

Monthly Water Situation Report June 2016

Natural Resources Wales

- The monthly rainfall total received for Wales during June was 176% of the Long Term Average (LTA, 1961-90). North, South West and South East Wales received 177%, 178% and 172% of the LTA, respectively.
- At the end of June, soil moisture deficit (SMD) values across Wales were between 0 and 66.3mm for all MORECS squares. The difference when compared to the long term average June (1961-90), ranged from -58.6mm (wetter) to 4.8mm (drier).
- For river flows in Wales, 15 out of 30 indicator sites which had flow data were classed as *Normal* for June. 11 sites were classed as *Above normal* and the remaining 4 sites were classed as *Notably high.*
- The overall reservoir storage across all indicator sites was greater than 91% full at the end of June and all reservoirs were within normal operating ranges.

Rainfall*

The monthly rainfall total received for Wales was 176% of the LTA for June. The percentage of rainfall recorded in catchments compared with the long term average (1961-90) across Wales was between 141% (Cleddau and Pembrokeshire) and 244% (North Ceredigion). The rainfall total for Wales was 61mm more than the June LTA. For South East, South West and North Wales the rainfall totals were 172%, 178% and 177% of the LTA, respectively.

 Rainfall Map
 National

 Rainfall Charts
 National & Areas
 South East Wales
 North Wales
 South West Wales

* using NCIC (National Climate Information Centre) data (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright)

Soil Moisture Deficit/Recharge

The 23 MORECS squares had SMD values between 0 and 66.3mm. 22 out of 23 squares had SMD values which were less than the long-term average (wetter) and only one square had a SMD value which was greater than the long-term average (drier)

 SMD Map
 National

 SMD Charts
 Compare to LTA

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River Flows

River flows at 15 sites (out of 30 sites which had flow data) were classed as *Normal. 11* sites were classed as *Above normal* and the remaining 4 sites were classed as *Notably high.*

North: Flows in the area ranged from 55% (River Cefni at Bodffordd) to 269% (River Clwyd at Ruthin Weir) of the June LTA Values.

South East: Flows in the area ranged from 98% (River Lugg at Butts Bridge) to 158% (River Ely at St. Fagans) of the June LTA values.

South West: The river flows within this area ranged from 65% (Western Cleddau River at Treffgarne) to 250% (River Ystwyth at Pont Llolwyn) of the June LTA values.

| River Flow Map | <u>National</u> | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--|--|
| River Flow Table | % of LTA and compare to previous year | | | | |
| River Flow Charts | South East Wales | North Wales | South West Wales | | |

Groundwater Levels

Groundwater levels for June at all indicator sites (10 sites) were classed between *Below normal* (Greenfield Garage and Eastwick) and *Exceptionally high* (Hollybush). 3 sites were classed as *Normal* (Pont y Cambwll, Handley and Broxton Obs) and 3 sites were classed as *Above normal* (Pant-y-Lladron, Fernbank and Llanfair DC Obs). The remaining one site was classed as *Notably high* (Dodleston Obs).

 Groundwater Map
 National

 Groundwater Charts
 South East Wales
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 South West Wales

Reservoir Storage

At the end of June almost all the indicator reservoirs (16 out of 18) were greater than 91% full.

Reservoir Charts South East Wales North Wales South West Wales

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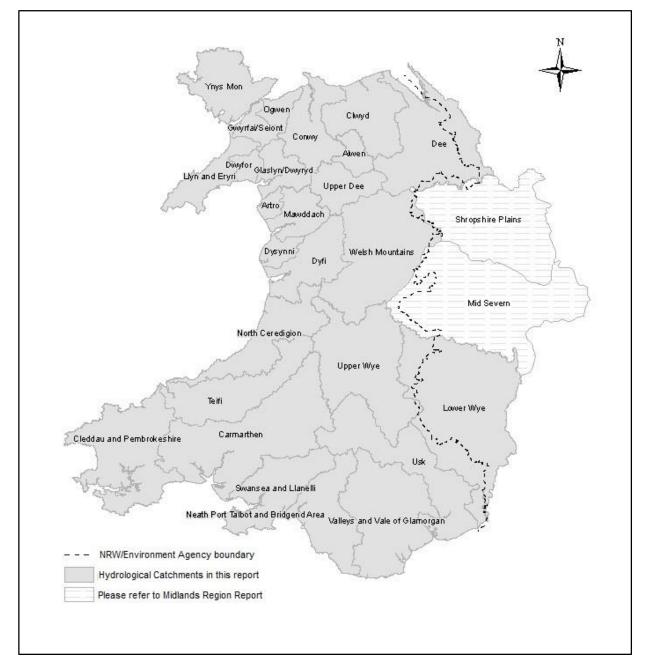


Figure 1: The Natural Resources Wales Water Situation Report features sites in the catchments shown. Parts of the Shropshire Plains and Mid Severn catchments are within Wales. For full information on these catchments, please see the Environment Agency Midlands Water Situation Report.

