tilshead** are:
Above 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 late February 2026.

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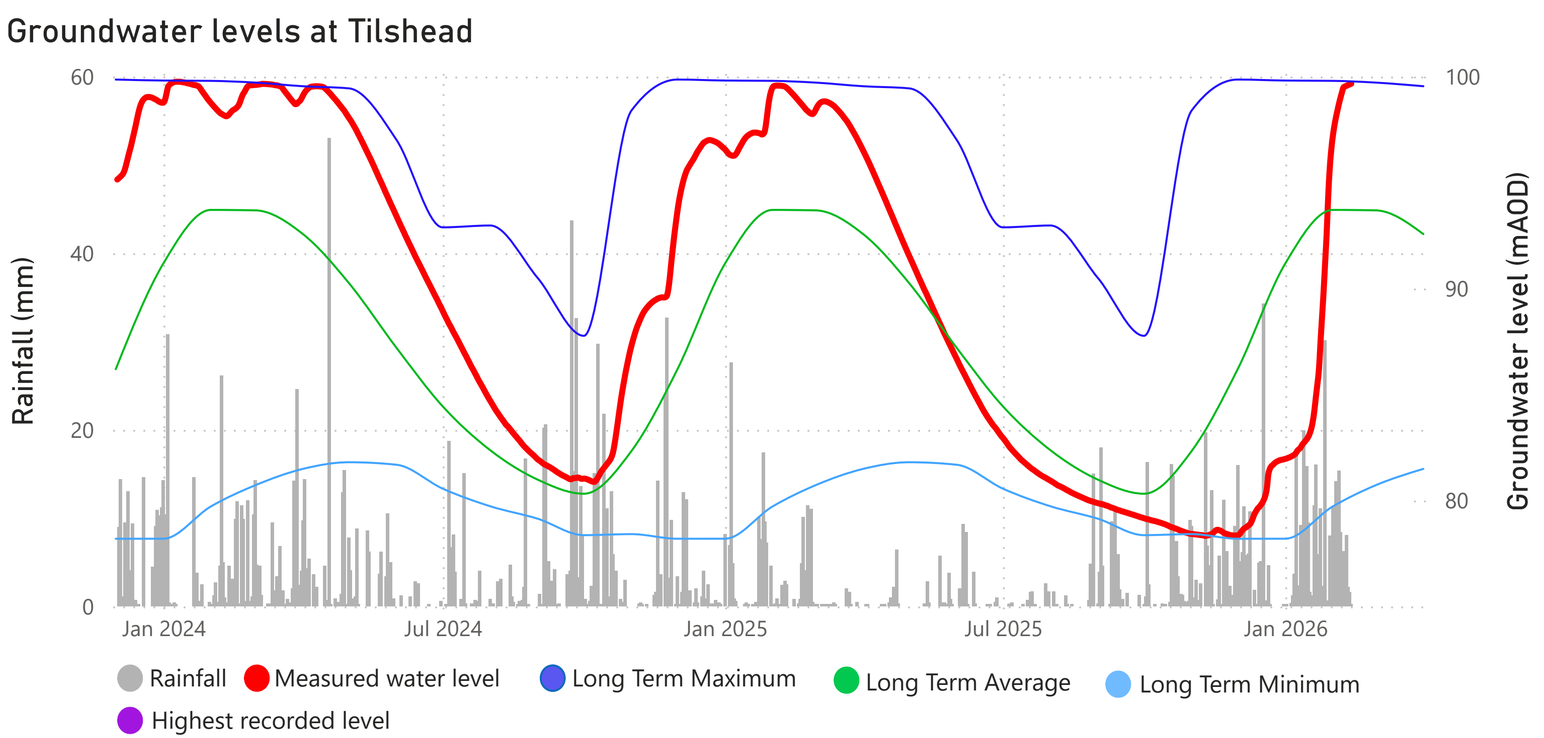

What we are doing

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.

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- You can type the address into your internet browser. Preferably Google Chrome, or Safari for Apple.
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Next update

This groundwater briefing note will be updated by 18:00 on Friday 13 March 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
Please note that data displayed is raw and not quality assured.

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

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