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# **Southern Uplands**

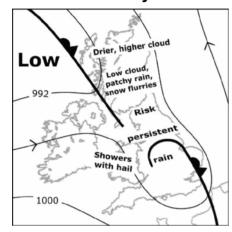
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).





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## General Summary for Thursday, 4 December, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 4 December, 2025

A complex weather situation with areas of frequent or persistent rain and hill snow, focused from the southern Highlands to northern England; often strong SE'ly winds. Further north in the Highlands, generally drier with higher cloud breaks. In Wales, becoming showery westerlies with risk of hail.

#### **Headline for Southern Uplands**

Strongest wind morning, areas of rain, low cloud widely.

# **Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 4 December, 2025**

How windy? (On the summits)	Southeasterly 30-40mph from dawn. Tending to gradually ease toward 20-25mph, or less in west later, direction then variable.		
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery over the tops in morning; easing gradually to fairly small effects. Marked wind chill in stronger speeds.		
How wet?	Intermittent rain		
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain likely most persistent and at times heavy in Dumfries and Galloway, patchier elsewhere, but risk often damp. Snow falling at times over highest tops around 800m.		
Cloud on the hills? Fairly extensive			
	Largely shrouding high terrain with bases down southern slopes to 600-700m, sometimes lower in rain, particularly east. Higher bases towards the Central Belt, some local breaks possible north Borders/Lothians.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%		
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and generally dull, poor visibility around rain and low cloud, but variable and in places may improve.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C. Feeling like -8C in the morning wind.		
Freezing Level	May just touch the highest summits later in the day, though perhaps entirely above.		

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#### **Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead**

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How windy? (On the summits)	Southerly 25-35mph, trending southeasterly and rising towards 40mph, further deteriorating into night.	Variable south to southeast 10 to 20mph, may turn southwesterly and increase a little near the Solway.
Effect of wind on you?	Comfortable walking affected from dawn, increasingly strenuous with buffeting gusts in exposure. Significant wind chill.	Mostly small
How wet?	Patchy rain/sleet, heavy rain later	Rain and drizzle
(Precipitation and its impact)	Patchy morning rain/sleet, mostly in the west, isolated patches drift east. Rain arrives from the southwest afternoon, spreading widely and persistently into night with heavy falls.	Generally damp all day where in cloud, periods of rain likely on and off at least. Some showery rain possible near Solway Firth.
Cloud on the hills?	Variable, often capping high tops	Extensive low cloud
	High tops likely remain capped in cloud with banks often lowering across high slopes, or middle slopes in rain. May be more sheet-like for a time in the east. Cloud isolates to higher terrain for a few hours before arriving more widely from the west later.	Likely to blanket the hills all day, fairly extensive from mid-slopes upward, some varied banks of cloud to lower slopes. Some breaks may emerge toward the north.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30%	10%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	A bright sunrise north Borders/Lothians, soon overcast. Very good visibility away from rain.	Sun unlikely, generally misty and dull. Local improvements may develop.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1C, rising a degree afternoon and continuing to rise overnight. Feeling like -12C in wind.	4C. Feeling sub-zero if exposed to stronger winds on hills.
Freezing Level	Variable between 600-800m. Rapidly rising after nightfall.	Above the summits.

### **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 5 December, 2025

Generally unsettled through the weekend and into next week with areas of low pressure circulating near to the British Isles. Temperatures often near to freezing point on higher Scottish mountains, at times on tops elsewhere, though some thawing will occur periodically even to high tops in the Highlands. A complex series of frontal systems bringing spells of rain and some upland snow, mixed with showers with hail mostly near western coasts. Wind speeds will also vary, often south to southwesterlies, at times reaching gale force on tops, but intermittent lulls.

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