

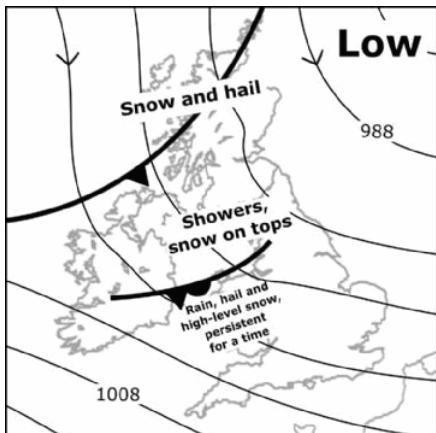
# Southern Uplands

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 Monday, 16 February, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

Based on forecast chart for noon 16 February, 2026

Snow over northwestern mountains in Scotland will tend to extend further into Lochaber and Cairngorms by afternoon as NW'ly winds strengthen, some hail mixed in. Strong westerlies for England, gale-force on Welsh mountains, heavy showers merging into longer periods rain, snow confined to higher tops.

### Headline for Southern Uplands

Breezy on hills, scattered showers mostly west, snow tops.

## Detailed Forecast for Monday, 16 February, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	West turning northwesterly 20 to 25mph, some local variation and suddenly gusty in showers toward west. Increasing toward dusk 30-35mph. Then overnight reaching 40-50mph, risk stronger Cheviots.
Effect of wind on you?	<b>Feeling breezy with considerable wind chill over exposed high terrain. Comfortable walking becoming affected more later in day. Deteriorating further after dark.</b>
How wet?	<b>Snow showers; mostly western hills</b> Snow and hail showers on hills, generally well scattered, more frequent occasionally in Galloway. Mostly rain below 400-500m. Chance isolated thunder.
Cloud on the hills?	<b>Most frequent western tops</b> Cloud base varying, locally quickly, between 400m near precipitation in west, otherwise 600 to 800m - generally highest base in afternoon and in east.
Chance of cloud free summits?	50%
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Patches of sunshine, mostly Borders. Very varied visibility; very poor or appalling in snow, but otherwise excellent.
How Cold? (at 750m)	-1 to +1C. Then dropping overnight toward -4C. Daytime wind chill feeling like -8C on exposed higher areas.
Freezing Level	650m to 800m, highest in afternoon, Slight frost some valleys in east at first.

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 17 February	Wednesday 18 February
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Northerly 25 to 35mph early morning, risk stronger in east at first, but dropping, to NE'ly 20mph, or less during afternoon.	Southeasterly 25-35mph, strongest west, rising to 40mph at times, stronger gusts possible over high terrain.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Prepare for considerable wind chill in the morning, blustery conditions for a few hours at least, but improving.</b>	<b>Strenuous-to-arduous walking and significant wind chill; gusts in the west often affecting stability.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Precipitation not expected</b> A few snow showers may graze the North Sea coast, otherwise dry.	<b>Little or no precipitation</b> Small chance of a few snow flurries over high tops of Galloway and the Cheviot in cloud, but likely dry.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Very little if any</b>	<b>Likely little</b>  A few odd cloud caps graze the high tops of the Cheviots and Galloway hills, otherwise free of cloud.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Bright sunshine. Superb visibility.	Often sunny but may be weakened by high cloud. Very good visibility.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-3C. Early in day, feeling like -10 to -13C directly in the wind, easing.	-2 or -3C. Feeling as cold as -18C in strongest wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	400m but most terrain frozen: partial thawing lowest particularly sunlit slopes.	Terrain widely frozen, thaws up to 400-500m in sun exposure.

## Planning Outlook

## All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 17 February, 2026

Much terrain frozen into midweek, frost into valleys and glens. Uncertain extent of strengthening winds by Wednesday, and possible snow moving into Wales. Late in the week and through next weekend, a switch to southwesterly winds is expected, bringing a change to milder conditions - lifting above freezing to tops in England and Wales, and generally higher freezing levels in Scotland; periods of thawing likely over the mountains, though some further snowfall at times on higher Munros. Rain most frequent over western hills. Generally windy with upland gales.

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