

Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Weekly bulletin: Wednesday 13 to Tuesday 19 January 2016

Summary: Most parts of England have had some precipitation in the past week, with snow affecting many areas.

Rainfall

The past week has been drier than the previous week, with rainfall totals ranging from 7mm in east England to 21mm in north-west and south-west England (table 1 and figure 1). Cumulative rainfall totals for January to date are above the monthly long term average (LTA) in all geographic regions, ranging from 104% of the LTA in north-west and south-west England to 122% in north-east England (table 1).

River flow

River flows have decreased this week compared to the previous week at all indicator sites. The latest daily mean flows are [normal](#) or higher for the time of year at all sites (figure 2).

Outlook

Showers are likely in the west on Thursday. Friday will see rain, heavy in places, spreading from the west across England. Saturday will be a brighter day for most, with showers affecting only parts of northern England. Showers are likely to be more widespread for Sunday and Monday.

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Geographic regions	Latest Week: 13 to 19 Jan 2016	Latest month to date: Jan 2016		Last month: Dec 2015		Last 3 months: Oct 2015 to Dec 2015		Last 6 months: Jul 2015 to Dec 2015		Last 12 months: Jan 2015 to Dec 2015	
	Total (mm)	Total (mm)	% LTA	Total (mm)	% LTA	Total (mm)	% LTA	Total (mm)	% LTA	Total (mm)	% LTA
north-west	21	118	104	346	289	678	187	951	144	1521	131
north-east	11	96	122	198	245	438	187	669	152	1013	124
central	14	72	110	103	143	242	123	422	113	707	99
east	7	56	109	57	103	171	104	364	115	576	96
south-east	8	85	119	81	107	215	98	445	115	725	100
south-west	21	119	104	124	106	312	98	628	117	1042	103
England	13	88	111	137	165	317	133	550	127	882	109

Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2016)¹

¹ Notes:

- LTA = long term average rainfall for 1961 – 1990.
- Data for the current month are calculated using MORECS (Met Office Rainfall and Evaporation Calculation System); data for past months are provisional values from the National Climate Information Centre (NCIC).
- The data is rounded to the nearest millimetre or percent (except when values are less than 1).
- Recorded amounts of rainfall are likely to be underestimated during snow events.

