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More rain for Easter - local rain records broken

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Wet weather in the last few weeks has already led to April rainfall records being broken in some southern and eastern parts of England and, with Easter approaching, there is more heavy rain to come.

Although there will be some sunshine at times, further bands of heavy showers will cross the country during the Bank Holiday weekend.

Ewen McCallum, Head of Forecasting at The Met. Office, said: "With more heavy rain expected over the next few days, river levels will need close monitoring. Our forecasters will be working closely with the Environment Agency's flood warning officers to keep them informed of the latest rainfall predictions."

Notes:

1. April rainfall records have already been broken at the following Met. Office sites:

	Total so far	Previous wettest April	Records began
Waddington (Links)	94.2mm	90.7mm (1983)	1946
Southampton	111.4mm	94.5mm (1992)	1974
Odiham	117.6mm	102.2mm (1963)	1963

2. The Environment Agency's Floodline number is 0845 988 1188 (24 hour local call rate). This provides recorded flood warning information for the public.

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