Groundwater Briefing Note, Hampshire

Environment Agency

Current situation:

Recorded rainfall

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February 2026 was significantly wet. In Hampshire, all rain gauges recorded between 195 and 350% of the long term average expected for this month. This is in addition to a very wet January 2026, and a wetter than usual Autumn. March 2026 has started off with mostly dry weather but with rainy spells, particularly in west Hampshire. All rain gauges have recorded between 30 and 100% of March's 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)
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	121.53	152.96	90.30	96.52	171.35
March 2026	59.90	23.28	27.49	13.22	22.01	20.66

Where:

Below average
Average
Above average

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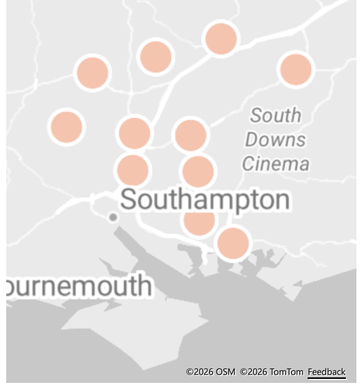

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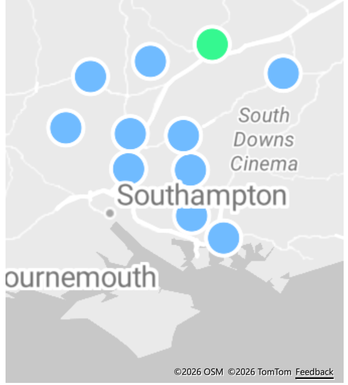

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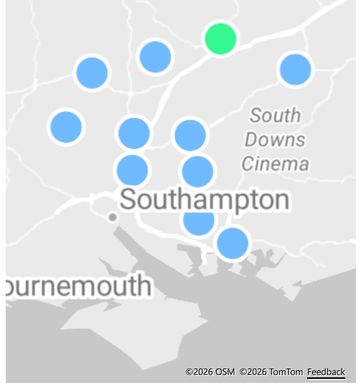

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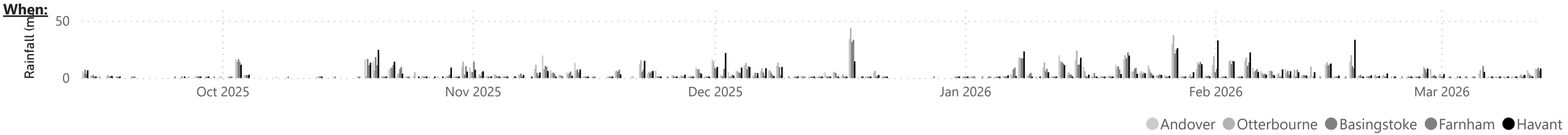
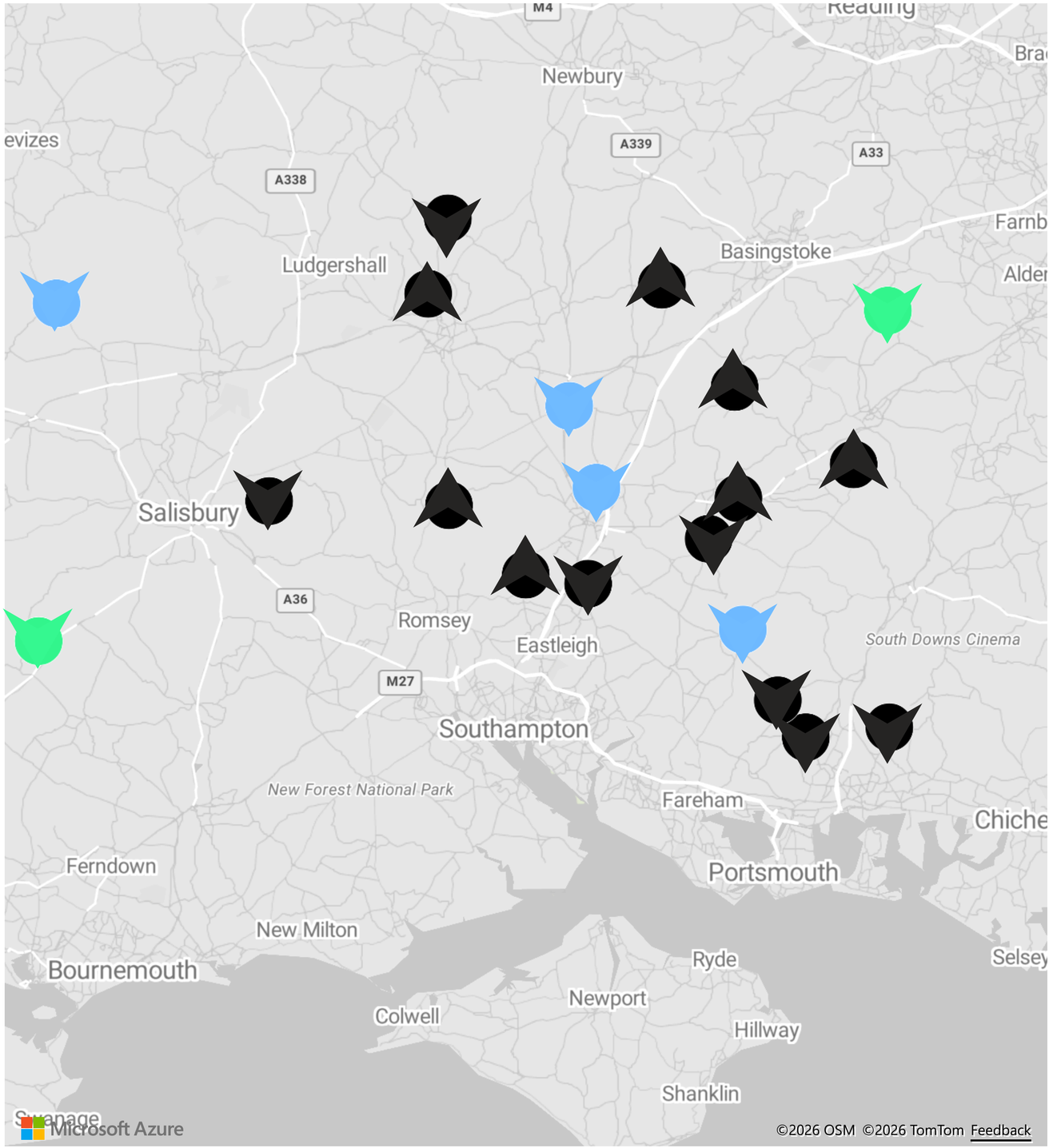


Groundwater status summary

Rising Steady Falling

Below average Average Above average Flood impacts

During January and February, groundwater levels across Hampshire rose significantly quickly in response to the heavy rainfall. In all communities, groundwater levels are now well above average for the time of year. At almost all boreholes, groundwater levels are now falling following a drier end to February and beginning to March. In north Hampshire, groundwater levels are still rising slowly. Groundwater is still reponsive to any heavy rainfall events.



Current groundwater flood impacts

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

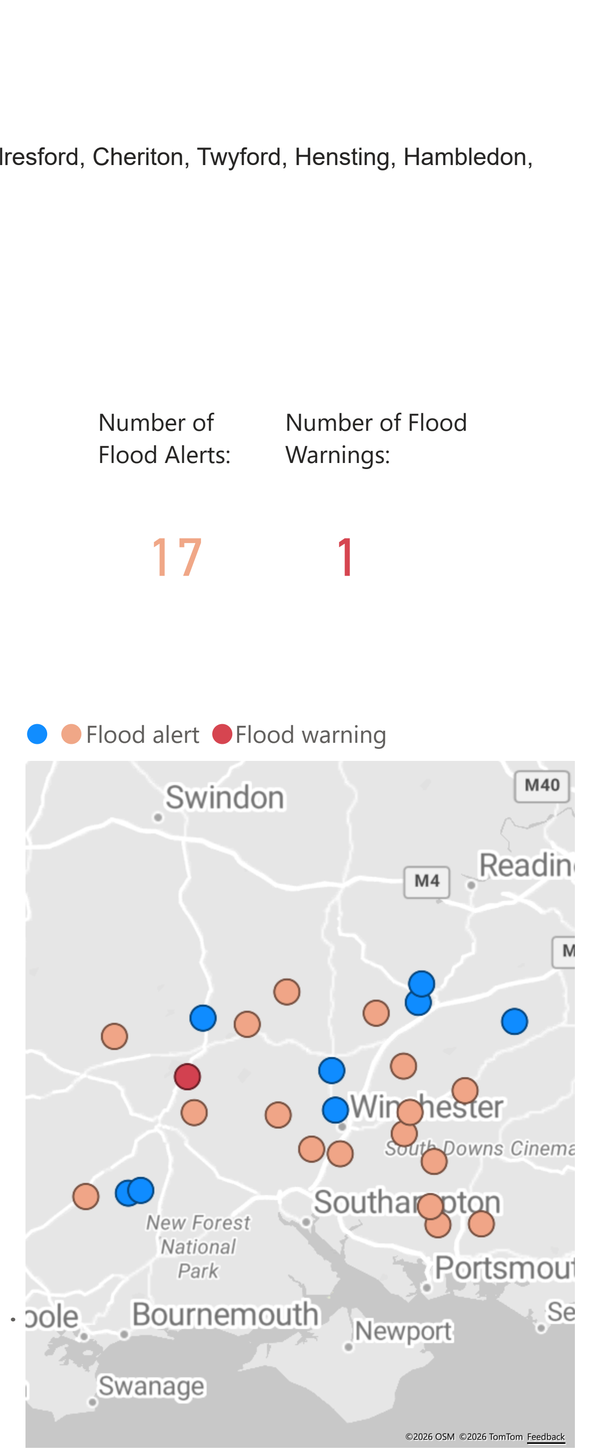
Groundwater is thought to be affecting cellars of properties in Upton, Appleshaw, Hatherden, Penton Grafton, Pitton, Nether Wallop, West Tytherley, Hursley, Preston Candover, Old Alresford, Cheriton, Twyford, Hensting, Hambledon, Finchdean, Dean Lane End, and Rowlands Castle.

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 and Bishops Sutton.

Flood Alert Area	In force?	Link	District
Groundwater flooding in Bishops Sutton	is 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 currently in force.		Basingstoke and Deane
Groundwater flooding in Denmead	is 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 not 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 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 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 currently in force.		Test Valley

Number of Flood Alerts:	Number of Flood Warnings:
17	1



Weather forecast

Days 1 to 5

Only small amounts of rain are forecast from Friday 13 March 2026 to Tuesday 17 March 2026.

Days 6 to 10 to 14 to 30

Long range forecasting is difficult. During the middle of March 2026, much of the UK will see a period of more settled weather. Towards the end of the month, showers or rain could return. In early April, there is uncertainty in the forecast. In the south of the UK, wet weather reamins possible at times.

Forecast groundwater response and risk of flooding

Groundwater in all communities is expected to slowly fall during March 2026.

However, in most susceptible communities, groundwater flood impacts will continue throughout this month.

Flooding impacts will include winterbourne streams flowing, water appearing in fields, gardens and roads,and cellars.

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 persistent rain occurs, flood impacts could increase once more or ongoing impacts could be prolonged.

