

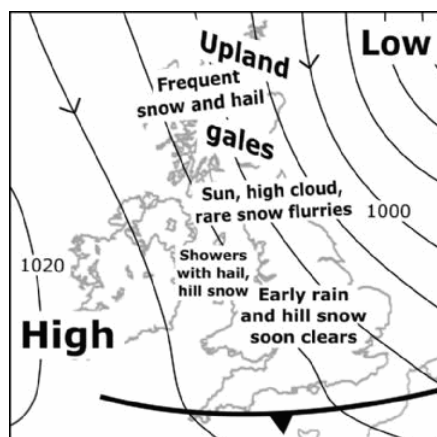
Southern Uplands

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, 1 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 1 January, 2026

Cold north-northwesterly winds, widely gale force over the mountains, difficult conditions with severe chill factor on Scottish high tops. Showery snow and hail frequent in northern Scotland. Rare showers central Scotland and northern England. Early rain and hill snow followed by showers in Wales.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Gales on tops, largely dry, most hills clear.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 1 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 35 to 50mph, strongest sustained speeds on higher Cheviots, but may increase Galloway during afternoon.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous walking, frequent buffeting over most high terrain, more challenging in exposure higher up. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Scattered snow showers A few showers mostly Galloway hills, coming inland from northwest, falling as snow or hail, or rain below 300-400m. Often dry near/east of M74. Local brief snow showers some easternmost hills. Greater risk of scattered snow showers into the evening and night.
Cloud on the hills?	Occasional patches mostly west Patches moving onto higher slopes in Galloway mostly above 700m, rarely grazing higher tops elsewhere.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchwork of sunshine, some high cloud. Visibility very good, locally reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1 or -2C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C.
Freezing Level	400 to 600m, highest toward Galloway. Into night dropping sub-zero to lower slopes.

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 2 January, 2026

Terrain extensively frozen onward into the weekend and early next week at least ; sub-zero temperatures from the glens upward in Scotland and some valleys inland in northern England. Substantial fresh snow accumulations in the North West Highlands and Cairngorms, heavy showers streaming in from the north also containing hail. Largely dry and sunny from central Scotland to northern England. Hail and snow showers will run into north and west Wales from the sea . Bitter northerly winds, up to gale force higher tops, tending to lessen into Sunday. Some fluctuation of freezing level during next week, but some fronts moving in from northwest likely bring snowfall to hills at times more widely.

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