

Weekly rainfall and river flow summary

Wednesday 29 October to Tuesday 4 November 2025

1 Summary

The week brought relatively wet conditions across much of England, with the heaviest rainfall in the north-west. River flows increased at the vast majority of sites we report on, with over three-quarters now classed as normal or higher for the time of year.

1.1 Rainfall

It was a reasonably wet week across much of England, with totals slightly above those seen in recent weeks. Weekly accumulations ranged from just 14 mm in the east to 71 mm in the north-west (Table 1 and Figure 1), where the heaviest rainfall was recorded. Most other regions received between 25 mm and 35 mm, with England as a whole recording 31 mm.

Rainfall totals for October ranged from 82% of the long-term average (LTA) in central England to 101% in the south-east. England as a whole received 81 mm during the month, equivalent to 90% of the LTA.

1.2 River flows

River flows increased at the vast majority of sites we report on, with 48 sites (87%) recording a rise compared to the previous week. More than three-quarters of sites (43 sites, 78%) were classified as normal or higher for the time of year, including five sites that were exceptionally high, most of which were located in north-west England.

In contrast, seven sites (13%) were classed as below normal, with three sites (5%) classed as notably low. Two sites (4%) in eastern England were classed as exceptionally low for the time of year (Figure 3.1).

1.3 Outlook

Thursday will see mostly overcast conditions in western and north-western areas, with occasional rain or drizzle. Elsewhere, some brighter intervals are expected, although scattered showers may develop in the south and east. Friday brings a mix of sunshine and showers, with more persistent rain pushing north and east during the day. The weekend looks changeable, with spells of wind and rain in the west, but drier and brighter periods further east. Into next week, conditions are expected to gradually settle, with drier weather becoming more widespread and temperatures remaining near average.

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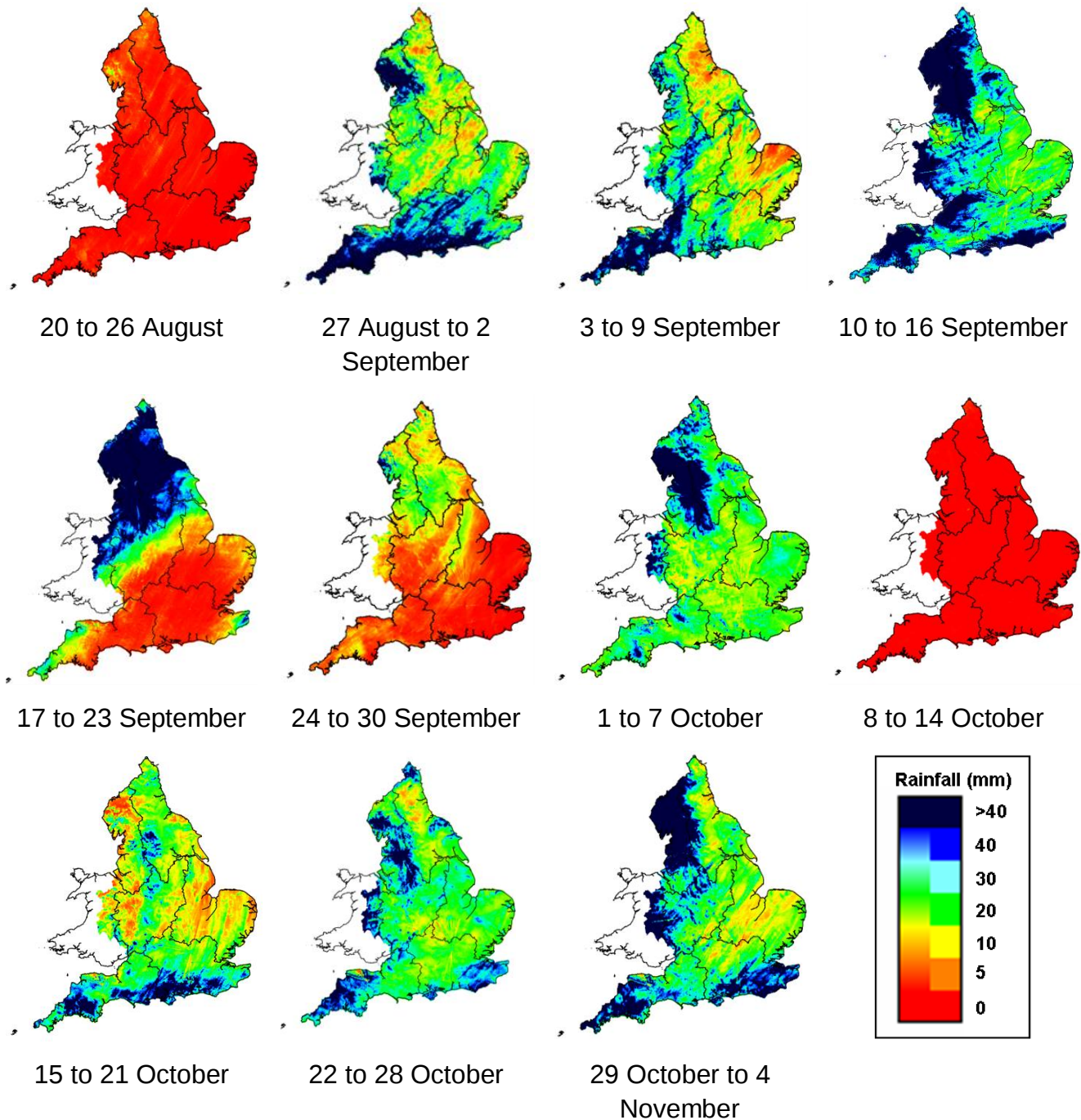
Table 1: Latest rainfall summary information (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright, 2025)

