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The latest on the flooding in Tonbridge and Malling

Rainfall during the course of the weekend 4 and 5 January was not as heavy as originally forecast and there were no official evacuation requests in any parts of the borough.

The weather remains unsettled and the Council is continuing to monitor local conditions in liaison with the Environment Agency, Kent County Council Highways and Kent Police, each of which have a clearly defined role in responding to the emergency and supporting our residents.

Nicolas Heslop, Leader of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, said: "The river levels remained high over last weekend and on Saturday 4 January Borough Council staff activated the Council's Control Centre. Incident Liaison Officers visited the areas of the borough where excess water was giving concern and although there was no further flooding in the borough due to river water, there was an increase in surface water caused by run-off and a number of roads were affected.

It is hoped that the rain currently forecast for the first half of this week will not prove to be as heavy as in previous days and that we may then look forward to a spell of dry weather. This will be particularly welcome by those residents and businesses who are now trying to restore their flooded properties and will also give the river levels a further chance to drop. In the meantime, we remain on alert."

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