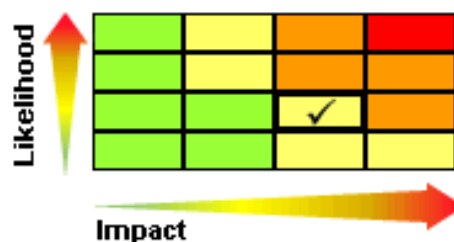
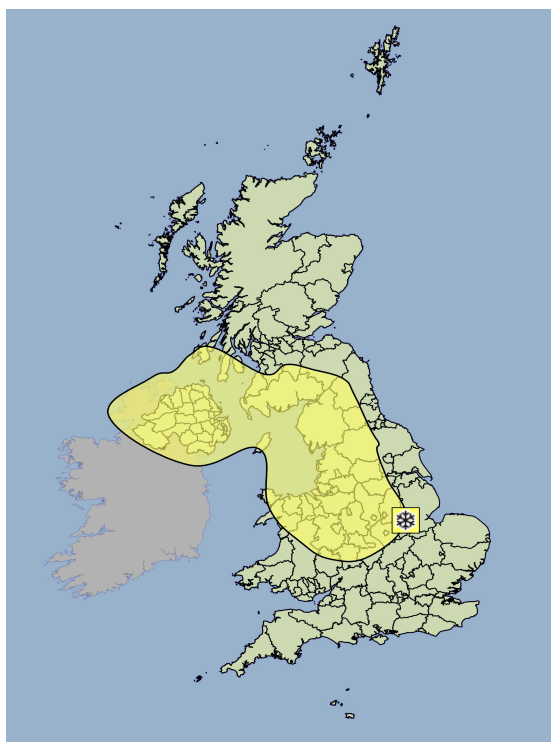




National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

An active frontal system will push northwards during Thursday, increasingly coming into contact with the block of unusually cold air in place across central and northern Britain, the North Sea and Scandinavia. The front will then become slow-moving during Friday, potentially affecting a broad swathe of central Britain for some 24 to 36 hours.

During this period, a combination of strong winds and persistent snow looks like leading to some particularly wintry weather - especially for so late in the season. There remain some uncertainties at this stage in exactly where the worst of the snow will be, and in some low-lying areas the rain-snow balance is not yet clear-cut, which means that further refinements to the warning area are likely.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning of Snow**

Valid from **00:05 on Fri, 22nd Mar 2013** until **23:59 on Fri, 22nd Mar 2013**

An area of rain and sleet moving from the south later on Thursday and during Friday will turn increasingly to snow as it does so. Some heavy and persistent snowfall is likely to develop across many areas, with 5-10 cm of snow in many inland parts, and perhaps as much as 20-40 cm over high ground. Taking into account the strong to gale force winds, some atrocious conditions with drifting and blizzards are expected for many upland areas in particular. The public should be aware of the potential for significant disruption, particularly to transport and to power supplies.

This is an update of the warning issued on Wednesday. Amber warnings are also being issued to reflect the increased risk of disruption in parts of Northern Ireland, the Midlands, North Wales and northern England on Friday.

For more details please go to:

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