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	Possible if v wet	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in Bramdean and Cheriton	Winchester						Probable	Probable	Probable				
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 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 if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Hursley	Winchester						Probable	Probable	Probable	Possible if v wet			
Groundwater flooding in Kings Somborne and Little Somborne	Test Valley						Probable	Probable	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Littleton, Headbourne, Kings and Martyr Worthy, Easton and Chilland	Winchester							Possible if v wet	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Pitton, West Tytherley, Nether Wallop and Broughton	Test Valley						Probable	Probable	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in Sutton Scotney and Chilbolton	Winchester, Test Valley							Possible if v wet	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in the Alton area	East Hampshire						Possible	Probable	Probable				
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	Probable	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							Possible if v wet	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in the Salisbury Plain area	Test Valley						Probable	Probable	Probable				
Groundwater flooding in the Sherborne St John area	Basingstoke and Deane												
Groundwater flooding in Twyford and Hensting	Winchester						Probable	Probable	Probable				
Groundwater flooding in Vernham Dean, Upton and the Bourne Valley	Test Valley, Basingstoke and Deane						Probable	Probable	Possible if v wet				
Groundwater flooding in villages surrounding Andover	Test Valley						Probable	Probable	Probable	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:

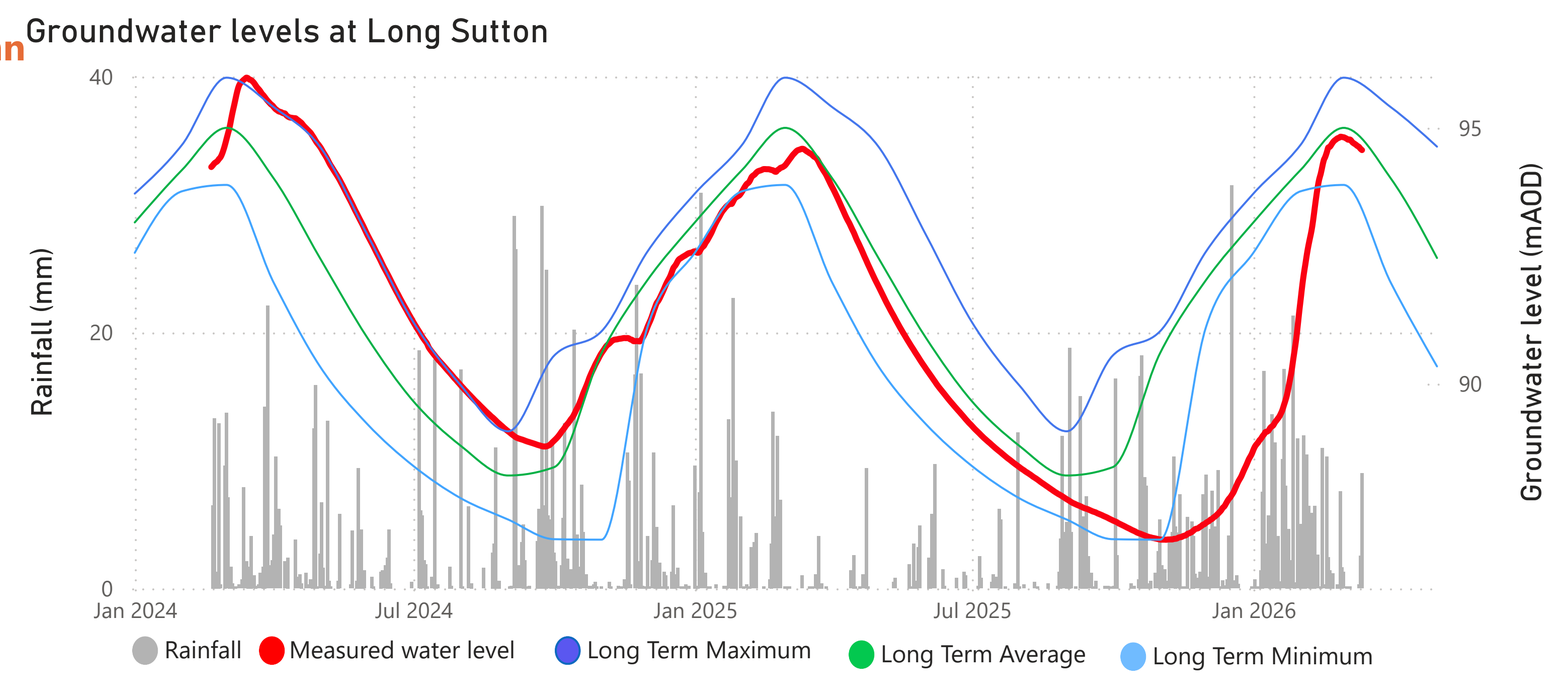
A Flood Alert is not currently in force.

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

Average for the time of year and currently falling.

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** should continue to 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.

No groundwater flood impacts are expected, but may still be possible if exceptional rainfall occurs in March.

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:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with water affecting low-lying areas and roads.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast, groundwater at **Farringdon** should continue to fall.

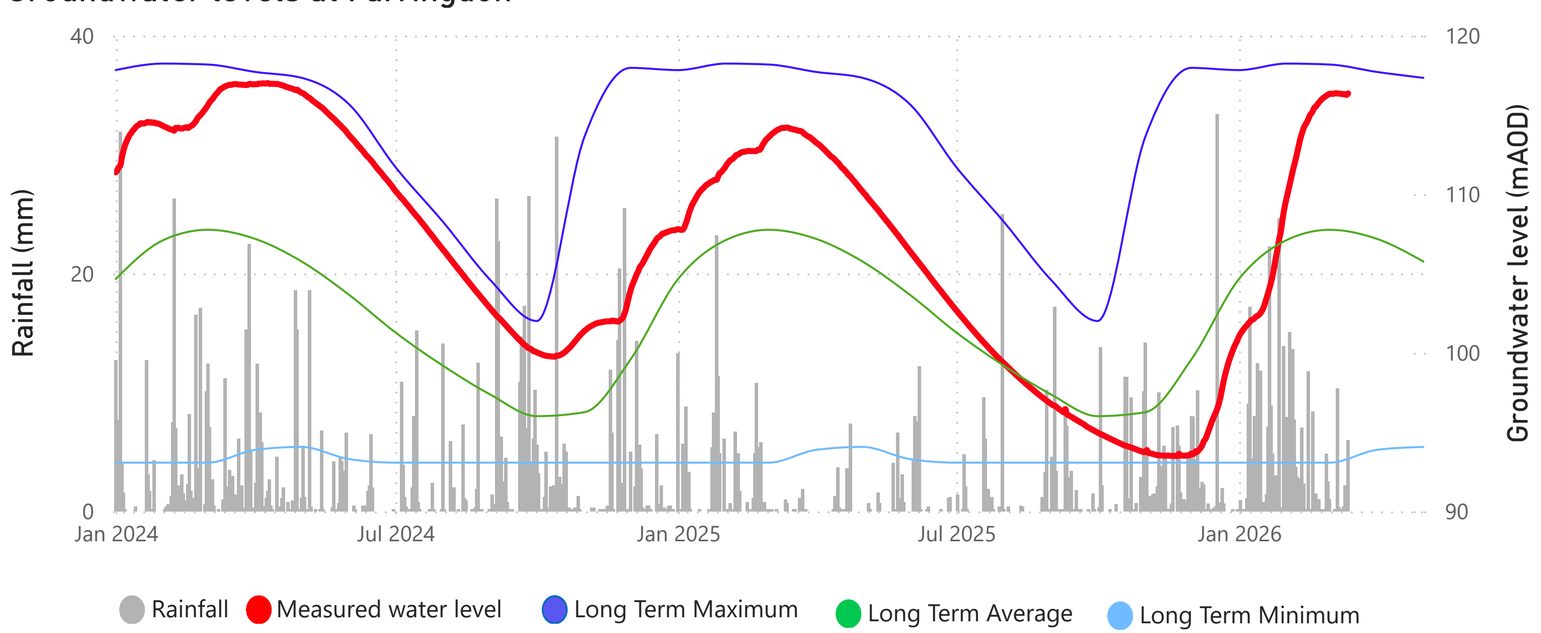
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

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

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

Flood impacts affecting low lying land and roads are likely to continue until April. If exceptional rainfall occurs in March, there is a low likelihood that flood impacts could increase.



Deane and Ashe, North Hampshire

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.

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

Average for the time of year and currently rising.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, including the inability of septic tanks to operate effectively.

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.

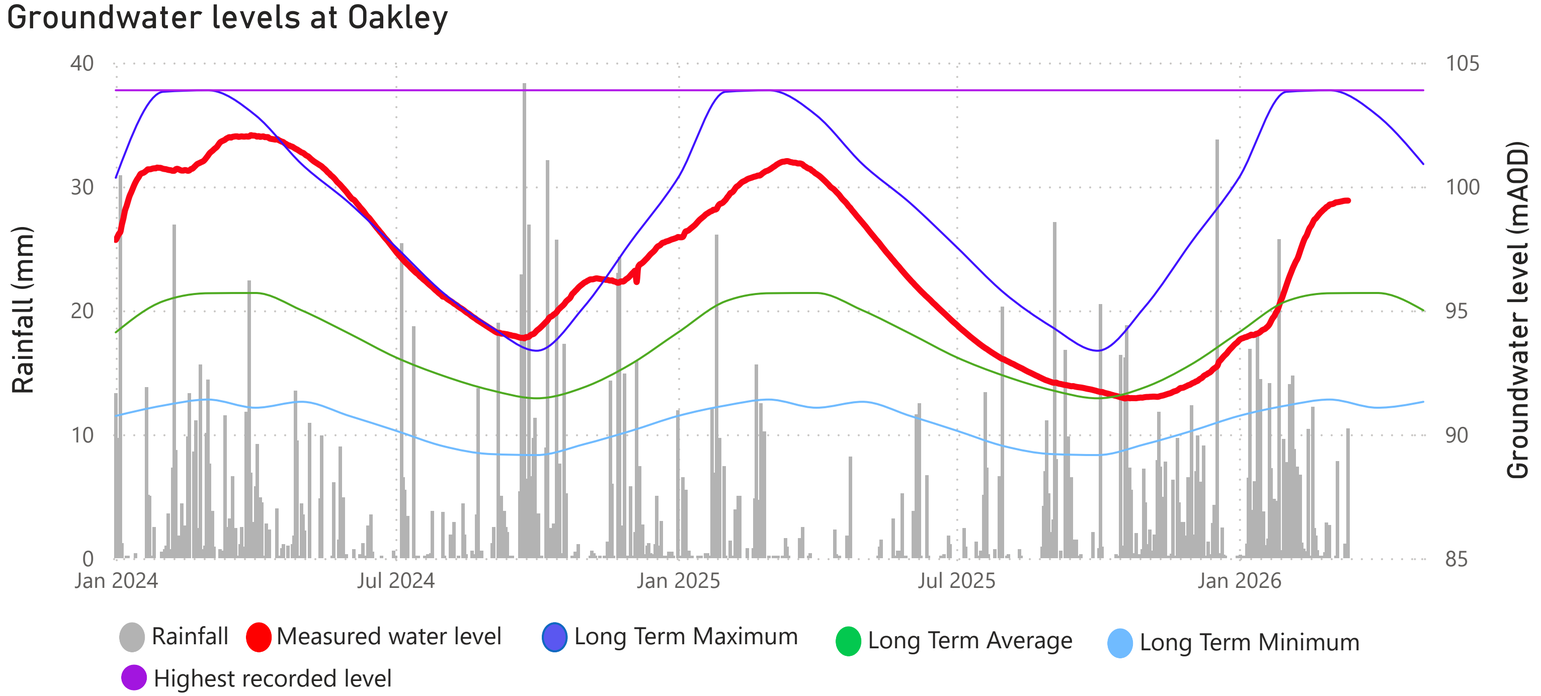
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts are possible from mid February 2026 and may last until mid 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:

Flood impacts are expected to continue through to April. If heavy or persistent rain occurs, then cellar flooding in Deane could occur before the end of March.



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 but currently falling.

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** should continue to fall.