For areas adjoining Natural Resources Wales, please see the reports for Environment Agency Midlands and North West England:

Environment Agency - Midlands, England Water Situation Report Environment Agency - North West, England Water Situation Report

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Rainfall

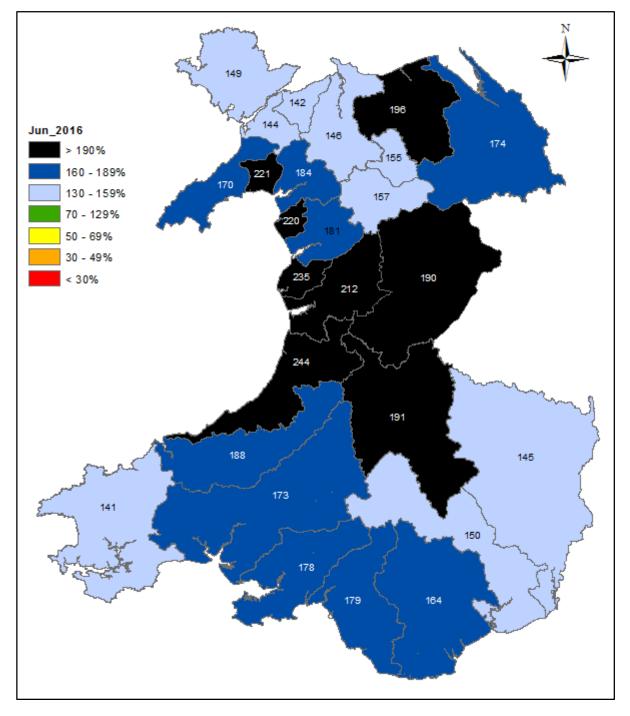


Figure 2: Calculated catchment average June rainfall totals as a percentage of the 1961-90 June long term average for Natural Resources Wales catchments, using NCIC (National Climate Information Centre) data (*Source: Met Office* © *Crown Copyright*).

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Rainfall Charts

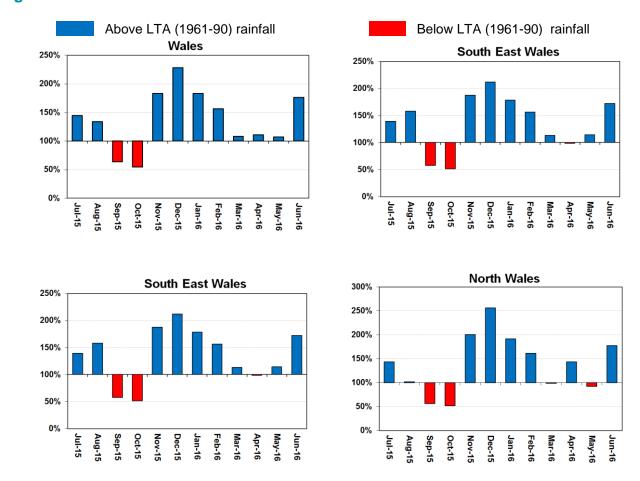
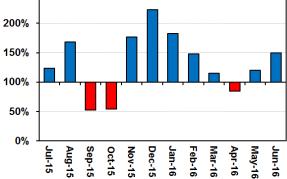


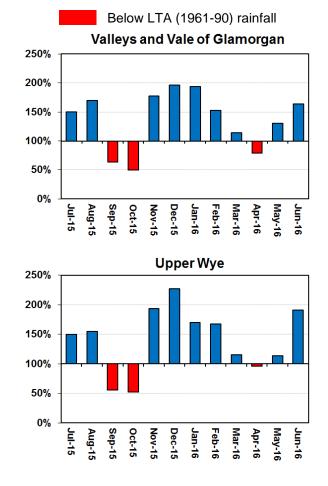
Figure 3: Rainfall Charts: National and Areas

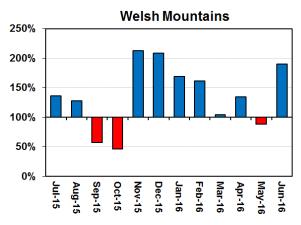
Comparison of monthly rainfall totals to the 1961-90 long term average expressed as percentage for Natural Resources Wales and Areas, using NCIC (National Climate Information Centre) data (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright).

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Above LTA (1961-90) rainfall Lower Wye 200% 150% 100% 50% 0% Jul-15 Sep-15 Feb-16 Mar-16 May-16 Jun-16 Aug-15 Oct-15 Nov-15 Dec-15 Apr-16 Jan-16 Usk 250%





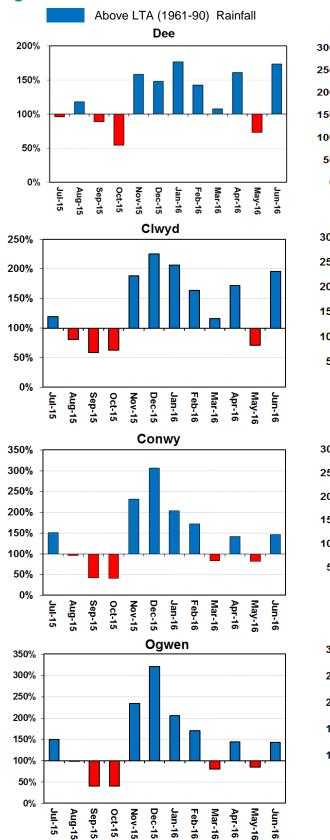


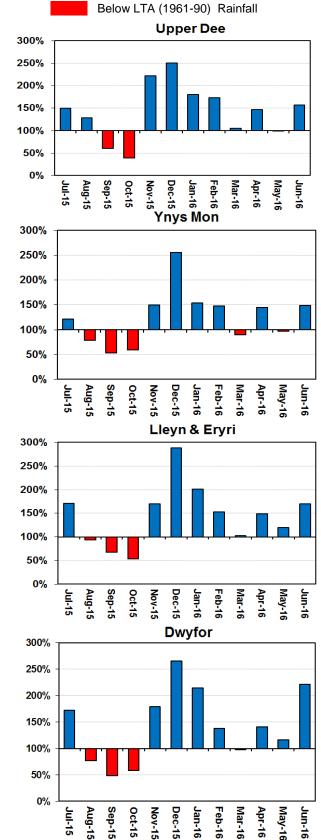
Comparison of monthly rainfall totals to the 1961-90 long term average expressed as percentage for South East Wales, using NCIC (National Climate Information Centre) data (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright).

