

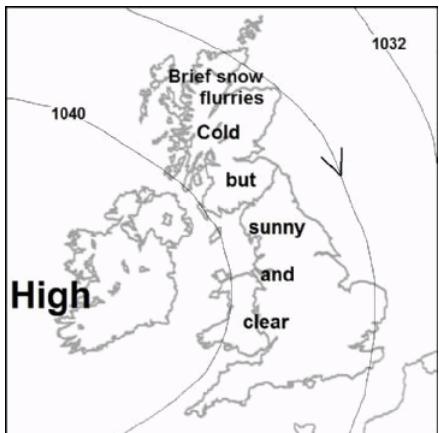
Southern Uplands

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, 20 January, 2022



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 20 January, 2022

A cold day, much terrain frozen, including frost in sheltered valleys. Brisk N-NW'ly winds, up to gale force on eastern tops in the morning, giving significant chill factor on higher areas. A few snow flurries in northern Scotland, but most places dry with sunshine and most hills free of low cloud.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Cold, blustery. Dry, hills clear, sunshine.

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 20 January, 2022

How windy? (On the summits)	Northwesterly 15 to 25mph, but around 30mph for a few hours in the morning, particularly Cheviots.
Effect of wind on you?	May impede walking at times across higher slopes with considerable wind chill, especially in the morning.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation unlikely Chance of the odd isolated snow flurry across the Cheviots in the morning. Otherwise dry.
Cloud on the hills?	None expected Hills are expected to be widely clear through the day.
Chance of cloud free summits?	Greater than 90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Fairly extensive sunshine. Some high cloud later in west. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-3 or -4C, starting to rise a little from west afternoon into evening. Wind chill as cold as -14C in the strongest winds.
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen from lower slopes upwards; partial daytime thawing where in sunlight up to about 400-500m.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 21 January	Saturday 22 January
How windy? (On the summits)	West to northwesterly 15-20mph, but risk in places 30mph; the strongest winds not necessarily on the highest tops.	Westerly, in range 20 to 35mph, strongest winds not just on higher slopes, sudden gusts in places, particularly Cheviots.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but blustery or suddenly gusty on some slopes, including to lower slopes in east.	Varied, in places expect sudden buffeting on higher and some lower slopes, locally very gusty.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Precipitation not expected	Precipitation unlikely
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly western hills Banks of cloud may drift onto some slopes, mainly western areas, although highest summits likely to poke out above cloud. Less cloud further east.	Patchy low cloud Occasional varied banks of cloud covering hills, but higher tops at times emerging above cloud layers. Breaking up for periods, Borders & Cheviots often clearer.
Chance of cloud free summits?	60%	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Areas of sunshine and broken cloud. Visibility mostly excellent.	Intermittent sun, most frequent toward east. Visibility very good away from cloud.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Some slopes only 2C, but rising locally above 5C, particularly Borders.	Typically 3 to 5C, but locally some slopes nearer to 0C if in low cloud.
Freezing Level	Frost in most valleys from dawn. Upland terrain also at least partly frozen, but air temperature rising above zero.	Air temperature mostly above freezing point, but some upland terrain frozen or partly frozen.

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 21 January, 2022**

High pressure extends back across Britain later this week to become centred over England and Wales into the weekend and next week, allowing westerly winds to influence Scotland. Temperatures will drift back above freezing point on most hills from Friday, although some western slopes will stay close to zero where in cloud banks. Inversion conditions varied from day to day, with high tops lying above or sometimes between cloud layers. Frost in some valleys, less so in the north & west. Mostly small amounts of precipitation in the week ahead. Where snow exists on high tops, beware of compacted hard snow and ice. Strongest winds toward the northern Highlands, at times gale force and very gusty.

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