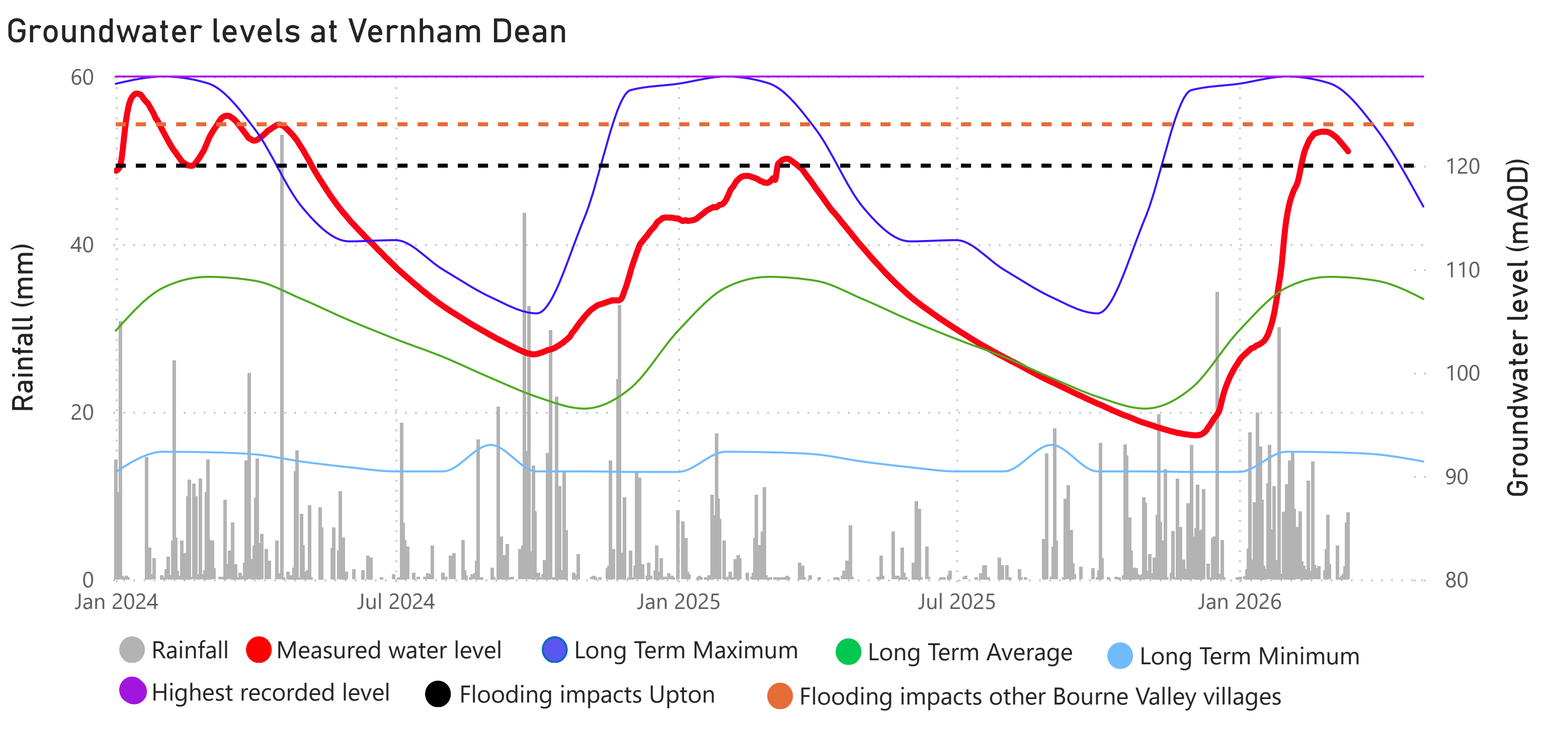
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and May.

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

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

Flood impacts affecting cellars and sewerage systems in Upton will continue through much of March. If heavy rain occurs, there is a low likelihood that flood impacts could increase.



Villages surrounding Andover

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Clanville Gate** 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 Appleshaw, Hatherden and Penton Grafton. Road flooding is affecting Penton Grafton and Kimpton, while sewerage system impacts are affecting Appleshaw and Penton Mewsey.

Prediction:

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

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

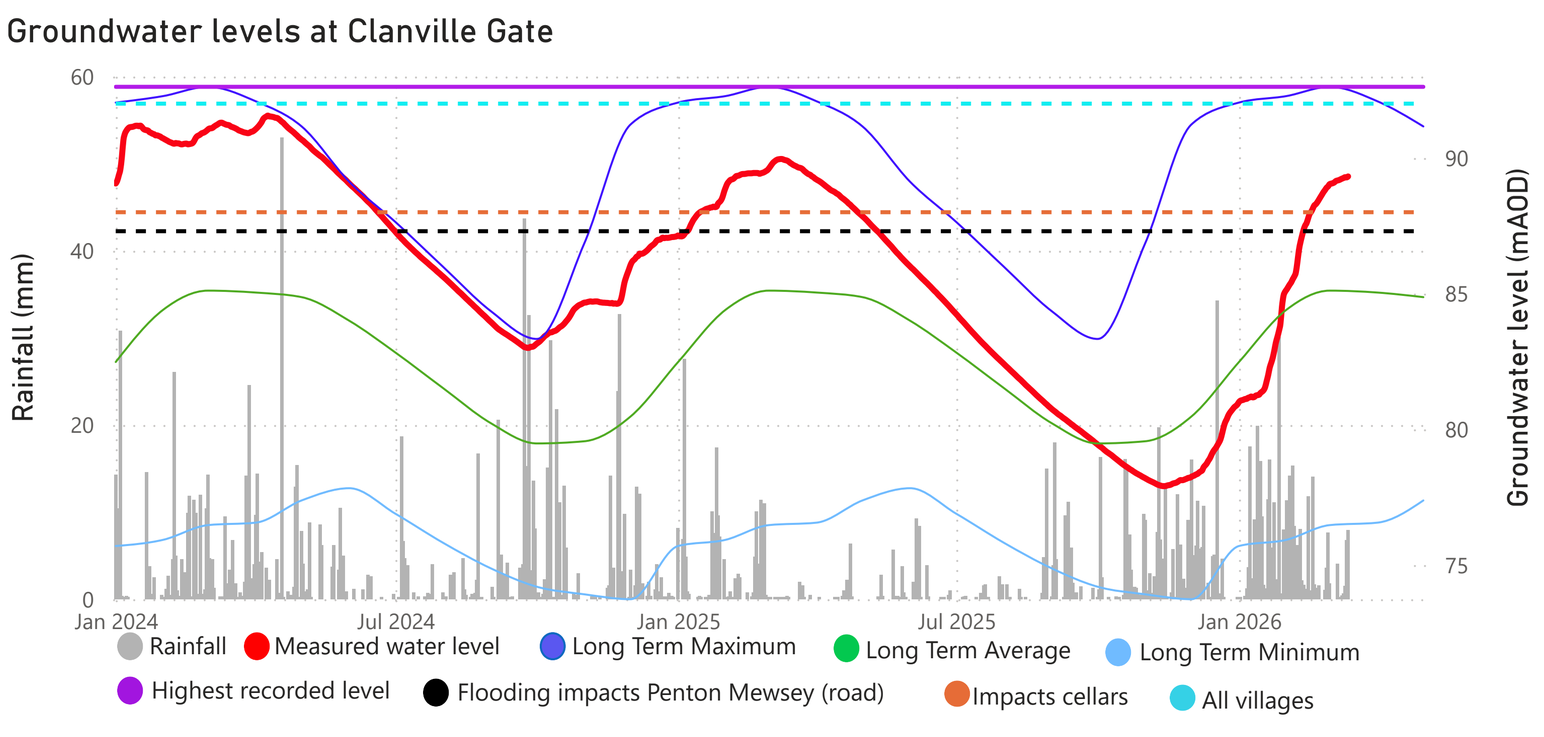
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

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

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

Flood impacts affecting fields, roads, gardens, cellars, and the sewage network are likely to continue until April. If exceptional rainfall occurs in March, there is a possibility that flooding impacts could increase, and additional impacts to cellars and roads could be experienced 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 falling.

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** should continue to fall.

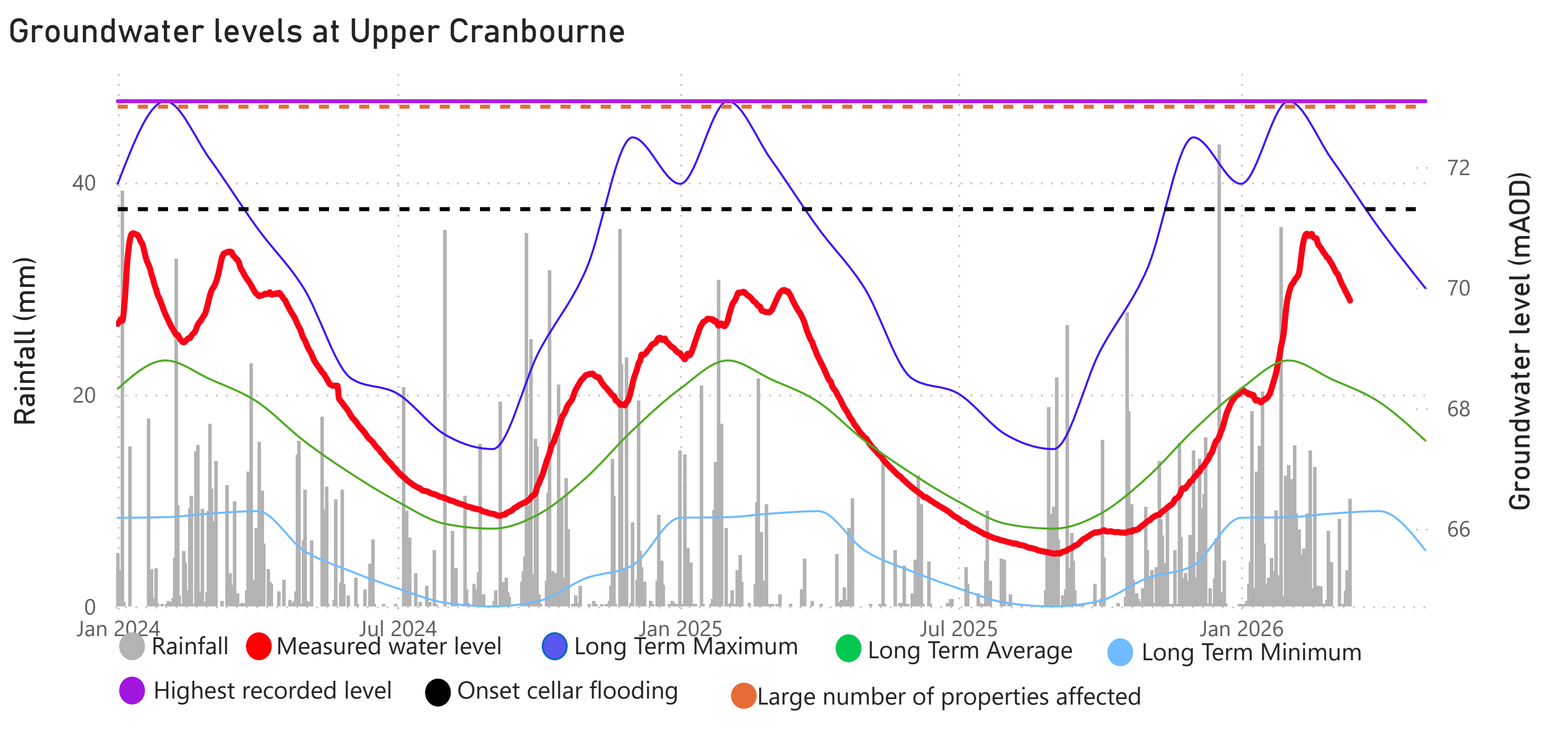
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and May.

Groundwater flood impacts are not currently expected. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could continue until April 2026.

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

No flooding impacts are expected in this community. If heavy or persistent rain occurs in the end of March and into April, then flooding impacts could 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 could possibly be occurring in the community, including sewerage system problems.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast, groundwater at **King's Somborne** should continue to fall.

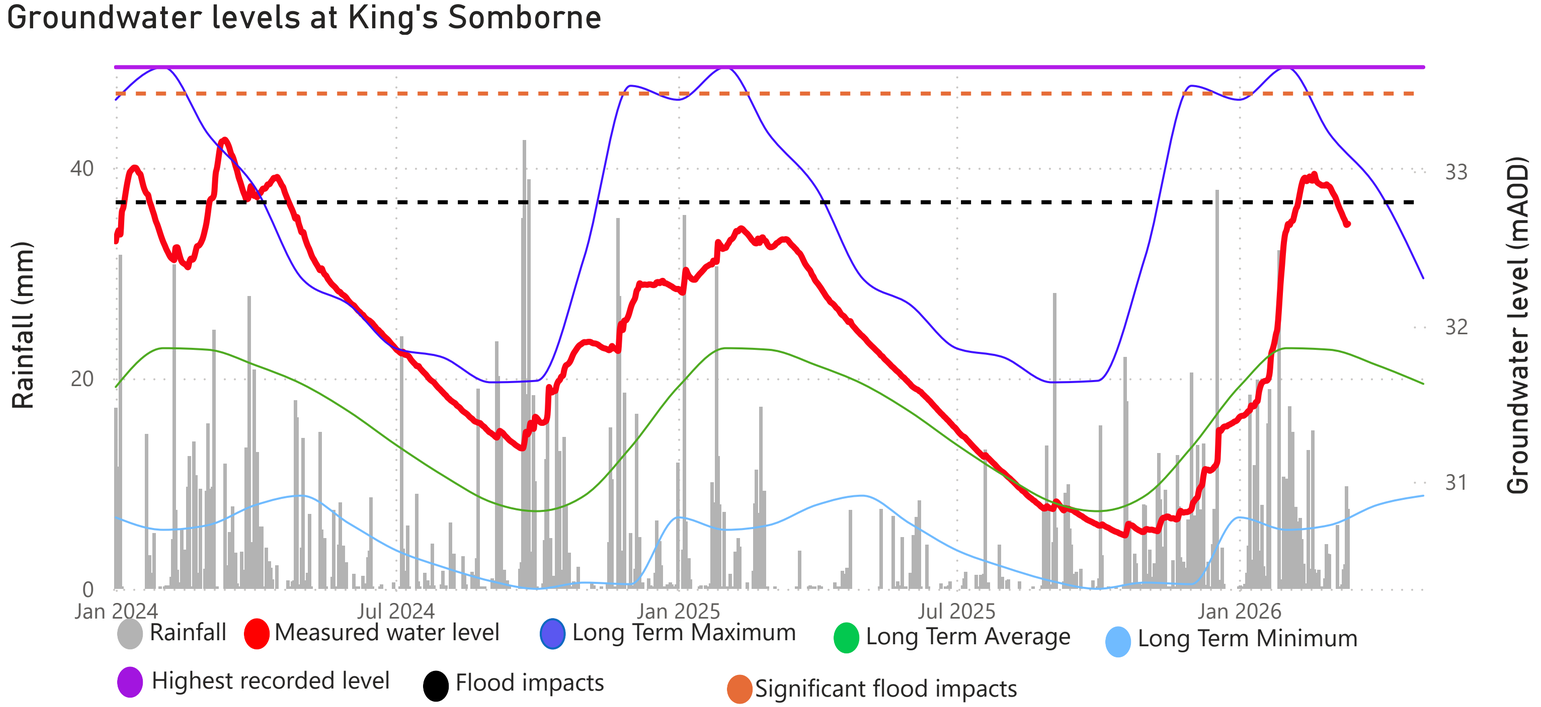
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

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

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

No further flooding impacts are expected. If heavy or persistent rain occurs, then there is a low likelihood that further road and cellar flooding could occur.



