

# Hydrological Summary for Great Britain

*AUGUST 1994*

## Rainfall

The July heatwave gave way to much cooler, more unsettled, conditions in August but temperatures and sunshine amounts were generally close to the monthly average. Countrywide, the rainfall in August was a little above the 1961-90 mean but much of northern Britain was relatively dry. Large areas registered their fourth successive month with below average rainfall, parts of eastern Scotland and some districts to the east of the Pennines have been especially dry. Provisional data suggest that the NERP area experienced its lowest May-August rainfall total for at least 50 years. In England, August rainfall totals displayed large spatial variability (limiting the precision of the regional rainfall estimates) and some very notable catches were reported for individual rain gauges. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> a 30 mm deluge in 15 minutes at Wallington Hall (Northumbria) produced exceptional local runoff conditions in the headwaters of the Wansbeck. Thunderstorms on the 10/11th produced more than the monthly rainfall average in some localities in the South-East causing localised flooding and, in London especially, massive transport disruption. The month ended with a remarkable overnight storm centred along the Norfolk-Suffolk border. Several rain gauges recorded over 100 mm and an initial appraisal of a 144.2 mm rain-day total (31<sup>st</sup> Aug/1<sup>st</sup> September) for Ditchingham ranks it as the highest in the English Lowlands since the Hampstead storm of August 1975. Severe surface flooding occurred in Beccles and Bungay but the overall hydrological impact was limited. Regional rainfall totals for the summer are, mostly, significantly below average - notably so in parts of central and southern England which missed the thunderstorms. However, accumulations for the year thus far, and in the 12-month timeframe, are well within the normal range.

## River Flow

In most catchments recessions have been sustained with only minor interruptions since the early spring although some recoveries greatly moderated by dry soil conditions, were evident in early September. Notably low flows were registered in eastern Scotland by mid-month - the Dee recorded its lowest daily flow for a decade on the 22nd. Many small burns have remained dry through the late summer but in the Highland headwaters snowmelt continued to provide a small but

useful runoff contribution. Monthly runoff totals were generally less than half the long term average in many impervious catchments in England and Wales but still appreciably greater than the depressed late summer flows which characterised much of the 1988-92 period. Flows in most English lowland rivers remain well within the normal range and above average in many reliant principally on groundwater (examples include the Itchen and Lud). The importance of the baseflow component is well illustrated on the Mimram where summer runoff was the third highest in a 40-year series despite the driest June-August since 1976. By contrast, a new minimum summer runoff total was established on the Whiteadder (in a 25-year series). More generally summer flows have been modestly depressed but well above historical minima. For the year thus far, runoff totals remain above average for all index catchments, and unprecedented for a few south-western catchments.

## Groundwater

Soil moisture deficits declined appreciably towards month end but were still generally above the late summer average, notably so in north-eastern Scotland. Positive anomalies of 20-30 mm characterised the majority of aquifer outcrop areas in England. Thus, as is usual in August, there was little or no recharge over the month and gentle recessions continued in almost all index wells. A few isolated but very modest recoveries could be identified in western Permo-Triassic outcrops and the characteristically sluggish post-drought recovery continues in most of the confined aquifer. In some parts of the Chalk e.g. Yorkshire, the fall in water-tables since the spring has been relatively steep and the overall decline since the early spring exceeds 35 metres in parts of the southern Chalk. Nonetheless, levels in all major aquifers remain well within the normal range and overall groundwater resources close to the early autumn average.

## General

Steep decreases in reservoir stocks, especially in the Severn-Trent and Yorkshire regions, signalled a measure of water resources stress in August. However, in most areas the sustained rainfall over last winter has provided more than an adequate buffer to resist the impact of the recent rainfall deficiency.



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Data for this report have been provided principally by the regional divisions of the National Rivers Authority\* in England and Wales, the River Purification Boards in Scotland and by the Meteorological Office. Reservoir contents information has been supplied by the Water Services Companies, the NRA or, in Scotland, the Lothians Regional Council. The most recent areal rainfall figures are derived from a restricted network of raingauges and a proportion of the river flow data is of a provisional nature.

A map (Figure 3) is provided to assist in the location of the principal monitoring sites.

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#### MORECS

Most of the recent monthly regional rainfall data featured in the Hydrological Summaries are MORECS assessments. MORECS is the generic name for The Meteorological Office services involving the calculation of evaporation and soil moisture routinely for Great Britain. Products include a weekly issue of maps and tables of potential and actual evaporation, soil moisture deficits, effective rainfall and the hydrometeorological variables used to calculate them. The data are used to provide values for 40 km squares - or larger areas - and various sets of maps and tables are available according to user requirements. Options include a day-by-day retrospective calculation of soil moisture at any of 4000 rain-gauge sites.

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**TABLE 1 1993/94 RAINFALL AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE 1961-90 AVERAGE**

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|                                      |    | Aug<br>1993 | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan<br>1994 | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug |
|--------------------------------------|----|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| England and<br>Wales                 | mm | 55          | 113 | 89  | 74  | 167 | 123         | 82  | 93  | 75  | 61  | 35  | 46  | 93  |
|                                      | %  | 72          | 147 | 105 | 82  | 178 | 140         | 130 | 129 | 125 | 95  | 54  | 74  | 123 |
| <b>NRA REGIONS</b>                   |    |             |     |     |     |     |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| North West                           | mm | 80          | 87  | 51  | 65  | 247 | 159         | 71  | 151 | 151 | 31  | 73  | 67  | 94  |
|                                      | %  | 75          | 76  | 40  | 53  | 199 | 131         | 91  | 159 | 213 | 41  | 90  | 79  | 88  |
| Northumbria                          | mm | 77          | 109 | 91  | 63  | 135 | 107         | 71  | 82  | 65  | 27  | 39  | 39  | 78  |
|                                      | %  | 95          | 149 | 120 | 73  | 167 | 127         | 120 | 117 | 116 | 44  | 65  | 60  | 97  |
| Severn-Trent                         | mm | 43          | 95  | 75  | 67  | 139 | 95          | 71  | 74  | 59  | 55  | 23  | 43  | 48  |
|                                      | %  | 64          | 148 | 117 | 94  | 181 | 136         | 131 | 121 | 107 | 93  | 39  | 81  | 71  |
| Yorkshire                            | mm | 78          | 132 | 62  | 63  | 136 | 116         | 68  | 69  | 61  | 45  | 28  | 52  | 53  |
|                                      | %  | 105         | 194 | 85  | 79  | 164 | 147         | 117 | 101 | 103 | 75  | 47  | 88  | 72  |
| Anglian                              | mm | 45          | 105 | 90  | 70  | 86  | 73          | 45  | 52  | 52  | 51  | 25  | 41  | 58  |
|                                      | %  | 82          | 214 | 176 | 121 | 156 | 146         | 122 | 111 | 113 | 106 | 49  | 84  | 105 |
| Thames                               | mm | 33          | 103 | 111 | 57  | 105 | 97          | 59  | 49  | 59  | 80  | 25  | 21  | 49  |
|                                      | %  | 57          | 175 | 179 | 88  | 150 | 152         | 131 | 88  | 118 | 143 | 45  | 43  | 84  |
| Southern                             | mm | 37          | 123 | 133 | 62  | 154 | 124         | 64  | 57  | 78  | 91  | 39  | 29  | 65  |
|                                      | %  | 65          | 178 | 166 | 73  | 188 | 155         | 119 | 90  | 147 | 169 | 72  | 60  | 113 |
| Wessex                               | mm | 36          | 120 | 122 | 63  | 167 | 126         | 100 | 79  | 63  | 90  | 24  | 34  | 67  |
|                                      | %  | 55          | 167 | 154 | 76  | 180 | 145         | 154 | 113 | 119 | 148 | 42  | 65  | 102 |
| South West                           | mm | 39          | 168 | 119 | 107 | 263 | 186         | 174 | 124 | 87  | 100 | 32  | 48  | 95  |
|                                      | %  | 46          | 181 | 103 | 86  | 189 | 135         | 172 | 125 | 126 | 139 | 46  | 70  | 113 |
| Welsh                                | mm | 75          | 118 | 81  | 113 | 275 | 182         | 131 | 177 | 115 | 68  | 57  | 64  | 93  |
|                                      | %  | 74          | 103 | 59  | 80  | 180 | 127         | 135 | 165 | 144 | 83  | 72  | 83  | 92  |
| Scotland                             | mm | 74          | 76  | 118 | 76  | 234 | 215         | 96  | 249 | 134 | 30  | 110 | 66  | 89  |
|                                      | %  | 63          | 54  | 76  | 50  | 155 | 142         | 94  | 199 | 176 | 35  | 128 | 70  | 76  |
| <b>RIVER PURIFICATION<br/>BOARDS</b> |    |             |     |     |     |     |             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Highland                             | mm | 85          | 52  | 139 | 68  | 275 | 248         | 74  | 338 | 188 | 39  | 148 | 62  | 95  |
|                                      | %  | 67          | 30  | 70  | 33  | 140 | 132         | 58  | 209 | 207 | 42  | 151 | 58  | 75  |
| North-East                           | mm | 69          | 84  | 170 | 44  | 115 | 131         | 110 | 105 | 77  | 16  | 56  | 39  | 35  |
|                                      | %  | 79          | 97  | 175 | 44  | 124 | 132         | 169 | 135 | 128 | 23  | 85  | 53  | 40  |
| Tay                                  | mm | 58          | 103 | 126 | 77  | 176 | 206         | 117 | 229 | 103 | 22  | 89  | 47  | 56  |
|                                      | %  | 62          | 90  | 97  | 64  | 139 | 143         | 123 | 210 | 166 | 27  | 122 | 61  | 60  |
| Forth                                | mm | 51          | 78  | 109 | 73  | 189 | 161         | 88  | 204 | 83  | 21  | 75  | 55  | 68  |
|                                      | %  | 54          | 71  | 95  | 65  | 172 | 136         | 111 | 217 | 141 | 28  | 109 | 73  | 72  |
| Tweed                                | mm | 53          | 92  | 135 | 55  | 177 | 141         | 86  | 122 | 71  | 20  | 52  | 42  | 55  |
|                                      | %  | 60          | 103 | 142 | 59  | 190 | 141         | 128 | 154 | 125 | 28  | 80  | 58  | 63  |
| Solway                               | mm | 65          | 102 | 54  | 97  | 269 | 204         | 116 | 191 | 120 | 28  | 79  | 102 | 105 |
|                                      | %  | 55          | 71  | 34  | 67  | 182 | 131         | 115 | 163 | 156 | 33  | 94  | 113 | 88  |
| Clyde                                | mm | 89          | 74  | 67  | 113 | 306 | 268         | 110 | 301 | 148 | 38  | 141 | 99  | 151 |
|                                      | %  | 66          | 41  | 35  | 63  | 171 | 142         | 93  | 205 | 176 | 42  | 152 | 91  | 113 |