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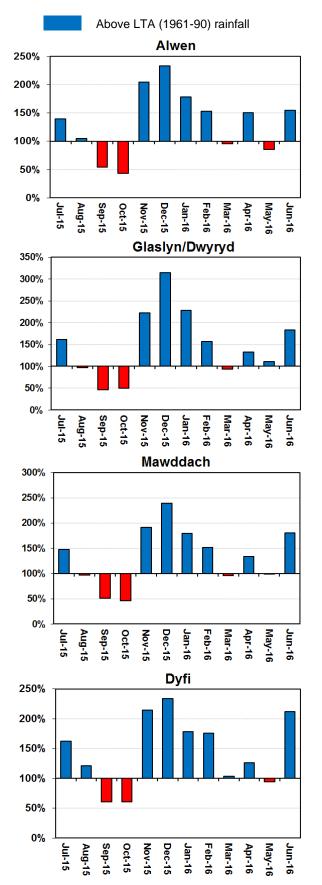
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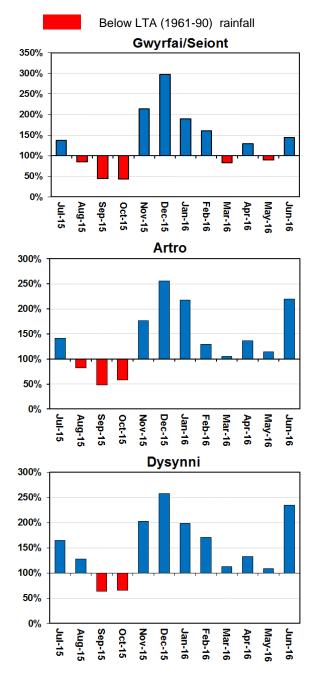
Figure 5: Rainfall Charts: North Wales





Comparison of monthly rainfall totals to the 1961-90 long term average expressed as percentage for North Wales, using NCIC (National Climate Information Centre) data (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright).





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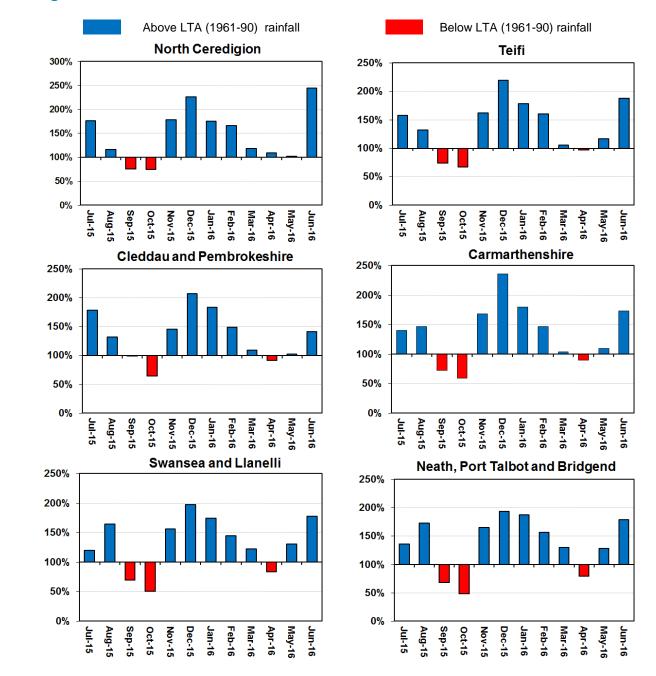


Figure 6: Rainfall Charts: South West Wales

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Soil Moisture Deficit (SMD)

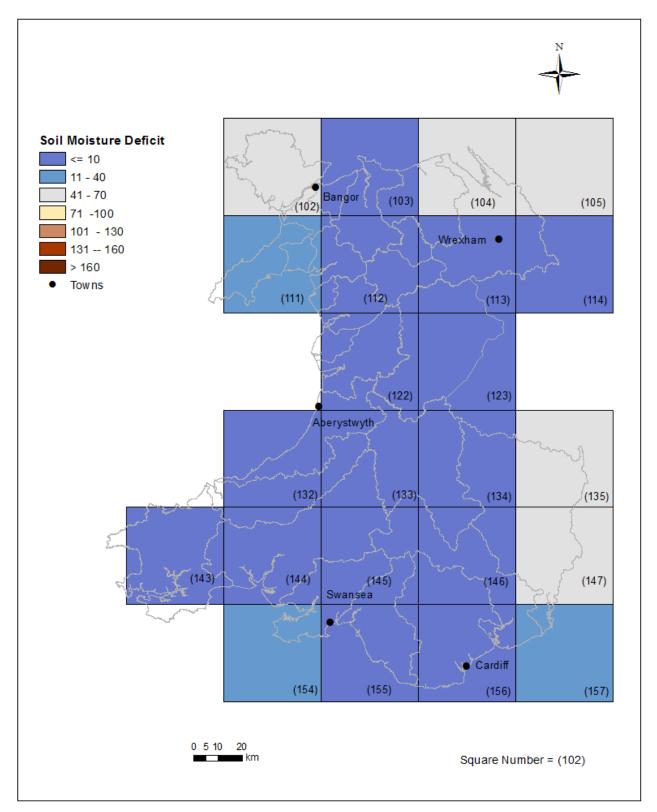
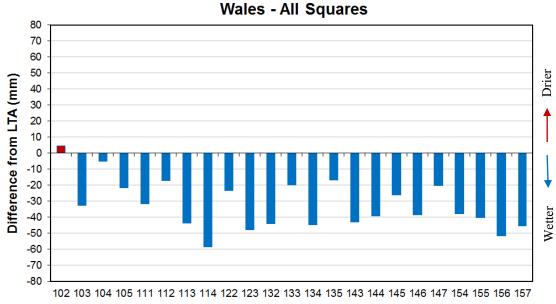


