Southern Uplands

The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).

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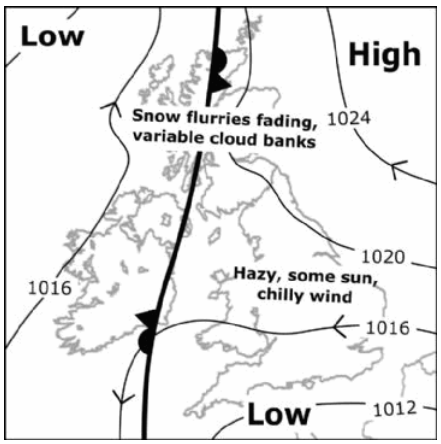
General Summary for Wednesday, 25 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 25 November, 2026

Early morning snow in the central Highlands will fade to flurries, becoming largely dry. Locally strong SE'ly wind for eastern Scotland, much less wind further west. England & Wales generally dry, with some weak sun, but hazy views and a cold wind.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Gusty wind; snow flurries west fading, hazy.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 25 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 20 to 30mph, strongest speeds and gusts toward Cheviots, locally toward 40mph in places, lowering a little during the day.
Effect of wind on you?	**Affecting ease of walking with considerable chill if on exposed terrain and some gusty spots not just on the tops giving buffeting.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Early hill snow in west fading** Remnants of overnight sleet and snow continues to affect western areas in the morning, rain lower slopes. Becoming confined to west Galloway during morning and fades with time, but leave a covering of snow on high terrain. Generally dry eastern hills, an odd brief flurry.
Cloud on the hills?	**Patches on some tops, mostly clearing** Varying cloud banks across hills in the morning, most persistent and lowest toward southwest Galloway, but tending to thin and break widely, improving in the west into the afternoon.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**50% rising to 80%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little if any weak sun due to layers of high cloud. Poor visibility in early snow on western high terrain; fairly hazy, but improving visibility from east.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or -1C, to locally slightly higher toward Ayrshire early in day. Feeling like -10C if in stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Poorly defined with much upland terrain frozen above 600m, locally just above freezing higher up in northwest. Frost also in some eastern valleys in morning.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 26 November	Friday 27 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 25 to 40mph, strengthening during day, 50mph by dusk onward at least in gusts; rising to 60mph into night.	Southerly 50-60mph at dawn and into the morning for eastern hills at least, easing from west to 20mph or possibly less.
Effect of wind on you?	**Strenuous walking becoming increasingly challenging on high terrain, powerful downslope gusts. Significant wind chill.**	**May well become fairly small, but beware severe conditions from overnight still beyond dawn; prepare for marked chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Largely dry day** An odd snow flurry may move onto the Cheviots during the day. Into night, risk of hill snow developing from the west into Galloway.	**Risk prolonged snow then rain** Snow from before dawn on western hills, advancing slowly eastwards. Turning to sleet or heavy rain at lower elevations in west, later wet to some higher slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	**Mostly southern hills** Varying cloud banks around higher slopes, most persistent toward the Solway, patches on Cheviots, may cloak some tops all day. Northward likely well broken.	**Extensive and low** Shrouding high terrain widely, from some lower elevations upward much of day in western areas. Higher bases Pentlands.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**50%**	**10%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun likely to weaken as a veil of high cloud thickens from the west. Visibility very good, some haze toward the Solway coast.	Overcast and dull. Poor visibility widely, or whiteout over hills in snow and cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C. Feeling like -10C to later nearer -15C directly in the wind on high tops.	-1C inland and east, to +1C west. Risk of wind chill feeling like -15C at least in the morning.
Freezing Level	Much terrain frozen, thawing only on sunlit lower slopes up to 500m.	Well inland and east 600m, some lower terrain partly frozen at least in morning; rising just above freezing western tops.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 26 November, 2026

Atlantic fronts bump into cold air across Britain by late Thursday into Friday, resulting in further hill snow, particularly substantial in southern Scottish Highlands. Strong to gale force south to southwesterlies prevail into the weekend, but a cold body of air across Britain will be slow to warm up, leaving many mountains frozen especially inland across Scotland and northern England; lying snow staying in place across the hills and some further flurries over hills at times, locally more persistent rain and hill snow; driest northern Scotland. Wales tending to become milder sooner over the weekend. Early next week, southwesterly gales are likely, milder for all at times with rain.

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