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### **Flood Warnings**

River and sea level information does not replace flood warnings, and we will continue to monitor water levels and provide advice and warnings. To register for Floodline Warnings Direct, our free service that provides flood warnings by phone, fax, sms text, pager and email, visit our website or call Floodline on 0845 988 1188.

You can get up to date flood warning information for your area and advice on preparing for a flood by calling Floodline on 0845 988 1188 or visiting our website [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood)

**Would you like to find out more?**

**Visit our website to see information on river levels:**

**[www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood)**

**Or email us at:**

**[enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk)**

**Would you like to find out more about us or your environment?**

**Then call us on 08708 506 506 (Mon-Fri, 8am - 6pm)**

**Approximate call costs: 8p plus 6p per minute (standard landline). Please note charges will vary across telephone providers.**

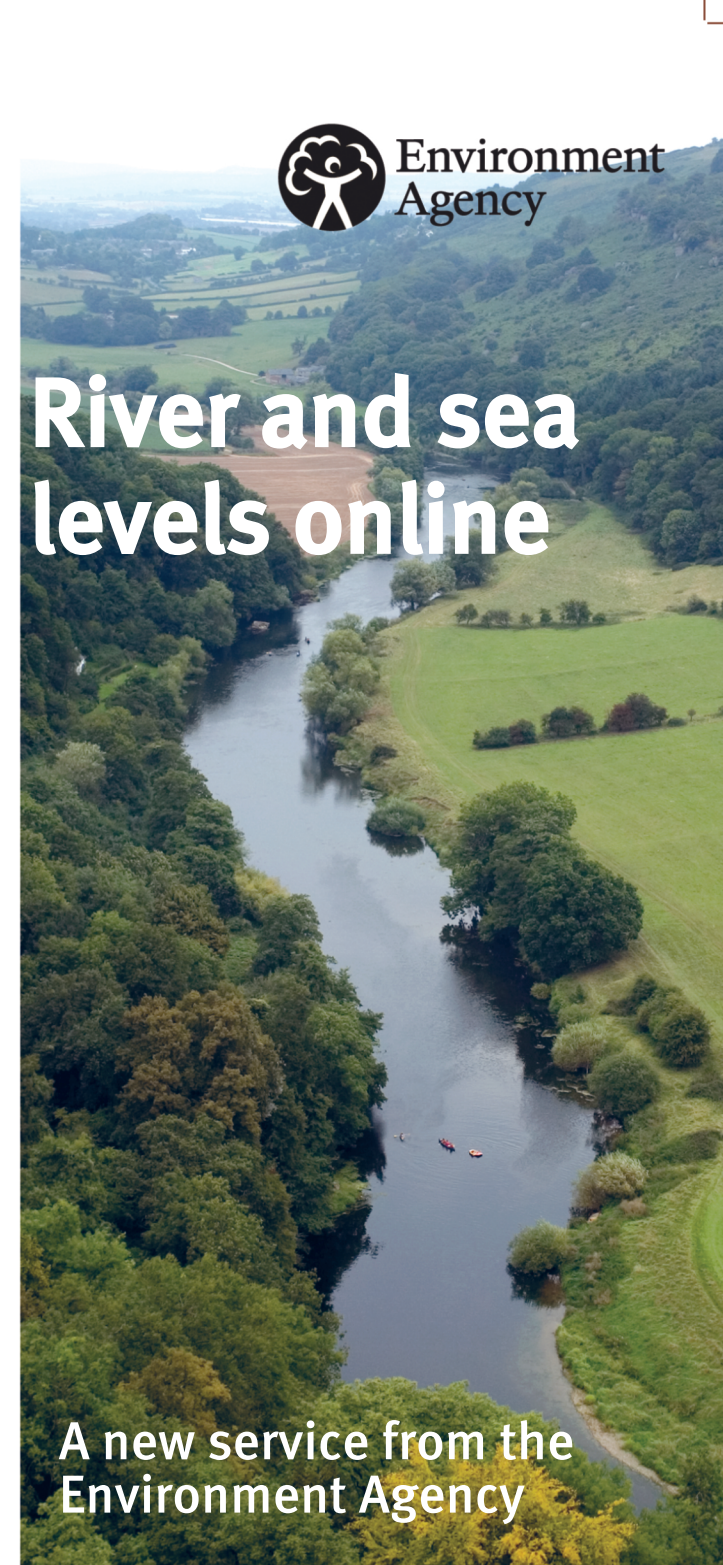
**Incident hotline 0800 80 70 60 (24 hrs)**

