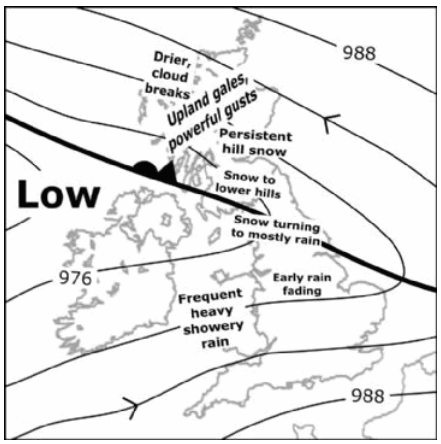
Southern Uplands

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, 17 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 17 November, 2026

Easterly gales for the Highlands. A swathe of rain and hill snow central-southern Scotland and northern England, snow falling to lower elevations for a time in Southern Uplands. Patchier snow flurries further north/westward in the Highlands. Heavy showery rain west & south Wales, strong southwesterly winds here.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Upland gales ease, persistent snow, to low levels morning; low cloud.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	Easterly 40-50mph in the morning, tending to lessen into middle of day and afternoon, becoming variable 20mph or less over southern hills, but toward the north of the region may persist easterly 30mph.
Effect of wind on you?	**Challenging conditions and significant wind chill in the morning, tending to improve mostly in southern areas, may become small; risk still very blustery in places.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Snow on hills all day, to low-levels morning; turning wetter south** Persistent snow widely to lower slopes in the morning, turning to mostly sleet or rain on lower ground with time, later rain to tops southwest areas; precipitation continuing all day, but fades a little later afternoon. Still patchy falls into evening.
Cloud on the hills?	**Extensive** Shrouding the hills widely from lower elevations upward much of the region all day. Local higher cloud bases northwards toward the central belt.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**Almost nil**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull. Visibility mostly poor, appalling where in snowfall and cloud on hills.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or -1C much of day; southern areas lifting slowly to +2C later afternoon. Wind chill feeling like -10 to -15C, coldest in morning.
Freezing Level	Marked variation, near freezing to some lower elevations especially morning, lifting variably from the south to just above freezing toward some upper slopes later.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 November	Thursday 19 November
How windy? (On the summits)	East to southeasterly 15 to 25mph, risk strengthening with time from the north.	East-northeasterly 20 to 30mph, risk more often stronger speeds and gusty.
Effect of wind on you?	**Fairly small, but marked wind chill on exposed tops. May become more strenuous walking conditions in north.**	**Starting to affect ease of walking on some high terrain, some more noticeable blustery spots. Considerable wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Occasional rain, snow tops** Patchy areas of rain, may be showery in nature near to Solway coast; some snow falling over inland summits.	**Largely dry** Remnants of previous light rain, or snow flurries higher tops, likely to fizzle out in the morning to leave most of the day dry.
Cloud on the hills?	**Fairly extensive** Varying banks of cloud, shrouding hills widely if precipitation continues. Local breaks may emerge, rarely above tops.	**Mostly very little** Occasional patches over higher slopes, mainly in the morning.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**20%**	**80%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little or no sun. Visibility good where dry, but often poor in rain, very poor if in snow on tops.	High cloud thinning to give a little sun. Visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 or 1C. Feeling like -7C in the wind.	Around 0C. Feeling like -10C directly in the wind.
Freezing Level	800m or just above.	700-800m. Possible slight frost some valleys at first.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 November, 2026

Scottish mountain terrain stays frozen this week and likely into the weekend, plus frost common into the glens. Colder air also drifts back south across England & Wales later this week, though milder air may return briefly by Saturday. Snow flurries mainly eastern and far northern Highlands in the second half of this week, otherwise much of Scotland often dry. Areas of rain and some hill snow for England & Wales. Into next week, uncertainty about the progress of Atlantic weather systems, which may pivot toward the south again, maintaining chilly easterly winds for Scotland at least, with further snow flurries possible, but there may be little precipitation western Highlands.

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