



Weather chart for 1200 GMT on 26 June 1953

Daily weather extremes

Highest Maximum Temperature:
27.8 °C at Heathrow (London)

Lowest Maximum Temperature:
14.4 °C at Cape Wrath (Sutherland)

Lowest Minimum Temperature:
10.6 °C at Cranfield (Bedfordshire) and Lerwick (Shetland)

Lowest Grass Minimum Temperature:
5.0 °C at Lerwick (Shetland)

Most Rainfall:
106.0 mm at Eskdalemuir (Dumfriesshire)

Most Sunshine:
14.3 hours at Lympne (Kent)

General summary

For much of the country it was a dry night with variable amounts of cloud and turning rather misty towards dawn. Across western Scotland and northern Ireland there were one or two showers during the night accompanied by the odd rumble of thunder but there were generally well scattered.

The morning dawned rather on the grey side but slowly the mist cleared and for much of southern and eastern districts it was a dry morning with some good spells of sunshine. Showers already affecting western Scotland and Northern Ireland developed elsewhere across northern and western districts and some of these became heavy with hail and thunder at times.

Showers and thunderstorms continued across some northern and western parts of the country during the afternoon but for southern and eastern districts it was a fine afternoon with some good spells of sunshine.

Winds were generally light and from the northeast.

It was a warm day across the country and very warm, locally hot across parts of southeast England.

Significant weather event

Severe thunderstorms occurred at times on the 26th when they were accompanied by very heavy rain causing locally severe floods and considerable damage. During these events there were some quite remarkable downpours in relatively short periods of time. Most notable were:

- 3.15 inches (80.0 mm) in 30 minutes at Eskdalemuir (Dumfriesshire)
- 2.84 inches (72.1 mm) in 55 minutes at Holehird, Windermere (Westmorland)
- 2.09 inches (53.1 mm) in 39 minutes at Langley (Cheshire)
- 1.72 inches (43.7 mm) in 15 minutes at Nelson (Lancashire)

24-hour rainfall totals

	Rainfall	
	(mm)	(in.)
Eskdalemuir (Dumfriesshire)	106.0	4.17
Malham Tarn (West Yorkshire)	91.7	3.61
Holehird, Windermere (Westmorland)	84.3	3.32
Crookburn (Lancashire)	84.1	3.31
Tower Wood Sewage Works (Westmorland)	70.4	2.77
Ambleside (Westmorland)	60.5	2.38
Nelson (Lancashire)	56.6	2.23
Pembroke Dock (Pembrokeshire)	52.8	2.08
Renfrew (Renfrewshire)	35.8	1.41
Glasgow, Springburn Park (Lanarkshire)	34.5	1.36
Balmoral (Aberdeenshire)	34.0	1.34

Daily weather statistics

	London	Edinburgh	Cardiff	Belfast
Maximum Temperature/°C:	26.2	20.0	26.1	15.6
Minimum Temperature/°C:	13.8	13.9	15.0	13.9
Rainfall Amount/mm:	0.0	0.7	8.1	5.1
Sunshine Amount/hours:	12.0	2.4	8.2	0.0