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 widespread cellar flooding and sewerage system impacts.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast, groundwater at **Hursley** should continue to fall.

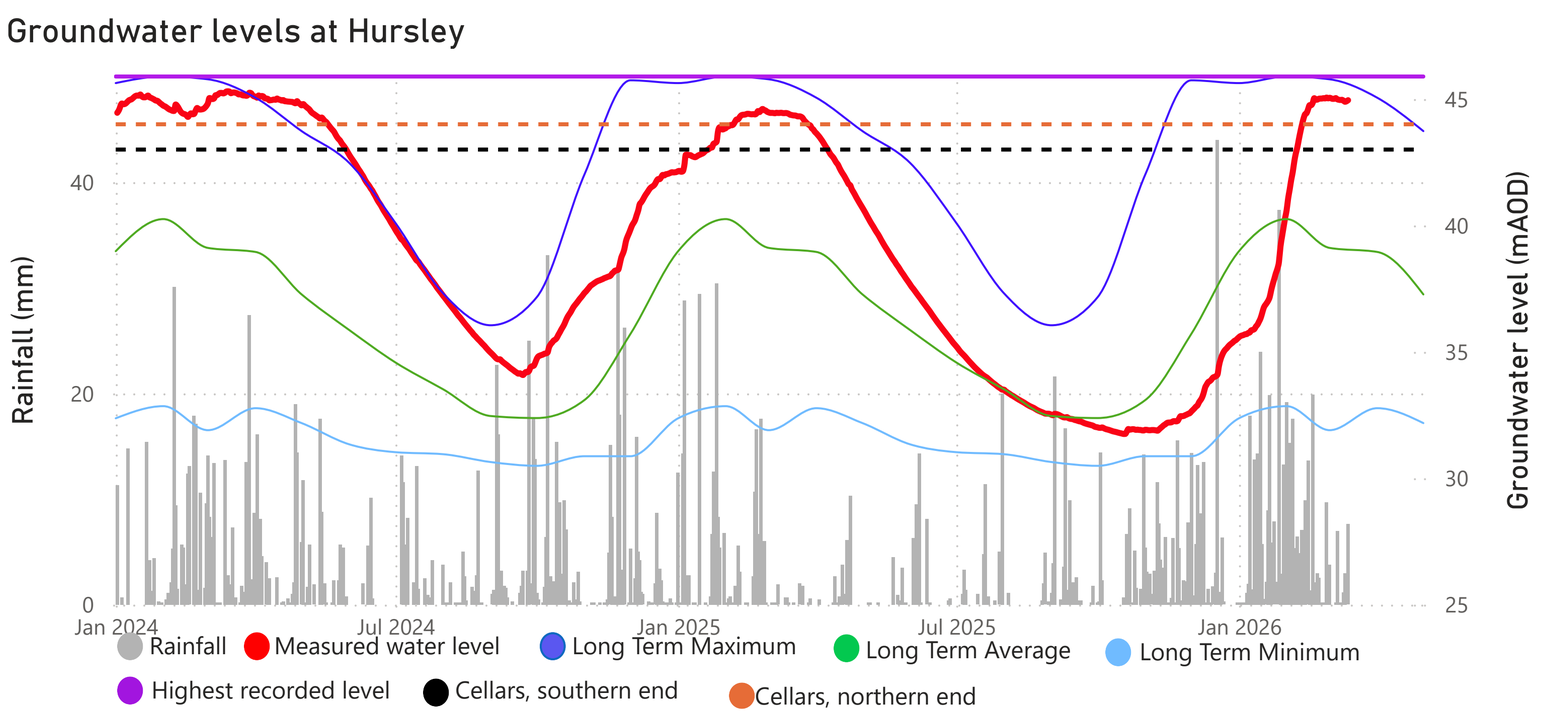
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and February.

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

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

Flood impacts affecting cellars and the sewage network are likely to continue until April. If exceptional rainfall occurs in March, there is a low likelihood that flood impacts could increase.



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 but currently falling.

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, Pitton and West Tytherley, with sewerage systme impacts in many villages.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast,
groundwater at **Lopcombe Corner** should continue to fall.
and at **West Tytherley** 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 occurs between October and March.

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

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

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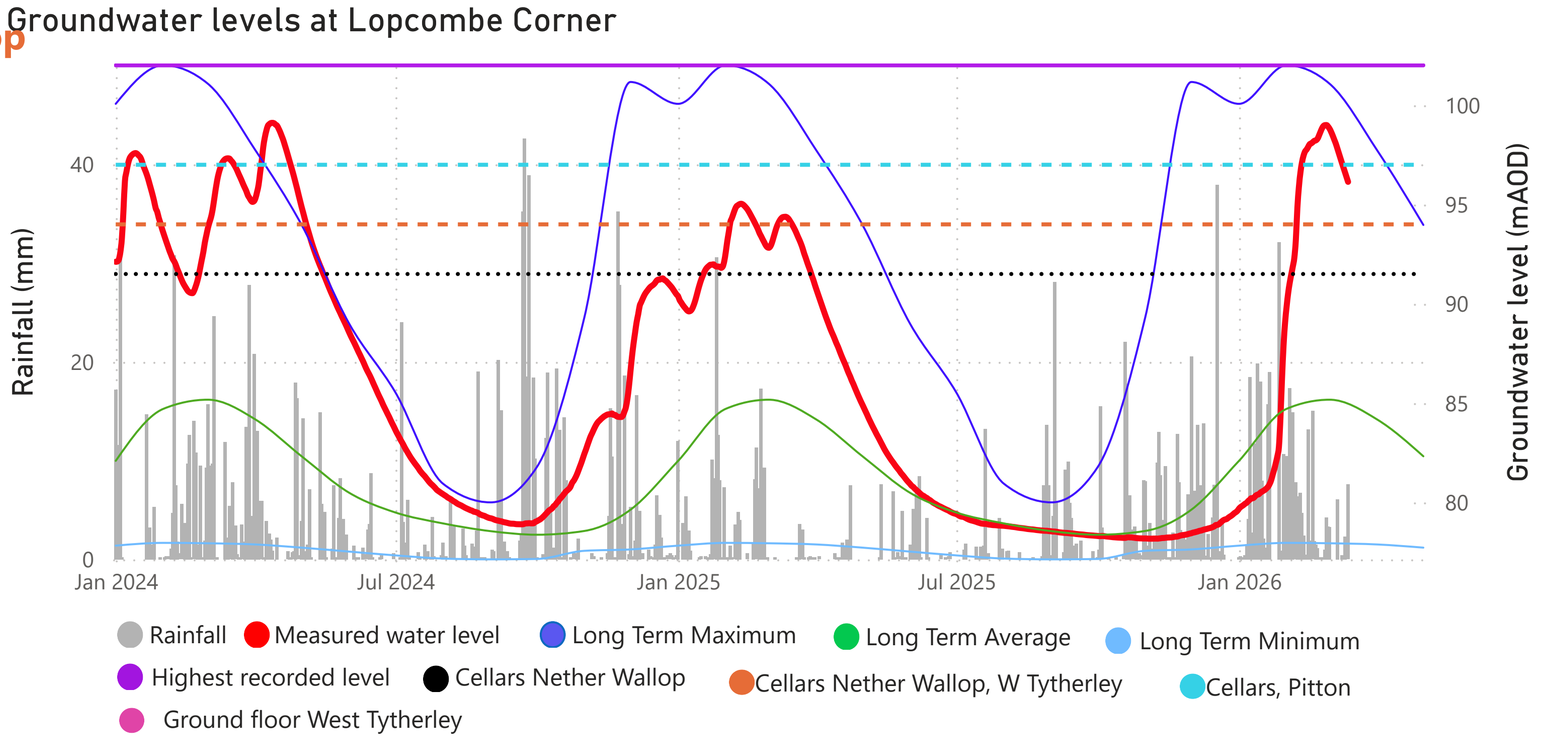
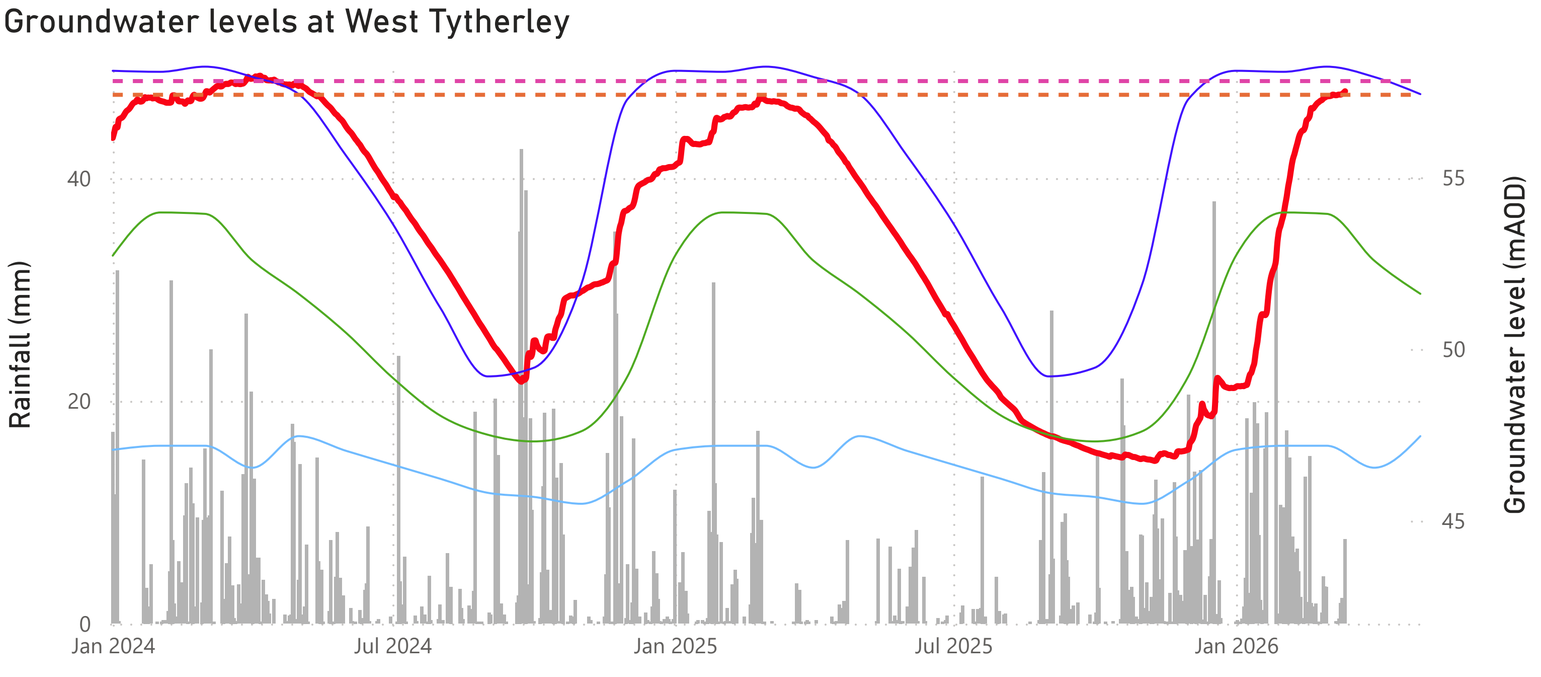




Preston Candover and Old Alresford

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Preston Candover** are:
Above 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 mid March 2026.