Figure 7: MORECS soil moisture deficits (mm) for June for real land use for Natural Resources Wales (Source: Met Office © Crown Copyright).

Above LTA (1961-90) SMD (Drier)

Below LTA (1961-90) SMD (Wetter)



Square number

Figure 8: MORECS month end soil moisture deficits difference (mm) from the 1961-90 long term monthly average (LTA) for June for real land use for Natural Resources Wales squares (*Source: Met Office* © *Crown Copyright*).

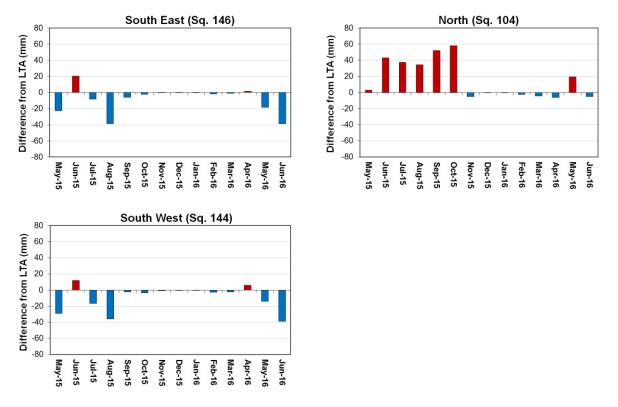


Figure 9: MORECS month end soil moisture deficit difference (mm) from the 1961-90 long term monthly average (LTA) for real land use for South East, North and South West (*Source: Met Office* © *Crown Copyright*). (Note: no LTA available for Natural Resources Wales)

River Flow

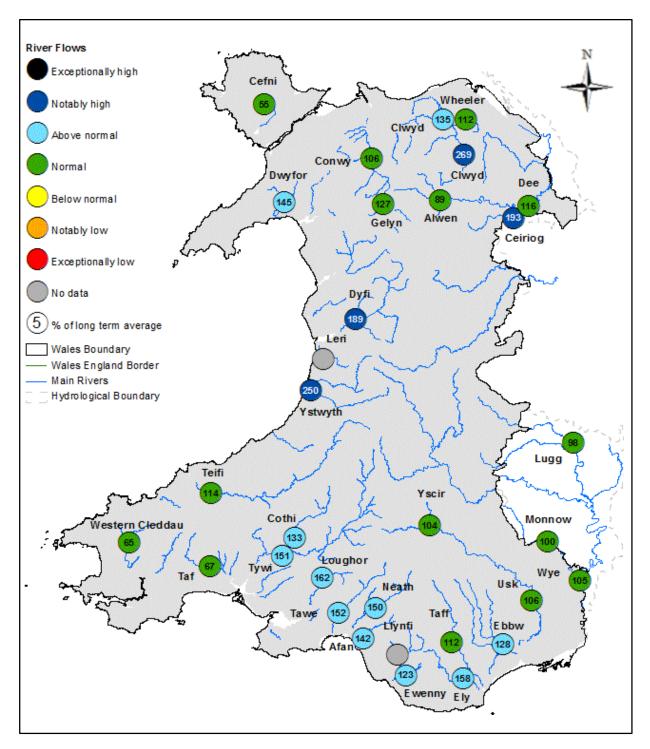


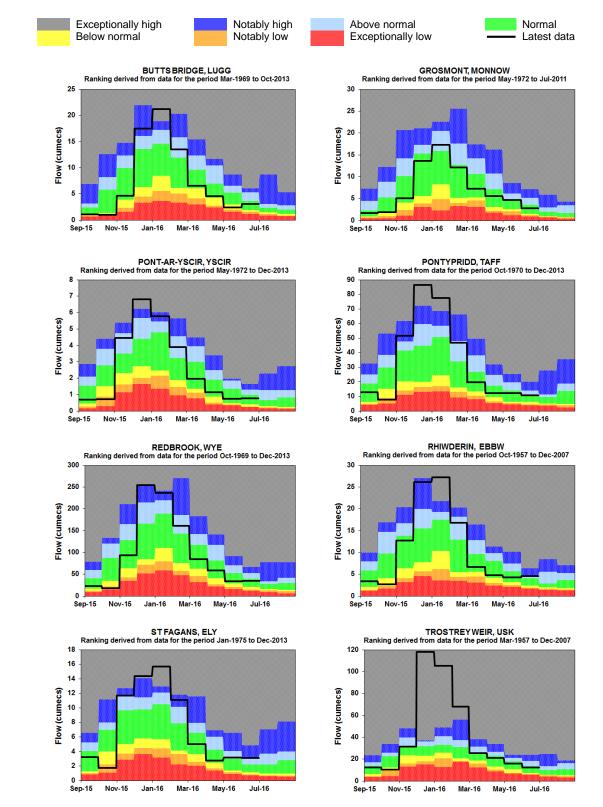
Figure 10: Monthly mean river flow for June, classed relative to analysis of historic June monthly means (*Source: Natural Resources Wales*).

