

Incident Information from WSCC Resilience and Emergencies Team



The Met Office has issued a **Yellow Thunderstorm Warning**.

Thunderstorm warnings continue across much of the UK until Monday 17th August, with a risk of impacts from heavy rain, flash flooding, lightning and hail.

View the full warning at the <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings#?date=2020-08-12> site.

Update from the Met Office: With temperatures already at 32 degrees today after a prolonged heat period, the Met Office have forecast that this is likely to trigger thunderstorms over the next 6 days.

The storms will be isolated but where they happen there will be frequent lightning, gusty winds and intense, heavy downpours with 30 to 40mm of rain possible in less than an hour and, in isolated spots, a small chance of 60 mm falling.

Residents are advised to monitor [rainfall radar](#) and [lightning maps](#) as the thunderstorms will arrive without notice and potentially be very heavy, very quickly.

Northern areas are at most risk during today, but the thunderstorms will continue overnight with the potential for high risk tomorrow.

The Met Office have advised that the forecast is unlikely to change over the next 5 to 6 days.

Thunderstorms could bring sudden surface water and river flooding to parts of England today, which may lead to flooded properties and severe travel disruption in some areas.

Environment Agency teams are working hard alongside local authorities to reduce the risk of flooding and keep communities safe, clearing grills and weed screens in areas which may be affected by heavy showers, and are ready to respond and support where needed.

The risk of surface water and river flooding is a possibility from Thursday to Sunday due to these conditions.

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