Note: The monthly rainfall figures for the NRA regions for August correspond to the MORECS areal assessments derived by the Meteorological Office. In northern England these initial assessments may have a particularly wide error band associated with them. The figures for the RPB regions for August 1994 were derived by IH in collaboration with the RPBs. The provisional figures for England and Wales and for Scotland are derived using a different raingauge network. Regional areal rainfall figures are regularly updated (normally one or two months in arrears) using figures derived from a far denser raingauge network.

**TABLE 2 RAINFALL RETURN PERIOD ESTIMATES**

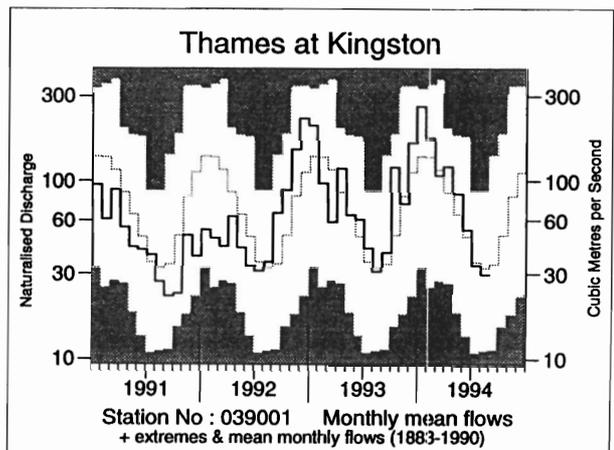
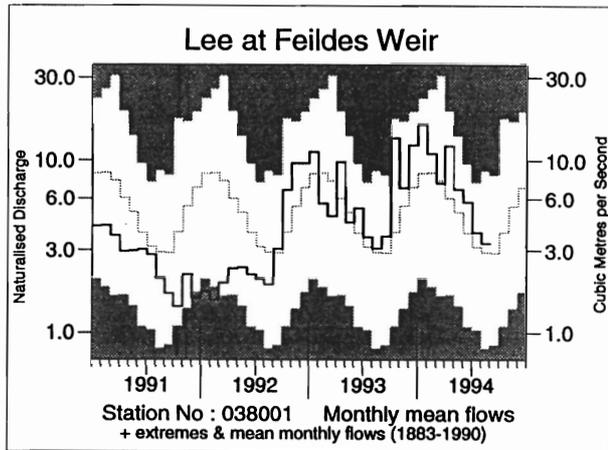
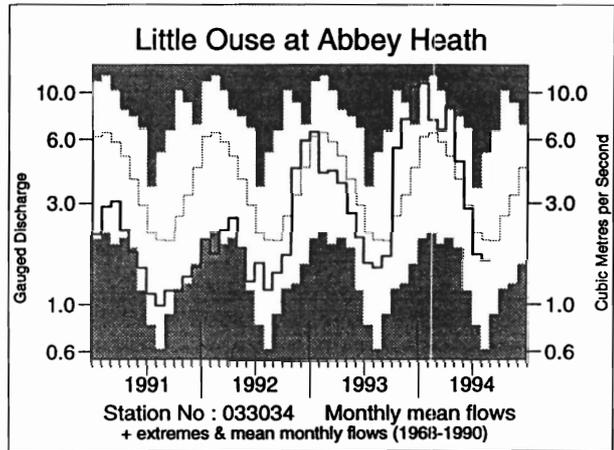
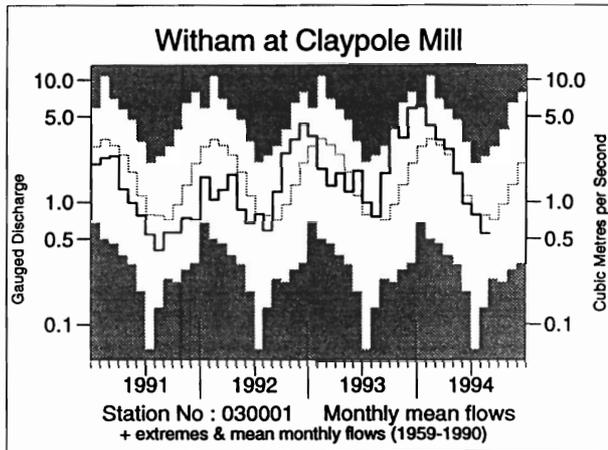
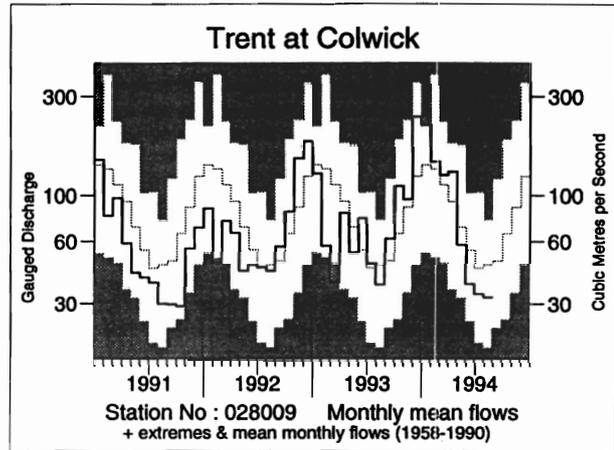
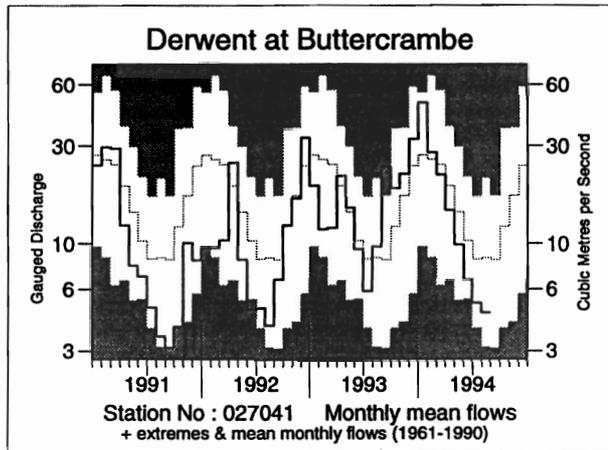
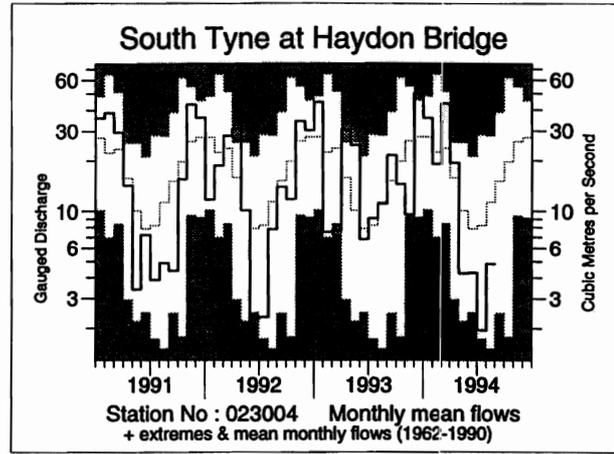
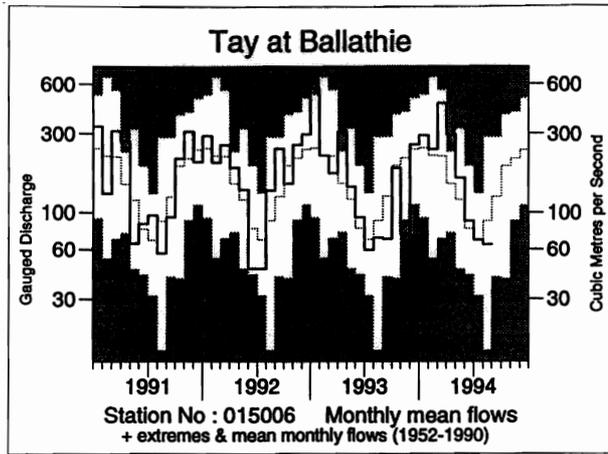
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|---------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
|                           |             | Est Return<br>Period, years |            | Est Return<br>Period, years |              | Est Return<br>Period, years |              | Est Return<br>Period, years |              |
| England and<br>Wales      | mm<br>% LTA | 235<br>88                   | 2-5        | 608<br>111                  | <u>2-5</u>   | 1051<br>117                 | <u>5-15</u>  | 1990<br>111                 | <u>5-10</u>  |
| NRA REGIONS               |             |                             |            |                             |              |                             |              |                             |              |
| North West                | mm<br>% LTA | 265<br>76                   | 5-10       | 797<br>112                  | <u>2-5</u>   | 1247<br>104                 | <u>2-5</u>   | 2482<br>103                 | <u>2-5</u>   |
| Northumbria               | mm<br>% LTA | 183<br>68                   | 10-15      | 508<br>95                   | 2-5          | 906<br>106                  | <u>2-5</u>   | 1818<br>107                 | <u>2-5</u>   |
| Severn-Trent              | mm<br>% LTA | 169<br>71                   | 5-10       | 468<br>98                   | 2-5          | 844<br>112                  | <u>2-5</u>   | 1623<br>108                 | <u>2-5</u>   |
| Yorkshire                 | mm<br>% LTA | 178<br>71                   | 5-10       | 492<br>95                   | 2-5          | 885<br>108                  | <u>2-5</u>   | 1733<br>106                 | <u>2-5</u>   |
| Anglian                   | mm<br>% LTA | 175<br>86                   | 2-5        | 397<br>104                  | <u>2-5</u>   | 748<br>126                  | <u>20-30</u> | 1409<br>118                 | <u>20-30</u> |
| Thames                    | mm<br>% LTA | 175<br>80                   | 2-5        | 439<br>101                  | <u>2-5</u>   | 815<br>118                  | <u>5-10</u>  | 1563<br>113                 | <u>5-10</u>  |
| Southern                  | mm<br>% LTA | 224<br>105                  | <u>2-5</u> | 547<br>118                  | <u>5-10</u>  | 1019<br>131                 | <u>30-50</u> | 1827<br>117                 | <u>10-20</u> |
| Wessex                    | mm<br>% LTA | 215<br>91                   | 2-5        | 583<br>114                  | <u>2-5</u>   | 1055<br>126                 | <u>15-25</u> | 1924<br>115                 | <u>5-15</u>  |
| South West                | mm<br>% LTA | 275<br>93                   | 2-5        | 846<br>121                  | <u>5-10</u>  | 1503<br>128                 | <u>30-40</u> | 2760<br>118                 | <u>15-25</u> |
| Welsh                     | mm<br>% LTA | 282<br>83                   | 2-5        | 887<br>116                  | <u>5-10</u>  | 1474<br>112                 | <u>5-10</u>  | 2831<br>108                 | <u>2-5</u>   |
| Scotland                  | mm<br>% LTA | 295<br>77                   | 5-10       | 989<br>118                  | <u>10-15</u> | 1493<br>104                 | <u>2-5</u>   | 3143<br>109                 | <u>5-10</u>  |
| RIVER PURIFICATION BOARDS |             |                             |            |                             |              |                             |              |                             |              |
| Highland                  | mm<br>% LTA | 344<br>81                   | 5-10       | 1192<br>120                 | <u>10-20</u> | 1726<br>98                  | 2-5          | 3777<br>107                 | <u>5-10</u>  |
| North-East                | mm<br>% LTA | 146<br>50                   | >200       | 569<br>95                   | 2-5          | 982<br>101                  | <u>2-5</u>   | 2005<br>103                 | <u>2-5</u>   |
| Tay                       | mm<br>% LTA | 214<br>65                   | 10-20      | 869<br>118                  | <u>5-10</u>  | 1351<br>110                 | <u>2-5</u>   | 2812<br>114                 | <u>10-20</u> |
| Forth                     | mm<br>% LTA | 219<br>70                   | 10-20      | 755<br>114                  | <u>5-10</u>  | 1204<br>109                 | <u>2-5</u>   | 2480<br>112                 | <u>5-15</u>  |
| Tweed                     | mm<br>% LTA | 169<br>57                   | 40-60      | 589<br>98                   | 2-5          | 1048<br>108                 | <u>2-5</u>   | 2108<br>109                 | <u>5-10</u>  |
| Solway                    | mm<br>% LTA | 314<br>83                   | 2-5        | 945<br>114                  | <u>5-10</u>  | 1467<br>103                 | <u>2-5</u>   | 2976<br>105                 | <u>2-5</u>   |
| Clyde                     | mm<br>% LTA | 429<br>101                  | <u>2-5</u> | 1256<br>130                 | <u>40-60</u> | 1816<br>107                 | <u>2-5</u>   | 3740<br>110                 | <u>5-10</u>  |

