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STORM AUSTEN PREPAREDNESS

Storm Austen is expected to pass over the Channel Islands late on Thursday and into Friday, and a red wind warning may be issued by the Met Office ahead of its arrival.

Wind speeds are expected to reach Force 8 and 9, with the potential for storm force 10 and stronger gusts during the peak of the storm at approximately 7am on Friday morning, when many people will be preparing to travel or start their day.

It is important to note that Storm Austen is not expected to be on the same scale as Storm Goretti or other significant storms that have affected Sark in recent years. Whilst forecast wind speeds are expected to be lower, conditions are still likely to be severe. Residents and visitors are therefore encouraged to take sensible precautions and keep the weather in mind when making plans.

Some disruption is likely. Sailings and freight services may be affected, and residents are encouraged to check directly with operators for the latest travel information. There is also the potential for fallen branches, debris and localised disruption, particularly in exposed locations.

Everyone is advised to secure loose items, avoid unnecessary travel during the peak of the storm where possible, and exercise caution when outdoors.

Further updates will be provided as necessary as the forecast develops.