

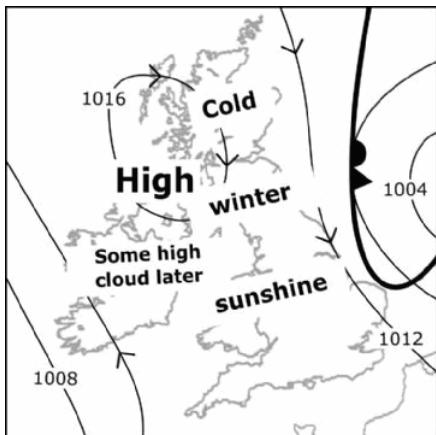
Southern Uplands

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, 17 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 17 February, 2026

Early snow showers in northern Scotland and north Wales, these easing to dry and sunny conditions across the country. Lying snow remains on most slopes above 700-800m, locally lower. A blustery morning, particularly eastern areas where powerful gusts will reach gale force, but easing to fairly small effects widely.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Cold winter sunshine over lying snow; windy early, notably east

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Northerly 30 to 40mph early morning, strongest east with strong gusts, but soon dropping from the west, to NE'ly 20mph, further lowering in the west into evening.
Effect of wind on you?	Prepare for considerable wind chill with strenuous walking for a few morning hours at least, but improving with time to fairly small effects.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected A few snow flurries may graze hills nearest to the North Sea coast, but likely entirely dry.
Cloud on the hills?	Very little if any Cloud caps may occasional graze the summit of the Cheviot but the hills otherwise cloud-free.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine, some thin high cloud approaches from the southwest later in the day. Superb visibility.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3 or -4C. Early in day, feeling like -15 in the wind, easing.
Freezing Level	Most terrain frozen from dawn: partial thawing up to 300-400m, highest on sunlit slopes, then widespread frost develops overnight.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 February	Thursday 19 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 25-35mph, strongest west, rising to 40mph, powerful gusts possible over high terrain and west.	Southeasterly 35-40mph, a gradual southerly trend with time and trending towards lighter speeds; gusty.
Effect of wind on you?	Strenuous-to-arduous walking and significant wind chill; gusts in the west often challenging stability.	Walking arduous to start the day, effects easing but walking remains strenuous with buffeting and significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Little or no precipitation Small chance of a few snow flurries over high tops of Galloway and the Cheviot in cloud, but likely dry.	Any precipitation unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Likely little A few odd cloud caps graze the high tops of the Cheviots and Galloway hills, otherwise free of cloud. A rising chance of banks over high terrain over Borders and Cheviots late in the day.	Little or no cloud Early in the day, some clouds may cap the high tops of the Cheviots and Galloway hills, but these soon dissipating for cloud-free hills.
Chance of cloud free summits?	90%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Often sunny but may be weakened by high cloud. Very good visibility.	Often sunny but weakened by high cloud. Very good visibility, some haze near the Central Belt.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3C. Feeling as cold as -18C in strongest wind.	-3C from dawn, lifting slightly, to -1C but local variability is likely.
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen, thaws up to 400m where exposed to sun.	Most terrain frozen from dawn, lifting to 500-600m, though higher thaws possible on aspects near Central Belt.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 February, 2026

Much terrain frozen midweek, frost into valleys and glens. Strengthening wind on Wednesday with considerable gustiness, gales likely in Wales; possible snow moving into Wales as well, which may move further north but detail is uncertain. Late in the week and through next weekend, a switch to southwesterly winds is expected, bringing a change to milder conditions - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing likely to Munro summits, though some further snowfall at times on higher Munros during periods of cooler northwesterly wind. Rain most frequent over western hills. Generally windy with upland gales.

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