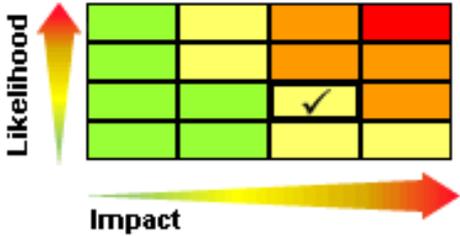
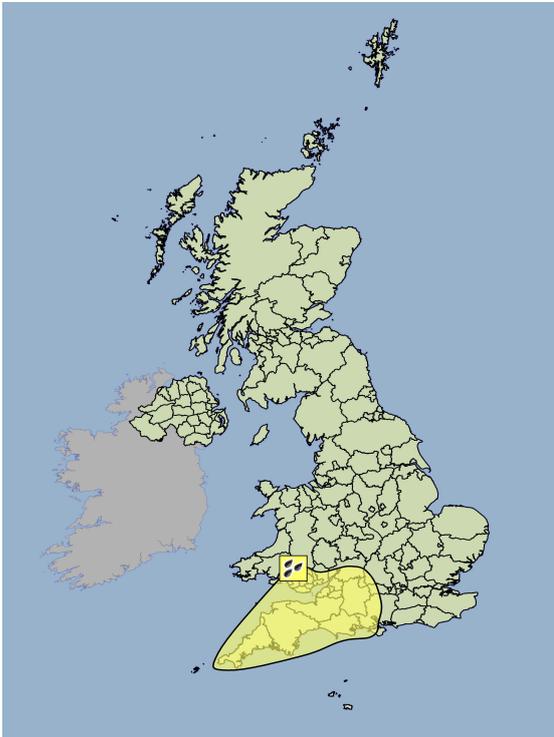


National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

An active frontal zone will move slowly eastwards across the UK during Saturday bringing with it a spell of rain to much of the UK. Southern and southwestern England and parts of south Wales are expected to see the heaviest and most persistent rain from this frontal zone with relatively warm, moist air being drawn up from the southwest on the strong southerly flow to generate some heavy rain over south-facing coasts and hills in particular. There may also be short periods of locally quite intense rainfall embedded within this relatively broad rainfall area.

Note that the highest rainfall accumulations are expected over higher ground in southern parts of Devon and Somerset, the greatest likelihood of seeing medium impacts therefore over this part of the warning area with Dartmoor likely to see the highest accumulations.

There remains some uncertainty regarding the eastward extent of the heavy rain across southern England and this warning will be updated as new information comes available.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning of Rain**

Valid from **06:00 on Sat, 06th Feb 2016** until **22:00 on Sat, 06th Feb 2016**

A spell of persistent rain, heavy at times, accompanied by windy conditions, is expected to affect parts of southern and southwestern England and parts of south Wales from the early hours of Saturday onwards into Saturday late afternoon or evening.

20-30 mm of rain is expected quite widely across the warning area with 50-70 mm on south-

facing slopes. Higher ground in southern parts of Devon and Somerset are likely to see the highest totals with locally in excess of 80 mm possible over parts of Dartmoor. In addition, southerly gales or severe gales are expected with gusts of 40-50 mph inland and locally 65 mph over higher ground and south-facing coasts.

As this rain will be falling on near-saturated ground, please be aware of the risk of localised flooding and perhaps some disruption to travel.

For more details please go to:

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