Southern Uplands

The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).

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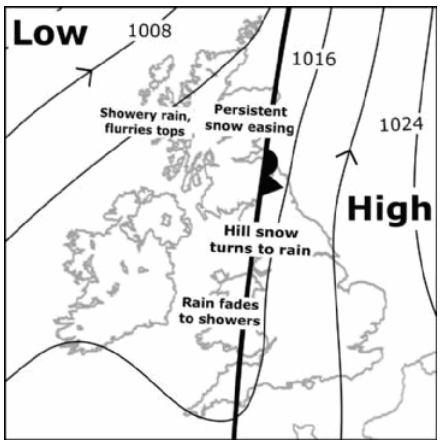
General Summary for Friday, 27 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 27 November, 2026

Substantial fresh lying snow over central & southeastern Scottish mountains; early snowfalls fading out, some flurries linger toward east Highlands. Northern England has a slow-moving band of rain, initially snow tops, also low cloud; clearing from Wales. Wind strongest for Pennines, also far NW Scotland.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Gales east tops, ease to moderate breeze; rain fades from west

Detailed Forecast for Friday, 27 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 50-60mph at dawn and into the morning for eastern hills, mainly Cheviots. Easing markedly from west to 20mph or at times less, soon in morning Galloway, but only slowly into afternoon far eastern tops.
Effect of wind on you?	**Becoming fairly small, but beware severe conditions from overnight beyond dawn in east, staying blustery into morning, but improving; prepare for marked chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Early snow or freezing rain, then rain fading** Snow and briefly freezing rain from before dawn, advancing eastwards in morning. Turning to sleet or heavy rain toward tops in west, but snow may persist in east, but later also wetter to some higher slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	**Extensive, breaks form mainly west** Shrouding high terrain widely, from some lower elevations upward in the morning. Higher bases Pentlands. Varied low cloud banks likely linger. Some breaks forming from the west, best in Galloway.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**10%, rising later to 50% far west**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, becoming brighter west. Poor visibility widely, or whiteout over hills in snow and cloud, improving from west with time.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 to 2C, locally varied, but tending to rise in most places. Feeling like -10C to local -15C if in stronger wind in morning.
Freezing Level	Very variable with terrain partly frozen on some higher slopes at least in morning; rising just above freezing to most tops.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Saturday 28 November	Sunday 29 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly, speeds varying, likely 20 to 30mph, but a chance of increasing to 40mph for periods.	Southwesterly, speeds likely to vary, often in range 30 to 40mph, but risk 50mph+ at least in gusts for periods.
Effect of wind on you?	**Expect considerable wind chill, sometimes walking strenuous or may become more challenging on exposed high terrain.**	**Expect strenuous walking conditions most of day, potentially more challenging at times; considerable wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Risk frequent rain, possible snow** Uncertain extent of precipitation, likely patchy, risk of some steadier rain, but on some inland and eastern hills risk of some snowfalls developing, particularly later.	**Rain for a time** A showery band of rain likely passes eastward during the day, possibly heavy for an hour or so, with wet snow on higher slopes; then scattered showers.
Cloud on the hills?	**Persistent across most hills** Extensive sheet of cloud shrouding the hills, in places to some lower elevations on south-facing slopes; some breaks between cloud banks mainly northern areas.	**Sometimes covering tops** Varying patches over higher slopes, lowering over the tops more widely for a time in rain, then lifting and breaking again toward the tops.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**10%**	**40%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast, dull and misty, hazy at best most lower terrain, locally may be brighter and better visibility toward the Lothians.	Glimpses of sun at times. Visibility intermittently very good, but poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 to 3C, small change with height. Risk of wind chill feeling like -6C, possibly -10C if speeds rise.	2 or 3C. Feeling like -10C in stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but some higher slopes may be close to freezing point and terrain partly frozen, possibly icy.	Likely above freezing to the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Saturday, 28 November, 2026

Snow cover on many Scottish mountains into the weekend, most notably central, east-southeastern areas. On Saturday, heavy rain for England & Wales as temperatures rise here, and even in Scotland a rise of the freezing level, though likely lowering slightly again on Sunday; a mix of rain and hill snow spreading in from the west. Gale-force south-southwesterly winds will be common over many mountains through the weekend and into early next week, but intermittent lulls will occur. Threat of severe gales widely on Monday accompanied by incessant heavy rain focused on western Scotland and a rapid thaw - the rain shifts south by Tuesday. Early December may then vary markedly, signs of a drier window for a time, whilst colder conditions could also soon return.

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