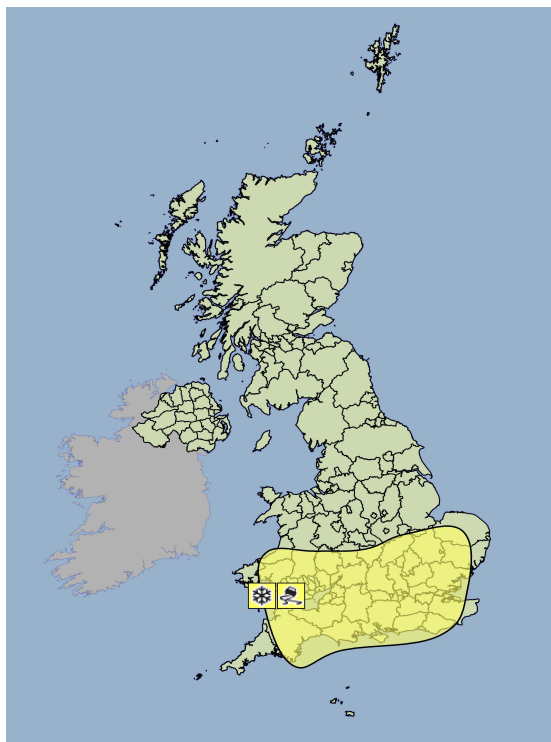




## National Severe Weather Warning Service



### Chief Forecasters Assessment

An occluded front is expected to push south across southern parts of the UK through Friday afternoon and evening before clearing the south coast by the early hours of Saturday morning. This occlusion will be accompanied by colder air from the northeast with a mix of wintry precipitation. As often is the case in snow situations in the UK whether the precipitation falls as rain or snow is finely balanced resulting in some uncertainty in the details of the rain and snow mix. At this time it is likely that snow will largely be confined to higher ground above 200-400m however sleet and snow may temporarily fall to lower levels in heavier precipitation.

A greater hazard will come from the potential for widespread ice to form as skies clear through the evening behind the front allowing road surface temperatures fall below freezing. The frontal precipitation may also result in some wash off of grit to allow freezing on previously treated surfaces.

This event has potential to result in medium impacts to travel.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Snow and Ice**

Valid from **15:00 on Fri, 04th Mar 2016** until **09:00 on Sat, 05th Mar 2016**

A mix of rain, sleet and snow associated with a frontal band is expected to push south across southern parts of England and Wales through Friday afternoon and evening, before clearing by the early hours of Saturday. Snow will be predominantly confined to the higher ground above 200-400m with perhaps 1-2cm accumulating here. At lower levels this will be mainly rain and sleet but may turn briefly to snow in heavier outbreaks of precipitation. As this front clears south through the evening there is potential for widespread black ice to

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form quickly on road surfaces and pavements.

Please be aware of the potential for difficult driving conditions and for some travel disruption during the Friday evening rush hour and overnight into Saturday morning.

This warning will likely be updated in the coming days as confidence increases on detail.

**For more details please go to:**

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