

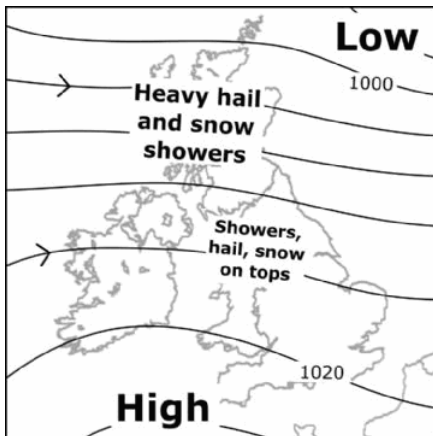
# Southern Uplands

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 Sunday, 5 April, 2026



### British Mountain Summary:

**Based on forecast chart for noon 5 April, 2026**

Notably cold for Easter Sunday, sub-zero across Scottish mountains and high tops in England & Wales, severe chill factor where exposed to gale-force westerly winds over hills. Heavy, squally showers with hail, also snow falling at times to lower elevations; chance of isolated thunder.

### Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland gales, bitterly cold on tops; heavy showery hail and snow.

## Detailed Forecast for Sunday, 5 April, 2026

<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b>	Stormy conditions overnight lessen up to dawn, but still near 60mph at first light in east, then westerly 35 to 50mph, squally gusts, easing a little late in day.
<b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	<b>Frequent buffeting, walking arduous over higher terrain, sudden powerful gusts affect balance. Beware possible local storm damage from overnight around forests. Significant wind chill.</b>
<b>How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)</b>	<b>Showery hail and snow; risk lightning</b> Generally showery, heavy bursts with hail, and snow to some lower elevations early in day, becoming mostly rain or hail below 500m with time. Showers fading toward evening. Risk isolated thunder & lightning.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Varying, breaks above tops</b> Patchy cloud drifting over higher slopes, most often in western areas above 700m, briefly lower in showers. More often clearing eastwards.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)</b>	Bursts of bright sunshine and very good visibility, but very poor or temporarily appalling in cloud, hail or snow.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b>	-2C rising to around 0C afternoon. Feeling like -12 to -15C in the wind.
<b>Freezing Level</b>	500m from dawn, rising to 700-800m afternoon, but lowering briefly again around showers.

## Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Monday 6 April	Tuesday 7 April
<b>How windy? (On the summits)</b> <b>Effect of wind on you?</b>	Southwest turning southerly, 20 to 30mph, tending to strengthen during day, may reach 35-40mph Galloway tops later. <b>Increasingly affecting ease of walking on higher western hills, gusty in places around high tops.</b>	Southeasterly 20 to 35mph, very gusty in places around some tops, risk over 40mph for a time mainly in west. <b>Variable, in places fairly small, but sudden buffeting gusts around some hills will affect comfortable walking and balance.</b>
<b>How wet?</b> (Precipitation and its impact)	<b>Rare if any light rain</b> Risk brief patchy drizzle Galloway, mostly southern hills. Substantially or completely dry elsewhere.	<b>Rain not expected until late</b> Toward evening, thickening high cloud may give odd spots, locally a brief burst of rain possible. More likely after dark, rain may develop further in western areas.
<b>Cloud on the hills?</b>	<b>Some patches west, otherwise little</b>  Patchy cloud drifting onto hills mostly southern areas toward the Solway Firth. Rare if any elsewhere, most hills free of low cloud.	<b>Hills clear</b>  Patchy mist some valleys at first. The hills very likely clear all day.
<b>Chance of cloud free summits?</b>	<b>50% near Solway, to 90% north/east</b>	<b>Above 90%</b>
<b>Sunshine?</b> Air clarity (below cloud)	Sunshine and a veil of high cloud, thicker in west, risk more overcast Galloway. Visibility very good, but hazier toward Solway.	Sunshine and thin high cloud, tending to gradually thicken during the day, later may cover the sky. Visibility very good, slight haze develops.
<b>How Cold? (at 750m)</b> <b>Freezing Level</b>	0C at dawn, rising to 4C afternoon. Feeling like -7C directly in wind all day west, around -2C in east afternoon. Frost in valleys, much upland terrain frozen at first. Typically 700m mid-morning, lifting above all summits by	7 to 10C. Directly in the stronger wind, feeling close to freezing despite warm air. Above the summits. Possible slight frost some sheltered inland valleys at dawn.

## Planning Outlook

### All mountain areas of Britain from Monday, 6 April, 2026

A cold frosty start to Monday, but milder southerly air arrives - dry and many hills clear with hazy sun, but gusty wind, risk of local gales west coastal mountains of Scotland. Quite warm by Tuesday, but strong to gale force southerly winds more widely; dry for many, rain encroaching into western Scotland, thawing of recent snow. Staying warm on Wednesday for many, but likely becoming cooler later in the week. Scotland likely remains changeable, often windy later in the week, rain at times, varying temperatures, at times below freezing on higher Munros. England and Wales sees occasional rain or showers late week, but some drier days and lighter winds.

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