

## Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart  
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 04 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 05 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 03 Feb 2021 at 15:49 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** High for cold weather continuing and for snow showers, most frequent on Friday, then becoming fewer and lighter over the weekend.

**Headline for Thursday 04 Feb 2021:** Bitterly cold with some sunshine and scattered snow showers. Gales persisting on the tops.

### Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 04 Feb 2021

**Blizzards**  
No Likelihood

**Heavy Snow**  
No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**  
Low Likelihood

**Gales**  
High Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**  
High Likelihood

**Poor visibility**  
Medium Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**  
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**  
No Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**  
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	30%	30%	40%	40%	40%	40%	50%

### Forecast for Thursday 04 Feb 2021

**Weather:** Bright spells with a little sunshine and scattered snow showers. The showers will be mainly in east of area, especially around Ben Wyvis with just the odd light flurry in the west.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** 60%, best in the west. Occasional cloud cover around 700m, more extensive in east of area.

**Visibility:** Generally good but briefly poor visibility as snow showers pass by.

**Forecast for Thursday 04 Feb 2021**

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
<b>1000</b>	47/58 E	45/56 E	43/54 E	40/52 E	39/51 E	38/51 E	39/53 E	39/53 E	38/52 E
<b>900</b>	45/56 E	43/54 E	40/52 E	38/49 E	36/49 E	36/48 E	37/51 E	36/50 E	36/50 E
<b>600</b>	30/43 E	30/43 E	29/42 E	28/40 E	28/41 E	27/41 E	27/42 E	26/41 E	26/41 E
<b>300</b>	12/40 E	12/39 E	12/38 E	12/37 E	12/37 E	13/37 E	13/38 E	13/38 E	13/38 E
<b>Glen</b>	20/40 E	21/41 E	22/41 E	22/41 E	23/41 E	22/40 E	22/40 E	21/39 E	20/38 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
<b>1000</b>	-7/-20	-7/-20	-7/-19	-7/-19	-7/-18	-6/-18	-6/-18	-6/-18	-6/-17
<b>900</b>	-6/-18	-7/-18	-7/-18	-6/-17	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-16	-6/-16	-5/-16
<b>600</b>	-4/-13	-4/-13	-4/-14	-4/-13	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12
<b>300</b>	-2/-7	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-7	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-7
<b>Glen</b>	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	1/-6	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4
<b>Freezing Level*</b>	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	100m	00m	100m	100m

\*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**

Feeling bitterly cold due to combination of strong to gale force winds and temperatures well below freezing.

**Forecast for Friday 05 Feb 2021**

**Weather:** It will be a cloudy day with more frequent and heavier snow showers. The showers will become prolonged for a time with blizzard conditions likely. Also drifting and blowing of lying snow. Bitterly cold.

**Maximum wind:** Gale force east or northeasterly winds, average speeds 30 to 40mph and gusts 60mph.

**Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m:** Very little chance.

**Visibility:** Moderate or poor and virtually zero in heavier snow and blowing snow.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Minus 2 Celsius rising briefly to plus 1 Celsius.

**At 800m:** Minus 3 Celsius.

**Freezing level:** All levels.