

Storm Doris will bring strong winds and snow

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Storm Doris has officially been named and is expected to bring damaging winds, rain and some snow to the UK on Thursday.

A deep low pressure system developing in the Atlantic is expected to track across Northern Ireland and northern England on Thursday; it will bring strong winds of up to 80 mph, heavy rain and some snow at higher levels in Scotland and northern England.

An Amber [National Severe Weather Warning](#) has been issued for wind with gusts expected to reach 60-70 mph in central England and Wales with gusts on coasts and hills of around 80mph. Elsewhere across the UK it will still be windy, with widespread gusts of 50-60 mph expected in the north and south of England and southern Wales, a Yellow weather warning is in place for these regions.

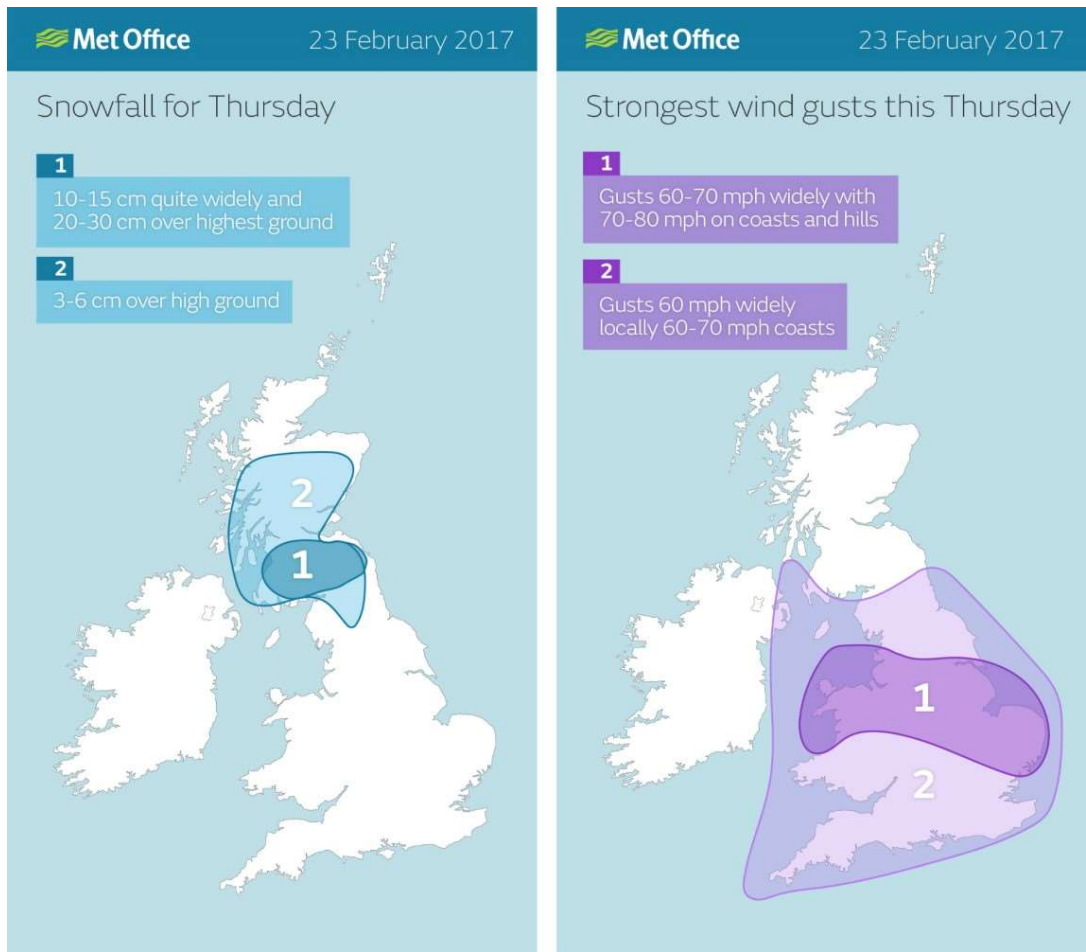
As well as heavy rain in central parts of the UK, it is likely there will be snow on high ground in the far north of England and for much of Scotland which could fall to low levels in some of these areas. An Amber weather warning for snow has been issued for the south of Scotland including the Edinburgh area where there may be more than 20 cm in places. A Yellow weather warning for snow has been issued for a wider area taking in the very north of England and large parts of Scotland. Additionally a Yellow warning for rain has been issued for Northern Ireland, southern Scotland and parts of northwest England over Wednesday night and into Thursday when rainfall totals could reach 20-30 mm.

Wednesday mid-morning forecast 22/02/17



Chief Meteorologist Eddy Carroll said: “Storm Doris will bring damaging winds with some significant disruption likely to central parts of the UK on Thursday, whilst southern Scotland will see some heavy snowfall. People in the warning areas should be prepared for disruptive stormy weather, wind speeds in some locations could reach up to 80 mph so make sure you keep up to date with your local forecast and any weather warnings for your area.

“Friday will bring a welcome break from the unsettled conditions with some bright spells for many and much calmer winds after a cold start with a risk of icy patches. Saturday however will bring further wet and windy weather to the north west of the UK where the rain could be heavy and persistent.”



Transport Minister, Humza Yousaf said: “Transport Scotland is working with the relevant organisations, such as Police Scotland and the road operating companies, to try to mitigate the effects of this latest set of wintry conditions but we would ask road users to be mindful that disruption is likely and to plan accordingly.

“We have more gritters available across the trunk roads this year than ever before and these will be out with patrols across the night and into tomorrow morning and beyond. There is plenty of salt available for treating the roads and the winter control rooms are monitoring conditions 24/7.

“The winter [gritter information](#) page on the Traffic Scotland website pulls together all of the information about treatments, road heights and the Trunk Road Gritter tracker on one page so that people can check what is happening in their area. The Traffic Scotland twitter feed also has the relevant real-time information for the trunk roads.

“The advice is the same for those intending to use public transport. Passengers should check their travel operator’s website before they leave and be mindful that conditions could be difficult in some areas.”

RAC Traffic Watch spokesman Rod Dennis said: "Motorists are advised to take extra care as Storm Doris impacts the UK on Thursday. Be prepared to reduce your speed, allow plenty of room between your car and the vehicle in front and be wary of aquaplaning where water accumulates on the road.

"Be mindful that there will be strong gusts of wind, so ensure you have a good grip of the steering wheel and take extra care when overtaking high-sided vehicles and passing motorcyclists and cyclists who are susceptible to be buffeted and blown off course the wind. In extreme conditions it may be worth delaying your journey if possible until storm conditions pass, but it looks as though Storm Doris's impact will be relatively brief."

As the low pressure moves eastwards over the North Sea later on Thursday the winds will ease with wintry showers in the north. There is a chance of hail and lightning mixed in with these showers in the northwest Thursday night into Friday morning.

On Friday, after a chilly start with a risk of icy patches, most of the UK will see much drier, calmer conditions. By Saturday however, more wet and windy weather will return for the north west with the south staying drier.

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