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Another flood warning in Tonbridge and Malling

From 5pm to 9pm on Friday 17 January Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council staff once again opened the Council's Emergency Control Centre due to a flood warning issued by the Environment Agency for the [River Bourne from Hadlow to East Peckham, including Golden Green and Little Mill](#).

[Late on the evening of Friday 17 January, the Environment Agency also issued a flood alert for the River Medway for the area from Penshurst to Hampstead Lock at Yalding, including the Leigh Barrier Flood Storage Reservoir, Ensfield Road, Tonbridge, Paddock Wood, the Hop Farm, East Peckham, Branbridges and Hale Street.](#)

[Incident Liaison Officers were deployed during the flood warning for the River Bourne and the flood alert for the River Medway. Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground and the Lower Castle Field car park experienced some flooding on Saturday morning, and two properties in Postern Lane in Tonbridge were affected by flood water later that afternoon.](#)

The Council has continued 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 once again gave cause for concern and it was a relief to all that no residents had to be evacuated. However, the increase in surface water caused by run-off is still affecting a number of roads."

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