

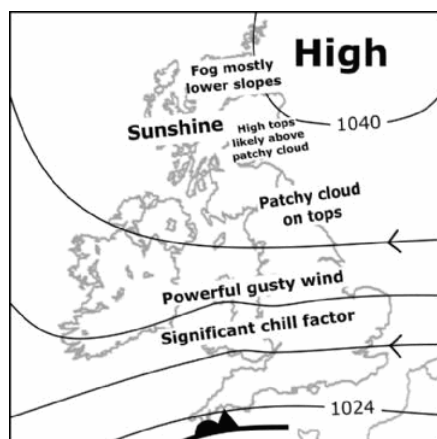
# Southern Uplands

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 Thursday, 25 December, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 25 December, 2025**

Dry with sunshine best in west and northern Scotland, high terrain warmer than many lower slopes, local low-level fog. High summits SE Highlands likely just above patchy cloud. Mostly cloudy Pennines, grazing tops, clearer westward across the Lakes. Gusty easterly winds, strongest further south, gale-force in Wales.

### Headline for Southern Uplands

Gusty wind, cold. Cloudy east, capping tops, sunnier west.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 25 December, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	East-southeasterly 25mph, gusty in exposure. Stronger on slopes nearest to the Solway, increasingly gusting 35mph.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Comfort of walking affected in exposure with some buffeting including on some downslopes from higher tops, locally more strenuous; considerable chill factor.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Most hills dry</b> A little fine drizzle possible where in cloud around the Cheviot, otherwise dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly high terrain east, little west</b> Banks of cloud come and go over the high tops of the eastern Borders and Cheviots, more persistently capping The Cheviot top above 700m. Only fleeting patches west of the M74, many Ayrshire hills clear.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>40% east to 80% west</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Mostly cloudy east, increasingly broken towards the west, often sunny Galloway. Excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-1 or 0C, locally warming a degree where sunny. Feeling like -8C in direct wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	600-700m, some variability; poorly defined towards Ayrshire due to milder downslope winds, lowering here overnight.

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 26 December	Saturday 27 December
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Easterly 20 to 25mph, gusty around some higher slopes.	Easterly 25 to 30mph, stronger gusts around some slopes, particularly just west of higher tops.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Blustery over many exposed tops, in places sudden gusty spots feeling more noticeable and colder.</b>	<b>Starting to affect comfortable walking in exposure, sudden buffeting gusts in places; considerable wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Precipitation rare if any</b> Chance of brief snow grains locally on eastern hills.	<b>A little light rain east</b> Occasional spots of light rain Pentland hills to Cheviots, locally more frequent, but total amounts small. Largely dry central and western areas.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Mostly higher eastern hills</b>  Cloud banks coming in from the east may persist across higher slopes in Borders and Cheviots, base around 600m. Cloud more broken toward M74, more often clear further westwards.	<b>Mostly higher tops and in east</b>  Cloud banks mostly above 700m and in eastern areas, may be frequent over higher Cheviot slopes; patchier westwards.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>40% east, to 80% west</b>	<b>40% Cheviots, to 70% west of M74.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy all day east, dull but visibility good below cloud. Sunshine best in Galloway, excellent visibility.	Rather cloudy eastern areas, some breaks with sun in the west. Visibility very good, some haze east.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	0C, small variation with height.	1 or 2C, small variation with height in morning; may rise slightly higher Galloway. Feeling like -8C in stronger wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Near freezing all elevations from dawn, terrain staying frozen out of sunlight, but lifting just above freezing some slopes.	Some terrain partly frozen; close to freezing some upper slopes and patchy slight frost in sheltered valleys in morning.

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 26 December, 2025

Dry weather continues into the weekend as a strong area of high pressure resides near or north of Scotland. Inversion conditions Scottish mountains, high tops generally above freezing and above most patchy cloud, some frost and fog in glens. Gusty east-northeasterly wind increasing for Scotland by Saturday, easing again for Sunday. Strong and gusty winds prevail for England and Wales, often cloudy, a little light rain occasionally Pennines; some sun toward west. Next week stays dry for many, local showers northern Scotland, possibly turning chillier with northerly winds.

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