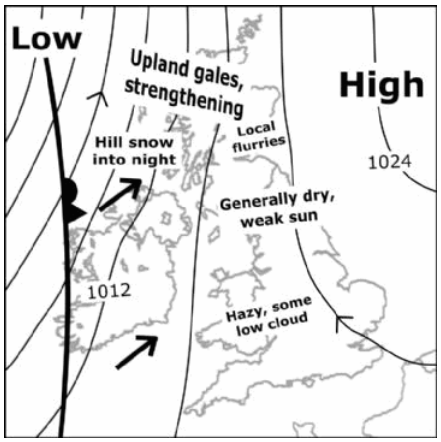
Brecon Beacons

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General Summary for Thursday, 26 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 26 November, 2026

Much mountain terrain frozen, snow cover most substantial southern Highlands, but beware icy surfaces widely on hills. Staying sub-zero on tops all day, significant wind chill in strong to increasingly gale-force southerly winds. Largely dry daytime, then snow moves onto western hills into the night.

Headline for Brecon Beacons

Increasing breeze, gales into night; cloud banks and haze.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 26 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	East-southeasterly 20 to 30mph, tending to strengthen during the day, some stronger gusts may develop up to dusk; 50mph into night.
Effect of wind on you?	**Affecting comfortable walking on high terrain, increasingly strenuous with some buffeting gusts. Deteriorating into evening. Considerable wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Dry all day** Into night, some hill snow developing from the west, turning increasingly to rain.
Cloud on the hills?	**Covering many hills, slowly thinning** Varying cloud banks around higher slopes, most persistent toward southeast of Brecon, breaking up northwestwards, tending to thin as the day goes on.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**20% rising to 50%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly cloudy overall. Visibility good out of cloud, though quite hazy south. Some fog lower down.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C, small change with height 600m up. Feeling like -7 to -10C on high terrain.
Freezing Level	Much terrain frozen, thawing only on sunlit lower slopes up to 500m.

Brecon Beacons - Looking Ahead

	Friday 27 November	Saturday 28 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 30 to 40mph, likely strongest from dawn into the morning, may ease to 20mph or less mainly in west later.	Southerly, speeds varying - high uncertainty - most likely 20 to 30mph, but risk of increasing to 45mph for periods.
Effect of wind on you?	**Risk of arduous walking and significant wind chill in the morning at least, tending to improve, but risk still blustery in east.**	**Expect considerable wind chill, risk of strenuous walking and may become more challenging on exposed high terrain.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Rain much of the day** Summit sleet and rain before dawn, soon persistent heavier falls of rain to the tops setting in from the west, likely to continue all day and beyond dusk. Wet underfoot.	**Risk heavy rain all day** Some uncertainty, but an expectation of rain falling much of the day, threat of sustained heavy falls, at times torrential over Brecon Beacons. Potential for considerable flooding developing.
Cloud on the hills?	**Extensive** Shrouding high terrain widely, from some lower elevations upward much of day in south and western areas.	**Likely blanket low cloud** Extensive sheet of cloud shrouding the hills, perhaps widely to lower elevations, particularly more southern areas.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**10%**	**Below 10%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Poor visibility widely, or whiteout over hills in snow and cloud.	Overcast, dull and misty, hazy at best most lower terrain.
How Cold? (at 750m)	4C. Risk of wind chill feeling like -10C at least in the morning.	5C, fairly small drop with height. Risk of wind chill feeling like -5C to possibly near -10C if speeds rise.
Freezing Level	Some terrain starts frozen at varying heights, but typically rising just above freezing to higher slopes; risk of ice.	Above the summits.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 27 November, 2026

Snowfall most substantial over southern mountains in the Highlands during the days ahead. Then by Saturday, a risk of heavy rain for England & Wales as temperatures rise here, and even in Scotland a rise of the freezing level, though likely lowering slightly again by Sunday. Gale-force southerly winds will be common over many mountains through the weekend and into early next week, but intermittent lulls will occur. By Monday to Wednesday, potentially milder air and risk of a period of sustained heavy rain, but some uncertainty about local details - 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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