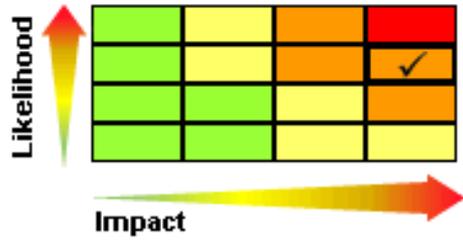
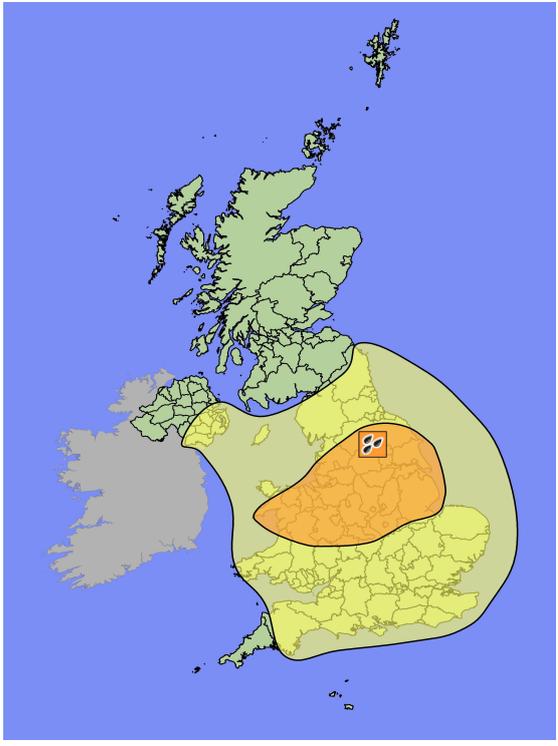


National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

An area of low pressure will move westwards across southern Britain from the near continent today. As it does so it is drawing a plume of warm, moist air westwards across many parts of central Britain. This is bringing some very heavy and locally thundery rain, with totals of 20 to 40 mm quite widely, and locally 60 to 80 mm in places.

The rain across central England and north Wales will gradually ease during the day. Although brighter conditions will follow, there is also a risk of slow moving heavy, thundery showers developing. These could lead to local torrential downpours giving 15-20 mm of rain within an hour.

With the ground being near-saturated in many areas, these amounts of rain are likely to cause significant problems. It is possible that further adjustments will be made to the limits of the warning areas, so please check for updates.

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning of Rain**

Valid from **11:35 on Fri, 06th Jul 2012** until **23:59 on Fri, 06th Jul 2012**

Areas of heavy rain will continue to extend north and west across many central and northern parts of England, much of Wales and fringing into southeastern parts of Northern Ireland, whilst slow moving thundery showers develop across southern parts of England.

The public should be prepared for the likelihood of surface water flooding and an increasing risk of river flooding, especially in the Amber area, leading to disruption to travel and outdoor activities.

For more details please go to:
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