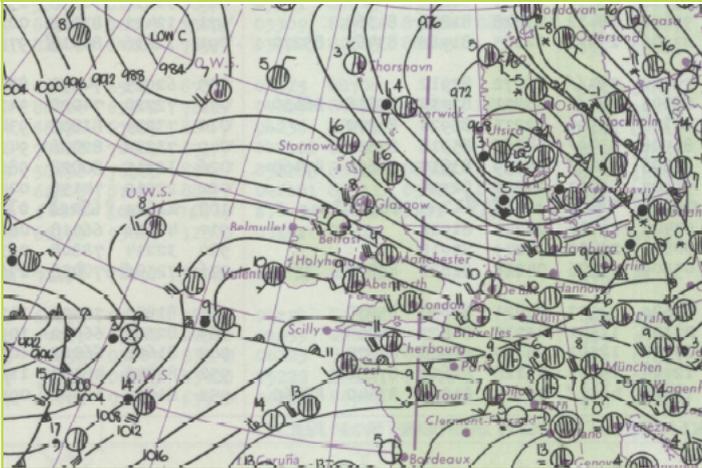


Weather chart for 1200 UTC on 15 January 1968



General summary

It was a showery night across Scotland and Northern Ireland with blustery showers across many areas accompanied by gale or severe gale force winds which touched storm force at times across central and western Scotland during the early hours. By dawn much of the persistent rain across southern areas had cleared away south-eastwards to leave behind a scattering of showers, some of which were on the heavy side with hail and thunder especially across western Scotland. Showers continued into the afternoon across northern and western districts. It was a windy day generally and particularly so across Scotland with severe gale to storm force winds across the central region during the early hours. It was a mild day initially across the United Kingdom but temperatures fell somewhat during the afternoon.

Significant weather event

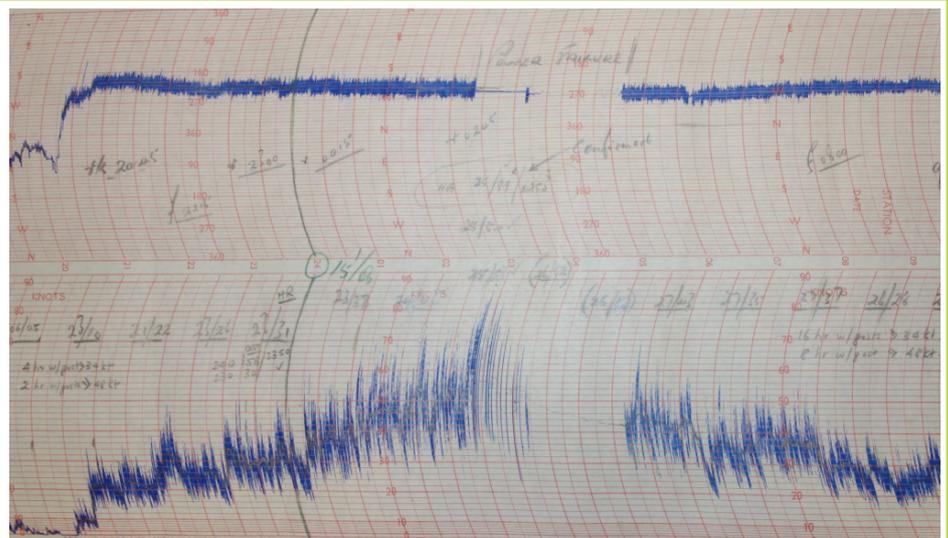
Gale damage was extensive in central Scotland, and Glasgow was particularly badly hit with gusts exceeding 90 knots in many places.

Also 250,000 houses were damaged in Scotland, leaving more than 2,000 people homeless.

20 people died across central Scotland, 9 in Glasgow alone.

Highest gust speeds (from low level sites):

- Tiree 102 knots (118 mph)
- Bell Rock 96 knots (111 mph)
- Leuchars 92 knots (106 mph)
- Turnhouse 90 knots (104 mph)
- Prestwick 90 knots (104 mph)
- Abbotsinch 89 knots (103 mph)



Anemogram for Abbotsinch for 14/15 January 1968, showing a highest hourly mean of 53 knots (at 03:00 UTC) and maximum gust of 89 knots (at 02:55 UTC).

Daily weather extremes

Highest Maximum Temperature

14.4 °C at Santon Downham, Grimes Graves (Norfolk)

Lowest Minimum Temperature

-1.7 °C at Mackworth (Derbyshire)

Most Rainfall

43.9 mm at Ceinws (Powys) and Abergynolwyn (Gwynedd)

Most Sunshine

6.8 hours at Clacton-On-Sea (Essex)