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## **Southern Uplands**

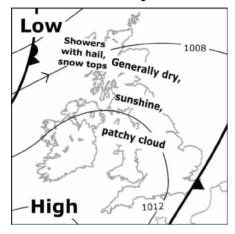
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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## General Summary for Tuesday, 16 December, 2025



# British Mountain Summary: Based on forecast chart for noon 16 December, 2025

Showery in western Scotland, with hail, snow on higher mountains; fewer showers eastwards, more sun and higher cloud breaks. Strongest winds in NW Highlands, up to gale force tops. England and Wales largely dry and bright, patchy cloud western tops.

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

Breezy on tops. Dry with sun, patchy cloud toward Solway.

## **Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 16 December, 2025**

How windy? (On the summits)	West to southwesterly 20 to 25mph. Strengthening onward into night, beyond midnight reaching 45-55mph.		
Effect of wind on you?	Noticeably breezy and feeling chilly over exposed higher terrain.  Deteriorating into night.		
How wet? (Precipitation and its	Largely dry		
impact)	Chance of an odd light shower mainly near to the Solway coast.  Wet underfoot particularly western areas following recent heavy rain, some residual flooding.		
Cloud on the hills?	Patchy cloud mostly southwest		
	Patchy cloud banks most common on hills toward the Solway, may come and go on slopes above 600m. Some local fog lower down in morning. More often clear hills toward the north and much of Borders.		
Chance of cloud free summits?	50% near Solway, 80% inland, N & E.		
Sunshine?	Sunshine and thin high cloud.		
Air clarity (below cloud)	Visibility excellent out of cloud.		
How Cold? (at 750m)	2C. Feeling like -6C directly in the wind.		
Freezing Level	Above highest summits. Slight frost sheltered valleys in morning.		

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

	Wednesday 17 December	Thursday 18 December
How windy? (On the summits)  Effect of wind on you?	South-southwesterly 45 to 60mph, powerful gusts in places downslope to north of higher tops.  Challenging conditions over exposed higher terrain, walking difficult in places, sudden buffeting to some mid-slopes.	South to southwesterly 40 to 50mph, speed may vary, possibly lessening for a time during day.  Ongoing arduous walking conditions over exposed higher terrain, considerable wind chill.
How wet?	Rain most of day, heavy west	Risk of rain setting in
(Precipitation and its impact)	Rain from before dawn in west, persistent and heavy much of day Dumfries & Galloway, extending eastwards, though patchier Borders. Later breaking into showers in west. Renewed flooding likely.	Patchy showers mostly Dumfries & Galloway, but often dry for a few hours. Then risk of heavy rain moving in from southwest during day.
Cloud on the hills?	Extensive	Varied, may develop more widely
	Shrouding the hills widely all day, from mid-to-lower slopes western areas, but soon spreading east to all hills. Base may begin to rise in west later in day.	Patchy cloud around some hills, mainly near Solway. Elsewhere may be clearer, but cloud may drift onto hills widely.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%	40%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and murky. Better visibility Lothians to Borders if dry for a time.	Overcast, varied layers of high cloud, but visibility good where dry, best in north; reducing if rain develops.
How Cold? (at 750m)	1 or 2C rising during morning to 5C. Feeling like -8 to -12C directly in the wind.	3 or 4C. Wind chill feeling as cold as -10C on tops.
Freezing Level	Above the summits, but from dawn close to very highest tops above 800m.	Above the summits.

### **Planning Outlook**

#### All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 17 December, 2025

An unsettled southwesterly weather pattern continues mid-late this week. On Wednesday, another system sweeps in from the Atlantic bringing further rain and gales. Showery conditions then persist in western Scotland, with hail and snow on high tops. Scottish mountains often near or below freezing above 900m, only brief thawing higher up. Meanwhile, England and Wales stay mild midweek with more heavy rain likely into Thursday, then lowering to freezing on high tops for periods from Friday. A change of weather pattern is likely in the run up to Christmas, as high pressure builds northward, bringing drier weather, fog and frost more common.

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