

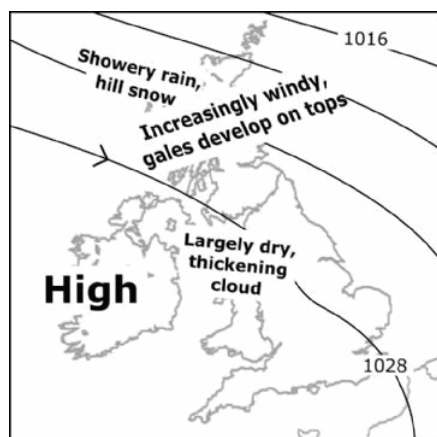
Southern Uplands

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, 31 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 31 December, 2025

Much terrain frozen, frost into valleys and glens in the morning, all day out of sunlight, but temperature and freezing level tending to lift toward 800m from west. Showery rain and hill snow moving into W-NW Scotland. Wind strengthening, becoming gales over tops in Scotland during day, then N England after dark.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Strengthening wind. Cloudy west, largely dry day.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 31 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly backing westerly 15 to 25mph, increasing to 25 to 35mph through the day, 40mph onto tops into evening and night.
Effect of wind on you?	Be prepared for increasingly blustery conditions with considerable wind chill and buffeting.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry during day, rain/hill snow later Dry much of day, risk patchy showers Galloway hills afternoon, snow flurries on upper slopes, becoming more frequent into evening and night, a band of rain and hill snow more widely toward midnight moving southward.
Cloud on the hills?	Lowering onto hills from west. Hills starting clear, but increasingly low cloud will move in from the west to cover upper slopes or tops near and west of M74 above 700m. Eastern hills clearer for much of daytime, some patches on tops later.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80% at first, lowering to 30% in west, 60% in east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright start with sun through high cloud, but cloud building from west. Visibility mostly very good or excellent, reducing locally in showers in west.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around -1C, perhaps plus 1C later. Feeling closer to -8C in the strongest winds afternoon.
Freezing Level	All levels in morning, well below freezing with widespread frost into valleys, but lifting to 500-600m, reaching 800m by evening.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 1 January	Friday 2 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	Northwesterly 30 to 45mph, strongest on higher Cheviots. Strenuous walking, frequent buffeting in exposure higher up. Significant wind chill.	North-northwesterly 25 to 40mph, squally gusts in showers, often strongest on Cheviots. Significant wind chill over the hills. Strenuous walking in exposure on higher terrain.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Scattered snow showers mostly west A few showers mostly Galloway hills, coming inland from northwest, falling as snow or hail, or rain below 300-400m. Often dry toward and east of M74, rare brief showers.	Rare if any snow showers Isolated snow and hail showers mostly confined to areas nearest coasts.
Cloud on the hills? Chance of cloud free summits?	Occasional patches mostly west Patches moving onto higher slopes in Galloway mostly above 700m, rarely grazing higher tops elsewhere. 70%	Little if any Patches clipping some high tops occasionally, mainly western hills in Galloway. 80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sunshine. Visibility very good, locally reduced in showers.	Mostly sunny, some cloud toward coasts. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	-1 or -2C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C. 400 to 600m, highest toward Galloway. Into night dropping sub-zero to lower slopes.	-3 or -4C. Wind chill feeling like -15C on tops. Most terrain frozen, barely rising above zero inland valleys; just above freezing up to 300-400m nearest coasts.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 1 January, 2026

Significantly cold wintry conditions into the start of January. Air temperature well below freezing on high terrain, plus low minima into many glens and valleys with sustained hard frost. Strong northerly winds later this week giving severe wind chill. Frequent and heavy snow showers moving into northern areas and running down coastal extremities with significant accumulations. Elsewhere, lots of dry and sunny weather, although occasional organised bands of snow will feed south at times in the Arctic airflow. Staying cold into next week with scope for snowfalls more widely.

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