

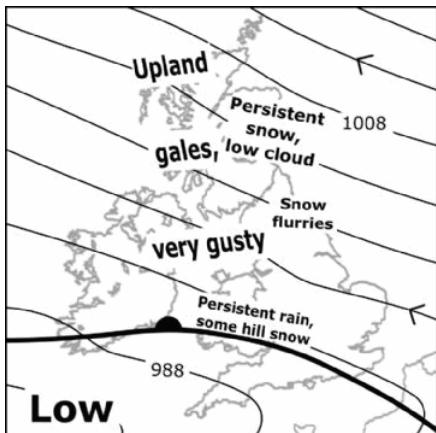
# Southern Uplands

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, 3 February, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 3 February, 2026

Feeling bitterly cold in gale force easterly winds over the hills. Snow falling to lower slopes, most constant in eastern Scotland with further drifting and whiteout over hills. Snow flurries over the Pennines. Some cloud breaks near west coasts. Rain and increasingly hill snow for Wales, persistent in southeast.

### Headline for Southern Uplands

Gales, gusty. Snow flurries mostly eastern hills.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 3 February, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Easterly 35 to 50mph, very gusty in places around higher summits and on downslopes west of high terrain.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Challenging walking conditions over exposed terrain, gusts knocking you off balance; significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Intermittent snow mostly east</b> Snow most frequent over Cheviots and Borders hills, sleet or rain below 200-300m. A few flurries reach hills toward Moffat, but rare if any further west.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Most persistent east</b> Covering higher areas above 500-600m most eastern hills, locally lower in snow and easternmost slopes. Higher and more broken cloud westward, capping tops at times, clearest in Galloway.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20% east, to 40% west.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly west of M74, more frequent locally west Galloway. Visibility good in west, hazier east, very poor with occasional whiteout in snow and cloud.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-1 or -2C. Wind chill feeling like -12 to -15C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	400m, but toward Galloway locally more variable on some higher slopes.

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 4 February	Thursday 5 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Easterly 25 to 40mph, strongest speeds and gusts in morning, turning southeasterly later.	Easterly 30 to 45mph, strongest toward Galloway, very gusty in places.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Strenuous walking at least in morning, buffeting gusts, considerable wind chill; some improvement with time.</b>	<b>Walking strenuous, or arduous in places, frequent buffeting knocking you off balance. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Patchy snow or sleet, mostly east</b> Snow flurries mostly eastern hills, sleet or rain below 400m, the snow level tending to rise in places higher up with time, locally varied, then tending to fade later. Patchier small amounts westwards.	<b>Patchy rain or snow eastern tops</b> Snow flurries mostly eastern hills, mostly rain below 600m, but later snow to lowering elevations in east. Patchy small amounts toward and west of the M74.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Fairly extensive, lowest east/south</b> Cloud shrouding many hills, from mid or lower slopes upward in eastern areas, also near Solway if wind turns to south. Higher bases northwestwards, some local breaks toward upper slopes.	<b>Fairly extensive on tops, lowest east</b> Shrouding the hills widely, lowest over eastern areas, cloud base around 600m. Higher and more broken cloud westwards, but likely to come and go over tops.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull or misty most areas, some brighter skies west of Beattock summits.	Largely cloudy and hazy east, poor visibility in precipitation. Brighter skies westward, some glimpses of sun and good visibility Galloway.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-1C, rising to +1C later. Wind chill feeling like -10C.	Around 0C, later dropping to -1 or -2C, soonest eastern tops. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -13C.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	500m rising variably during day, locally above 700m in west, then by evening onward just above freezing to all tops.	Near to freezing some slopes above 700-800m, but variable in west; tending to drop from east later toward 500m.

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 4 February, 2026

East or southeasterly winds prevail, strong to gale force over many hills for sustained periods this week. Freezing levels will vary, rising briefly during Wednesday from the south, but lowering widely again below 600m during Thursday, tending to lift again over England and Wales on Friday, then possibly rising just above freezing point to higher mountains in Scotland during the weekend, before colder air returns again next week. Further snowfalls mostly over eastern hills in Scotland, occasionally hills in England & Wales, mixed with rain here. Indications of less precipitation and lower wind speeds more often by early next week. Highest cloud breaks generally west & northwest Scotland.

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