

# Southern Uplands

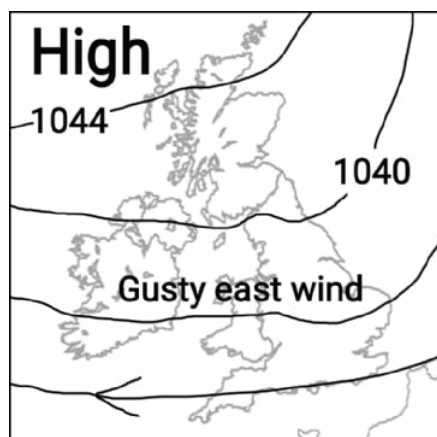
The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).



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## General Summary for Saturday, 27 December, 2025



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 27 December, 2025**

Chilly easterly winds, strongest and gustiest Wales, with extensive cloud sheet eastern and into central areas, with some patchy light precipitation. Sun best western hills, and also where tops breaks above an inversion around 1000m. Terrain partly frozen, morning frost valleys; but up to plus 5C western tops above inversion.

### Headline for Southern Uplands

Chilly, gusty east wind. Cloud covering hills in east, clearer with sun in west.

## Detailed Forecast for Saturday, 27 December, 2025

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Easterly 25 to 30mph, stronger gusts around some slopes, particularly just west of higher tops.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Starting to affect comfortable walking in exposure, sudden buffeting gusts in places; considerable wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>A little light rain east</b> Occasional spots of light rain Pentland hills to Cheviots, snow grains higher slopes, locally more frequent, but total amounts small. Largely dry central and western areas.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Extensive in east, clearer in west.</b> Cloud banks mostly above 500-700m and in eastern areas will likely be extensive, especially over higher Cheviot slopes. Patchier coverage further west with the hills west of the M74 much clearer.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>30% Cheviots, to 80% west of M74.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Rather cloudy eastern areas, breaks with sun in the west. Visibility very good, some haze east.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	1 or 2C, small variation with height in morning; may rise slightly higher Galloway. Feeling like -8C in stronger wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	Some terrain partly frozen; close to freezing some upper slopes and patchy slight frost in sheltered valleys in morning.

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Sunday 28 December	Monday 29 December
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>  <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Easterly 10-15mph, locally less.  <b>Small</b>	Northeasterly 10 to 15mph, but tending to lift to 15 to 25mph through the day. May lift to 30mph over tops.  <b>Mostly small, but increasingly considerable wind chill where exposed to the wind and rather gusty.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Dry all day</b>	<b>Risk locally light precipitation in east.</b>  Mostly dry, but scope for a little patchy spots of light rain or snow grains from the banks of low cloud in the east.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>          <b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>Capping some eastern tops</b>  Thin banks of cloud mostly eastern areas above 700m. Patchier toward and west of M74, largely clear Galloway hills.          <b>90% west, to 50% east.</b>	<b>Cloud banks mostly in the east.</b>  Cloud banks mainly confined to eastern hills east of the M74 with bases around 500-700m. Patchy banks further west where hills may be mostly clear.          <b>30% in east, 80% in west.</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunniest in Galloway, partly cloudy eastwards, often cloudy nearer North Sea. Visibility excellent, though duller east.	Cloudiest in the east, best sun in the west.  Visibility mostly very good outside of any precipitation.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>  <b>Freezing Level</b>	0C, slightly warmer on highest summits if above an inversion.  Near freezing above 600m, also frost in some valleys, all day out of sunlight.	Around 0C, small change in temperature with height.  Freezing level poorly defined, generally much of terrain frozen. Frost into glens/corries in the morning.

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Sunday, 28 December, 2025

Next week, high pressure still dominates, but generally colder air becoming entrained into its circulation from the north, which sees lower temperatures on high terrain, sub-zero over most mountains through New Year. Small amounts of precipitation, occasional showers or snow flurries, winds north or northwesterly.

## Forecast issued at 16:22 on Friday, 26 December, 2025

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