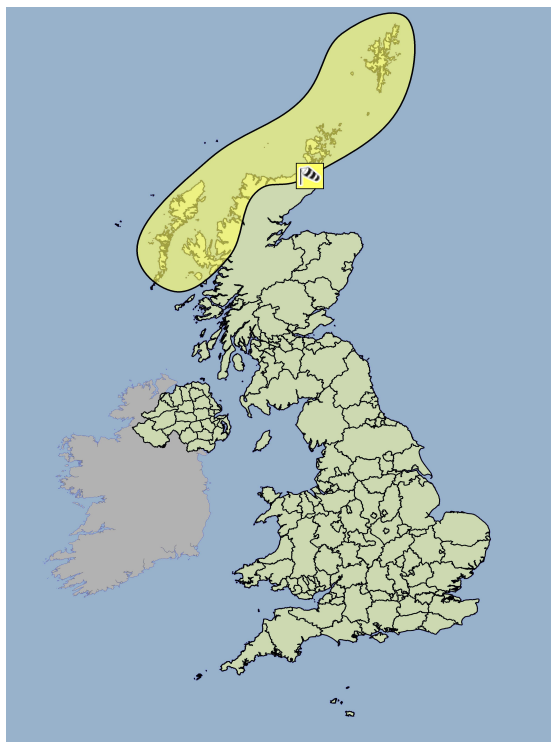




National Severe Weather Warning Service



Chief Forecasters Assessment

A rapidly intensifying depression developing over the Atlantic Ocean from late Tuesday is expected to move northwards past the far northwest of Scotland during Wednesday evening and night before moving close to the Faeroe Islands on Thursday. This depression will bring a spell of very windy weather to parts of Scotland, particularly the Northern and Western Isles, between Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon. Across the Western Isles the windiest conditions are expected to occur during Wednesday late evening and Thursday early hours. Meanwhile, across the Northern Isles the windiest conditions are expected during Thursday daytime. With this depression yet to fully develop there is still some uncertainty regarding the magnitude of the highest gusts and look for this element to be updated during Wednesday.

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

Valid from **21:00 on Wed, 23rd Dec 2015** until **15:00 on Thu, 24th Dec 2015**

A spell of very windy is expected from Wednesday evening into Thursday with gusts likely to reach 60 to 70 mph at times and locally over the Western Isles gusts close to 80 mph are possible.

Over the Western Isles the highest winds are expected during Wednesday night. Over the Northern Isles the highest winds are expected during Thursday daytime. Please be aware that these winds could cause disruption to transport and communication links.

For more details please go to:

<http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings>

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