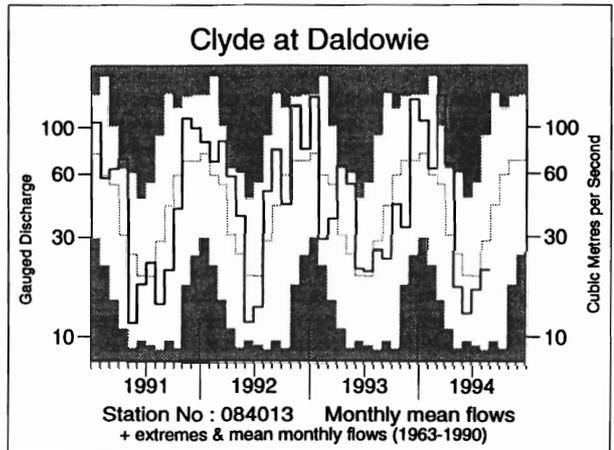
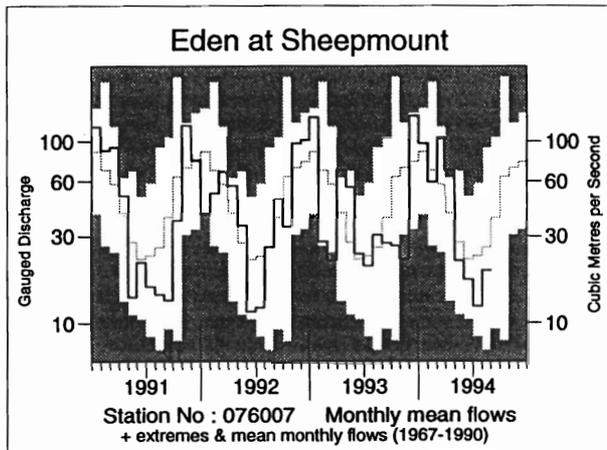
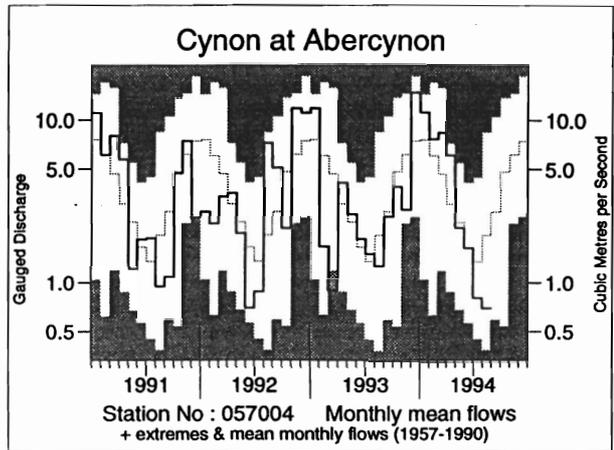
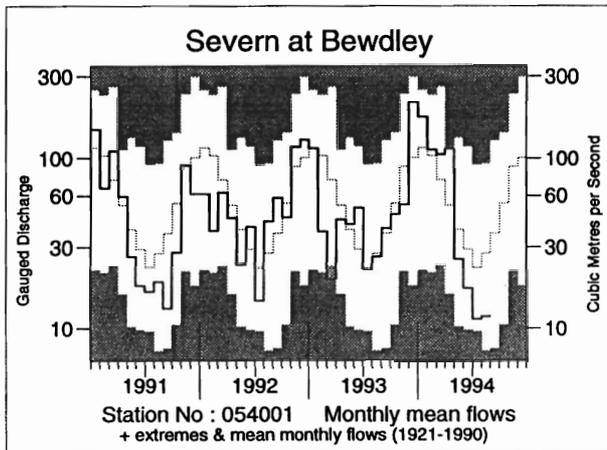
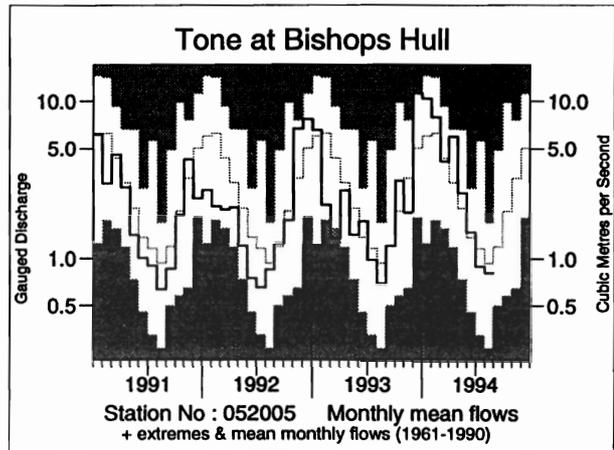
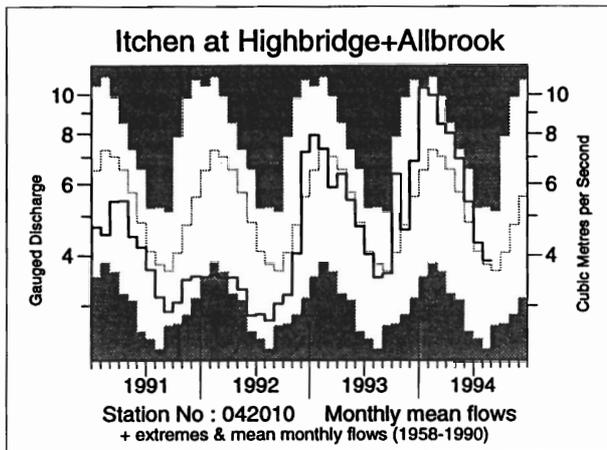
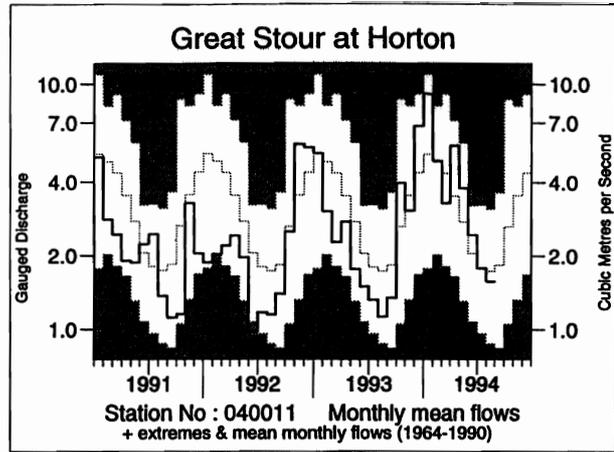
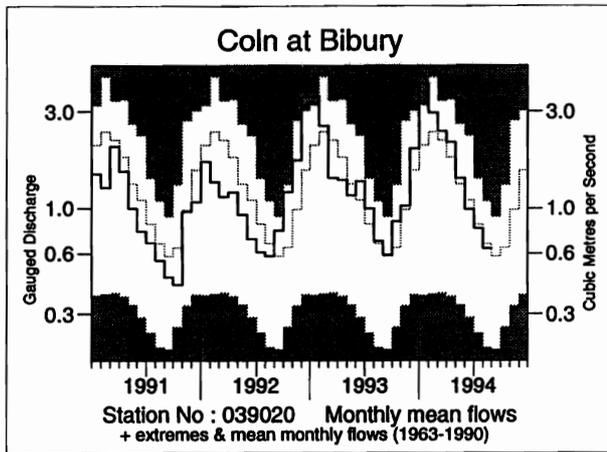
LTA refers to the period 1961-90.

Return period assessments are based on tables provided by the Meteorological Office\*. The tables reflect rainfall totals over the period 1911-70 only and the estimate assumes a sensibly stable climate. They assume a start in a specified month; return periods for a start in any month may be expected to be an order of magnitude less - for the longest durations the return period estimates converge. "Wet" return periods underlined.

\* Tabony, R.C., 1977, The Variability of long duration rainfall over Great Britain, Scientific Paper No. 37, Meteorological Office.

# FIGURE 1 MONTHLY RIVER FLOW HYDROGRAPHS





**TABLE 3 RUNOFF AS MM. AND AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE PERIOD OF RECORD AVERAGE WITH SELECTED PERIODS RANKED IN THE RECORD**

