

Solent and South Downs Groundwater Update

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Groundwater Prospects

Groundwater levels across much of Hampshire and West Sussex have now started their seasonal decline. At the moment groundwater levels remain above normal for the time of year, but a continued falling trend is expected. Therefore there is no immediate groundwater flood risk in the area.

What we are doing

As groundwater levels are expected to continue to fall into the summer months, this will be the last briefing note to be issued for Spring 2010. In most years, groundwater levels peak during the Spring and then fall until the Autumn. This rise and fall of groundwater is dependant on the amount of rainfall received.

We will continue to monitor groundwater levels on our telemetry system and to display this on our internet site on a routine basis.

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/library/publications/99556.aspx>

What you can do

As the conditions are improving this would be a good opportunity for communities and Flood Action Groups to review their flood plans. Lessons learnt from this winter should be incorporated to improve future responses to groundwater problems.

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If you would like more information please access the website referred to above for current data on borehole levels, or phone us on the details below.

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