

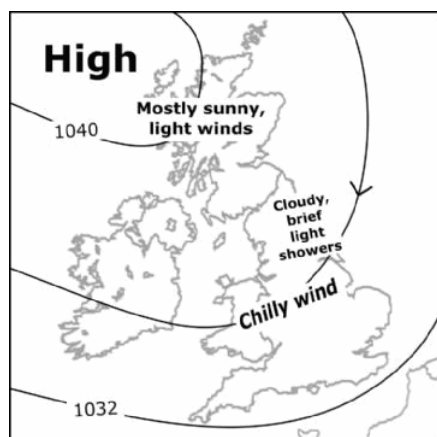
Southern Uplands

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, 30 December, 2025



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 30 December, 2025

Quiet but chilly conditions, light winds and plenty of sunshine for much of the Highlands, much terrain frozen, sub-zero all day over hills and in some glens. A cold east-northeasterly breeze England and Wales, strongest toward south; fairly cloudy, locally an odd snow flurry over the Pennines.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Cold, but wind fairly light. Sunshine, some patchy cloud east.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 30 December, 2025

How windy? (On the summits)	Northeast turning northerly 10mph, local 15-20mph Cheviots early morning.
Effect of wind on you?	Small, but locally marked wind chill especially early in day.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Isolated snow flurries in east Largely dry, but isolated snow flurries edging onto the Cheviots, mainly during the morning.
Cloud on the hills?	Patches mainly eastern hills Patches covering higher slopes hills east of the M74. Tend to clear and break up through day. Isolated if any patches in the west.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80% in west, 50% in east.
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Broken cloud and sun, may be mostly cloudy in the east. Visibility very good or excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1 or -2C. Mainly Cheviots in morning, wind chill feeling like -5 to -7C.
Freezing Level	500-600m, but also frost in some valleys in morning, most widely west.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 31 December	Thursday 1 January
How windy? (On the summits) Effect of wind on you?	North-westerly backing westerly 15 to 25mph, increasing to 25 to 35mph through the day. Be prepared for increasingly blustery conditions with considerable wind chill and buffeting.	Northwesterly 30 to 45mph, strongest on higher Cheviots. Strenuous walking, frequent buffeting in exposure higher up. Significant wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Mostly dry Dry much of day, risk patchy precipitation later, snow flurries on upper slopes.	Scattered snow showers mostly west A few showers mostly Galloway hills, coming inland from northwest, falling as snow or hail, or rain below 300-400m. Often dry toward and east of M74, rare brief showers.
Cloud on the hills?	Lowering onto hills from west. Hills starting clear, but increasingly low cloud will move in from the west to cover upper slopes or tops near and west of M74. Eastern hills may stay clear.	Occasional patches mostly west Patches moving onto higher slopes in Galloway mostly above 700m, rarely grazing higher tops elsewhere.
Chance of cloud free summits?	80% at first, lowering to 30% in west, 60% in east.	70%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright start with sun through high cloud, but cloud building from west. Visibility mostly very good or excellent. Turning misty later in the west.	Patchwork of sunshine. Visibility very good, locally reduced in showers.
How Cold? (at 750m) Freezing Level	Around -1C, perhaps plus 1C later. Feeling closer to -8C in the strongest winds. All levels at first, following widespread frost into valleys, but lifting to 500-600m, perhaps 800m later.	-1 or -2C. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C. 400 to 600m, highest toward Galloway. Into night dropping sub-zero to lower slopes.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 31 December, 2025

Significantly cold wintry conditions into the start of January. Air temperature well below freezing on high terrain, plus low minima into many glens and valleys with sustained hard frost. Strong northerly winds later this week giving severe wind chill. Frequent and heavy snow showers moving into northern areas and running down coastal extremities with significant accumulations. Elsewhere, lots of dry and sunny weather, although occasional organised bands of snow will feed south at times in the Arctic airflow. Staying cold into next week with scope for snowfalls more widely.

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