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# **River and sea levels online**

**A new service from the Environment Agency**



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We know that many people and businesses need good, up to date information about river and sea levels. We can now offer you easy to access online river and sea level information from monitoring stations across England and Wales by visiting [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood)

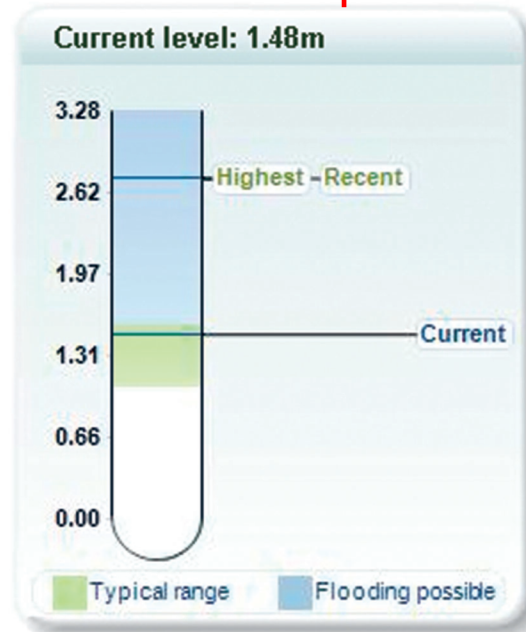
Our online river and sea level information will be of use to you if you live or work in an area at risk from flooding or you use the river for fishing or boating. This leaflet will help you understand and make the most of the information available.

#### River and sea levels online

At the Environment Agency, we are responsible for ensuring there is sufficient water available for people, business and the environment; warning and defending people from flood risk; and protecting and improving our environment.

To help us do this we have monitoring stations across England and Wales where we measure the levels of rivers, lakes, sea and groundwater. We also measure the flows of rivers and the amount of rainfall we get.

Most of the river and sea level measurements are taken electronically and automatically sent to databases used by our forecasting systems. These water level measurements will now be sent straight to our website and published online. The information will be updated daily, and in some cases, when water levels are high, the information will be updated more regularly.



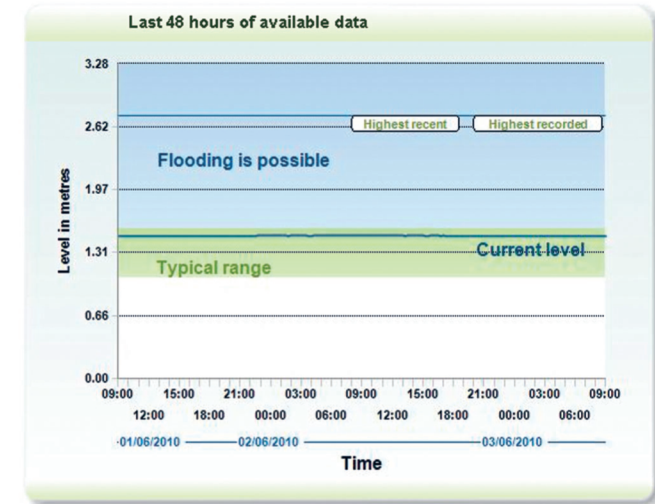
#### What information is online?

The website includes graphs which let you see at a glance what the water levels are. The information below explains what you will see on the website.

#### Current water level

The river level 'thermometer', shown above, tells you the latest water level at a particular point. It also includes information to help you put this in context, such as the highest level recorded and the level where flooding is possible. There is also a written summary of the data, including the date and time of the last published river level.

Most of the time, the published data will give an accurate water level. But occasionally the data might not reflect the true water level, for example because of conditions at the station or work to maintain or repair the monitoring equipment. We will make this clear on our website.



#### Recent water levels

The recent water level graph above, shows the water levels over the last 48 hours, along with information to help put these in context. You will also find information about the monitoring station where the measurements have been taken, including its name and the river it is on.

#### How do I find out about levels in my area?

The website includes maps which show where our monitoring stations are. The maps will have three scales – region, area and river catchment – so you will be able to focus in on your area.

#### How can I use this information?

Having up to date information on local water levels will help you decide what action to take as the levels change. For example, if levels are higher than normal you can find out if your area is at risk of flooding by checking our website [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood) And if you go boating or fishing, you'll be able to check the level of the river before you set off.