| SITE NAME RIVER | | June 2016 | | June 2015 | | June LTA | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| | Class | % of LTA | Flow (m3/s) | % of LTA | Flow (m3/s) | LTA | Monthly Min (m3/s) | Monthly Max (m3/s) | |
| River Flow Sites : South East Area | | | | | | | | | |
| Butts Bridge | Lugg | Normal | 98% | 3.04 | 44% | 1.36 | 3.09 | 0.80 | 8.66 |
| Grosmont | Monnow | Normal | 100% | 2.79 | 83% | 2.31 | 2.78 | 0.67 | 8.75 |
| Pont ar Yscir | Yscir | Normal | 104% | 0.78 | 91% | 0.68 | 0.75 | 0.21 | 2.75 |
| Pontypridd | Taff | Normal | 112% | 10.70 | 140% | 13.3 | 9.52 | 3.52 | 34.50 |
| Redbrook | Wye | Normal | 105% | 34.80 | 82% | 27.37 | 33.22 | 11.00 | 112.00 |
| Rhiwderin | Ebbw | Above normal | 128% | 4.53 | 104% | 3.66 | 3.53 | 1.33 | 11.10 |
| St Fagans | Ely | Above normal | 158% | 3.09 | 145% | 2.83 | 1.95 | 0.66 | 5.92 |
| Trostrey Weir | Usk | Normal | 106% | 12.20 | 96% | 11.00 | 11.49 | 4.48 | 27.90 |
| River Flow Sites : North Area | | | | | | | | | |
| Bodfari | Wheeler | Normal | 112% | 0.57 | 78% | 0.40 | 0.51 | 0.26 | 1.04 |
| Bodffordd | Cefni | Normal | 55% | 0.06 | 100% | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.02 | 0.54 |
| Brynkinalt Weir | Ceiriog | Notably high | 193% | 2.86 | 109% | 1.62 | 1.48 | 0.44 | 5.22 |
| Cwmlanerch | Conwy | Normal | 106% | 8.97 | 111% | 9.44 | 8.50 | 1.63 | 24.90 |
| Cynefail | Gelyn | Normal | 127% | 0.38 | 100% | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.06 | 0.89 |
| Dol y Bont | Leri | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 0.82 | 0.17 | 4.55 |
| Druid | Alwen | Normal | 89% | 1.75 | 116% | 2.28 | 1.97 | 0.52 | 4.89 |
| Dyfi bridge | Dyfi | Notably high | 189% | 18.2 | N/A | N/A | 9.64 | 1.62 | 25.40 |
| Garndolbenmaen | Dwyfor | Above normal | 145% | 2.00 | 107% | 1.48 | 1.38 | 0.31 | 5.01 |
| Manley Hall | Dee | Normal | 116% | 17.00 | 113% | 16.64 | 14.69 | 7.71 | 41.50 |
| Pont y Cambwll | Clwyd | Above normal | 135% | 3.74 | 79% | 2.19 | 2.78 | 1.06 | 9.42 |
| Ruthin Weir | Clwyd | Notably high | 269% | 1.45 | 76% | 0.41 | 0.54 | 0.13 | 2.19 |
| River Flow Sites : South West Area | | | | | | | | | |
| Capel Dewi | Tywi | Above normal | 151% | 24.00 | 131% | 20.76 | 15.87 | 3.74 | 61.20 |
| Clog y Fran | Taf | Normal | 67% | 1.96 | 122% | 3.57 | 2.93 | 0.78 | 9.41 |
| Coytrahen | Llynfi | N/A | N/A | N/A | 100% | 1.24 | 1.24 | 0.37 | 4.33 |
| Felin Mynachdy | Cothi | Above normal | 133% | 6.27 | 120% | 5.63 | 4.70 | 0.80 | 18.70 |
| Glanteifi | Teifi | Normal | 114% | 13.80 | 125% | 14.99 | 12.06 | 2.97 | 52.00 |
| Keepers Lodge | Ewenny | Above normal | 123% | 1.12 | 113% | 1.03 | 0.91 | 0.41 | 2.00 |
| Marcroft | Afan | Above normal | 142% | 4.22 | 136% | 4.05 | 2.97 | 0.75 | 8.79 |
| Pont Llolwyn | Ystwyth | Notably high | 250% | 6.69 | 156% | 4.17 | 2.68 | 0.62 | 14.90 |
| Treffgarne * | Western Cleddau | Normal | 65% | 1.16 | N/A | N/A | 1.79 | 0.63 | 6.79 |
| Resolven | Neath | Above normal | 150% | 6.71 | 126% | 5.61 | 4.47 | 0.57 | 14.30 |
| Tir-y-Dail | Loughor | Above Normal | 162% | 1.59 | 141% | 1.38 | 0.98 | 0.30 | 2.98 |
| Ynystanglws | Tawe | Above Normal | 152% | 8.81 | 139% | 8.10 | 5.81 | 1.35 | 19.60 |

Figure 11: Monthly mean river flow for June with comparison against previous year expressed as a percentage of the June long term average and classed relative to analysis of historic June monthly means. (Source: Natural Resources Wales). (* For Treffgarne station the LTAs were derived using scaled historical flows (1965-2003) from the downstream station at Prendergast Mill.)

