

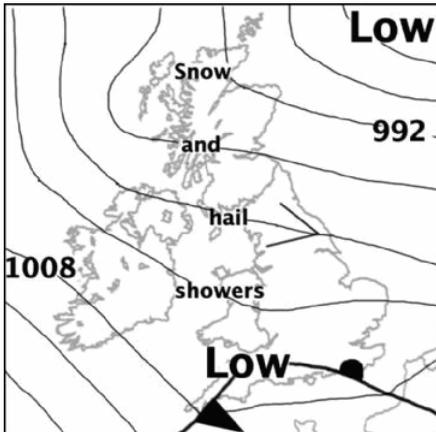
# Southern Uplands

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, 12 January, 2017



### British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 January, 2017

Upland gales ease temporarily, although in Wales a marked lull before winds abruptly strengthen in afternoon. Widespread snow and hail showers will penetrate to valleys, although across Wales, an area of rain affecting mainly the south will turn to snow before easing.

### Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland winds near gale morning. Snow and hail, mainly near/west of M74.

## Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 January, 2017

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	West or northwesterly 35mph although 45mph at dawn. Slight lull probable afternoon.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Considerable buffeting and wind chill throughout the day.
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Snow; mainly west of M74. Risk lightning.</b> Snow and hail showers, sometimes in clusters, giving very frequent precipitation west of M74 and perhaps north to the Pentland hills. Showers less often remaining areas of the Borders; very few Cheviots. Snow will settle in valleys.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive Galloway</b> West of M74: Cloud base quickly changing. Fragments of cloud below 500m near precipitation, but most often the base above 650m. East of M74: summits widely cloud free, but near showers patches will form below 500m.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>30% west of M74 to 80% elsewhere</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Bursts of sunshine only west of M74; often sunny elsewhere. Varied visibility: hazy at best to appalling visibility where in snow and cloud
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-4C
<b>Freezing Level</b>	350m

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 January	Saturday 14 January
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	North or northwesterly 40-50mph. Will ease a little afternoon and back toward westerly. <b>Difficult walking conditions and severe wind chill on higher areas. Slight easing in the conditions may occur afternoon.</b>	Northwesterly tending to drop from west from 30 to perhaps 40mph Borders to 25-30mph. <b>Walking arduous on higher areas, although conditions will tend to improve.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Snow and hail showers</b> Expect hail and snow showers, albeit for much of day, showers well scattered east of M74. However, showers sometimes frequent further west, particularly Galloway, giving whiteout.	<b>Risk snow showers</b> Isolated snow showers or flurries. In afternoon, the showers may become more widespread Galloway and perhaps by dusk Dumfriesshire. Will turn to rain lower slopes, particularly Galloway.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>  <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Occasionally covering higher tops</b>  Expect cloud base to change quickly, bringing cloud below 500m near showers. Nevertheless, periods when little cloud on the summits. Conditions may worsen with cloud extensive across the Galloway and later Dumfriesshire afternoon. <b>80%</b>	<b>Summits often cloud free</b>  Overall, cloud rare below 800m and often confined above the summits. However, gradually in the afternoon cloud above 750m, occasionally 500m will probably envelop Galloway, and perhaps by dusk as far as the M74. <b>70%</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Sunshine intermittently. The air often very clear, but anticipate appalling visibility in snow and cloud.	Sunshine fairly extensive morning; may then turn cloudy across Galloway and then Dumfriesshire Frequently excellent visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	-5C; a little less cold Galloway.  May rise to 300m coastal slopes, otherwise close to or just below freezing point valleys up: nearly all terrain frozen.	-4C rising toward -2C or -1C west of M74.  Nearly all terrain frozen from valleys up. During day freezing level rising to 500m to 650m from west as far as M74.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 January, 2017

Widespread snow across the mountains through to the weekend and most terrain will be frozen, except for lower slopes in Wales.

Temperatures will tend to rise from the west over the weekend.

Substantially dry next week; summits may for periods be above freezing point, but latest evidence suggests under high pressure thaw will be slow. Highest risk of rain will be on the NW Highlands.

### Forecast issued at 12:40 on Wednesday, 11 January, 2017

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