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

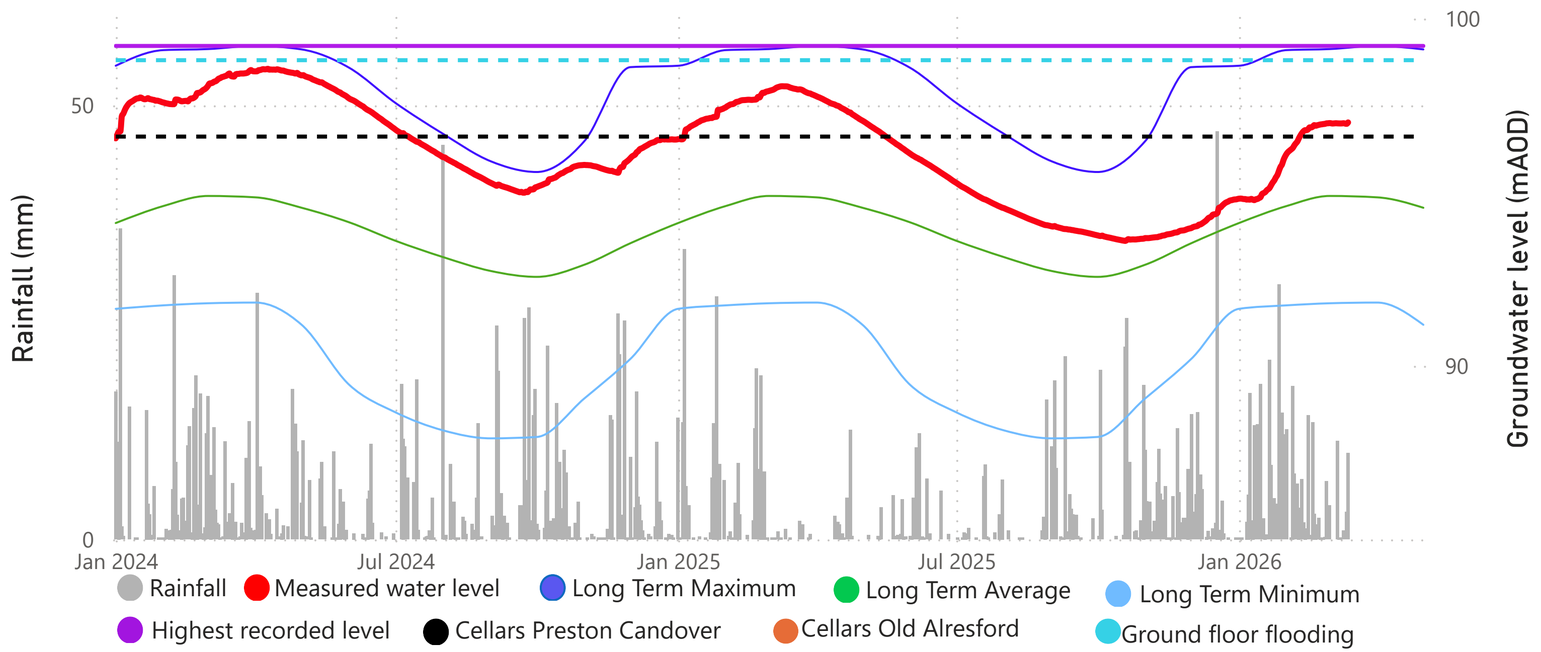
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

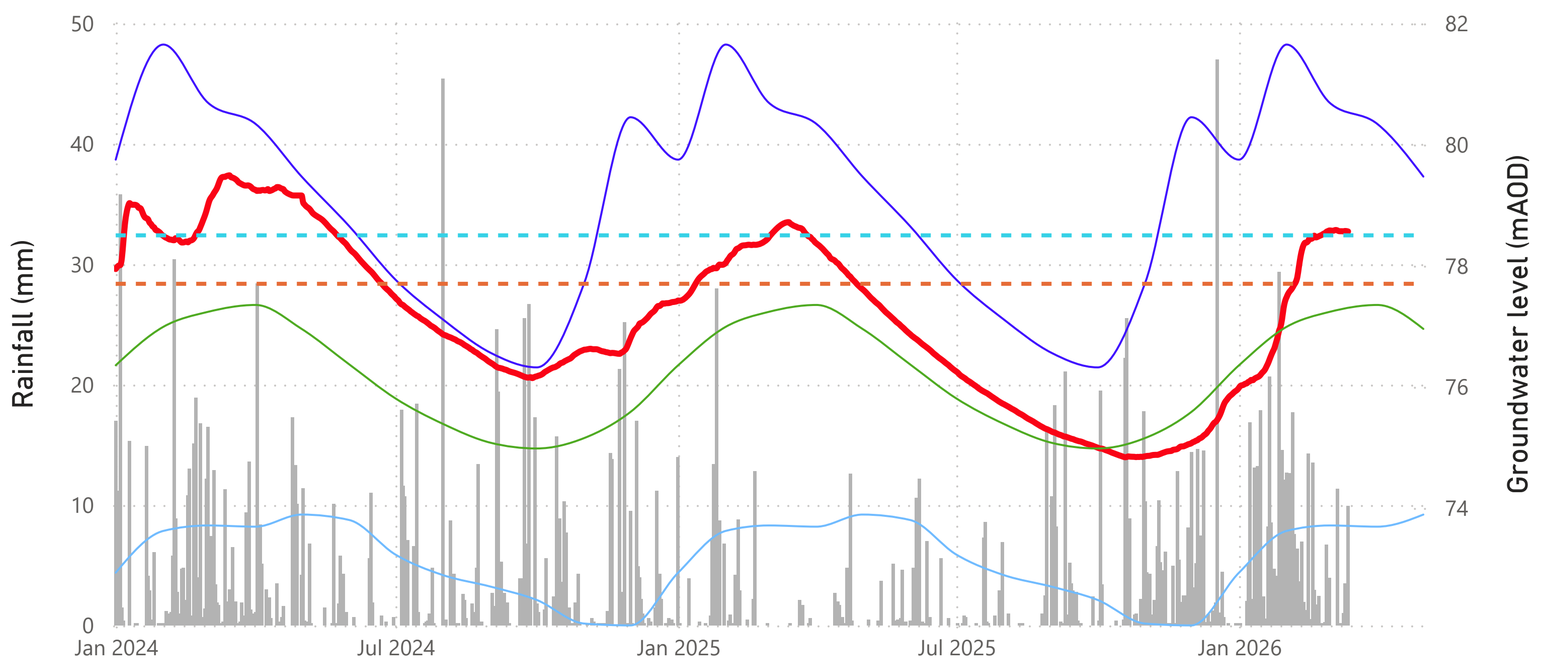
Groundwater flood impacts are possible from early February 2026 and may last until early April 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could continue until May 2026.

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

Flood impacts affecting cellars and septic tanks are likely to continue until April. If exceptional rainfall occurs in March, there is a low likelihood that flood impacts could increase.





Bishop's Sutton

Current situation:

More information:

A Flood Alert is currently in force.
Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **Bishop's Sutton** 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 **Bishop's Sutton** will likely initially rise until mid March 2026.

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

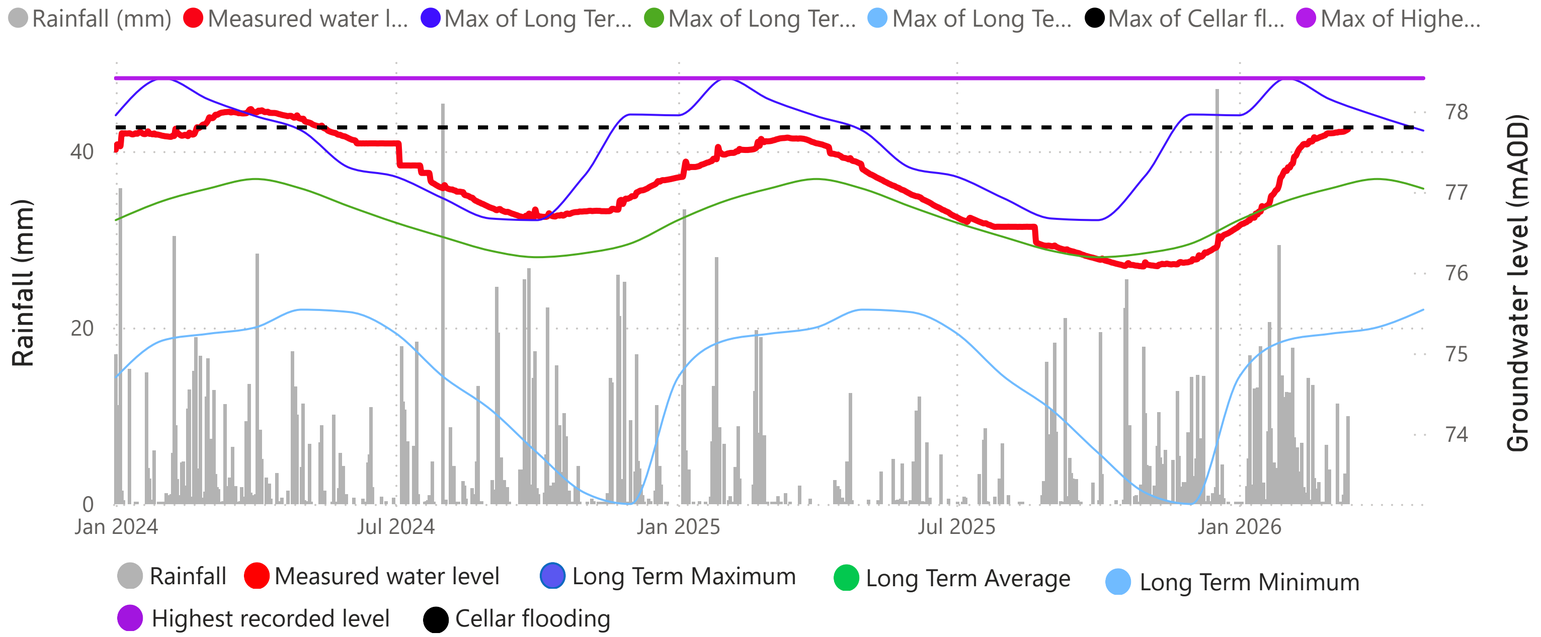
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts are possible from mid March 2026 and may last until mid March 2026. 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:

Flooding to a small number of cellars, to roads and septic tanks could begin from mid-March and will likkely continue through to April.



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:
Above average for the time of year but currently falling.

Current impacts:

Flooding impacts are no longer expected to be occurring.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast, groundwater at **Harestock** should continue to fall.

