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Stormy weather clearing

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After the most widespread stormy period over southern Britain this year, the worst of the conditions are now abating. The Met. Office forecasters predicted this stormy period as early as last Thursday.

Rainfall over southern England and the Midlands was very heavy with many places seeing almost two inches (50 mm) over the last twelve hours, and well over an inch over most of Wales and southern Britain.

Winds overnight gusted to around 90 m.p.h. in many parts with 97 m.p.h. recorded at Mumbles Head on the south Wales coast.

While conditions will ease a little through the day, The Met. Office is forecasting blustery showers later today, mainly over Central and Southern areas. Further, localised, flooding is possible.

Notes:

Maximum gusts overnight:

Mumbles 97 m.p.h.
 Plymouth 92 m.p.h.
 Portland 93 m.p.h.
 Brixham 91 m.p.h.

Rainfall amounts during the last 12 hours:

Larkhill (Salisbury Plain) 48.2 mm
 Yeovilton (Somerset) 41.8 mm
 Bracknell (Berkshire) 41.0 mm
 Cardiff 31.8 mm
 Central London 25.0 mm

At Bristol, there was a record-breaking 47 mm during the 24 hours of Sunday.

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