

## Prolonged Dry Weather affecting Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire

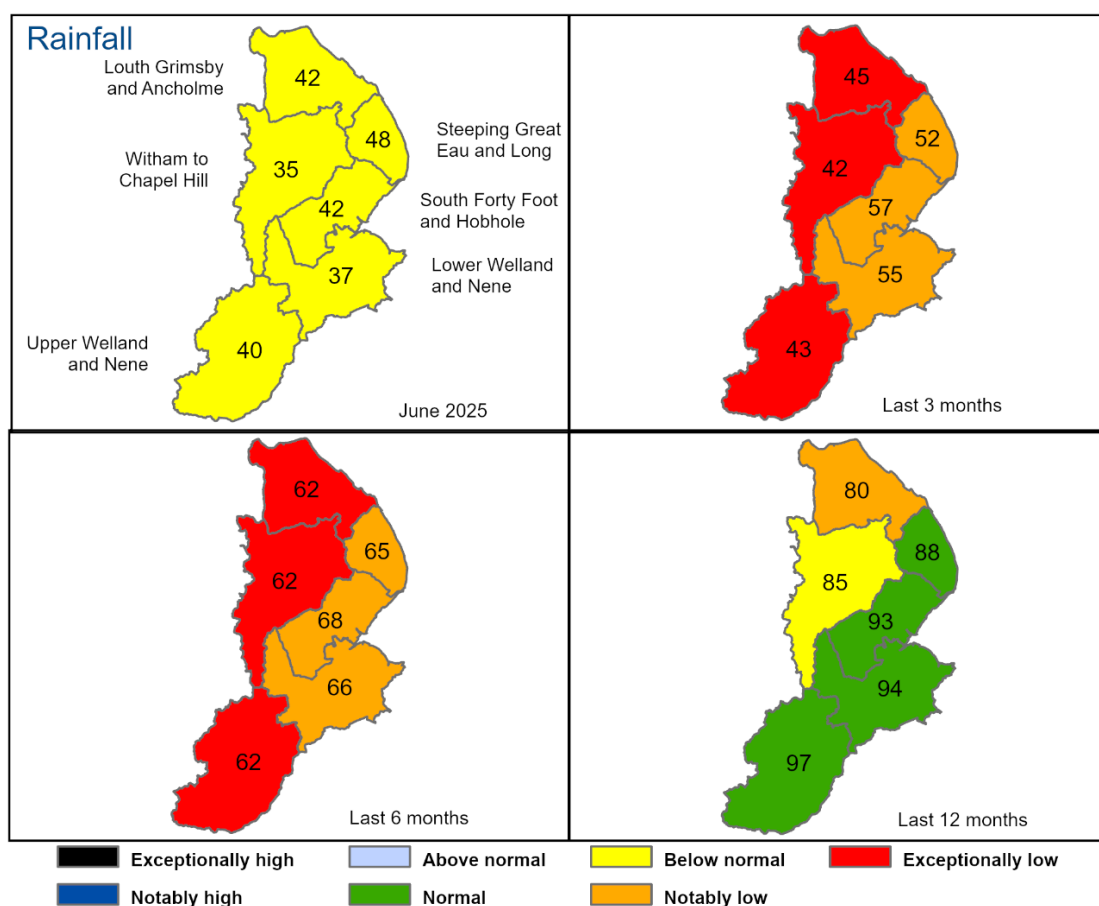
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### Current Situation

Following our previous communication regarding the change of status to ‘Prolonged Dry Weather’ on 1 July 2025, this briefing provides an update on the current situation across the Lincolnshire & Northamptonshire Area.

Whilst some parts of the area have seen rainfall in the last week from summer storms, we remain in “Prolonged Dry Weather” status. River levels have returned to normal in many areas, with rain reducing the need for abstraction for irrigation. However, groundwater levels remain considerably below long-term averages and warm weather may increase weed growth in rivers. Whilst the current forecast for our area is slightly more changeable than the last few months, the impact of below average rainfall since winter means the current situation is likely to continue over the summer.

The infographic provides a useful summary of rainfall in the area over the last year. No catchment experienced more than 50% of the long-term average rainfall for June, and rainfall for both the last three months and the last six months is either exceptionally or notably low compared to long term averages.



## What we are doing

We are continuing our monitoring of the environment using both our telemetry systems and physical observations. Environment Officers and Fisheries Officers are responding to environmental incidents caused by the Prolonged Dry Weather, including fish in distress.

We continue to work closely with all partners, including Internal Drainage Boards, farmers, and water companies, to manage abstraction. Where necessary, we will continue to ask abstractors to reduce the amount of water they take and, in some cases, cease taking water temporarily in accordance with their license conditions.

We know the uncertainties for abstractors and potential impact to businesses is an increasing concern. Through partnerships such as Water Resources East and our existing communication routes, we are continuously reviewing how we can keep those affected informed of this changing situation.

Whilst the current forecast for our area is slightly more changeable than the last few months, we cannot rule out imposing more formal restrictions to abstraction if required.

## Working with water companies

We are liaising with Anglian Water to share information on water availability, operational activities and to understand any emerging concerns.

Anglian Water is following its drought plan in our area. They have advised us they are seeing increasing demand for water and are encouraging their customers to take steps to save water and use it as carefully and efficiently as possible.

## How you can help

We would appreciate if you could support messaging around water efficiency, as we can all do our part to use water wisely and manage this precious resource. There are useful water saving tips and resources for us all at [Waterwise](#).

For drought-related concerns, Anglian Water can be contacted via their website or by phone. The specific "drought" contact is [drought@anglianwater.co.uk](mailto:drought@anglianwater.co.uk). You can also find information and report issues on their website, [Anglian Water](#).

Please also encourage people to report sightings of fish in distress or other impact on the environment by telephoning our 24hr incident hotline: 0800 807060 or via our new online reporting process which can be accessed here: [Report an environmental problem - GOV.UK](#)

More information is available on our website: [Dry Weather Information 2025 | Engage Environment Agency](#).

Should you have any questions or need to contact us further, please do not hesitate to do so using the email address: [LNcorrespondence@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:LNcorrespondence@environment-agency.gov.uk).