| River/<br>Station name            | Apr        | May        | Jun        | Jul       | Aug       |            | 6/94 |      | 1/94       |            | 9/93        |            | 9/92        |            |             |             |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------|------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                   | 1994       |            |            |           | 1994      |            | to   |      | to         |            |             | to         |             | to         |             |             |
|                                   | mm         | mm         | mm         | mm        | mm        | rank       | 8/94 | 8/94 | 8/94       | 8/94       | mm          | rank       | mm          | rank       |             |             |
|                                   | %LT        | %LT        | %LT        | %LT       | %LT       | /yrs       |      |      |            |            | %LT         | /yrs       | %LT         | /yrs       |             |             |
| Dee at Park                       | 96<br>123  | 48<br>78   | 24<br>67   | 16<br>57  | 12<br>38  | 5<br>/22   |      |      | 52<br>56   | 3<br>/22   | 549<br>111  | 15<br>/22  | 888<br>112  | 17<br>/21  | 1727<br>109 | 14<br>/20   |
| Tay at Ballathie                  | 166<br>194 | 94<br>136  | 50<br>113  | 40<br>99  | 37<br>72  | 15<br>/42  |      |      | 127<br>94  | 18<br>/42  | 950<br>138  | 41<br>/42  | 1287<br>113 | 36<br>/41  | 2753<br>121 | 39<br>/40   |
| Tweed at Boleside                 | 81<br>151  | 33<br>79   | 19<br>71   | 17<br>64  | 21<br>55  | 15<br>/34  |      |      | 57<br>63   | 6<br>/34   | 565<br>125  | 33<br>/34  | 893<br>117  | 30<br>/33  | 1811<br>119 | 32<br>/32   |
| Whiteadder Water at Hutton Castle | 26<br>67   | 14<br>53   | 9<br>52    | 7<br>54   | 6<br>41   | 4<br>/25   |      |      | 22<br>50   | 1<br>/25   | 279<br>106  | 15<br>/25  | 484<br>123  | 20<br>/25  | 870<br>111  | 15<br>/24   |
| South Tyne at Haydon Bridge       | 67<br>120  | 15<br>43   | 15<br>56   | 7<br>25   | 17<br>45  | 9<br>/31   |      |      | 39<br>43   | 3<br>/31   | 463<br>105  | 17<br>/31  | 796<br>104  | 18<br>/29  | 1603<br>104 | 17<br>/27   |
| Wharfe at Flint Mill Weir         | 73<br>134  | 19<br>50   | 15<br>59   | 9<br>34   | 20<br>51  | 12<br>/39  |      |      | 44<br>49   | 4<br>/39   | 470<br>109  | 27<br>/39  | 781<br>109  | 25<br>/38  | 1458<br>101 | 20<br>/37   |
| Derwent at Buttercrambe           | 24<br>76   | 17<br>71   | 11<br>67   | 9<br>63   | 8<br>56   | 7<br>/33   |      |      | 27<br>63   | 7<br>/33   | 230<br>104  | 19<br>/33  | 390<br>120  | 26<br>/32  | 677<br>104  | 18<br>/31   |
| Trent at Colwick                  | 45<br>141  | 21<br>84   | 13<br>69   | 12<br>75  | 12<br>71  | 7<br>/36   |      |      | 37<br>72   | 6<br>/36   | 272<br>114  | 27<br>/36  | 452<br>127  | 33<br>/35  | 801<br>113  | 23<br>/34   |
| Lud at Louth                      | 38<br>123  | 33<br>128  | 22<br>112  | 17<br>113 | 14<br>105 | 15<br>/27  |      |      | 53<br>111  | 16<br>/26  | 288<br>144  | 23<br>/26  | 411<br>159  | 24<br>/26  | 603<br>120  | 18<br>/25   |
| Witham at Claypole Mill           | 23<br>114  | 15<br>99   | 8<br>87    | 7<br>102  | 5<br>73   | 14<br>/36  |      |      | 20<br>87   | 17<br>/36  | 178<br>130  | 26<br>/35  | 312<br>168  | 33<br>/35  | 527<br>143  | 33<br>/34   |
| Little Ouse at Abbey Heath        | 32<br>180  | 18<br>126  | 10<br>101  | 7<br>81   | 6<br>83   | 14<br>/27  |      |      | 23<br>91   | 13<br>/27  | 167<br>135  | 23<br>/26  | 263<br>153  | 24<br>/26  | 413<br>124  | 22<br>/25   |
| Colne at Lexden                   | 22<br>167  | 10<br>112  | 5<br>87    | 3<br>68   | 3<br>70   | 10<br>/35  |      |      | 10<br>77   | 7<br>/35   | 111<br>119  | 27<br>/35  | 195<br>142  | 30<br>/34  | 347<br>129  | 29<br>/33   |
| Lee at Feildes Weir (natr.)       | 30<br>203  | 18<br>138  | 14<br>152  | 10<br>123 | 9<br>114  | 77<br>/109 |      |      | 33<br>130  | 87<br>/109 | 167<br>146  | 95<br>/108 | 259<br>159  | 98<br>/107 | 454<br>140  | 98<br>/105  |
| Thames at Kingston (natr.)        | 31<br>140  | 23<br>132  | 14<br>109  | 9<br>95   | 8<br>91   | 54<br>/112 |      |      | 31<br>100  | 62<br>/112 | 227<br>132  | 95<br>/112 | 333<br>136  | 96<br>/111 | 652<br>133  | 101<br>/110 |
| Coln at Bibury                    | 51<br>121  | 35<br>109  | 24<br>93   | 20<br>97  | 16<br>96  | 17<br>/31  |      |      | 60<br>95   | 18<br>/31  | 377<br>126  | 28<br>/31  | 487<br>124  | 27<br>/30  | 985<br>124  | 27<br>/29   |
| Great Stour at Horton             | 43<br>166  | 29<br>140  | 18<br>120  | 14<br>98  | 12<br>92  | 12<br>/30  |      |      | 44<br>104  | 15<br>/29  | 247<br>127  | 25<br>/28  | 365<br>125  | 23<br>/27  | 625<br>108  | 15<br>/25   |
| Itchen at Highbridge + Allbrook   | 58<br>126  | 52<br>124  | 39<br>114  | 32<br>106 | 29<br>104 | 22<br>/36  |      |      | 100<br>108 | 26<br>/36  | 417<br>127  | 35<br>/36  | 574<br>125  | 33<br>/35  | 1031<br>113 | 29<br>/34   |
| Piddle at Baggs Mill              | 59<br>140  | 43<br>139  | 28<br>122  | 19<br>108 | 16<br>102 | 17<br>/31  |      |      | 63<br>112  | 22<br>/31  | 433<br>145  | 30<br>/30  | 612<br>151  | 29<br>/29  | 1052<br>130 | 25<br>/27   |
| Exe at Thorverton                 | 133<br>238 | 34<br>90   | 21<br>89   | 12<br>58  | 11<br>37  | 7<br>/39   |      |      | 44<br>60   | 7<br>/39   | 693<br>142  | 38<br>/38  | 1137<br>137 | 37<br>/38  | 1962<br>119 | 34<br>/37   |
| Taw at Umberleigh                 | 112<br>256 | 25<br>85   | 12<br>75   | 6<br>37   | 5<br>26   | 6<br>/36   |      |      | 22<br>44   | 9<br>/36   | 588<br>149  | 36<br>/36  | 1002<br>144 | 34<br>/35  | 1747<br>126 | 33<br>/34   |
| Tone at Bishops Hull              | 77<br>201  | 34<br>128  | 19<br>110  | 12<br>78  | 11<br>88  | 11<br>/34  |      |      | 41<br>93   | 15<br>/34  | 442<br>139  | 32<br>/33  | 673<br>143  | 32<br>/33  | 1129<br>120 | 29<br>/32   |
| Severn at Bewdley                 | 67<br>213  | 16<br>68   | 10<br>59   | 7<br>50   | 7<br>42   | 11<br>/74  |      |      | 25<br>51   | 6<br>/74   | 343<br>123  | 64<br>/73  | 559<br>124  | 63<br>/73  | 986<br>110  | 49<br>/72   |
| Teme at Knightsford Bridge        | 47<br>142  | 11<br>53   | 6<br>42    | 2<br>29   | 2<br>22   | 2<br>/25   |      |      | 10<br>33   | 2<br>/25   | 257<br>105  | 16<br>/24  | 432<br>119  | 22<br>/24  | 774<br>107  | 13<br>/23   |
| Cynon at Abercynon                | 150<br>194 | 56<br>95   | 40<br>101  | 20<br>60  | 18<br>34  | 8<br>/36   |      |      | 78<br>63   | 8<br>/36   | 955<br>134  | 35<br>/36  | 1559<br>123 | 32<br>/34  | 2951<br>117 | 30<br>/32   |
| Dee at New Inn                    | 195<br>183 | 41<br>62   | 65<br>113  | 24<br>37  | 51<br>55  | 10<br>/26  |      |      | 140<br>64  | 7<br>/25   | 1171<br>120 | 22<br>/25  | 1891<br>105 | 15<br>/25  | 3587<br>100 | 14<br>/24   |
| Eden at Sheepmount                | 79<br>168  | 26<br>80   | 20<br>79   | 14<br>55  | 23<br>76  | 14<br>/24  |      |      | 57<br>71   | 7<br>/24   | 461<br>112  | 19<br>/24  | 709<br>103  | 11<br>/22  | 1478<br>108 | 15<br>/20   |
| Clyde at Daldowie                 | 91<br>203  | 24<br>70   | 18<br>67   | 24<br>87  | 29<br>72  | 14<br>/31  |      |      | 70<br>76   | 10<br>/31  | 617<br>139  | 30<br>/31  | 947<br>120  | 28<br>/30  | 1944<br>124 | 29<br>/29   |
| Carron at New Kelso               | 300<br>213 | 56<br>56   | 183<br>250 | 35<br>30  | 80<br>47  | 2<br>/16   |      |      | 299<br>82  | 5<br>/16   | 1555<br>109 | 12<br>/16  | 2100<br>82  | 2<br>/15   | 4997<br>96  | 6<br>/14    |
| Ewe at Poolewe                    | 264<br>190 | 119<br>120 | 124<br>170 | 66<br>78  | 58<br>52  | 3<br>/24   |      |      | 249<br>90  | 10<br>/24  | 1376<br>116 | 19<br>/24  | 1838<br>85  | 6<br>/23   | 4692<br>108 | 17<br>/22   |

Notes: (i) Values based on gauged flow data unless flagged (natr.), when naturalised data have been used.  
(ii) Values are ranked so that lowest runoff is rank 1.  
(iii) %LT means percentage of long term average from the start of the record to 1992. For the long periods (at the right of this table), the end date for the long term is 1993.

