

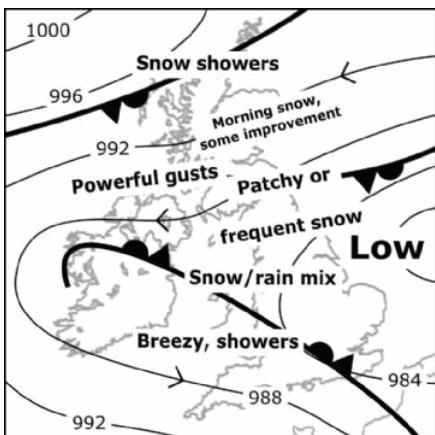
Southern Uplands

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, 12 February, 2026



British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 12 February, 2026

Very cold in Scotland with strong wind. Snow in the central/south highlands, some improvement from the north. Blustery too in north England, cloudy with patchy morning snow, later more frequent. South Pennines and north Wales see rain and snow with lighter wind. Blustery with patchy rain south Wales.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Cold and windy; often snowing, most in the east

Detailed Forecast for Thursday, 12 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	East-northeasterly 40-45mph, some powerful gusts over high western terrain. Slowly easing, towards 30-35mph late in the day, though some stronger breezes far west.
Effect of wind on you?	Early in the day, challenging conditions in exposure with severe wind chill. An improving tendency but staying blustery with strenuous walking conditions.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Often snowing east, more patchy west Patchy snow affects the hills most of the day, falling as rain on the low slopes. The snow most consistent in the east, extended periods of heavier falls in the eastern Borders and Cheviots.
Cloud on the hills?	Fairly extensive Fairly extensive cloud from middle slopes up well into the day, lower bases where snow falls. A modest lifting trend is possible but summits unlikely to clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	20%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine unlikely. Visibility mostly very poor in snow.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Around -2C from dawn, lowering with time towards -3C, further dropping overnight. Feeling like -18 to -20C in direct wind.
Freezing Level	500-600m from dawn, lowering with time, 300-400m into night, frost forming in the valleys overnight.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Friday 13 February	Saturday 14 February
How windy? (On the summits)	Northeasterly, trending northerly, 20-30mph, strongest winds likely earlier in the day.	West-northwesterly 10-15mph, shifting southwest and strengthening, a gusty 25-35mph, deteriorating overnight.
Effect of wind on you?	Blustery on high terrain all day with significant wind chill; walking most strenuous earlier.	Fairly small, but the gusty breeze becoming uncomfortable, particularly west with buffeting and wind chill.
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	Snow showers east Snow showers from the North Sea affect the Cheviots, at times drifting into the Lothians and eastern Borders. Dry west of here.	No precipitation expected during daylight After nightfall, snow arrives from the west, gradually spreading widely, falling as rain to increasingly higher elevations.
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly early, improving, to often clear west From dawn, cloud clings to terrain near and above 700m, bases lower to the east near 600m. Cloud gradually lifts and breaks with time, largely clearing western hills. Lifting in the east as well but the Cheviots continue to see cloud come and go.	Little cloud expected A few odd patches may graze the high western tops at times, an increasing chance late in the day, but hills otherwise clear.
Chance of cloud free summits?	30% early, rising to 60%	90%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Increasingly sunny, most extensive in the west. Very good visibility on most hills, some haze towards the Central Belt.	Extensive sunshine with very good visibility. High cloud moves in from the west with time.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-4 or -5C, may rise a degree afternoon where sun breaks out. Feeling like -17 to -20C in strongest wind.	-2 or -3C. Later, feeling as cold as -12 to -15C in the wind.
Freezing Level	Terrain widely frozen, though sun-exposed valleys and low slopes may thaw.	Terrain widely frozen from dawn, thaws up to 300-400m with time.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Friday, 13 February, 2026

Colder for all areas during the transition into the weekend, mountain terrain frozen to increasingly lower elevations - soonest toward the north and east of Scotland. A widespread frost early on Saturday. Northeasterly wind will be dominant - the distribution of snow showers shifting with time from eastern hills to more north-facing mountains, particularly Scotland. Brighter than recently with sunshine and clearer hills later Friday and Saturday.

Gales with heavy snow (rain to increasingly higher elevations) overnight into Sunday brings a return to unsettled weather for the following week - wet and windy periods come and go, freezing levels rising (high Scotland terrain stays frozen), then lowering again during periods of northwesterly wind.

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