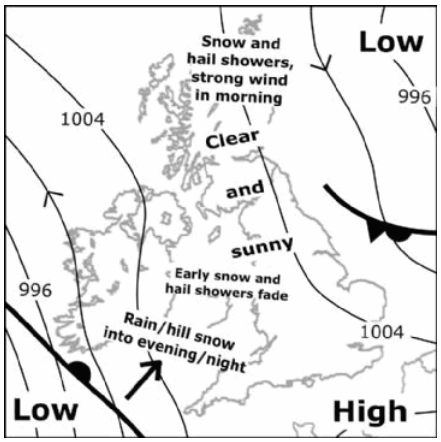
West Highlands

Western Highlands accessible from, and south of, Glenfinnan (Road to the Isles) and Glen Spean (includes Creag Meagaidh). This area includes Ben Nevis and the mountains around Glencoe. In the east, from Ben Alder south to Loch Lomond and Trossachs NP. Also Arran and Mull.

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General Summary for Monday, 16 November, 2026



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 16 November, 2026

Cold northerly winds in the morning bring snow and hail showers to northern Scotland and locally north Wales, otherwise generally clear and sunny. Winds drop light all areas through middle of day, then strengthen southeasterly later, gales into night; rain and hill snow moves in from southwest.

Headline for West Highlands

Mostly dry, patchy cloud breaks to be widely sunny.

Detailed Forecast for Monday, 16 November, 2026

How windy? (On the Munros)	Northerly 20-25mph at dawn, soon easing to 10mph or less. Later rising east-southeasterly, 15-25mph afternoon strongest soonest near coast; rapidly gales dusk onward, reaching widely 50-70mph late evening into the night.
Effect of wind on you?	**Small most of daytime, but beware worsening conditions with time in coastal areas, significant deterioration after dark to severe conditions into night.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Dry much of day** One or two brief showers of snow and hail grazing the coast early morning, but fading out to be generally dry. Well onward into night, snow moving in from the south.
Cloud on the hills?	**Mostly very little** Some patchy cloud over higher slopes in the morning, mostly toward coasts and islands, but increasingly all clearing. Into night, cloud starting to lower onto tops from the south.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**Rising above 90%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Sun and broken cloud at first, but increasingly sunny; later thin high cloud toward the southwest. Visibility excellent.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-3C. As wind increases later, feeling like -10C, or colder after sunset.
Freezing Level	600m, but also frost sheltered inland glens in the morning.

West Highlands - Looking Ahead

	Tuesday 17 November	Wednesday 18 November
How windy? (On the Munros)	Easterly 40 to 50mph, in places 60mph and very gusty around high mountains; lessening Arran and Loch Lomond NP.	Easterly 20 to 35mph, strongest Ben Nevis group, but may increase more widely.
Effect of wind on you?	**Difficult conditions, buffeting gusts to lower slopes and significant wind chill; some improvement southernmost areas.**	**Strenuous walking over exposed terrain with some local buffeting gusts affecting balance. Significant wind chill.**
How wet? (Precipitation and its impact)	**Risk persistent hill snow, most in south** Some uncertainty about extent of precipitation: Expect persistent snowfalls, mainly southern mountains, sleet or rain lower elevations; patchier flurries northwestward, perhaps amounting to very little west Lochaber.	**Occasional flurries** Patchy light snow most over inland and southern hill groups; sleet or rain lower slopes.
Cloud on the hills?	**Extensive** Likely shrouding the mountains widely, from lower elevations upward southern areas, some higher cloud bases in Lochaber, breaks mainly west of Loch Linnhe, but rarely above high tops.	**Covering many tops** Varying banks of cloud, but may cover most high tops all day. Some breaks above 1000m mostly areas further west.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	**20%**	**30%**
Sunshine? Air clarity (below cloud)	Overcast and dull, local brighter skies possible west of Loch Linnhe. Visibility mostly poor, appalling if in snow and cloud on high terrain.	Glimpses of sun mostly west coast. Visibility very good where dry, but reduced at times, poor locally if in snow.
How Cold? (at 900m)	-1 or -2C, may lift to around 0C. Feeling like -15C or possibly colder in exposure to stronger wind.	-1C. Feeling like -10 to -15C in the wind.
Freezing Level	500-700m, lowest if precipitation continues, but tending to rise a little into the afternoon.	700-800m, slightly higher nearest coast.

Planning Outlook

All mountain areas of Britain from Tuesday, 17 November, 2026

Scottish mountain tops stay below freezing throughout this week ahead, snowfalls on Tuesday most prolonged east and southern areas. Thereafter, the Highlands see mostly little precipitation this week, but snow and hail showers will feed in from the north at times, locally giving frequent snow to the far north and the north Cairngorms. Frost also common in the glens. For England & Wales, snow on Monday night turns to rain into Tuesday as the freezing level rises above the summits, then dropping back to freezing above 800m midweek with a mix of rain and upland snow.
A mixed outlook into the weekend and beyond, some quieter windows, but further areas of rain and hill snow are likely, perhaps milder air into late November.

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