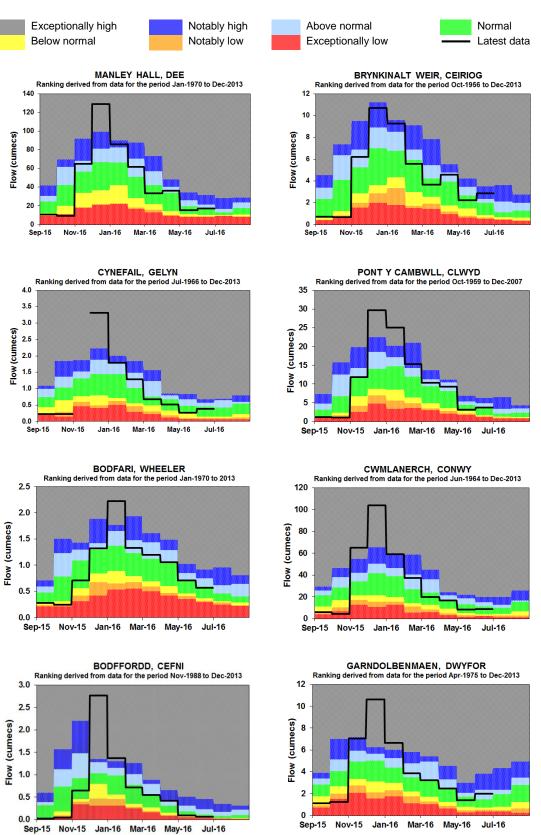
River Flow Charts

Figure 12: River Flow Charts: South East Wales

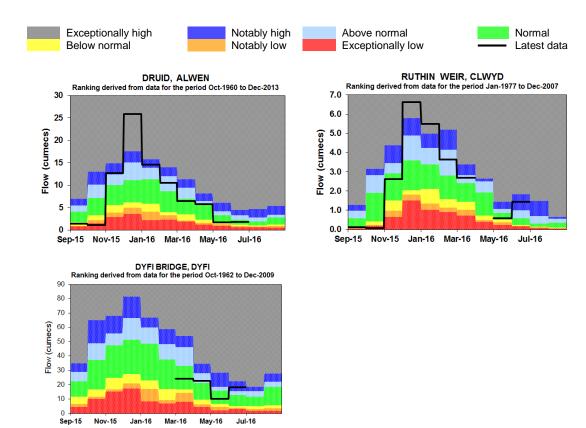


Monthly mean river flows for the last 10 months classed relative to the analysis of historic river levels (*Source: Natural Resources Wales*).

Figure 13: River Flow Charts: North Wales



Monthly mean river flows for the last 10 months classed relative to the analysis of historic river levels (Source: Natural Resources Wales). (Please note that there was no data available for River Gelyn at Cynefail in November 2015)



(Please note that there were no data available for River Dyfi at Dyfi Bridge before March 2016 and for

River Clwyd at Ruthin Weir for April 2016)

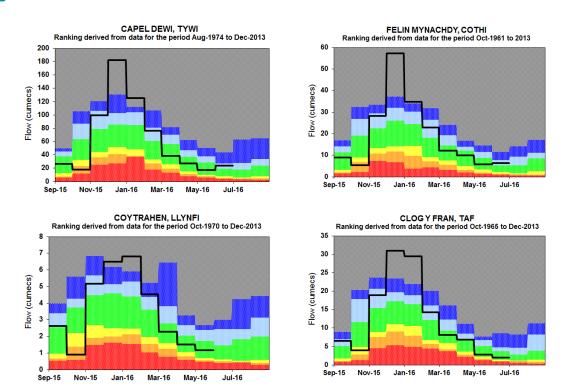
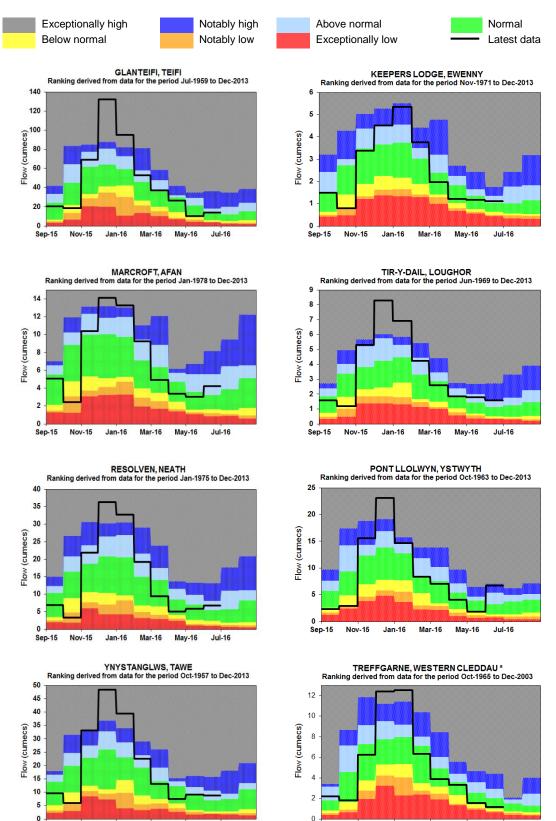
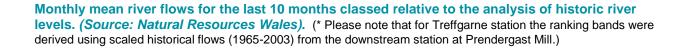


Figure 14: River Flow Charts: South West Wales

(Please note that there was no data for Coytrahen due to the river works and the data for Clog Y Fran might be underestimated)