Geographic regions	29 Oct to 4 Nov 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Nov 2025 to date total rainfall (mm)	Nov 2025 to date rainfall % of LTA	Oct 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Oct 2025 rainfall % of LTA	Last 3 months Aug to Oct 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Last 3 months Aug to Oct 2025 rainfall % of LTA	Last 6 months May to Oct 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Last 6 months May to Oct 2025 rainfall % of LTA	Last 12 months Nov 2024 to Oct 2025 total rainfall (mm)	Last 12 months Nov 2024 to Oct 2025 rainfall % of LTA
north-west	71	49	37	122	93	385	110	688	113	1,158	91
north-east	30	20	22	77	90	223	94	377	87	670	76
central	24	16	21	63	82	171	84	281	72	590	77
east	14	6	10	53	83	124	70	229	68	456	72
south-east	29	9	10	86	101	191	92	302	83	632	82
south-west	33	20	15	105	88	272	97	412	85	940	86
England	31	18	19	81	90	214	92	358	85	704	81

Notes: Long term average (LTA) rainfall for 1991 to 2020. 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 are 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.

2 Rainfall

Figure 2: Weekly precipitation across England and Wales for the past 11 weeks. UKPP radar. Note: Images may sometimes include straight lines originating from the centre of the radar, resulting from tall trees and buildings located near the radar installation affecting its performance. This does not reflect actual conditions on the ground.

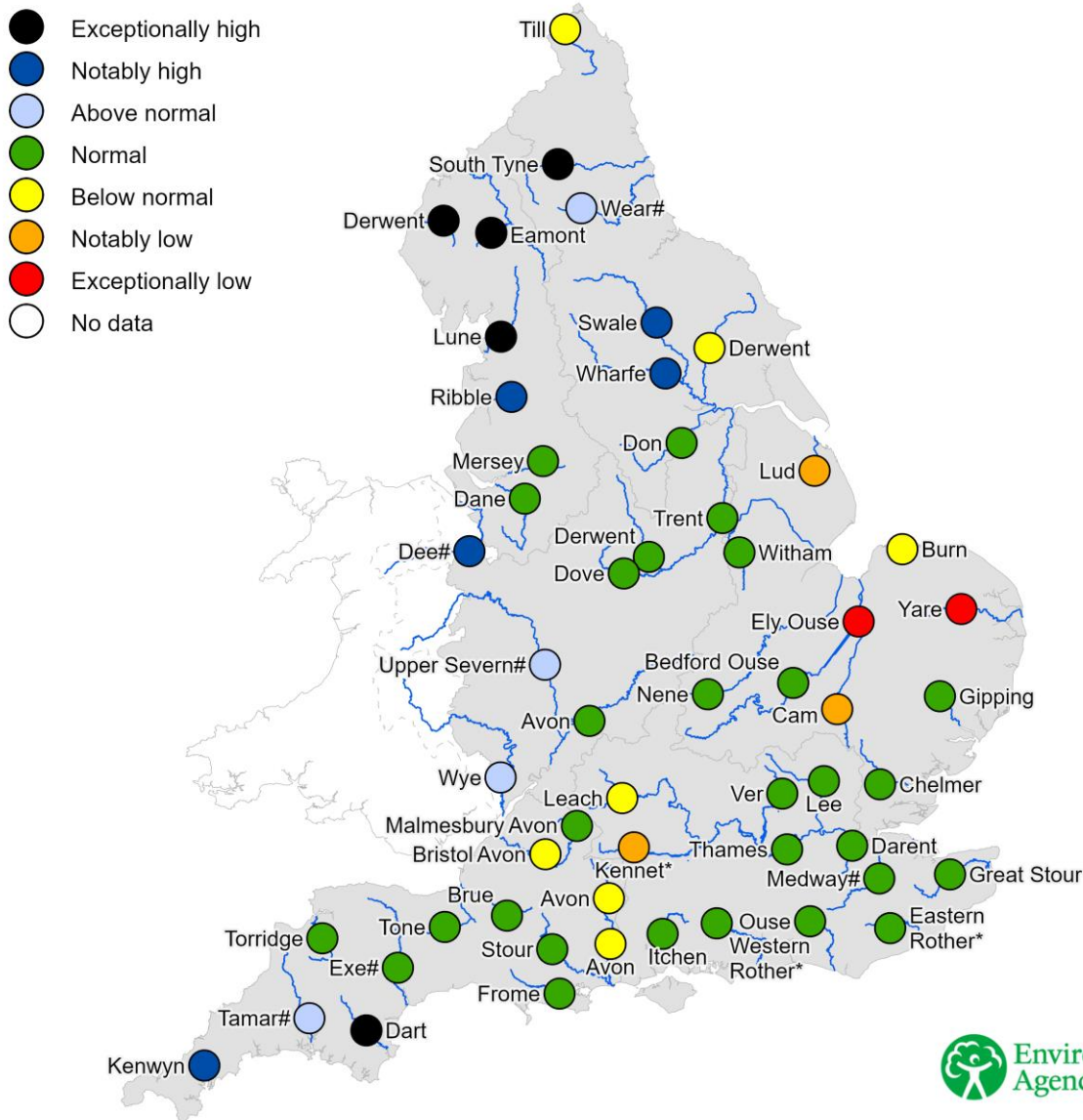


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3 River flows

3.1 River flows map

Figure 3.1: Latest daily mean river flow, relative to an analysis of historic daily mean flows, classed by flow percentile for the same time of year. River flows for the River Thames at Kingston and the River Lee at Feildes Weir are naturalised. * Flows may be overestimated and data should be treated with caution. # Flows may be impacted by upstream reservoir releases.



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3.2 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