



Storm Barbara

23 - 24 December 2016 - Storm Barbara brought strong winds to the UK with warnings issued during the festive getaway.

Storm Barbara impacts

Windy weather was experienced across the country, but the focus of the storm was on parts of north and northwest Scotland.

Over 100 schools were closed in the Highlands were forced to close while train and bus services were disrupted and ferries to the Northern and Western Isles were cancelled.

Two planes attempting to land at Stornoway airport were unable to land and forced to return to Aberdeen and Inverness.

A subsequent warning was also issued for 26 December 2016 with more strong winds following shortly after named [Storm Conor](#).

Storm Barbara - Maximum gust speeds (mph)

Site Name	Area	Max Gust (mph)
Sella Ness	Shetland Islands	83
Sule Skerry	Orkney	78
South Uist	Outer Hebrides	75
Mona	Anglesey	75
Sumburgh	Shetland Islands	71

Satellite imagery of Storm Barbara

This video shows continuous satellite imagery of Storm Barbara forming in the Atlantic Ocean and moving towards the UK: