

Parish Information Sheet



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To: All Parishes

Storm Chandra: Amber weather warning in place for heavy rain

Introduction

The Met Office has issued an Amber weather warning for the south of Somerset and Yellow weather warnings for the rest of the county ahead of the arrival of Storm Chandra later today.

The wind impact is not expected to be as extreme as Storm Goretta but widespread heavy rain later today/tonight and into Tuesday morning is expected.

There are likely to be widespread surface water issues on roads with closures expected and the potential for flooding impacts as well as a risk from landslides.

We are expecting in the region of 30 -50 mm of rain for most areas during the next 12-14 hours, 60-80mm on higher ground, this is on already waterlogged ground.

A significant amount of rain has now fallen in the last week.

There are four flood warnings and a number of flood alerts in place – residents should check if they are at risk here [Check for flooding in England - GOV.UK](#)

Highways updates

- Teams are prepped and ready to respond to reports across the county throughout today and tonight.
- Barring the A361 which is flooded and other emergency road closure gates, there are no reports of any significant problems on major routes yet. However, some local and minor roads are impassable in places.

- All emergency road closure gates are now shut and the following closures in place:
- A361 (East Lyng to Burrowbridge)
- Cutts Road (East Lyng to Athelney)
- Langport Road (Muchelney to Langport)
- New Road (West Lyng to North Curry)
- Higher Willand Farm, Churchstanton
- Henlade/Ruishton to Creech St Michael
- Sampford Moor Road due to landslip

Environment Agency update

Rivers across Somerset have responded rapidly to rainfall in January, and water has moved down the catchments into the Levels and Moors. Curry Moor Flood Storage Reservoir is now full, water flowed into Athelney Spillway yesterday and consequently the A361 was flooded yesterday and is now closed.

The EA is reporting that they have anticipated the ‘trigger’ points being met and additional temporary pumps are being deployed to Currymoor, Saltmoor, and Northmoor to enhance our pumping capacity and we expect these to be installed and operational later this week.

They are continuing to monitor the situation very closely and have staff out on the ground. The incident room in Bridgwater is open, and staff are on duty 24 hours a day.

- A number of flood warnings and alerts remain in place and further are expected overnight.
- Flooding of some properties close to rivers in the flood warning areas is possible. **Check your risk and the latest warnings and alerts here at <https://check-for-flooding.service.gov.uk/alerts-and-warnings>**

Forecast

The amber weather warning starts at 5pm – rain intensity expected build around 10pm, with 10pm – 3am period is expected to be when the most intense rain falls.

Outlook from the Met Office

There has been significant rain in Somerset in the last week we are expecting 30mm – 50mm across the county today and tonight and up to 60mm-80mm on higher ground.

Amber and Yellow rain warnings in place from 5pm today until tomorrow 10am(Tuesday). Further spells of wet weather throughout the week.

Advice for residents

Our Communications Team is sharing information about where to find useful information for what to do to prepare for flooding.

Anyone worried about flooding or impacted by flooding can find advice and guidance at [Flooding information and advice](#)

If there is serious risk to life due to flooding always call 999.

Anyone needing to leave their home due to flooding is reminded to take any medication they may need with them.

Do not drive through flood water. More information about safety during floods on the road can be found here: [Adverse weather conditions](#)

For information on school closures please visit [School closures](#)

Reporting problems

To report flooding on a road or blocked drains on a road use [our report a problem on a road form](#)

If your property is owned by us and has been affected by flooding, please visit [our Housing repairs page](#) or you can phone us on 0300 123 2224.

Waste collections

If recycling and rubbish crews can't reach an area then they will return as soon as possible. Please leave your boxes and bins out. Service updates will be available on the Council's website and social media channels

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For the latest travel updates visit our [Travel Somerset Facebook page](#) or our [Roadworks and travel information page](#)

Find out the current status of roads that have [Emergency road closure gates](#)

