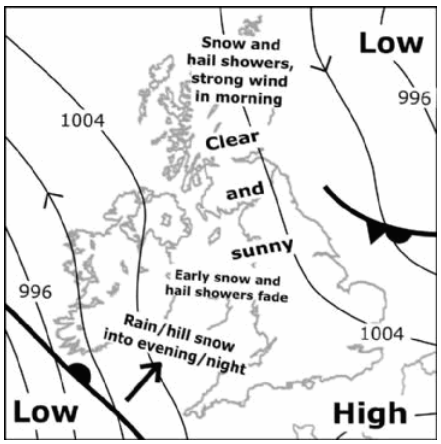
The Northwest Highlands

Areas north from Knoydart in the west, and the Great Glen towards the east (NB. Does not include Mull and areas west of Loch Linnhe, these are found in the West Highlands forecast.)

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General Summary for Monday, 16 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 16 November, 2026

Cold northerly winds in the morning bring snow and hail showers to northern Scotland and locally north Wales, otherwise generally clear and sunny. Winds drop light all areas through middle of day, then strengthen southeasterly later, gales into night; rain and hill snow moves in from southwest.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Early snow & hail showers fade, cloud breaks and sunshine.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 16 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 20-30mph at dawn, strongest Sutherland; soon easing to 10mph or less. Later rising east-southeastetly, 20mph Skye in afternoon, rapidly gales after dark, reaching 50-60mph into night, soonest and strongest around Skye.
Effect of wind on you?	**Small most of daytime; marked wind chill at first N/E areas. Toward dusk becoming blustery Skye, deteriorating significantly into night.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Showers fading** Snow and hail showers from dawn mostly northern areas and locally near west coast. Fading out to be largely dry many areas, but an odd shower mainly north coast.
Cloud on the hills?	**Mostly clearing** Varying cloud base capping higher slopes in the morning, and frequently on higher slopes near Ben Hope much of day. Most mountains increasingly clear into middle of day and afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**40% rising to 80%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patchy sun early morning, but increasingly sunny except near the north coast. Thin high cloud builds from southwest later. Visibility briefly poor in showers, otherwise excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-2C. Feeling like -10 to -15C directly in wind early morning, but improving.
Freezing Level	600m, but some lower inland terrain partly frozen in the morning, frost in glens.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 17 November	Wednesday 18 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 45 to 60mph and very gusty around high mountains; may lessen slightly during the daytime.	Easterly 25 to 40mph.
Effect of wind on you?	**Difficult conditions across the mountains, buffeting gusts to lower slopes and significant wind chill.**	**Strenuous walking with frequent buffeting gusts in places affecting balance in exposure. Significant wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Occasional flurries** Most likely only patchy snow flurries, sleet or rain on lower slopes; very little most west coastal mountains, but precipitation may be more frequent around Skye.	**Occasional flurries** Patchy light snow most over north and eastern hill groups; sleet or rain lower slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	**Breaks toward Skye and Torridon** Banks of cloud drifting over higher slopes, may often shroud much high terrain on the mainland, but breaking above the hills at times in west coastal areas of Wester Ross and on Skye if generally drier.	**Covering many tops** Varying banks of cloud, but may cover most high tops all day. Some breaks above 1000m mostly near Torridon to Skye.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**30%, to 60% west coast tops**	**30%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Some bright skies, but little sun due to layers of high cloud. Visibility very good, but some haze in east.	Glimpses of sun mostly west near Skye. Visibility very good where dry, but reduced at times, poor locally if in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1 or -2C, may lift just above 0C. Feeling like -15C or possibly colder in exposure to stronger wind.	-1C. Feeling like -10 to -15C in the wind.
Freezing Level	600-800m, but some terrain lower down partly frozen in morning; tending to rise a little into the afternoon.	700-800m, slightly higher nearest coast.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 17 November, 2026

Scottish mountain tops stay below freezing throughout this week ahead, snowfalls on Tuesday most prolonged east and southern areas. Thereafter, the Highlands see mostly little precipitation this week, but snow and hail showers will feed in from the north at times, locally giving frequent snow to the far north and the north Cairngorms. Frost also common in the glens. For England & Wales, snow on Monday night turns to rain into Tuesday as the freezing level rises above the summits, then dropping back to freezing above 800m midweek with a mix of rain and upland snow.
A mixed outlook into the weekend and beyond, some quieter windows, but further areas of rain and hill snow are likely, perhaps milder air into late November.

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