

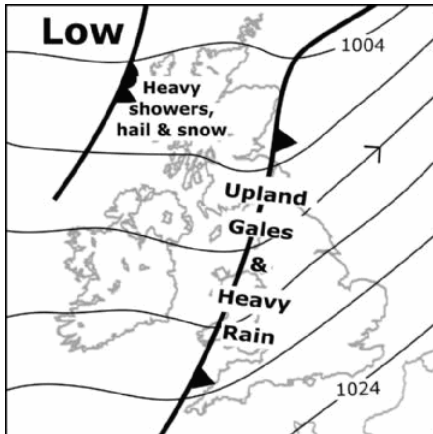
# Southern Uplands

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, 4 February, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

#### Based on forecast chart for noon 4 February, 2025

A cold front moving southeastwards brings heavy rain to southern Scotland, England & Wales, accompanied by severe gales on higher mountains. The wind moderates for periods across Scotland, but squally showers will develop increasingly, becoming heavier, with hail and snow to lowering elevations as the temperature falls.

#### Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland gales and heavy rain for several hours, showers later.

## Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 4 February, 2025

<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Southwesterly 40mph, to 50mph over higher summits in morning, in places gusty to some lower slopes, particularly in east. Peak speeds easing, but then variable around 25-40mph afternoon into evening.</p> <p><b>Frequent buffeting over higher terrain in the morning, walking arduous in places. Significant wind chill. Sudden gusts lower down at first. Conditions improving, but variable later in day, still challenging for periods over the tops.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Heavy rain in morning, clearing to scattered showers afternoon</b></p> <p>Heavy rain from before dawn, lasting into morning, slowly clearing southeastwards during middle of day. Very wet underfoot Dumfries &amp; Galloway, streams in spate. Occasional showers follow, by dusk of snow on higher slopes.</p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p> <p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>Lifting higher as rain fades</b></p> <p>Extensive across the hills in the morning, widely to mid-slopes, or lower elevations much of Dumfries &amp; Galloway. Bases rising as rain clears, toward upper slopes, some breaks forming toward north.</p> <p><b>Below 10% rising to 40% later afternoon.</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Overcast, poor visibility in rain. May improve to give some glimpses of sun and mostly good visibility with time.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>3 or 4C, starting to lower from west by afternoon, by dusk near 0C. Wind chill makes it feel around -10C.</p> <p>Above the summits until well into afternoon, but then dropping to 700-800m.</p>

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 5 February	Thursday 6 February
<p><b>How windy? (On the summits)</b></p> <p><b>Effect of wind on you?</b></p>	<p>Westerly 25-30mph, to in places gusty 35mph near and east of higher summits, possible 40mph in morning The Cheviot.</p> <p><b>Blustery over higher slopes, buffeting gusts particularly near and east of highest tops. Considerable wind chill.</b></p>	<p>Southerly 10 to 25mph, strongest over western hills in Galloway, locally gusty.</p> <p><b>Mostly small, but feeling chilly where exposed on higher western tops, gusts may affect ease of walking in places.</b></p>
<p><b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)</p>	<p><b>Soon generally dry</b></p> <p>A few showers with snow and possible hail on upper slopes in Galloway in the morning. Rare if any elsewhere. Fading out to be substantially dry.</p>	<p><b>No precipitation</b></p>
<p><b>Cloud on the hills?</b></p>	<p><b>Often clearing, patches mostly west</b></p> <p>Patches of cloud capping some higher tops occasionally in the morning, mainly west of the M74. Frequently lifting above hills with time. Tops often clear toward east.</p>	<p><b>Patchy cloud southwest</b></p> <p>Cloud banks around south-facing slopes, mostly mid-elevations, plus some fog in valleys in the morning. Some cloud patches may drift higher up in Galloway, but many hills often clear.</p>
<p><b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b></p>	<p><b>70%</b></p>	<p><b>70%</b></p>
<p><b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)</p>	<p>Intermittent sunshine, best toward east. Visibility very good.</p>	<p>Generally sunny out of the local patchy cloud. Visibility excellent; mist or haze some lower slopes.</p>
<p><b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b></p> <p><b>Freezing Level</b></p>	<p>-1C rising to +1C. Wind chill feeling like -10C.</p> <p>600-700m, plus slight frost in some valleys from dawn, rising slowly just above freezing point to higher tops.</p>	<p>1C. Wind chill feeling like -6C in west.</p> <p>Terrain frozen or part-frozen, including frost widely in valleys early morning. Gradual thawing at many elevations in the sun.</p>

**Planning Outlook**

**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 5 February, 2025**

High pressure builds from the south during Wednesday bringing often dry conditions in the extended outlook. On many higher areas, the terrain largely frozen, although air temperature on some upper slopes will rise above freezing at times, some thawing in sunlight then overnight refreezing likely. Frost common into the valleys. Gusty south to southeasterly winds toward west coast of Scotland late this week, periods of lighter winds elsewhere. Chilly east to southeasterlies prevail into mid-February, bringing some snow flurries at times to hills, mainly Pennines & Wales. West and especially northwest Scotland largely dry, often sunny.

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