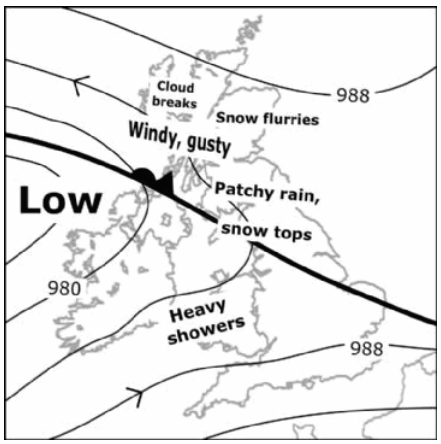
The Northwest Highlands

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 Wednesday, 18 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 18 November, 2026

Strong easterly winds bring significant chill factor to Scottish mountains; some snow flurries mostly eastern areas. A slow-moving area of patchy rain and some hill snow for southern Scotland and northern England. Southwesterly winds for Wales, showery bursts with hail in the west and south.

Headline for The Northwest Highlands

Brisk winds, local flurries east, clearer hills west.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 18 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 25 to 40mph, strongest speeds and gusts around western summits, in places through passes and locally downslope toward west.
Effect of wind on you?	**Strenuous walking with frequent buffeting gusts in places affecting balance in exposure. Significant wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Rare flurries** Patchy light snow from time to time mostly over north and eastern hill groups; sleet or rain lower slopes. Often dry many areas and substantially dry much of the day much of the west coast.
Cloud on the hills?	**Covering many tops, better west and may clear from the north later** Varying banks of cloud, but may cover most high tops all day, particularly inland and eastern groups. Breaks above 1000m mostly near Torridon to Skye. May thin and break widely from the north in afternoon for clearer hills.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**30%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Glimpses of sun mostly west near Skye, but a veil of high cloud. Becoming clearer and sunnier skies in far north afternoon. Visibility very good where dry, but reduced at times, poor locally if in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to -2C, coldest in north. Feeling like -10 to -15C in the wind.
Freezing Level	700-800m, slightly higher nearest west coast, around 900m on Skye.

The Northwest Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 19 November	Friday 20 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	East-northeasterly 20 to 30mph.	Northeasterly then variable, 10-15mph or less.
Effect of wind on you?	**Starting to affect ease of walking on some high terrain. Considerable wind chill.**	**Small.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Local snow showers** Occasional snow showers or flurries mainly north and eastern areas, may be locally frequent for time near Ben Wyvis, possible hail briefly mixed in.	**Local snow showers north** Snow showers mostly northern areas, locally more frequent around Ben Hope; possible brief hail. Often dry most places, an odd brief shower toward Skye.
Cloud on the hills?	**Mostly north and east tops** Patches of cloud drifting over higher slopes in areas from Ben Hope to Ben Wyvis, mostly above 800m. Some patches drift westwards, but many tops often clear.	**Mostly north and eastern tops** Some cloud banks drifting over higher slopes most often in north and east from Ben Hope to Ben Wyvis above 800m, briefly lower near showers. Further west, odd patches, but many hills often clear.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**70%**	**40% north/east, to 70% west.**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine best Skye and nearby coast, intermittent sun elsewhere. Visibility very good.	Sunshine most frequent Skye to Kintail, occasional sun further north. Visibility excellent, locally reduced in any showers. Possibly local mist in glens.
How Cold? (at 900m)	0 to -2C. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.	0 to -2C, coldest on northern tops.
Freezing Level	700-800m, slightly higher near west coast. Frost widely inland glens in morning.	700-800m, but on and near Skye slightly higher, locally 900m. Frost some inland glens in the morning.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 19 November, 2026

Staying below freezing over Scottish mountains late this week, varying around freezing for northern England, more often milder for Wales. Frost common into valleys and glens. Snow flurries mainly eastern and far northern Highlands, otherwise many places dry to end the week, winds dropping light Friday-Saturday. Southeasterly winds likely increase during the weekend, a risk of rain moving into Wales by Sunday, but elsewhere may well remain dry.
Into next week, uncertainty about the progress of Atlantic weather systems, which may pivot toward the south again, maintaining chilly easterly winds for Scotland at least, with further rain and hill snow possible, but there may be little precipitation west and particularly northwestern Highlands.

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