Southern Uplands

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

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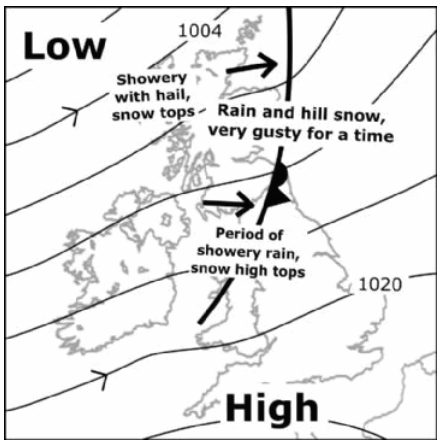
General Summary for Sunday, 29 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 29 November, 2026

Southwesterly winds often gale-force on higher mountains with significant chill factor; more severe gusts for a time. A band of showery rain passes eastwards in the morning, snow on higher tops; showers follow into western areas, some hail mixed in. Snow cover on many Scottish mountains.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Windy, gales high tops; showery.

Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 29 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly, speeds varying during day, 30mph to often 40mph high tops, but squally gusts 50mph for a few hours during morning; speeds rising significantly into evening-night.
Effect of wind on you?	**Frequent buffeting over high terrain, more challenging for a time, then moderating a little in afternoon. Considerable wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Heavy bursts of rain for a time** A showery band of rain passes eastward during the morning, heavy for an hour or so, with wet snow on higher slopes, possible hail; then scattered showers. Very wet underfoot after previous rain, streams in spate.
Cloud on the hills?	**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?	**40%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun at times. Visibility intermittently very good, but poor in rain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	2 or 3C. Feeling like -10C in stronger wind.
Freezing Level	Above freezing to the summits.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 30 November	Tuesday 1 December
How windy? (On the summits)	Southwesterly 50 to 70mph; marked rise of wind speed with increasing height, but some powerful gusts reaching low slopes.	Southwesterly 50 to 60mph, risk 70mph at least in gusts; marked increase of speed with height. May ease later in day.
Effect of wind on you?	**Severe conditions most or all day on high terrain; challenging walking in places on lower hills with significant wind chill.**	**Severe conditions possibly most of daylight over high terrain, challenging walking and sudden gusts on some lower slopes.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Prolonged rain, heavier west** Raining most of the day for Dumfries & Galloway, some incessant heavy falls; very wet underfoot, streams rising. Further north and east, often raining, but patchier amounts Lothians & Cheviots.	**Risk of rain all day, heavy west** Frequent or persistent rain continuing from overnight into the day, risk of sustained heavy falls setting in over Dumfries & Galloway, fading only later. Very wet underfoot, flooding likely.
Cloud on the hills?	**Extensive** Shrouding the hills widely above 600m, or lower at times near to Solway. Higher breaks occasionally furthest northeast.	**Extensive most or all day** Likely blanket cloud across the hills, to lower elevations near the Solway up to Moffat hills. Higher bases northeastward, a chance of improving more widely later.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**10%**	**10%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and murky especially west. Hazy at best, visibility mostly poor due to rain.	Overcast and dull, poor visibility widely in rain. Chance of improving later in day.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Rising from before dawn up to 7C, then little change all day. Feeling like -7C in the wind.	8C, to locally 10C Borders, possibly most of day, then lowering quickly into evening. Wind chill feeling near -5C.
Freezing Level	Well above freezing to highest summits; any previously frozen terrain will all thaw.	Above the summits most likely all day. After sunset, likely to then drop close to freezing on highest summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 30 November, 2026

A near-total thaw of snow cover early in the new week as southwesterly winds bring much milder air, well above freezing to tops Monday-Tuesday; severe gales widely on the mountains, storm-force higher terrain, accompanied by incessant heavy rain reaching all western mountains of Britain - expect flooding and some routes to be impassable.
Dropping back sub-zero on Scottish tops by Tuesday into Wednesday, with a showery mix of rain, snow and hail. High pressure then builds later in the week - drier conditions for a time, but a mixed west-southwesterly may persist or soon return for Scotland; temperatures varying.

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