

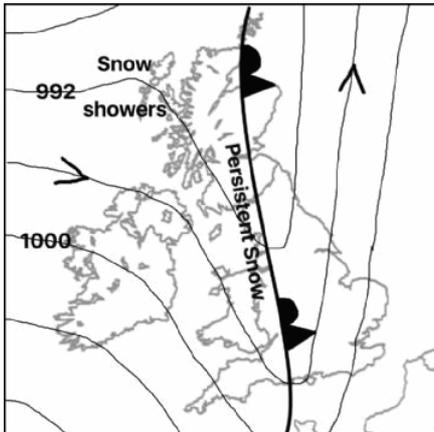
# Southern Uplands

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 Tuesday, 13 February, 2018



**British Mountain Summary:**  
**Based on forecast chart for noon 13 February, 2018**

An active slow-moving occlusion will edge east and bring persistent snow to all areas. Upland gales ahead of, and directly behind, the front with severe wind chill; but easing later from west. The snow will tend to clear eastern mountains during the afternoon. Clearer conditions will follow from the west; but with a few snow showers in the northwest.

**Headline for Southern Uplands**

Persistent snow and near constant whiteout, clearing in afternoon.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 13 February, 2018

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Southerly soon veering northwesterly morning 30-40mph; but risk 50mph highest tops morning. Becoming westerly and gradually dropping to 25mph in afternoon.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Walking frequently arduous or locally difficult across the hills in morning with severe wind chill. Conditions easing from the west into afternoon.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Heavy snow clearing to east into afternoon.</b> Persistent snow through the morning, resulting (together with previous snow blowing about) in appalling visibility or whiteout. Snow will lie, except some valleys. Clearer, brighter conditions will spread in from the west into the afternoon.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive in snow; improving in afternoon.</b> Cloud will be very extensive in the morning snow, often from lower slopes upwards. During the afternoon, cloud will break up and lift as the snow clears to the east; leaving a legacy of patches of cloud at varying heights with some areas clearing.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>&lt;10% morning; lifting from west in afternoon to 50%.</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	A little sunshine breaking through during afternoon, especially in the west. Widely appalling visibility in the snow and cloud in morning with near constant whiteout. Becoming very good from west in afternoon.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-3C, but will feel closer to -18C in direct exposure to the wind in the morning.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	350m.

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 14 February	Thursday 15 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southerly 50 to 65mph. Into afternoon (perhaps only dusk Borders), veering southwesterly <b>Very difficult walking conditions across the hills, in some areas any mobility difficult. Severe wind chill.</b>	Westerly 25-35mph; strongest in the morning. <b>Will impede walking at times across higher areas, especially in morning. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b>	<b>Snow, turning to rain.</b> Dumfries and Galloway: Heavy snow morning; whiteout higher areas. Then will turn to rain. Borders: Snow soon becoming extensive, although often light toward the Lothians. Will turn to rain, most likely mid-afternoon.	<b>Scattered snow and hail showers</b> A scattering of snow and hail showers will run in from the west. These may become frequent across the Galloway Hills for a few hours. Rain/sleet confined to lowest slopes. Hills east of the M74 seeing only rare flurries now and again.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive, widely very low base</b>  Extensive Galloway Hills with patches to below 200m south facing slopes. More typically 500 to 700m to east of Moffat Hills and near the Lothians.	<b>Confined to higher areas</b>  Cloud generally confined to higher western areas above 700-800m with transient shafts of cloud forming down to lower slopes in snow. However, even here there will be some clearances to the tops between the showers. Further east; very little cloud expected on the hills.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Less than 10% west; 50% eastern Borders.</b>	<b>40% west, 60% east</b>
<b>Sunshine and air clarity?</b>	Sunshine unlikely. Extensively misty at best; widely appalling visibility higher slopes.	Bursts of sun between the showers; most widely across eastern hills.  Visibility generally very good, but becoming very poor in cloud and snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	-2C rising slowly from west to 1 or 2C.  300m rising from west slowly to reach higher summits afternoon. Much terrain remaining frozen and icy.	-2C  400-500m.

**Planning Outlook****All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 14 February, 2018**

Low freezing level and mainly on western mountains, further snowfall throughout this week. However, one or two pulses of warmer air will bring brief periods of thaw to higher areas of England and particularly Wales. Into the weekend and beyond; becoming substantially dry as high pressure builds over, or near by, the British Isles.

**Forecast issued at 22:14 on Monday, 12 February, 2018**

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