

Southern Uplands

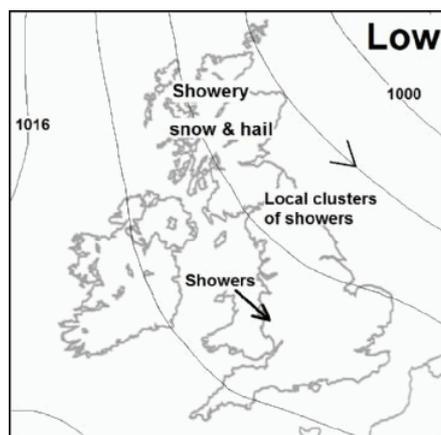
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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General Summary for Wednesday, 5 May, 2021



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 5 May, 2021

Another very cold day for May; higher mountains sub-zero, some rise of freezing level through the day. Showers with hail or snow, to lower slopes in the Highlands, locally frequent, heavy with isolated thunder. A brisk northwesterly breeze, feeling bitter where exposed.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Cold. Hail and snow showers, chance of thunder.

Detailed Forecast for Wednesday, 5 May, 2021

How windy? (On the summits)	North or northwesterly, 15 to 20mph, tending to increase a little, at times 25-30mph near precipitation.
Effect of wind on you?	Feeling distinctly cold for May where exposed on tops. Suddenly very blustery and gusty near showers.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Hail and snow showers, some heavy Hail and snow showers, mainly from late morning onwards. May cluster together to give frequent precipitation into the afternoon, focused near and east of the M74. Risk isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches around showers Summits often clear, but patches of cloud forming 600m upwards near precipitation.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bursts of sunshine, mainly morning. Frequently excellent or superb visibility but abruptly very poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-2C rising to 0 or 1C during the day. Wind chill feels as cold as -10C.
Freezing Level	Most terrain at least partly frozen at dawn. By early afternoon freezing level typically 800m.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Thursday 6 May	Friday 7 May
How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 15 to 25mph.	Northerly or variable, 10mph or at times less.
Effect of wind on you?	Remaining notably chilly where exposed on higher terrain, occasional sudden gusts around showers.	Mostly small.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Risk hail and snow setting in for a time Varied conditions through day - local clusters of showers may give frequent upland snow or hail for an hour or more, but also periods where generally dry for several hours. Chance isolated thunder.	Showers mainly afternoon A few hail and snow showers forming, mostly late morning onwards. Mostly rain lower slopes. During afternoon, showers locally frequent in east for an hour or so, some heavy. Small risk thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	Often above hills Most summits often clear, but patches will form around showers, locally below 600m for a time.	Mostly very little Rare fragments of cloud capping higher slopes around showers.
Chance of cloud free summits?	70%	80%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Occasional sun. The air very clear, but visibility very poor periodically in showers.	Occasional sun, mostly in morning. The air very clear indeed, but very poor visibility around showers.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1C rising toward 2C by afternoon.	-1C rising to 2C by afternoon.
Freezing Level	Frost widely from dawn. Rising just above freezing to highest tops.	Frost at most elevations at dawn. Rising above freezing to highest slopes by middle of day.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Thursday, 6 May, 2021

Unusually cold weather for early May is expected to continue into next week, particularly in Scotland, whilst some milder air is likely to move across England & Wales from the south during the weekend. Higher Scottish mountains persistently sub-zero; the freezing level sometimes widely below 900m, plus frequent frosts on lower terrain overnight.

Areas of hail and snow showers, some heavy with thunder, most widespread in the afternoons.

Another deep Atlantic low is due to move in from the southwest by Saturday - a threat of widespread upland gales, heavy rain, and further snow some areas. Chilly and showery northwesterlies are then likely to resume for a few days.

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