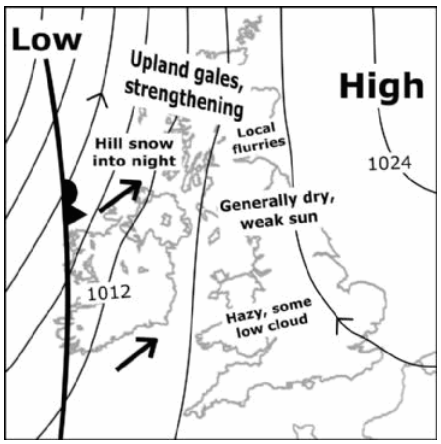
Southern Uplands

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 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 Southern Uplands

Breezy, increasingly windy; mostly dry, cloud banks south.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 26 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 25 to 40mph, strengthening during day, 50mph by dusk onward at least in gusts, later in day more sustained; rising to 60mph into night.
Effect of wind on you?	**Strenuous walking becoming increasingly challenging on high terrain, powerful downslope gusts. Deteriorating into evening. Significant wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Largely dry day** An odd snow flurry may move onto the Cheviots during the day, locally also southernmost hills near the Solway. Into night, hill snow developing from the west into Galloway.
Cloud on the hills?	**Mostly southern hills** Varying cloud banks around higher slopes, most persistent toward the Solway, patches on Cheviots, may cloak some tops all day. Northward likely well broken.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**50%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun likely to weaken as a veil of high cloud thickens from the west. Visibility very good, some haze toward the Solway coast.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C. Feeling like -10C to later nearer -15C directly in the wind on high tops.
Freezing Level	Much terrain frozen, thawing only on sunlit lower slopes up to 500m.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 27 November	Saturday 28 November
How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 50-60mph at dawn and into the morning for eastern hills, easing from west to 20mph or possibly less.	Southerly, speeds varying - high uncertainty - most likely 20 to 30mph, but risk of increasing to 40mph for periods.
Effect of wind on you?	**Becoming fairly small, but beware severe conditions from overnight beyond dawn in east; prepare for marked chill.**	**Expect considerable wind chill, sometimes walking strenuous or may become more challenging on exposed high terrain.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Mix of snow, freezing rain, then rain** Snow and freezing rain from before dawn, advancing slowly eastwards. Turning to sleet or heavy rain toward tops in west, but snow may persist in east, but later also wetter to some higher slopes.	**Risk frequent rain, possible snow** Uncertain extent of precipitation, may be patchy, but risk of some steadier falls, mostly rain, but on some inland and eastern hills risk of some snowfalls.
Cloud on the hills?	**Extensive and low** Shrouding high terrain widely, from some lower elevations upward much of day in western areas. Higher bases Pentlands.	**Likely persistent across 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.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**10%**	**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, locally may be brighter and better visibility toward the Lothians.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0C east, to +2C west, but rising widely. Risk of wind chill feeling like -15C at least in the morning.	1 to 3C, small change with height. Risk of wind chill feeling like -6C, possibly -10C if speeds rise.
Freezing Level	Well inland and east 600m, some lower terrain partly frozen at least in morning; rising just above freezing western tops.	Above the summits, but some higher slopes may be close to freezing point and terrain partly frozen, possibly icy.

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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