



Weather chart for 1200 UTC on 2 June 1953

Daily weather extremes

Highest Maximum Temperature:
14.4 °C at Calshot (Hampshire),
Southsea (Hampshire) and Teignmouth (Devon)

Lowest Maximum Temperature:
7.2 °C at Cape Wrath (Sutherland)

Lowest Minimum Temperature:
3.9 °C at Shawbury (Shropshire) and
Cape Wrath (Sutherland)

Lowest Grass Minimum Temperature:
1.1 °C at Shawbury (Shropshire) and Bristol

Most Rainfall:
68.3 mm at Uswayford (Northumberland)

Most Sunshine:
13.1 hours at Tiree (Argyll)

General summary

Apart from a few showers down eastern coastal counties of England and Scotland, it was a dry night with variable amounts of cloud, the best of any cloud breaks occurred across more southern and western areas. The morning began with mainly cloudy skies across the eastern side of the United Kingdom and the odd spot or two of rain which became heavier and more persistent as the morning progressed. Further west, across western Scotland, Northern Ireland, southwest England and a large part of Wales, the morning also dawned rather cloudy but slowly the skies brightened here with some sunny spells developing especially across the far west of Scotland and Northern Ireland.

During the afternoon the cloudy and wet weather continued across eastern districts which persisted well into the evening. Western areas continued to enjoy the best of the weather with many places having a dry day with good sunny spells.

The wind was a notable feature of the weather on this day, with a brisk moderate to fresh north or north-easterly flow across the whole country.

It was a cold day for early June with temperatures across many places struggling into double figures.

It was particularly cold down the east coast and really quite miserable here given all the cloud and rain as well.

Significant weather event

The cold weather at the beginning of June spread south and east over Europe:

- The 2 June 1953 was the coldest June day in Holland for 100 years
- Heavy snowfalls in the Alps closed many passes
- Italy and Spain had unseasonably cold weather

24-hour rainfall totals

	(mm)	(in.)
Uswayford (Northumberland)	68.3	2.69
Sourhope (Scottish Borders)	64.8	2.55

Highest wind gust

	(knots)	(mph)
South Shields (Co. Durham)	51	59

Daily weather statistics

	London	Edinburgh	Cardiff	Belfast
Maximum Temperature/°C:	12.8	11.1	13.9	10.6
Minimum Temperature/°C:	7.2	6.1	6.7	6.7
Rainfall Amount/mm:	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0 (trace)
Sunshine Amount/hours:	1.0	1.9	12.0	10.5