

## SUMMARY

In most regions of the UK river flows are likely to be normal to above normal during November, while in south Wales and southern areas of England river flows are likely to be above normal. Groundwater levels are likely to be above normal except in parts of eastern England where normal levels are most likely. Over the three month period to January 2022, river flows expected to be normal to above normal everywhere, while groundwater levels are likely to be normal.

### Rainfall:

October rainfall was above average for the majority of the UK, notably so in Cumbria and southern Scotland. Some parts of mid-Wales and central England had less than average rainfall

The rainfall outlook (issued by the Met Office on 25.10.2021) is that the chance of a wet November is higher than normal, and that there is a higher than normal chance of wet conditions over the period to January.

### River flows:

River flows in October were in the normal range in central and north-eastern parts of England, and Northern Ireland and above normal elsewhere (note that data are unavailable for Scotland).

Above normal river flows are likely to persist in southern parts of Wales and England during November. In more northerly parts river flows are likely to be in the normal to above normal range, with normal flows more likely in central England and above normal flows more likely in north Wales, north-west England and eastern Scotland.

In the three months to January, river flows are likely to be in the normal to above normal range throughout the UK.

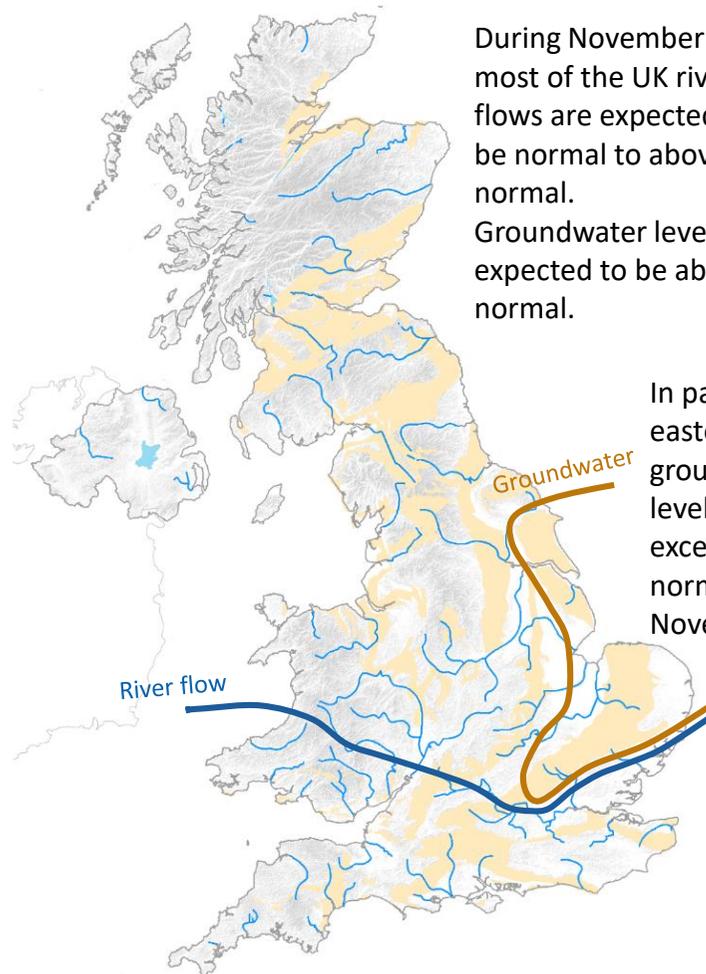
### Groundwater:

Normal groundwater levels were recorded during October in the chalk and limestone aquifers in central England, with levels being generally above normal elsewhere.

During November normal groundwater levels are expected in some parts of eastern England, with above normal levels expected to persist elsewhere.

Over the three months to January, groundwater levels are expected to be in the normal range in all areas.

The Hydrological Outlook UK provides an outlook for the water situation for the UK over the next three months and beyond. For guidance on how to interpret the outlook, a wider range of information, and a full description of underpinning methods, please visit the website: [www.hydoutuk.net](http://www.hydoutuk.net)



River flows in southern regions of the UK are likely to be above normal in November.

Shaded areas show principal aquifers

## About the Hydrological Outlook:

This document presents an outlook for the UK water situation for the next 1 – 3 months and beyond, using observational datasets, meteorological forecasts and a suite of hydrological modelling tools. The outlook is produced in a collaboration between the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (UKCEH), British Geological Survey (BGS), the Met Office, the Environment Agency (EA), Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), and for Northern Ireland, the Department for Infrastructure – Rivers (DfIR).

## Data and Models:

The Hydrological Outlook depends on the active cooperation of many data suppliers. This cooperation is gratefully acknowledged. Historic river flow and groundwater data are sourced from the UK National River Flow Archive and the National Groundwater Level Archive. Contemporary data are provided by the EA, SEPA, NRW and DfIR. These data are used to initialise hydrological models, and to provide outlook information based on statistical analysis of historical analogues.

Climate forecasts are produced by the Met Office. Hydrological modelling is undertaken by UKCEH using the Grid-to-Grid, PDM and CLASSIC hydrological models and by the EA using CATCHMOD. Hydrogeological modelling uses the R-groundwater model run by BGS and CATCHMOD run by the EA. Supporting documentation is available from the Outlooks website:

<https://www.hydoutuk.net/about/methods>

## Presentation:

The language used in the summary presented overleaf generally places flows and groundwater levels into just three classes, i.e. below normal, normal, and above normal. However, the underpinning methods use as many as seven classes as defined in the graphic to the right, i.e. the summary uses a simpler classification than some of the methods. On those occasions when it is appropriate to provide greater discrimination at the extremes the terminology and definitions of the seven class scheme will be adopted.

	Percentile range of historic values for relevant month
Exceptionally high flow	> 95
Notably high flow	87-95
Above normal	72-87
Normal range	28-72
Below normal	13-28
Notably low flow	5-13
Exceptionally low flow	< 5

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## Further information:

For more detailed information about the Hydrological Outlook, and the derivation of the maps, plots and interpretation provided in this outlook, please visit the Hydrological Outlook UK website.

The website features a host of other background information, including a wider range of sources of information which are used in the preparation of this Outlook.

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## Reference for the Hydrological Outlook:

Hydrological Outlook UK, 2021, November, UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, Oxfordshire UK, Online, <https://www.hydoutuk.net/latest-outlook/>

## Other Sources of Information:

The Hydrological Outlook should be used alongside other sources of up-to-date information on the current water resources status and flood risk.

Environment Agency Water Situation Reports: provides summary of water resources status on a monthly and weekly basis for England:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/water-situation-reports-for-england>

Flood warnings are continually updated, and should be consulted for an up-to-date and localised assessment of flood risk:

Environment Agency: <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/map>

Natural Resources Wales: <https://flood-warning.naturalresources.wales/>

Scottish Environment Protection Agency: <https://www.sepa.org.uk/flooding.aspx>

Hydrological Summary for the UK: provides summary of current water resources status for the UK:

<https://nfa.ceh.ac.uk/monthly-hydrological-summary-uk>

UK Met Office forecasts for the UK: <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/#?tab=regionalForecast>

UK Water Resources Portal: monitor the UK hydrological situation in near real-time including rainfall, river flow, groundwater and soil moisture from COSMOS-UK:

<https://eip.ceh.ac.uk/hydrology/water-resources/>