Nov-15

Jan-16

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Groundwater Levels

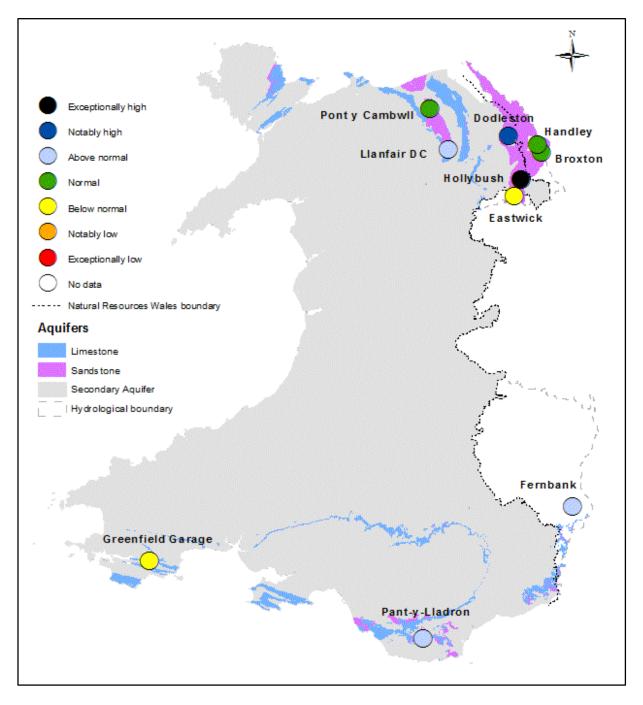
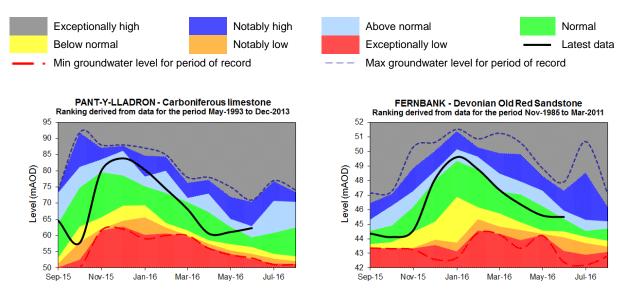


Figure 15: Groundwater levels at the end of month classed relative to an analysis of historic June groundwater levels (*Source: Natural Resources Wales and Environment Agency*).

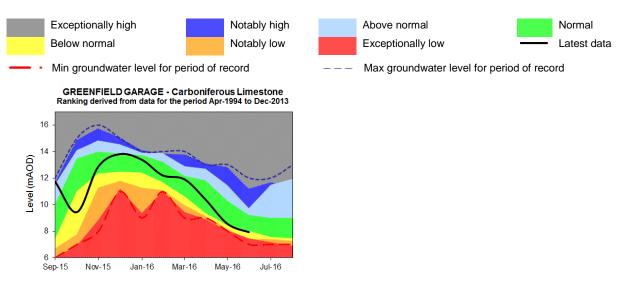
Groundwater charts

Figure 16: Groundwater level charts: South East Wales



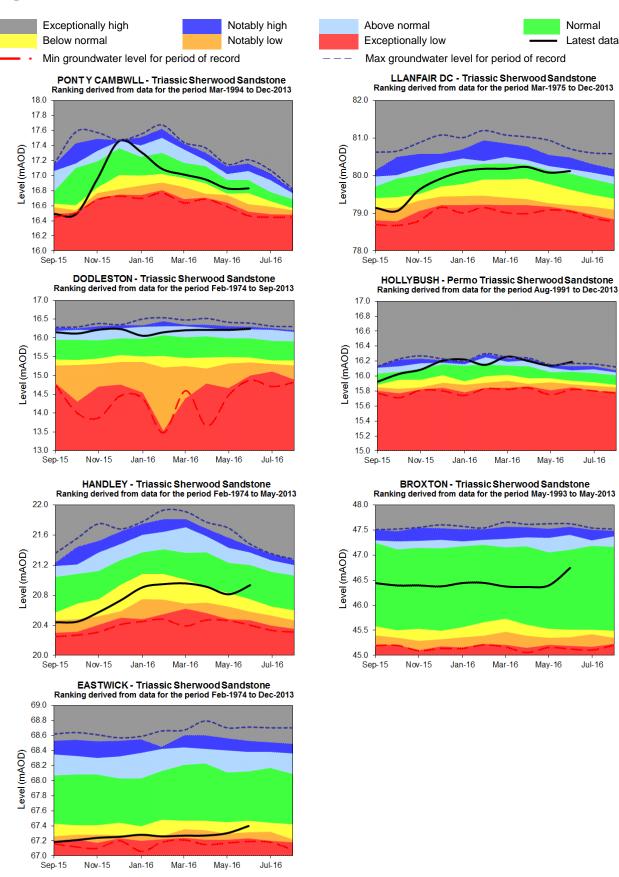
End of month groundwater levels for the past 10 months for index sites (Source: Natural Resources Wales).

Figure 17: Groundwater level charts: South West Wales



End of month groundwater levels for the past 10 months for index sites (Source: Natural Resources Wales).