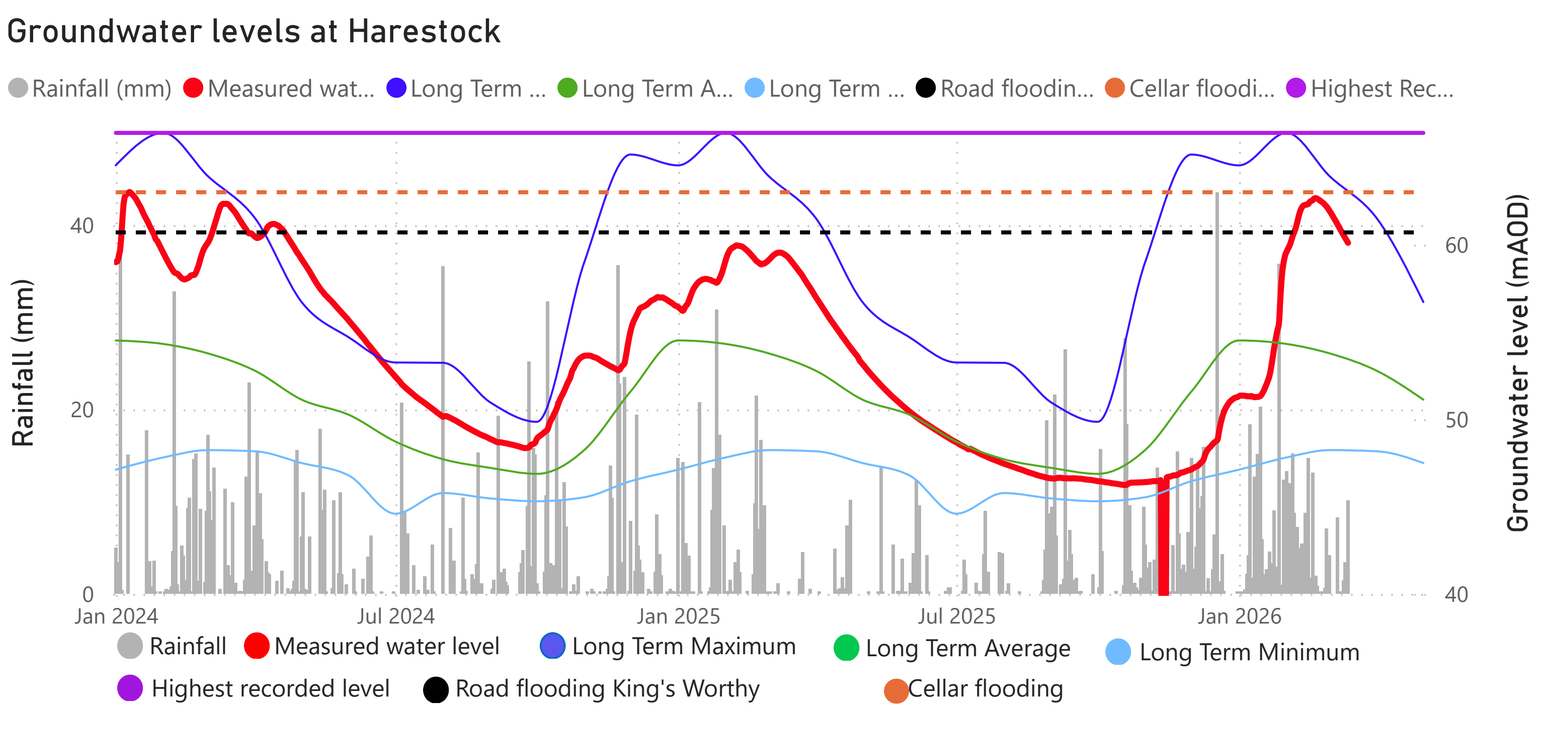
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and May.

Groundwater flood impacts are not currently expected. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could continue until April 2026.

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

No further flooding impacts are expected. If heavy or persistent rain occurs, then there is a low likelihood that further road and cellar flooding could occur.



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 but currently falling.

Current impacts:

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

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast, groundwater at **West Meon Hut** should continue to fall.

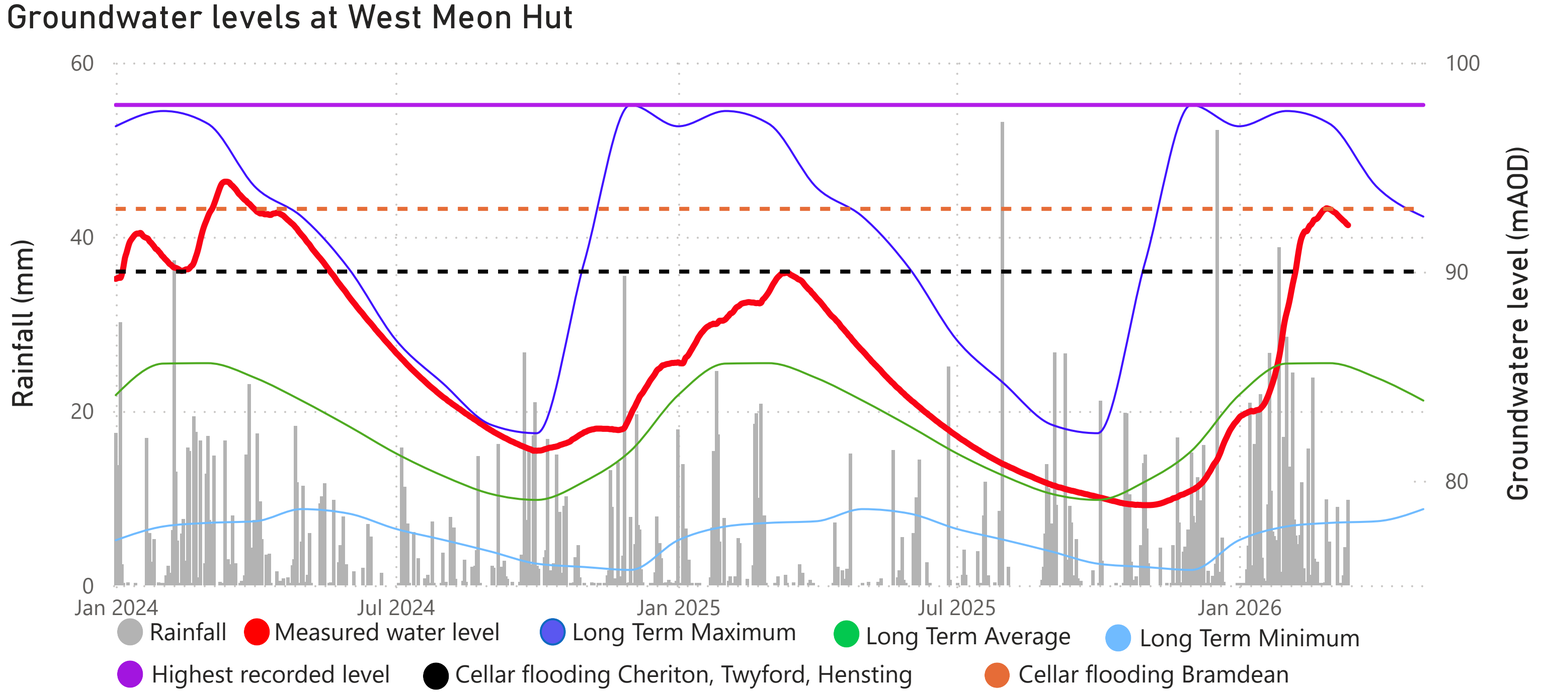
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and February.

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

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

Flood impacts affecting cellars in Cheriton are likely to continue until April. If exceptional rainfall occurs in March, there is a low likelihood that flood impacts could increase.



Twyford and Hensting

Current situation:

More information:

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Groundwater levels, at the borehole in **West Meon Hut** are:
Above average for the time of year but currently falling.

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** should continue to fall.

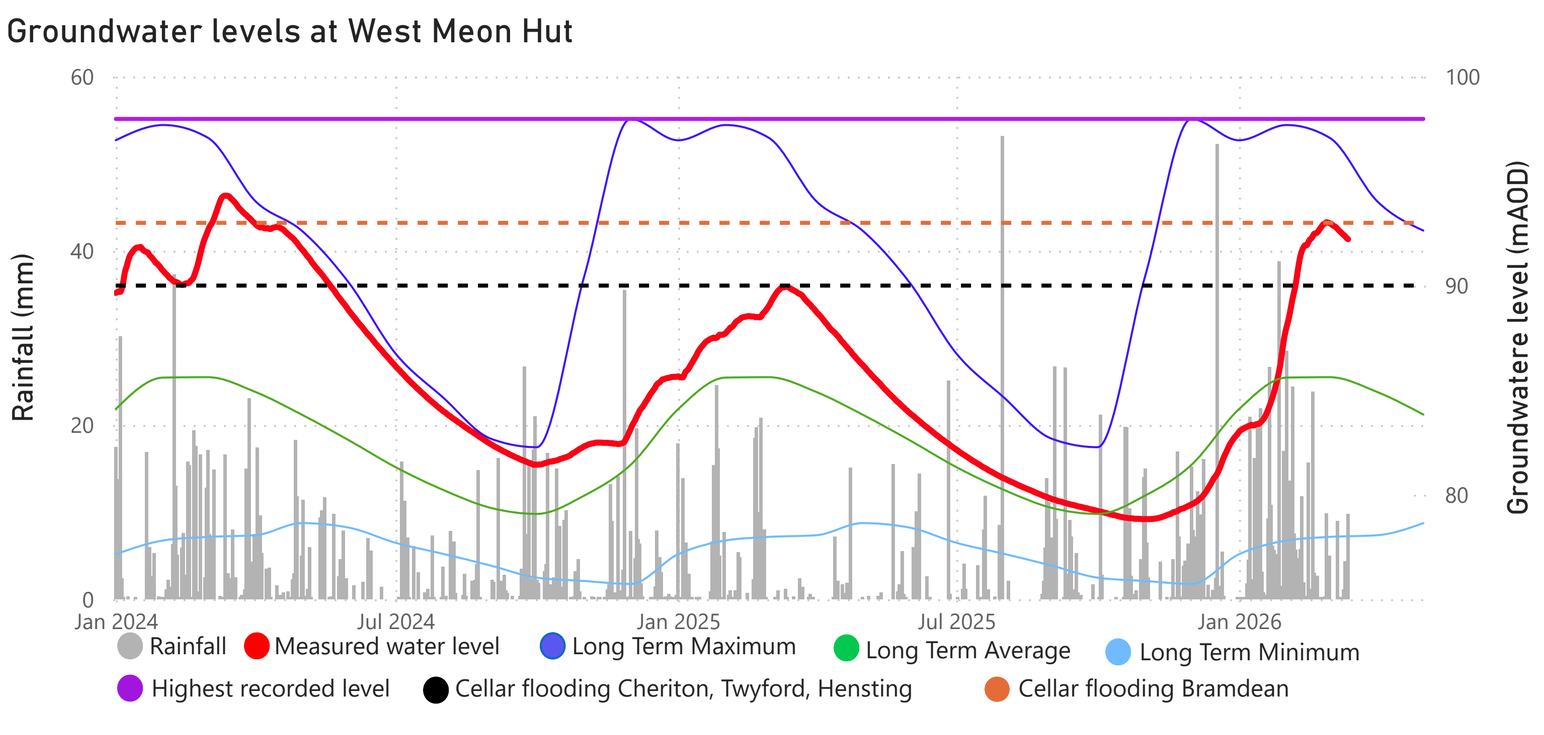
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

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

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

Flood impacts affecting cellars and roads are likely to continue until April. If exceptional rainfall occurs in March, there is a low likelihood that flood impacts could increase.



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 but currently falling.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are no longer expected to be occurring in the community.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast, groundwater at **Pound Lane** should continue to fall.

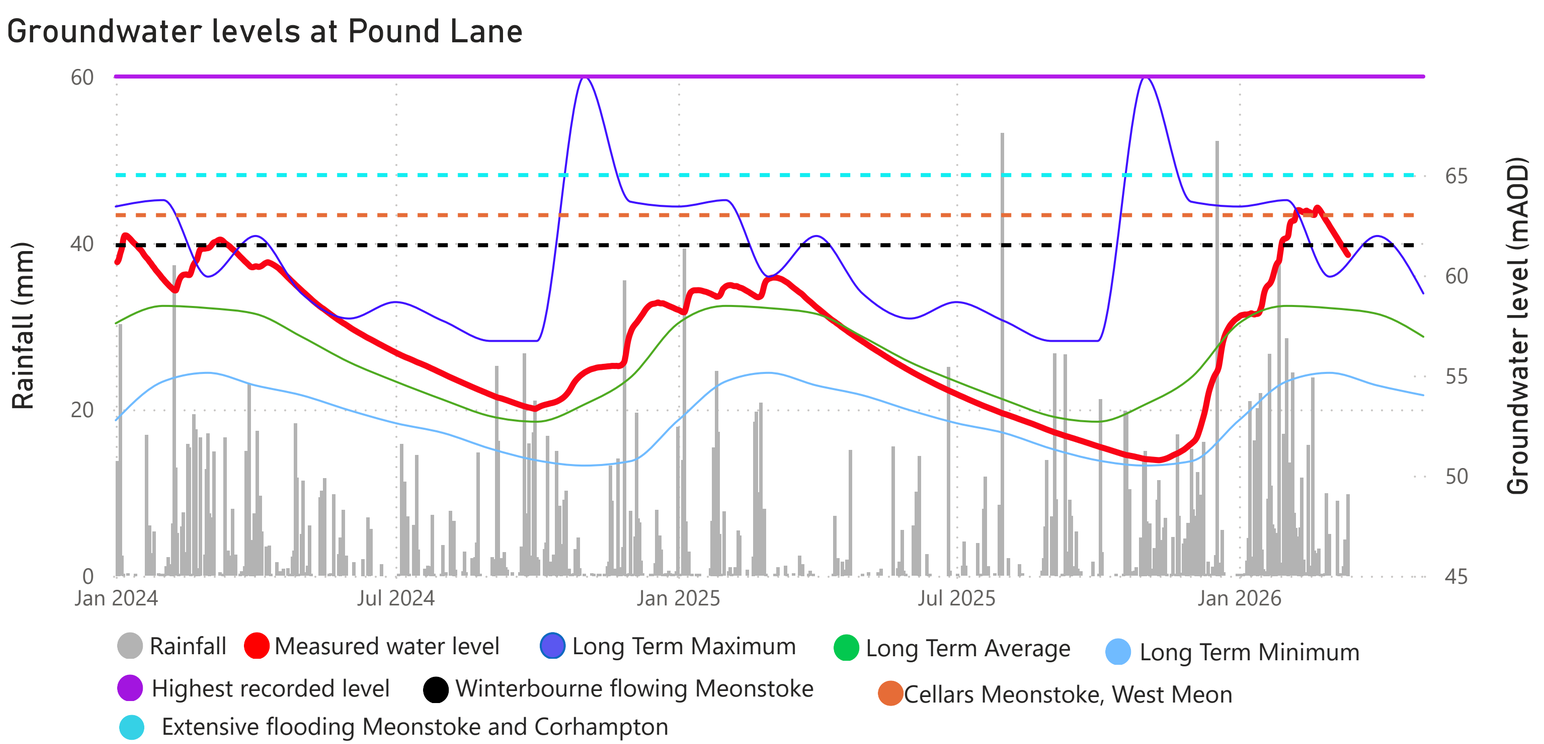
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts are not currently expected. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could continue until April 2026.

