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This brought a gust of wind of 83 mph at The Needles on the Isle of Wight. Wind gusts of over 70 mph were also recorded around the coasts of Wales and southwest England with inland gusts of between 50-60 mph.

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Storm Atiyah - Maximum wind gusts (mph)

Site Name	Area	Max gust (mph)
Needles Old Battery	Isle of Wight	83
Aberdaron	Gwynedd	77
Aberporth	Dyfed	74
Culdrose	Cornwall	73
St Marys Airport	Isles of Scilly	71
Isle of Portland	Dorset	71
Pembrey Sands	Dyfed	70
Mumbles Head	West Glamorgan	70

Storm Atiyah Impacts

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