

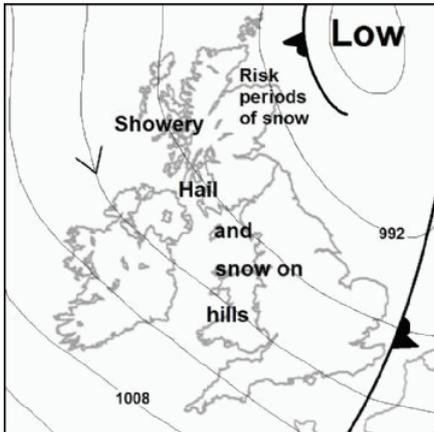
# Southern Uplands

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 Saturday, 4 December, 2021



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 4 December, 2021**

Showers running inland from western coasts on strong to gale force W-NW'ly winds, extending into western Peak & Pennines. Local clusters giving frequent hail or hill snow, chance of thunder. Also risk snow for periods N & E Scotland, may move southwards. Much terrain stays frozen above 600-700m, but locally snow to lower elevations.

### Headline for Southern Uplands

Cold, squally winds. Local showers, perhaps an area of snow.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 4 December, 2021

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	West or northwesterly, speeds varied, often 20 to 30mph, briefly less, but occasional squally gusts over 40mph around showers.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Beware of changing conditions: perhaps small for a time, but risk of difficult walking and significant wind chill for periods.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Occasional upland snow</b> Risk occasional clusters of showers, giving snow for an hour or more in places across the hills, mostly sleet or rain up to about 400-500m. Possible hail.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly higher tops</b> Cloud bases varied, often confined to patches on higher summits above 700-800m, but sometimes lowering in precipitation. Some breaks for periods.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	A mix of cloud and sun. Visibility often very good away from showers, but very poor in cloud and snow/hail.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	0 or -1C. Wind chill in strongest winds near -15C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	600 to 750m

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 5 December	Monday 6 December
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	North later northeasterly, 20 to 30mph in morning, risk 40mph around dawn, but speeds likely to lessen gradually. <b>Prepare for marked wind chill and considerable buffeting, particularly early in day, tending to ease during afternoon.</b>	South veering westerly, often in the range 30 to 45mph, perhaps a brief lull. <b>Expect frequent buffeting across the hills, sometimes arduous walking conditions with significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Snow and rain eastern areas</b> Snow most likely focused on hills from the Lothians to the Cheviots, rain or sleet lower slopes. Risk locally persistent eastern areas. Dumfries & Galloway likely dry all day.	<b>Snow, later showers with hail</b> A period of snowfall is likely for a few hours, falling to lower slopes for a time, becoming gradually sleet or rain lower down from the west. Followed by clusters of showers, some heavy with hail.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly eastern hills</b>  Eastern areas: Cloud often covering the hills, to low levels where precipitation persists. West from the M74: Mostly just patches higher slopes, many tops often clear.	<b>Fairly extensive</b>  Shrouding higher terrain most or all day, extensively during snow, to lower slopes in places. Bases may slowly rise from the west into the afternoon, then varied in and out of showers.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20% east, to 70% west.</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Mostly cloudy east, sunnier toward west. Visibility very poor in snow/rain, but may be excellent western hills.	Brief if any sun. Visibility very poor during precipitation, appalling if in snow and cloud, brief improvements lower terrain.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-1C.  Around 600m, perhaps rising a little; some lower terrain may be frozen early morning.	-3C tending to rise slowly to -1C.  Much terrain frozen following overnight frost. Becoming 200-300m, rising slowly to 600m or just above from west.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 5 December, 2021

Most mountain terrain is likely to stay frozen throughout the week ahead. Sometimes freezing conditions to lower slopes, although some day-to-day variations. Wind speed and direction will vary considerably, intermittent lulls, but then a deep low is expected to affect Britain by Tuesday-Wednesday, bringing stormy conditions, perhaps widely. Further lows are likely to follow later in the week. Extensive snowfalls possible on the hills, a mix of snow and rain lower down.

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