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

No further flooding impacts are expected. If heavy or persistent rain occurs, then there is a low likelihood that further road and cellar flooding 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 but currently falling.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with 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** should continue to fall.

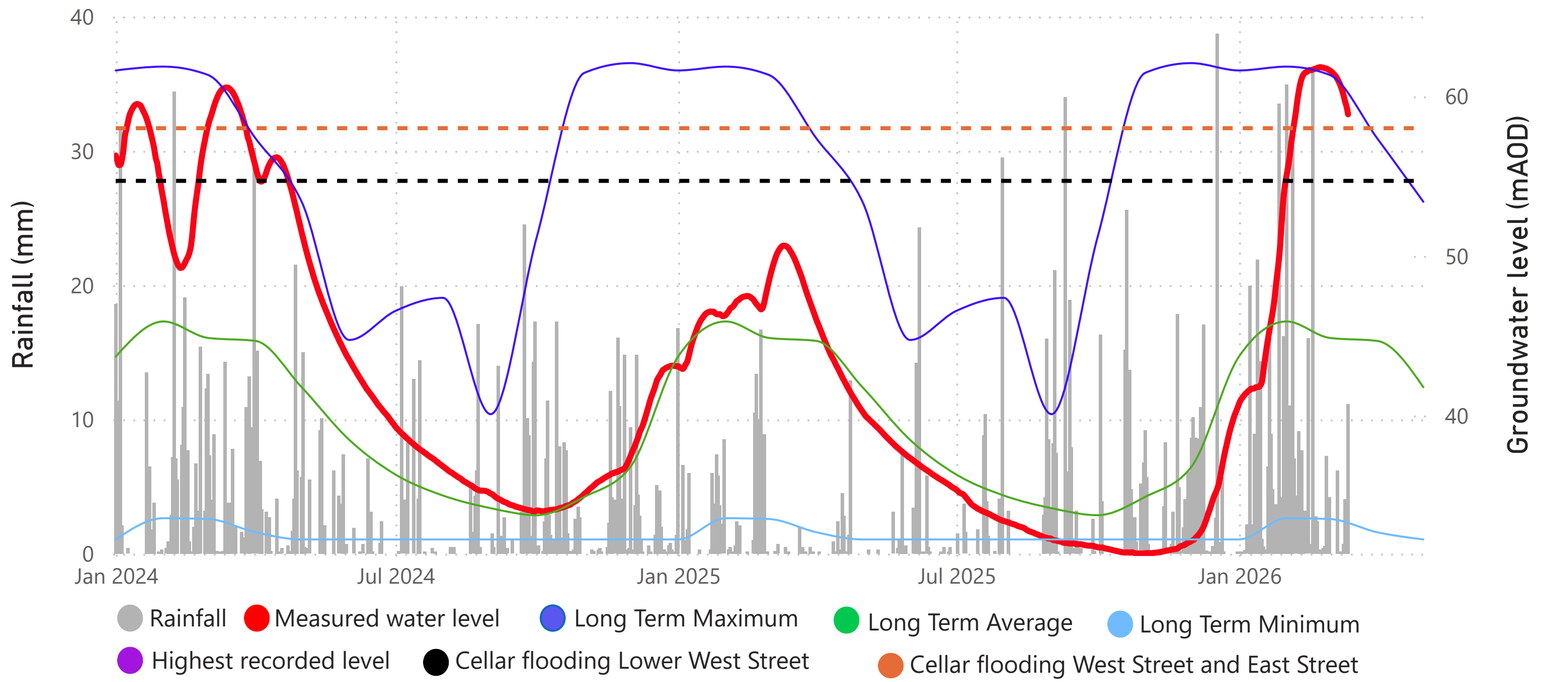
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts are possible from late January 2026 and may last until mid 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:

Flood impacts affecting cellars and the sewage network are likely to continue until April. If exceptional rainfall occurs in March, there is a low likelihood that flood impacts could increase.



Denmead

Current situation:

More information:

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

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, including road flooding on Anmore Road and Mill Lane, as well as sewage systems impacts.

Prediction:

Based on the weather that has happened and is forecast, groundwater at **Rookwood Farm** should continue to fall.

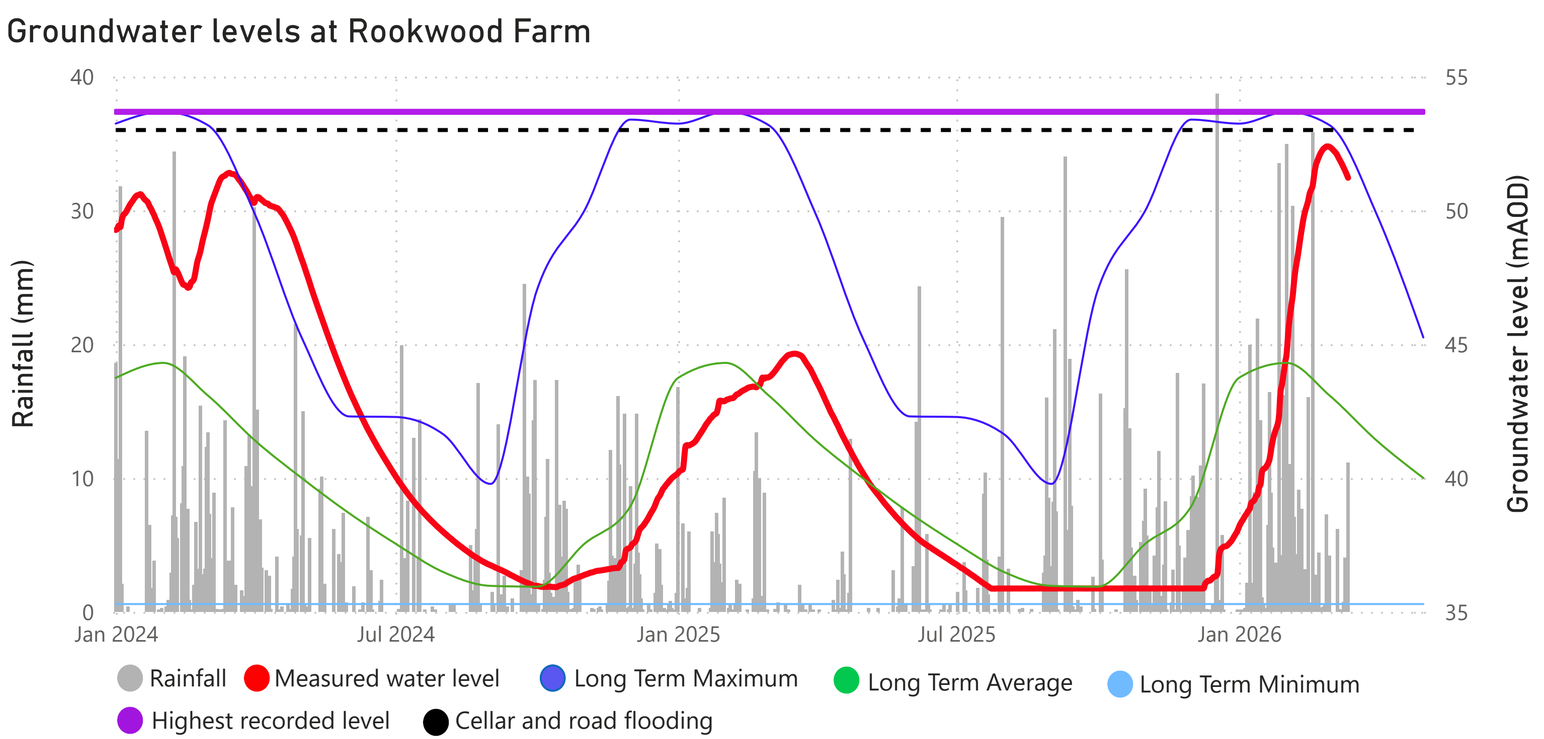
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and February.

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

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

Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

Flood impacts affecting roads, and the sewage network are likely to continue for another week. If exceptional rainfall occurs in March, there is a low likelihood that flood impacts could increase.



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 but currently falling.

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

Above average for the time of year but currently falling.

Current impacts:

Flood impacts are expected to be occurring in the community, with 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** should continue to fall.

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

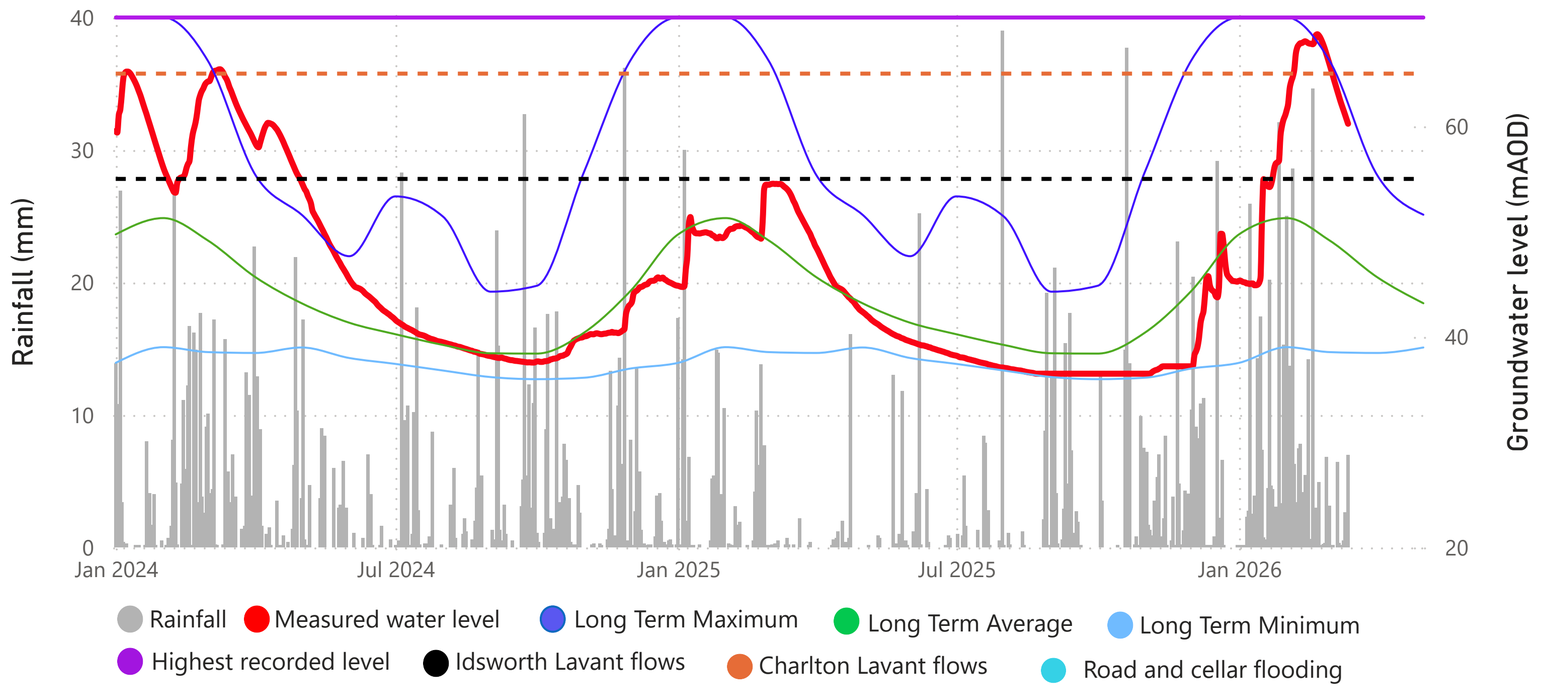
Groundwater flood impacts are possible from early February 2026 and may last until late March 2026. If exceptional rain occurs, groundwater flood impacts could continue until April 2026.

