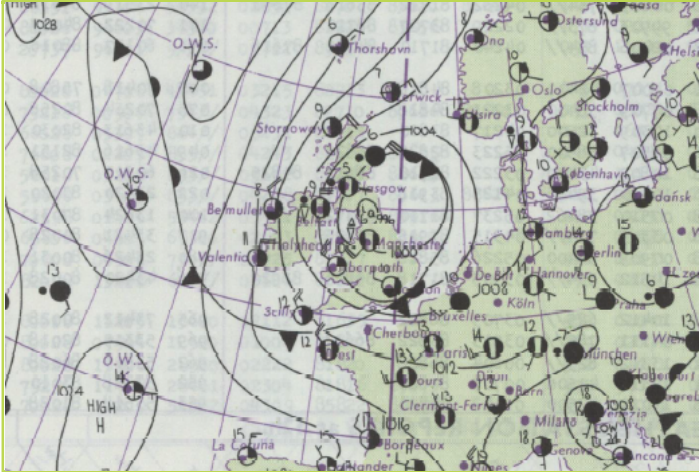


Weather chart for 1200 UTC on 2 June 1975



General summary

A band of rain, with some sleet or snow in places, across the Midlands quickly pushed south to lie across southern counties of England by midday. The afternoon saw this cloud and rain, with some sleet or snow in places, across southern England clear away into the English Channel. This was followed by a mixture of sunshine and showers, some of the showers were wintry in nature with sleet and snow especially across northern areas but not exclusively so. Snow showers were reported as far south as the London area. Winds were light to moderate across eastern England but a fresh to strong northerly wind affected many western areas of the United Kingdom. It was a cold day for the beginning of June everywhere with temperatures well below the seasonable average.

Significant weather event

Sleet and snow were reported in East Anglia and the Midlands and even penetrated as far south as the London area. This was the first time since 1888 that snow and sleet had been reported as widely so far south during the summer. Several county cricket matches were abandoned due to snow, the most notable were between Essex and Kent at Castle Park, Colchester and between Derbyshire and Lancashire at Buxton. Strong to gale force winds, occasionally severe on coasts, occurred in Scotland and Northern Ireland with many places reporting gusts in excess of 40 knots.

Highest gust speeds:

Benbecula 70 knots (81 mph)

Tiree 64 knots (74 mph)

Ballpatrick Forest 60 knots (69 mph)

Part of hourly British Isles chart for 10am on 2 June 1975 showing plot of observations of snowfall small stars especially across eastern areas of England

Daily weather extremes

Highest Maximum Temperature

15.4 °C at Heathrow Airport (Greater London)

Lowest Minimum Temperature

-3.3 °C at Gleneages (Tayside)

Most Rainfall

23.8 mm at Snainton (North Yorkshire)

Most Sunshine

13.4 hours at Lerwick (Shetland)