Southern Uplands

The Galloway hills eastward to the Lammermuir hills. The Cheviots (including higher hills within the adjacent Northumberland NP).

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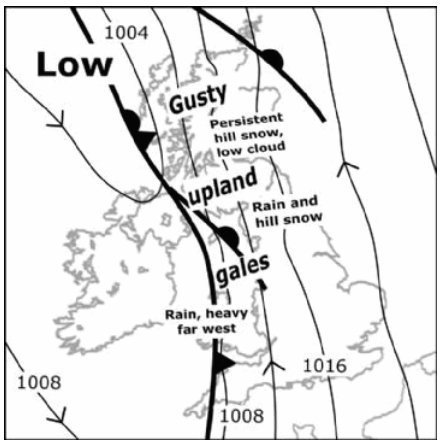
General Summary for Tuesday, 24 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 24 November, 2026

Southeasterly gales over most mountains, powerful gusts toward some lower elevations. Hill snow fairly persistent for the southern Highlands, rain lower slopes; patchier northwards across the Highlands. Some hill snow for northern England, turning more to rain. Heavy rain toward west Wales.

Headline for Southern Uplands

Snow and rain mix, wetter in west; powerful gales.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 24 November, 2026

How windy? (On the summits)	South to southeaesterly, strengthening quickly with height, a very gusty 35-55mph. Ferocious gusts; some reaching valleys.
Effect of wind on you?	**Severe wind chill and very difficult walking where exposed. Gusts may well knock you over - even on some lower slopes.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Frequently raining; snow Border hills** An area of rain from before dawn, fading for a time, but soon more persistent southwestern areas, here setting in heavier with time. Will fall as snow above about 500m, mainly east of M74, turning wetter higher up from west.
Cloud on the hills?	**Very extensive; lowest south** Fairly extensive cloud all day above 600 or 700m toward central belt, but soon blanket cloud from 300-500m up east from the Cheviots to Moffat area and Galloway.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**20%, to almost nil southern hills**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Dull and misty with visibility very poor or appalling in snow.
How Cold? (at 750m)	Varied: -1 to 3C, tending to rise from west. Will feel as cold as minus 12C in the wind.
Freezing Level	600m, tending to lift above the summits from the west.

Southern Uplands - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 25 November	Thursday 26 November
How windy? (On the summits)	East-southeasterly 15 to 25mph, risk gusty 30mph toward Cheviots.	Southeasterly 25 to 40mph, likely strengthening during daytime, risk 50mph by dusk onward at least in gusts.
Effect of wind on you?	**Fairly small, but considerable chill if on exposed terrain and some gusty spots not just on the tops feeling more noticeable.**	**Strenuous walking becoming increasingly challenging on high terrain, powerful downslope gusts. Significant wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Snow flurries in west fading** Remnants of overnight sleet and snow may continue to affect mainly western areas in the morning, rain lower slopes. Likely to fade to be soon largely dry.	**Largely dry day** An odd snow flurry may move onto the Cheviots during the day. Into night, risk of hill snow developing from the west into Galloway.
Cloud on the hills?	**Patches on some tops** Varying cloud banks across hills in the morning, may linger in some places, but tending to thin and break, best in the west into the afternoon.	**Mostly southern hills** Varying cloud banks around higher slopes, most persistent toward the Solway and over the Cheviots, may cloak some tops all day. Northward may be well broken.
Chance of cloud free summits?	**50%**	**50%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Little if any weak sun due to layers of high cloud. Visibility very good where dry, poorer in early sleet/snow.	Sun likely to weaken as a veil of high cloud thickens from the west. Visibility very good, some haze toward the Solway coast.
How Cold? (at 750m)	0 to 2C; small change of temperature with height above around 600m. Feeling near -10C if in stronger wind.	-1C. Feeling like -10C to later nearer -15C directly in the wind on high tops.
Freezing Level	Poorly defined with much upland terrain partly frozen above 600m, but also frost in some valleys in the morning.	Much terrain frozen, thawing only on sunlit lower slopes up to 500m.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 25 November, 2026

Staying near or below freezing across most mountains all this week with below-average temperatures for late November, much higher terrain persistently frozen and regular frosts into valleys and glens. Strong east or southeasterly winds prevail, gales at times. Largely dry midweek, some snow flurries mostly eastern hills. Further hill snow more widely into Friday may set in heavy as a front moves in from the west, rain lower western areas. In the extended outlook through the weekend and beyond, there is uncertainty about the extent of incoming Atlantic fronts and scope for further snowfalls , or any pushes of milder air trying to arrive.

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