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

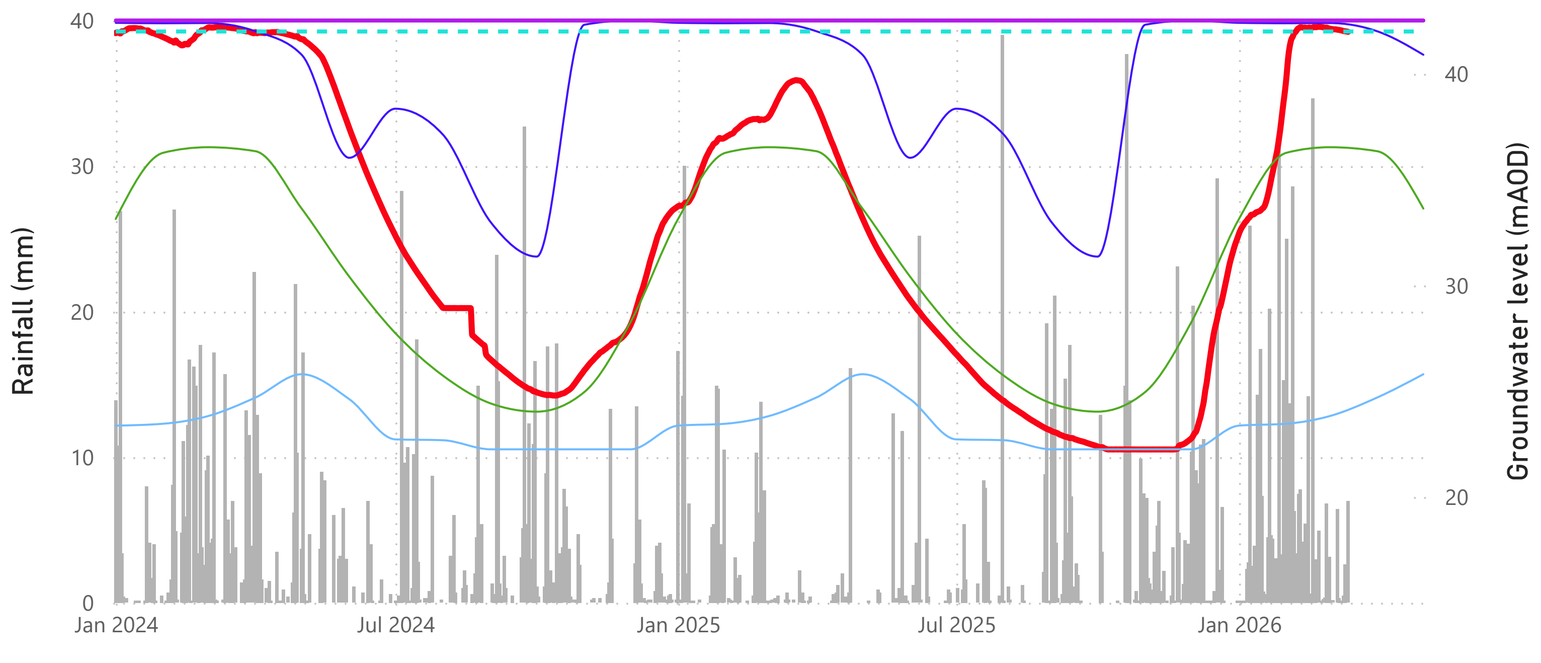
Groundwater flood impacts possible in the community could include:

Flood impacts affecting roads, a small number of cellars, and the sewage network are likely to continue until April. If exceptional rainfall occurs in March, there is a low likelihood that flood impacts could increase.

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 falling.

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** should continue to fall.

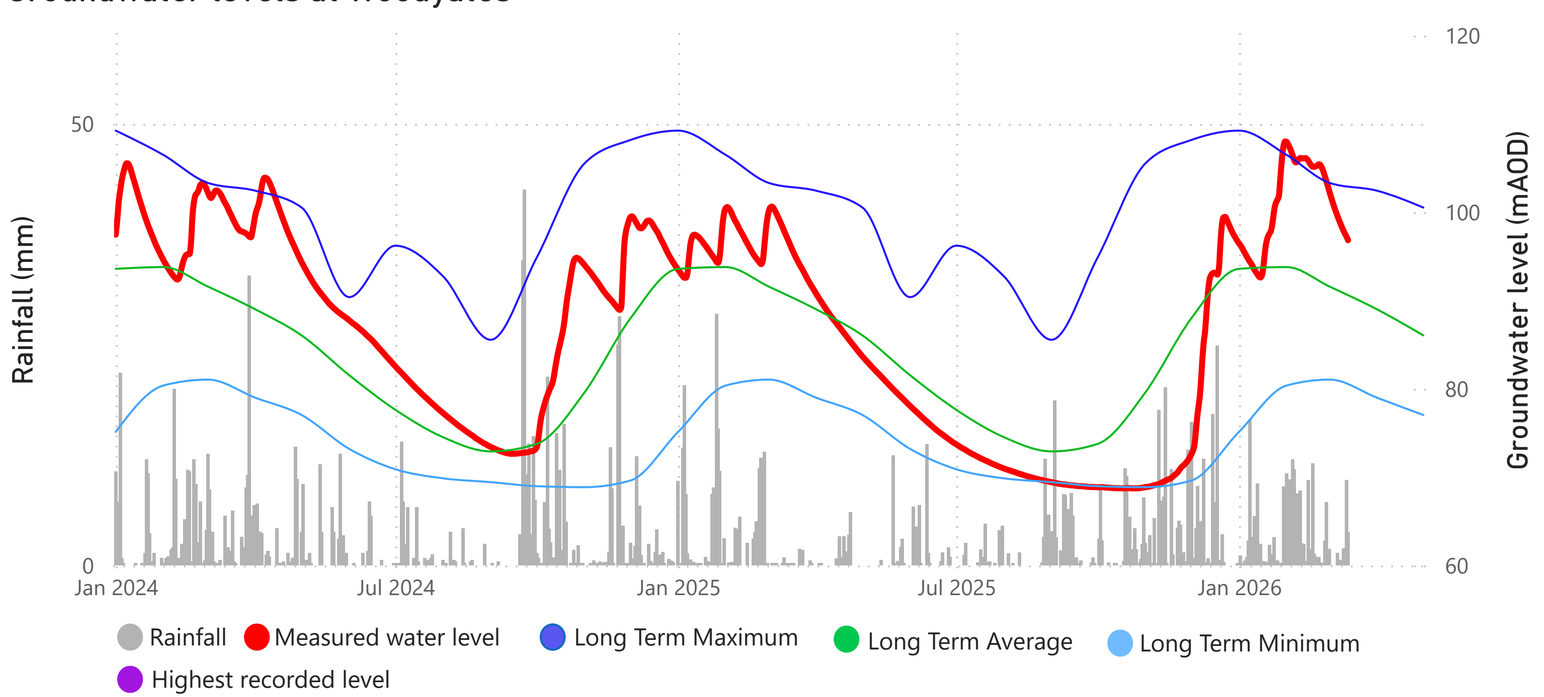
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and February.

Groundwater flood impacts are possible from late January 2026 and may last until mid April 2025.

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 February 2026, minor flood impacts affecting fields, roads, gardens, and a small number of cellars will continue.



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 but currently falling.

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 **Tilshead** should continue to fall.

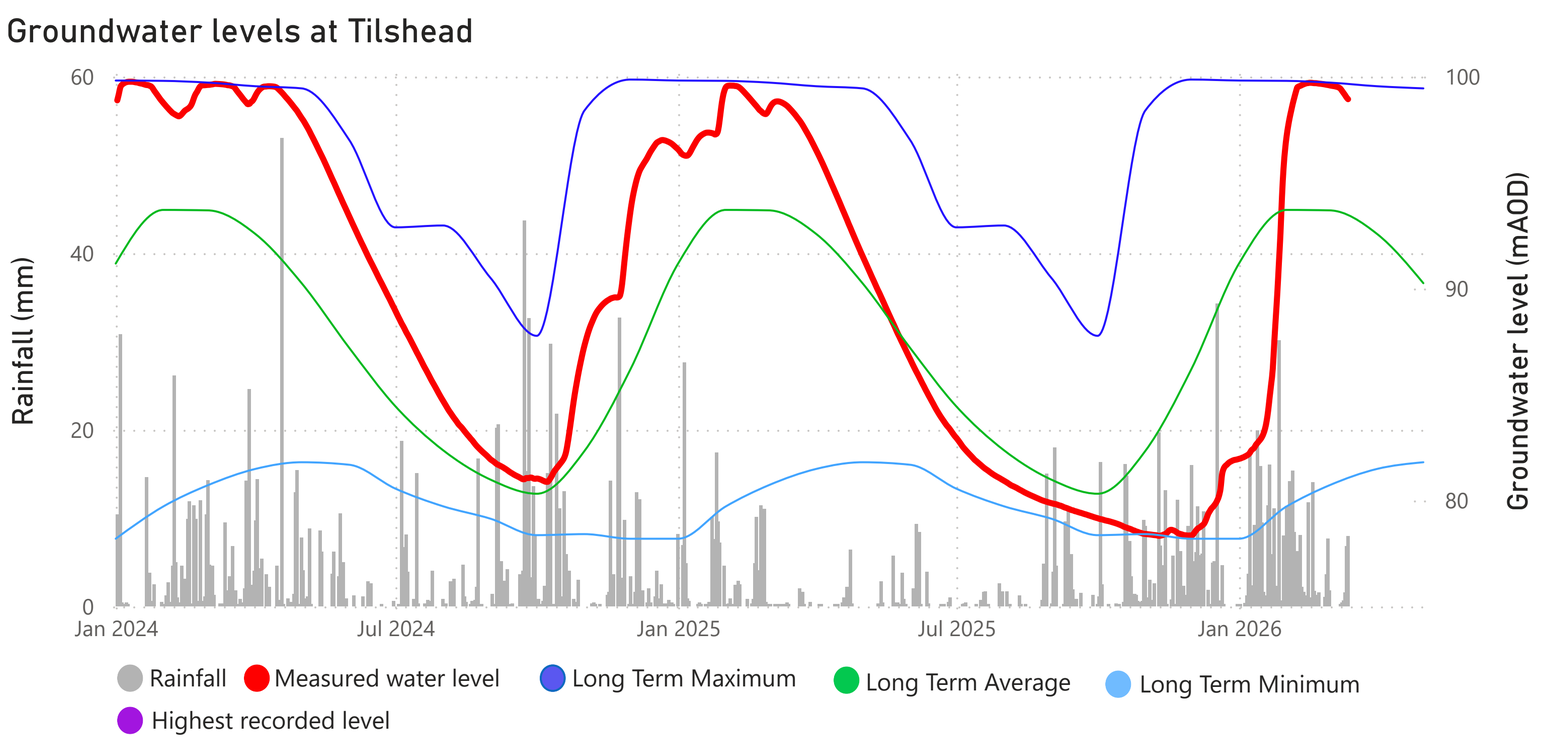
Long term predictions are difficult, however on average periods of groundwater rise occurs between October and March.

Groundwater flood impacts are possible from early 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:

Flood impacts affecting low lying land and roads are likely to continue until April. If exceptional rainfall occurs in March, there is a low likelihood that flood impacts could increase.



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.

If for any reason you are restricted from accessing our site, typing out the address into Google Chrome or Safari (on Apple devices), or searching for 'Groundwater Graphs' on the internet (again in Google Chrome) should open the page.

Next update

This groundwater briefing note will be updated by 18:00 on Friday 10 April 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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