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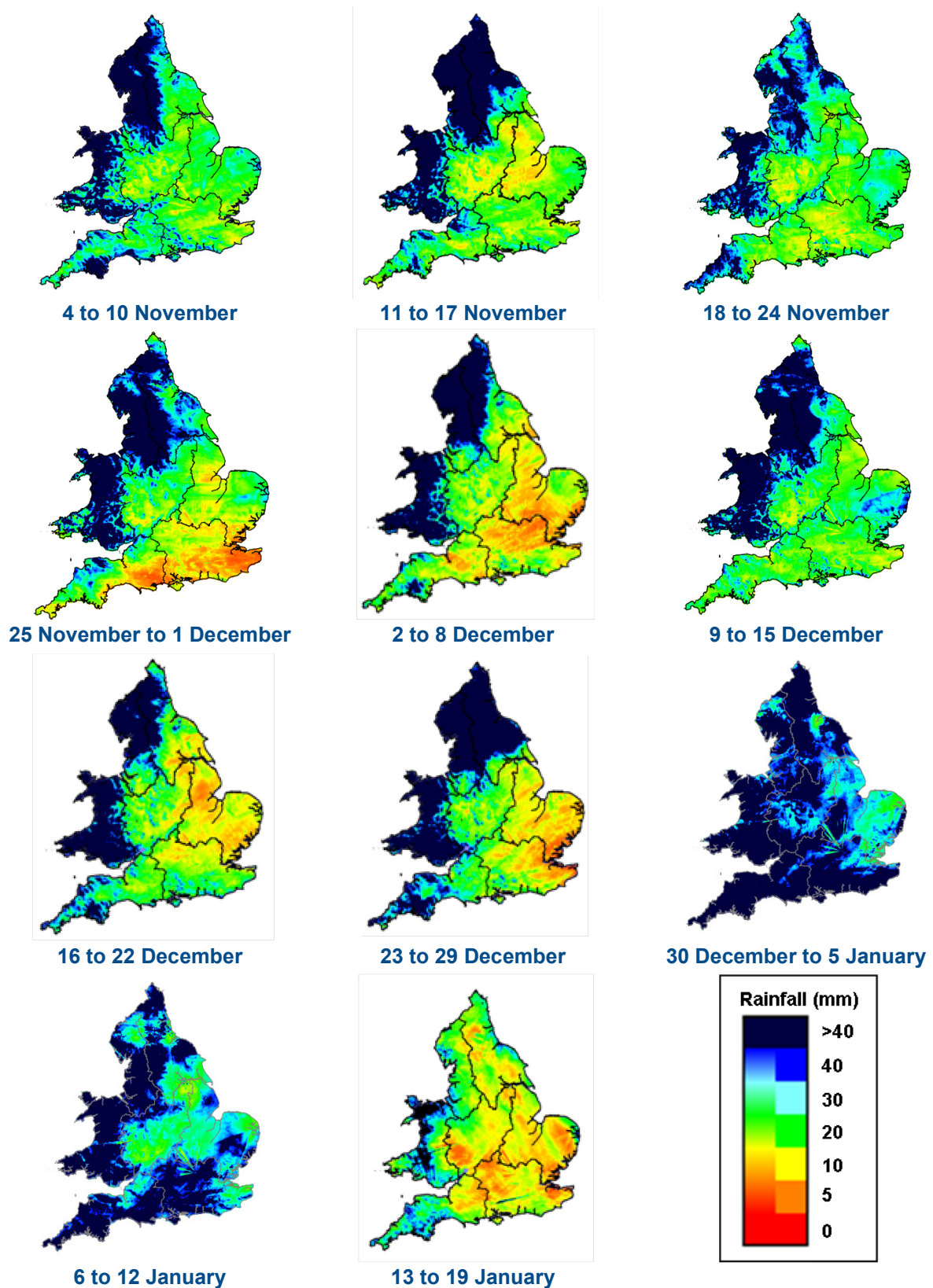
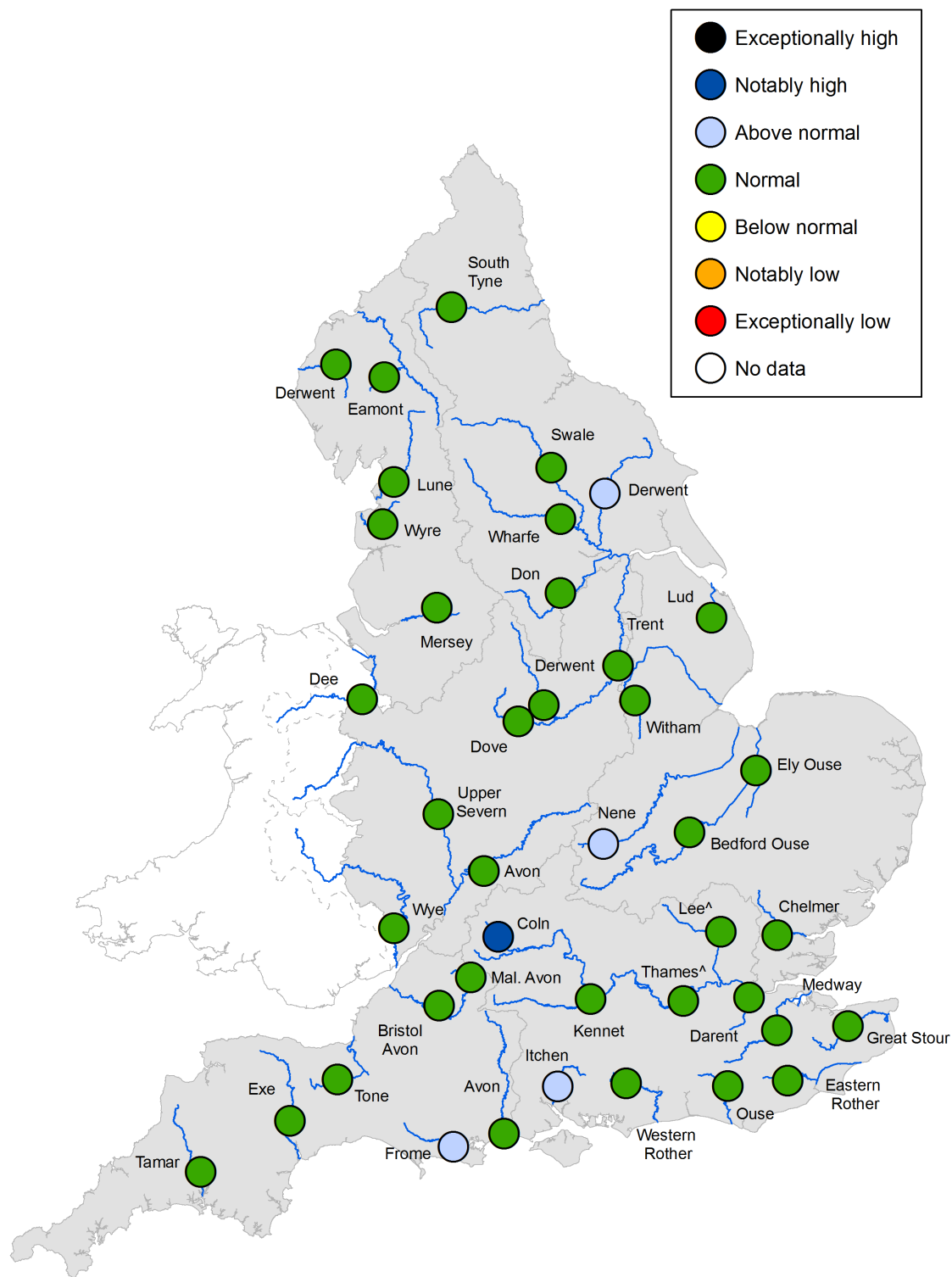


Figure 1: Weekly precipitation across England and Wales for the past 11 weeks. UKPP radar data (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2016). Note: Radar beam blockages may give anomalous totals in some areas. Crown copyright. All rights reserved. Environment Agency, 100026380, 2016.

River flow



^ – ‘Naturalised’ flows are provided for the Thames at Kingston and the Lee at Feildes Weir.

Figure 2: Latest daily mean river flow, relative to an analysis of historic daily mean flows, classed by flow percentile for the same time of year². (Source: Environment Agency). Crown copyright. All rights reserved. Environment Agency, 100026380, 2016.

²Flow percentiles describe the percentage of time that a particular flow has been equalled or exceeded compared to the historic flow record for that site for the time of year. Flow percentiles presented relate to an analysis for the time of year and not a whole year.

River flow categories

Exceptionally high	Value likely to fall within this band 5% of the time
Notably high	Value likely to fall within this band 8% of the time
Above normal	Value likely to fall within this band 15% of the time
Normal	Value likely to fall within this band 44% of the time
Below normal	Value likely to fall within this band 15% of the time
Notably low	Value likely to fall within this band 8% of the time
Exceptionally low	Value likely to fall within this band 5% of the time

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