Figure 18: Groundwater level charts: North Wales



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Reservoir Storage

Figure 19: Reservoir charts: South East Wales

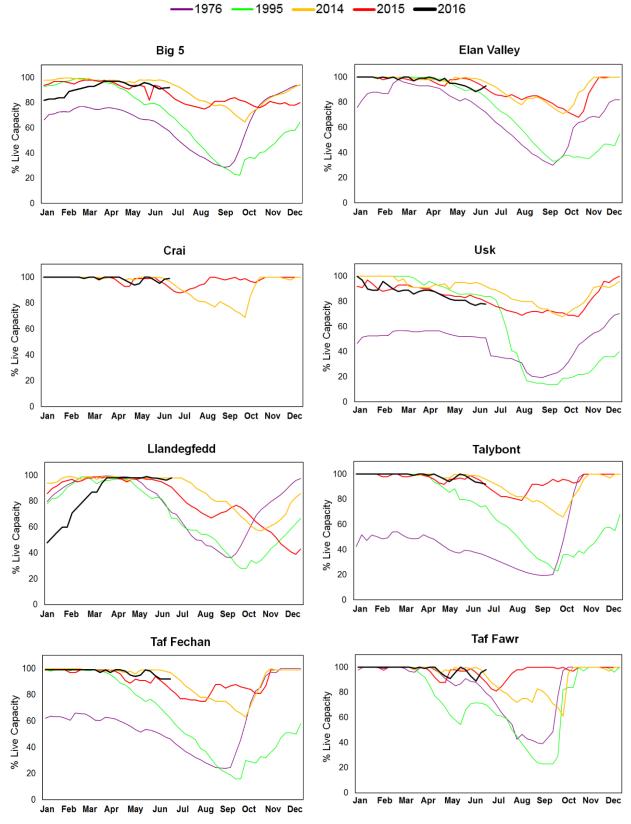
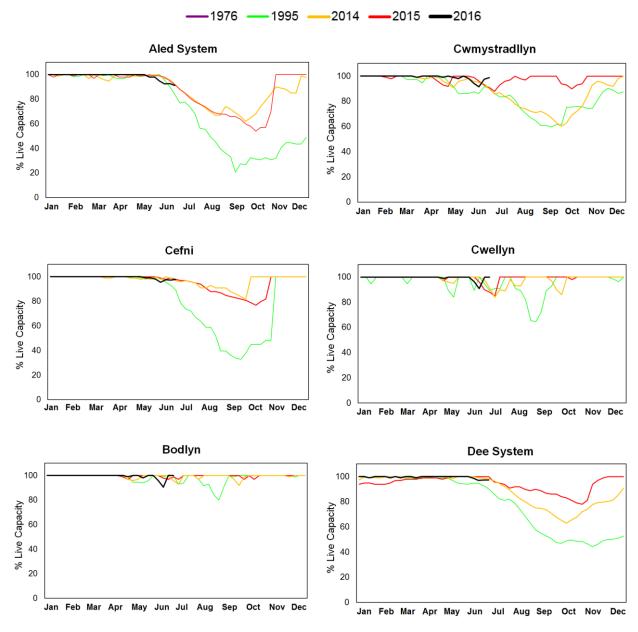




Figure 20: Reservoirs charts: North Wales



Weekly reservoir stocks for Natural Resources Wales index sites (Source: Welsh Water).

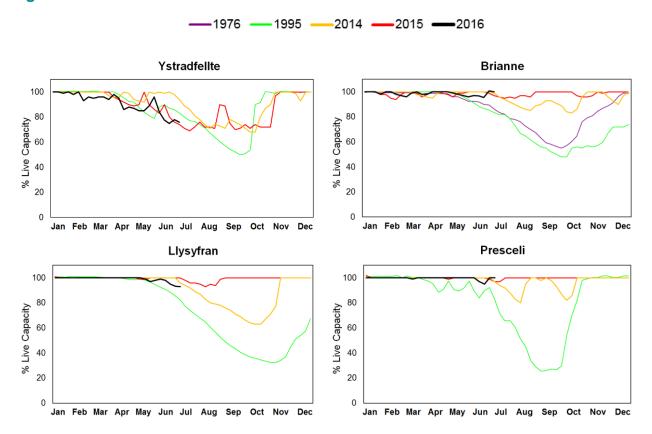


Figure 21: Reservoirs charts: South West Wales

Weekly reservoir stocks for Natural Resources Wales index sites (Source: Welsh Water).

Glossary

| Term | Definition | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Aquifer Areal average rainfall | A geological formation able to store and transmit water. The estimated average depth of rainfall over a defined area Expressed in depth of water (mm). | | | | |
| Effective rainfall | The rainfall available to percolate into the soil or produce river flow. Expressed in depth of water (mm). | | | | |
| Groundwater Meteorological Office Rainfall and Evaporation Calculating System (MORECS) | The water found in an aquifer The Met Office provides climate data for grid squares measuring 40km by 40km across the UK using MORECS | | | | |
| Recharge | The process of increasing the water stored in the saturated | | | | |
| Reservoir live capacity | zone of an aquifer. Expressed in depth of water (mm). The reservoir capacity normally usable for storage to mee established reservoir operating requirements. It is the tota capacity less that not available because of operating agreements or physical restrictions. Only under abnormal conditions, such as a severe water shortage might this additional water be extracted. | | | | |
| Soil moisture deficit (SMD) | The difference between the amount of water actually in the soil and the amount of water that the soil can hold. Expressed in depth of water (mm). | | | | |
| Categories Exceptionally high Notably high Above normal Normal Below normal Notably low Exceptionally low | Value likely to fall within this band 5% of the time Value likely to fall within this band 8% of the time Value likely to fall within this band 15% of the time Value likely to fall within this band 44% of the time Value likely to fall within this band 15% of the time Value likely to fall within this band 8% of the time Value likely to fall within this band 5% of the time | | | | |
| Units cumecs mAOD | Cubic metres per second (m ³ s ⁻¹) Metres Above Ordnance Datum (mean sea level at Newlyn Cornwall). | | | | |