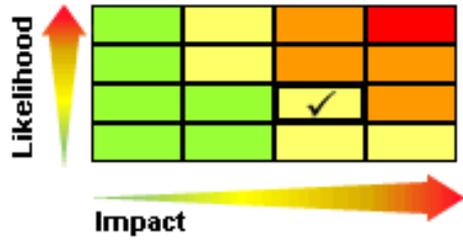
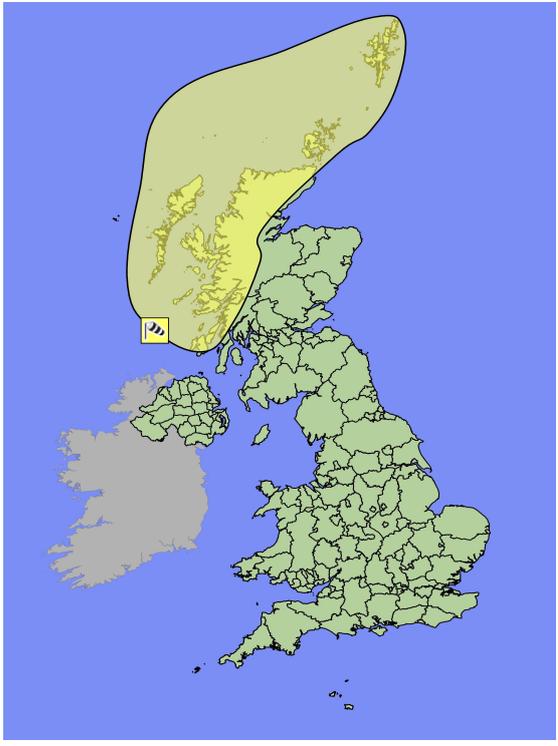


National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

A deep depression will track east close to northern Scotland during Monday. Westerly gales or severe gales on its southern flank will spread to exposed north and west Scotland - the winds not too unusual in their own right but exacerbated by the unusually high waves along some coasts and by snowfall inland. The air is unusually cold for a westerly outbreak, being sourced from Canada a day or so earlier. Even so, the long track across the Atlantic seems likely to warm the lowest layers such that disruptive snow will be mostly found away from western coasts, although there are some uncertainties attached to the amounts and distribution.

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

Valid from **00:05 on Mon, 04th Feb 2013** until **23:59 on Mon, 04th Feb 2013**

Gales will affect much of Scotland during Monday, with severe gales towards the north and west. Gusts in these areas will exceed 70 mph at times, especially along exposed coasts, while mountains will see even higher values. Exposed western coasts are likely to be affected by unusually high sea and swell conditions, although fortunately tides, (being neap), will make only a relatively small contribution on this occasion.

The high winds will be accompanied by heavy, squally wintry showers, these probably falling largely as sleet and hail on coasts, but readily turning to snow inland and at any elevation. 10 to 15 cm of snow may affect higher level routes, with severe drifting and temporary blizzard conditions. Conditions further up on the mountains will be atrocious.

The public should be aware of the potential for disruption, especially to travel.

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