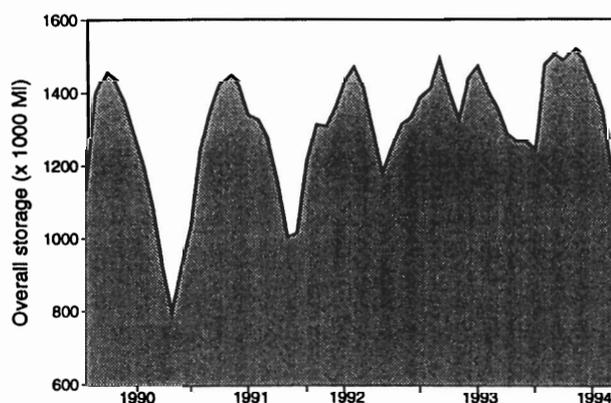
**TABLE 4 START-MONTH RESERVOIR STORAGES UP TO SEPTEMBER 1994**

| Area         | Reservoir (R)/<br>Group (G)      | Capacity●<br>(Ml) | 1994 |     |      |      |     |      |      | 1993 |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|
|              |                                  |                   | Apr  | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Sept |      |
| North West   | N.Command Zone <sup>1</sup> (G)  | 133375            | 100  | 97  | 85   | 73   | 59  | 52   | 58   |      |
|              | Vyrnwy (R)                       | 55146             | 100  | 94  | 87   | 79   | 66  | 61   | 79   |      |
| Northumbria  | Teesdale <sup>2</sup> (G)        | 87936             | 100  | 99  | 83   | 72   | 54  | 46   | 66   |      |
|              | Kielder (R)                      | 199175*           | 96*  | 93* | 92*  | 93*  | 89* | 92*  | 87*  |      |
| Severn-Trent | Clywedog (R)                     | 44922             | 99   | 96  | 93   | 93   | 77  | 61   | 92   |      |
|              | Derwent Valley <sup>3</sup> (G)  | 39525             | 100  | 97  | 90   | 78   | 60  | 43   | 76   |      |
| Yorkshire    | Washburn <sup>4</sup> (G)        | 22035             | 100  | 94  | 89   | 68   | 53  | 40   | 63   |      |
|              | Bradford supply <sup>5</sup> (G) | 41407             | 98   | 96  | 83   | 66   | 49  | 38   | 74   |      |
| Anglian      | Grafham (R)                      | 58707             | 91   | 96  | 96   | 94   | 88  | 83   | 95   |      |
|              | Rutland (R)                      | 130061            | 96   | 96  | 95   | 93   | 89  | 86   | 90   |      |
| Thames       | London <sup>6</sup> (G)          | 207569            | 89   | 89  | 88   | 86   | 83  | 77   | 87   |      |
|              | Farmoor <sup>7</sup> (G)         | 13843             | 98   | 98  | 98   | 95   | 98  | 96   | 98   |      |
| Southern     | Bewl (R)                         | 28170             | 100  | 100 | 100  | 98   | 92  | 88   | 78   |      |
|              | Ardingly (R)                     | 4685              | 100  | 100 | 100  | 100  | 93  | 85   | 80   |      |
| Wessex       | Clatworthy (R)                   | 5364              | 100  | 99  | 84   | 85   | 68  | 54   | 72   |      |
|              | Bristol W <sup>8</sup> (G)       | 38666*            | 99*  | 98* | 94*  | 85*  | 71* | 61*  | 60*  |      |
| South West   | Colliford (R)                    | 28540             | 100  | 100 | 96   | 87   | 78  | 68   | 81   |      |
|              | Roadford (R)                     | 34500             | 100  | 97  | 92   | 87   | 79  | 67   | 74   |      |
|              | Wimbleball <sup>9</sup> (R)      | 21320             | 100  | 99  | 99   | 92   | 77  | 60   | 76   |      |
|              | Stithians (R)                    | 5205              | 100  | 96  | 93   | 82   | 69  | 57   | 85   |      |
| Welsh        | Celyn + Brenig (G)               | 131155            | 100  | 99  | 97   | 94   | 78  | 66   | 94   |      |
|              | Brianne (R)                      | 62140             | 100  | 100 | 96   | 90   | 81  | 72   | 92   |      |
|              | Big Five <sup>10</sup> (G)       | 69762             | 100  | 97  | 93   | 89   | 70  | 58   | 78   |      |
|              | Elan Valley <sup>11</sup> (G)    | 99106             | 100  | 99  | 95   | 91   | 77  | 62   | 97   |      |
| Lothian      | Edin./Mid Lothian (G)            | 97639             | 99   | 98  | 93   | 84   | 79  | 73   | 83   |      |
|              | West Lothian (G)                 | 5613              | 99   | 100 | 91   | 77   | 64  | 52   | 81   |      |
|              | East Lothian (G)                 | 10206             | 98   | 99  | 95   | 86   | 76  | 66   | 81   |      |

● Live or usable capacity (unless indicated otherwise) \* Gross storage/percentage of gross storage

1. Includes Haweswater, Thirlmere, Stocks and Barnacre.
2. Cow Green, Selset, Grassholme, Balderhead, Blackton and Hury.
3. Howden, Derwent and Ladybower.
4. Swinsty, Fewston, Thruscross and Eccup.
5. The Nidd/Barden group (Scar House, Angram, Upper Barden, Lower Barden and Chelker) plus Grimwith.
6. Lower Thames (includes Queen Mother, Wraysbury, Queen Mary, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II) and Lee Valley (includes King George and William Girling) groups - pumped storages.
7. Farmoor 1 and 2 - pumped storages.
8. Blagdon, Chew Valley and others.
9. Shared between South West (river regulation for abstraction) and Wessex (direct supply).
10. Usk, Talybont, Llandegfedd (pumped storage), Taf Fechan, Taf Fawr.
11. Claerwen, Caban Coch, Pen y Garreg and Craig Goch.

