

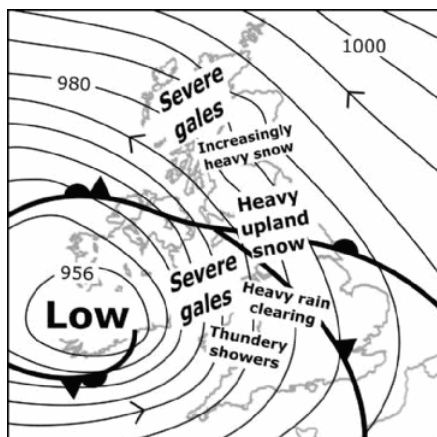
Southern Uplands

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 Tuesday, 27 January, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 27 January, 2026

Severe conditions - storm-force winds on mountains, damaging gusts to some lower terrain. Extensive hill snow for N England & S Scotland, snow setting in heavier with time for southern Highlands; blizzard conditions widely, rain only lower slopes. Showery bursts follow in Wales with risk of hail and thunder.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Severe gales. Heavy upland snow, rain lower down.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 27 January, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	East-southeasterly 60 to 75mph. Powerful gusts downslope in places. Slightly lower speeds by dusk.
Effect of wind on you?	Mobility tortuous on most terrain, likely requires crouching or crawling in strongest gusts. Severe wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow sets in widely heavy, rain lower down Upland snow soon widespread and persistent early morning, heavy falls for several hours. Snow likely continuing for much of afternoon, though tending to fade from the southwest with time. Rain or sleet below 300-400m, higher afternoon. Showers later near Solway.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Summits likely in cloud most or all day, the lowest bases on southern and eastern hills early, then more widely to middle slopes as snow sets in. Slopes towards the Central Belt may see odd higher breaks.
Chance of cloud free summits?	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Visibility very poor, appalling on high terrain in blowing snow; whiteout in places over tops.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2 or -1C, rising to 0 or +1C later. Feeling like -20C in strongest wind.
Freezing Level	400-500m, then later in day a variable rise toward upper slopes 700-800m.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 28 January	Thursday 29 January
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 25 to 40mph, strongest in west - speed likely to vary during day.	East to southeasterly 30 to 40mph, gusty in places near and west of higher summits.
Effect of wind on you?	Affecting comfortable walking, more challenging Galloway, very gusty in places. Considerable wind chill.	Strenuous walking, challenging where exposed on higher areas, buffeting in places lower down. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Locally damp Some fine drizzle where in cloud, but little precipitation all day.	Patchy flurries eastern hills Occasional light snow flurries Borders and Cheviots, sleet or rain below 400-500m. Very little if any toward and west of M74.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive, breaks forming Covering many hills in morning, to lower slopes southern areas. Breaks forming with time, best further northwards.	Most persistent east, breaks west Cloud banks often covering eastern hills above 500-600m. Higher base westward, breaks to tops in Galloway.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	30%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Largely cloudy, may become brighter afternoon with some sun toward north. Misty, becoming better visibility with time.	Cloudy in east, hazy and poor visibility if in snow. Some sun breaking through in west, where visibility mostly good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C. Wind chill feeling like -7 to -10C.	0 or -1C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.
Freezing Level	Generally just above freezing on higher summits.	600 to 700m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 28 January, 2026

Strong east or southeasterly winds likely to prevail onward into early February. Scottish mountains are expected stay below freezing in the extended range, fresh heavy snowfalls giving substantial depths and drifts across south and eastern areas, much less snow northwestward. Hills in England and Wales will see varying freezing levels, sub-zero for periods to 600m or lower, but intermittently lifting just above the tops - a mix of rain and upland snowfall. A generally unsettled pattern with Atlantic lows continuing to frequently circulate over Britain on a southerly track, whilst high pressure resides away to the north.

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