

 Met Office

Storm Ali

Storm Ali was the first named storm of the 2018/19 storm season. It brought gusts up to 91 mph to Northern Ireland, Scotland, northern England and parts of north Wales.

Storm Ali was named on 18 September with strong winds forecast for the northern areas of the British Isles on the 19 September.

It brought widespread strong winds and heavy rains, with the strongest gusts being recorded in Ireland, Northern Ireland and western Scotland.

Exposed areas saw even higher gusts with Cairngorm Summit recording 105 mph and the Tay Road Bridge recording a gust of 102 mph.

Storm Ali - Maximum gust speeds (mph)

Site name	Area	Max gust (mph)
Killowen	County Down	91
Mace Head	Republic of Ireland	90
Orlock Head	County Down	81
Dundrennan	Dumfries & Galloway	78
Inverbervie	Aberdeenshire	77
Newport	Republic of Ireland	77
Capel Curig	Snowdonia	77
Boulmer	Northumberland	75
Aberdaron	Gwynedd	75

Storm Ali impacts

Storm Ali caused extensive power outages and travel disruption in Northern Ireland and Scotland, including the closure of exposed bridges. There was also damage to buildings and vehicles alongside many fallen trees across the northwest of the UK. Unfortunately, two people also lost their lives as a result of the storm.