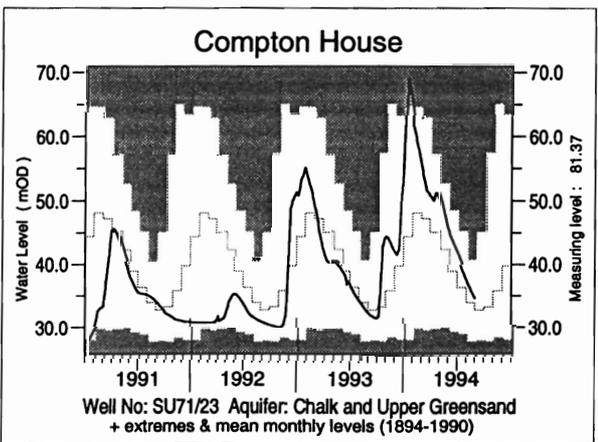
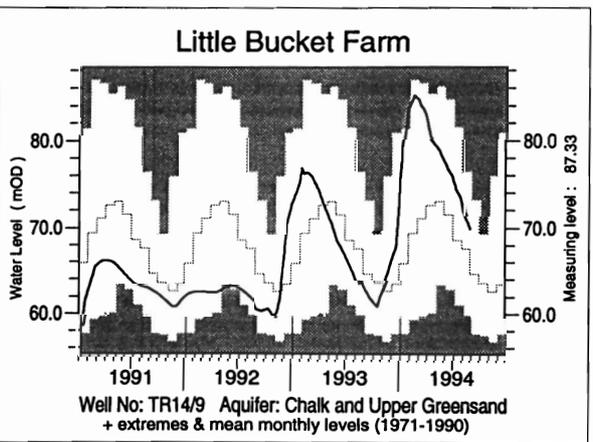
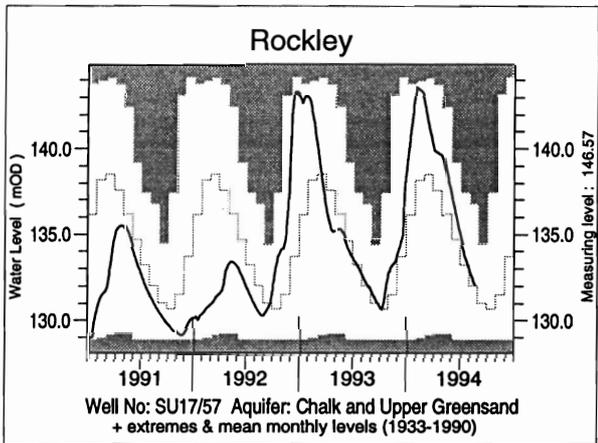
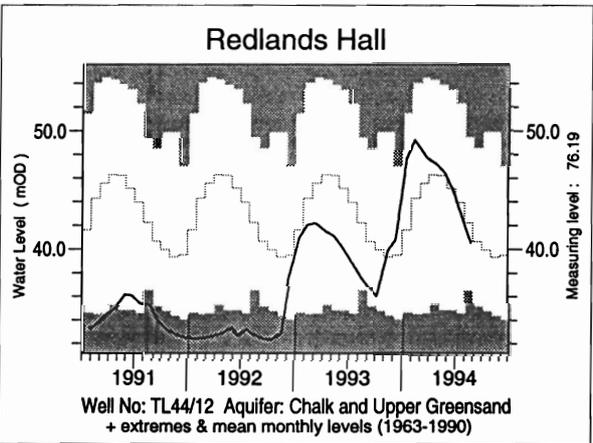
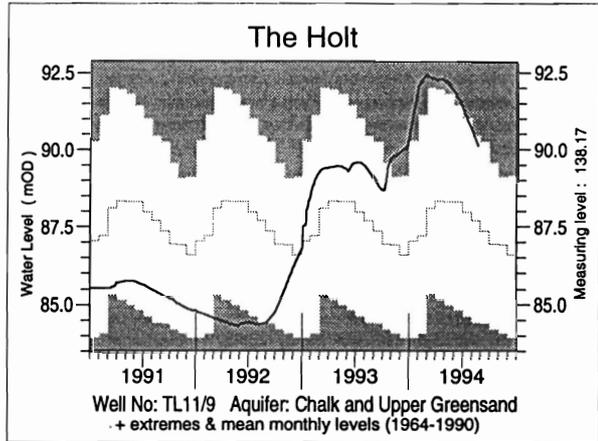
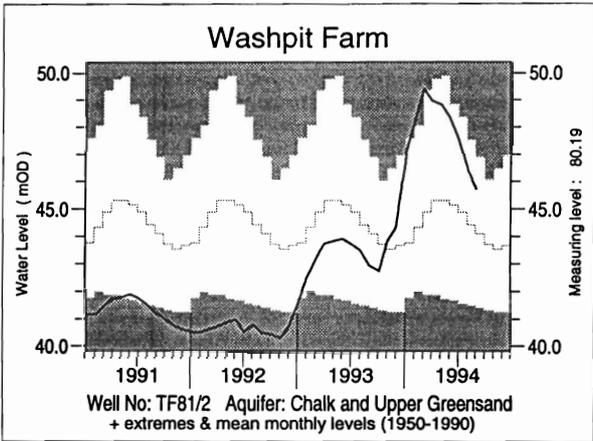
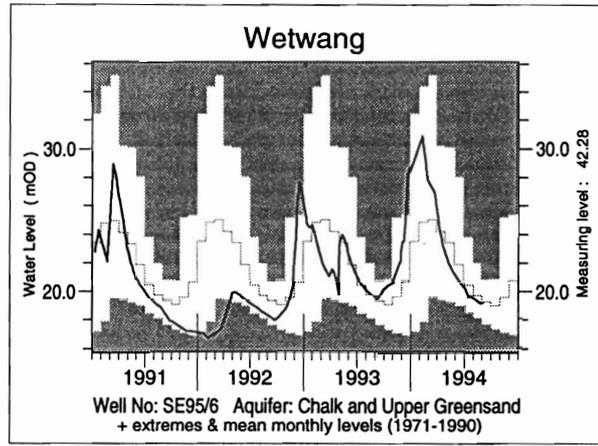
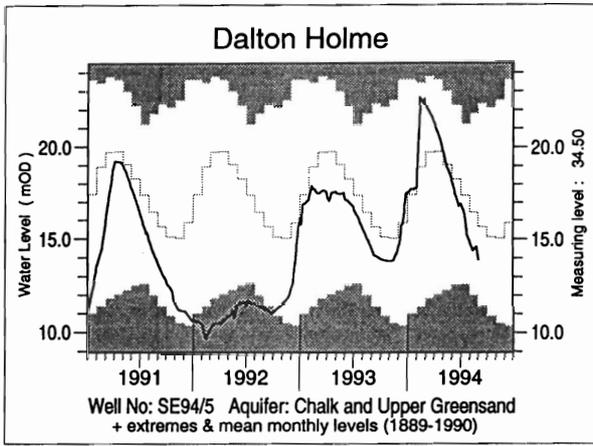
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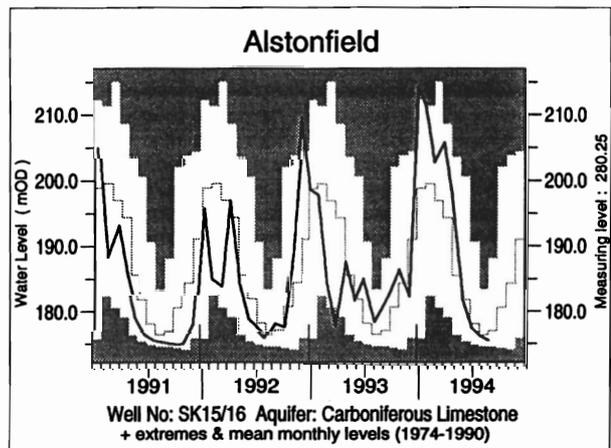
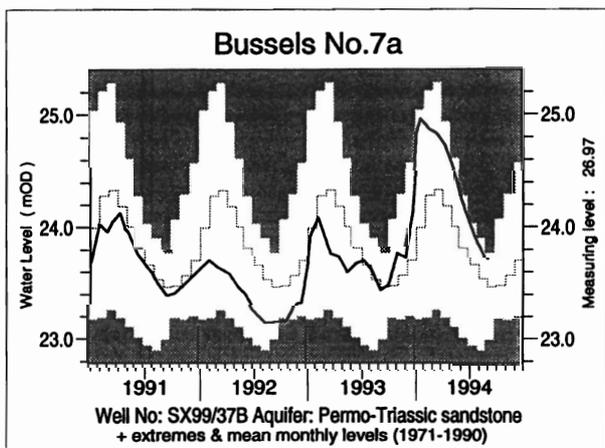
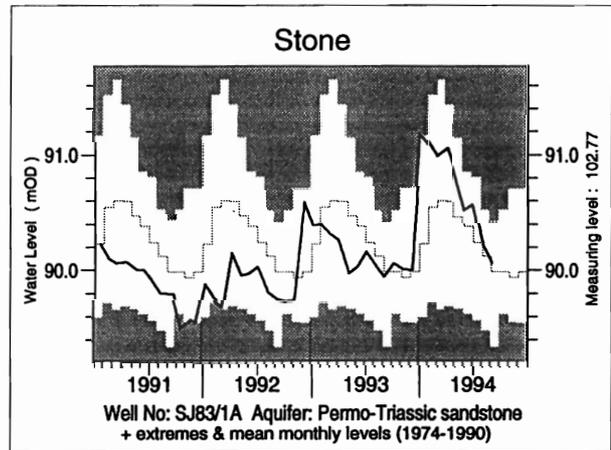
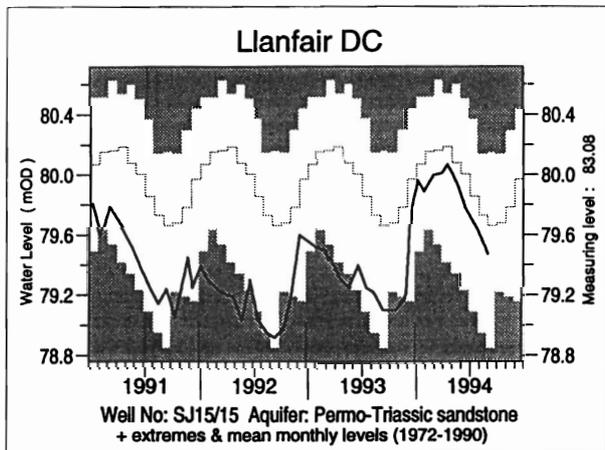
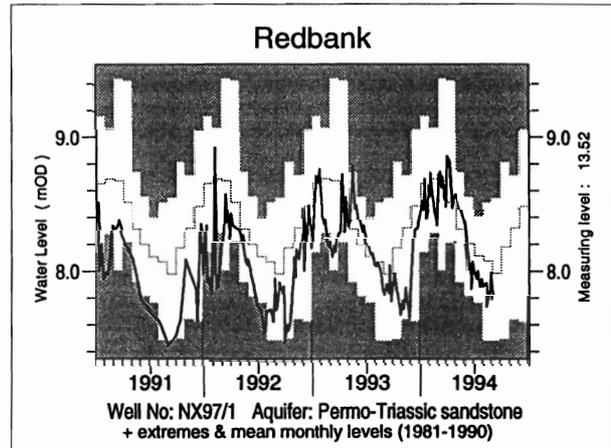
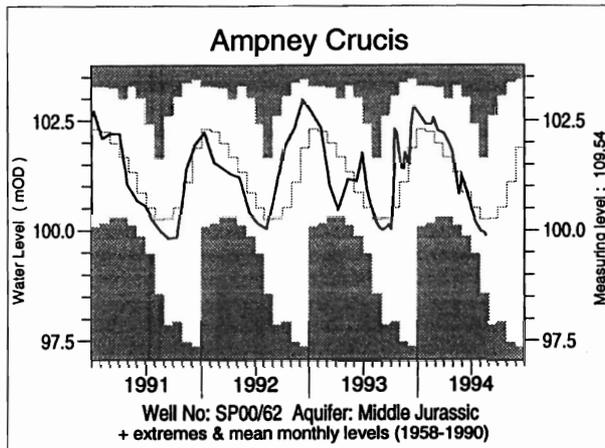
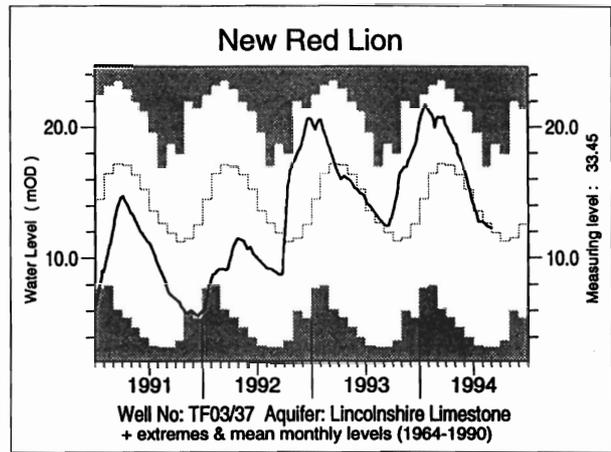
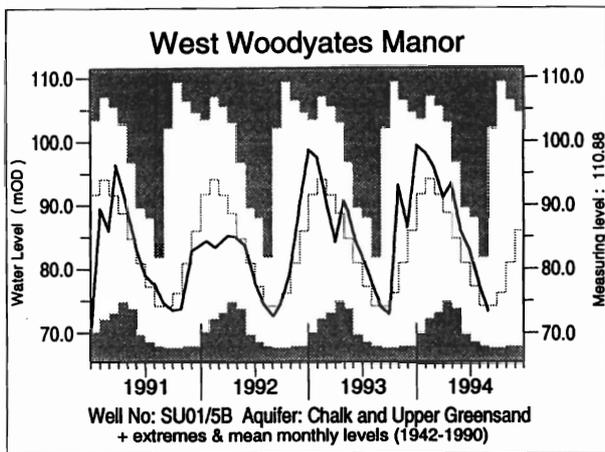


This plot is based on the reservoirs featured in Table 4 only.

Note: Variations in storage depend on the balance between inputs (from catchment rainfall and any pumping) and outputs (to supply, compensation flow, HEP, amenity). There will be additional losses due to evaporation, especially in the summer months. Operational strategies for making the most efficient use of water stocks will further affect reservoir storages. Table 4 provides a link between the hydrological conditions described elsewhere in the report and the water resources situation.

# FIGURE 2 GROUNDWATER LEVEL HYDROGRAPHS





**TABLE 5 A COMPARISON OF AUGUST GROUNDWATER LEVELS: 1993 AND 1994**

| Site                 | Aquifer | Records commence | Minimum August | Average August | Maximum August | August 1993 |        | Aug/Sept 1994 |        |
|----------------------|---------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|--------|---------------|--------|
|                      |         |                  | < 1994         | < 1994         | < 1994         | day         | level  | day           | level  |
| Dalton Holme         | C & UGS | 1889             | 11.28          | 16.42          | 21.77          | 30/08       | 14.58  | 01/09         | 13.89  |
| Wetwang              | C & UGS | 1971             | 18.02          | 19.82          | 21.84          | 30/08       | 19.56  | 01/09         | 19.21  |
| Washpit Farm         | C & UGS | 1950             | 40.77          | 44.33          | 47.50          | 02/08       | 43.49  | 01/09         | 45.72  |
| The Holt             | C & UGS | 1964             | 84.32          | 87.67          | 90.40          | 29/08       | 89.10  | 22/08         | 90.08  |
| Therfield Rectory    | C & UGS | 1883             | dry<br><71.6   | 81.00          | 98.97          | 30/08       | 78.24  | 01/09         | 82.59  |
| Redlands Hall        | C & UGS | 1964             | 32.73          | 41.39          | 49.47          | 13/08       | 37.69  | 23/08         | 40.51  |
| Rockley              | C & UGS | 1933             | dry<br><128.94 | 131.97         | 136.70         | 29/08       | 131.88 | 22/08         | 132.05 |
| Little Bucket Farm   | C & UGS | 1971             | 59.75          | 67.07          | 76.35          | 31/08       | 62.72  | 31/08         | 69.91  |
| Farm                 |         |                  |                |                |                |             |        |               |        |
| Compton House        | C & UGS | 1984             | 27.65          | 38.78          | 40.39          | 24/08       | 32.62  | 31/08         | 34.67  |
| Chilgrove House      | C & UGS | 1836             | 33.68          | 41.67          | 67.06          | 24/08       | 40.73  | 31/08         | 42.32  |
| West Dean No.3       | C & UGS | 1940             | 1.01           | 1.45           | 1.98           | 27/08       | 1.43   | 26/08         | 1.68   |
| Lime Kiln Way        | C & UGS | 1969             | 123.86         | 125.06         | 125.78         | 11/08       | 124.11 | 06/09         | 125.44 |
| Ashton Farm          | C & UGS | 1974             | 63.80          | 65.78          | 68.17          | 31/08       | 65.36  | 31/08         | 65.70  |
| West Woodyates Manor | C & UGS | 1942             | 67.95          | 74.03          | 81.67          | 31/08       | 74.15  | 31/08         | 73.40  |
| Killyglen (NI)       | C & UGS | 1985             | 113.23         | 114.11         | 117.46         | 31/08       | 113.53 | 24/08         | 114.92 |
| New Red Lion         | LLst    | 1964             | 3.29           | 12.39          | 17.08          | 31/08       | 12.56  | 30/08         | 12.28  |
| Ampney Crucis        | Mid Jur | 1958             | 98.58          | 100.24         | 101.64         | 29/08       | 100.05 | 22/08         | 99.88  |
| Yew Tree Farm        | PTS     | 1973             | 10.23          | 13.16          | 13.61          | 10/08       | 13.47  | 07/09         | 13.37  |
| Llanfair D.C         | PTS     | 1972             | 78.95          | 79.60          | 80.15          | 13/08       | 79.22  | 31/08         | 79.47  |
| Morris Dancers       | PTS     | 1969             | 31.87          | 32.48          | 33.52          | 10/08       | 31.91  | 16/08         | 32.41  |
| Weeford Flats        | PTS     | 1966             | dry<br><88.61  | 90.00          | 91.59          | 05/08       | 89.01  | 31/08         | 89.64  |
| Stone                | PTS     | 1974             | 89.48          | 90.10          | 90.54          | 06/08       | 90.03  | 02/09         | 90.06  |
| Skirwith             | PTS     | 1978             | 129.66         | 130.16         | 130.48         | 20/08       | 130.11 | 12/09         | 130.24 |
| Redbank              | PTS     | 1981             | 7.49           | 7.95           | 8.52           | 29/08       | 7.86   | 02/09         | 7.80   |
| Bussels No.7A        | PTS     | 1972             | 22.90          | 23.54          | 23.91          | 04/08       | 23.61  | 01/09         | 23.72  |
| Rushyford NE         | MgLst   | 1967             | 64.98          | 72.41          | 76.49          | 26/08       | 75.63  | 26/08         | 76.31  |
| Peggy Ellerton       | MgLst   | 1968             | 31.17          | 34.04          | 36.68          | 05/08       | 31.61  | 23/08         | 33.27  |
| Alstonfield          | CLst    | 1974             | 174.70         | 176.98         | 183.39         | 09/08       | 178.34 | 02/09         | 175.54 |

groundwater levels are in metres above Ordnance Datum

|         |                           |         |                            |
|---------|---------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| C & UGS | Chalk and Upper Greensand | Mid Jur | Middle Jurassic limestones |
| LLst    | Lincolnshire Limestone    | MgLst   | Magnesian Limestone        |
| PTS     | Permo-Triassic sandstones | CLst    | Carboniferous Limestone    |

Note: Table 5 has been redesigned to include both monthly minimum and monthly maximum levels.

