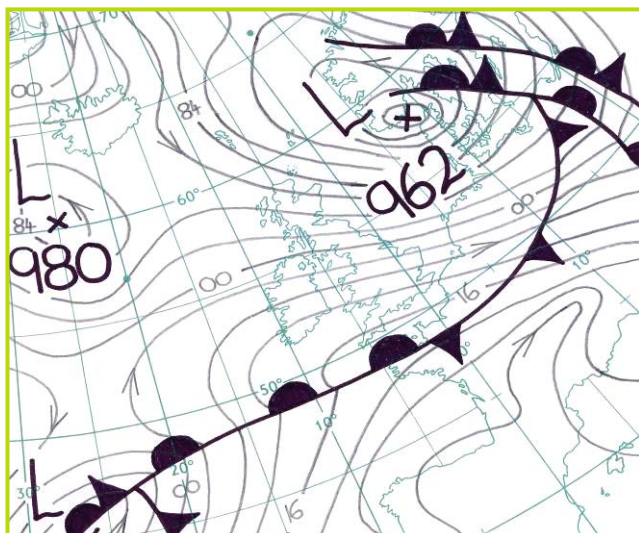


Monday 15 January 1968

(Great Glasgow Storm)



Weather chart for 1200 UTC on 15 January 1968

Daily weather extremes

Highest Maximum Temperature:

11.8 °C at St James's Park (London) and East Malling (Kent)

Lowest Maximum Temperature:

5.1 °C at Lerwick (Shetland)

Lowest Minimum Temperature:

0.7 °C at Dyce (Aberdeenshire)

Lowest Grass Minimum Temperature:

-1.7 °C at Fyvie Castle (Aberdeenshire)

Most Rainfall:

24.9 mm at South Barrule Quarries (Isle of Man)

Most Sunshine:

6.6 hours at Gorleston (Norfolk)

General summary

England and Wales had a cloudy night with outbreaks of rain initially. However, during the night somewhat drier and clearer weather albeit with a few showers especially across western areas moved down from the north. Scotland and Northern Ireland had a wet night with heavy and persistent rain accompanied by strong to gale or even severe gale force winds especially across central and western Scotland.

By dawn much of the persistent rain across the United Kingdom had cleared away south and eastwards to leave behind a scattering of showers, some of which were on the heavy side with hail and thunder especially across western Scotland. Much of southern and eastern England and South Wales had a dry morning with sunny intervals.

Showers continued into the afternoon across western districts and before nightfall more persistent rain had moved back into parts of southwest England. Elsewhere across eastern districts, apart from the odd isolated shower across northeast England, it was dry with clear spells.

It was a windy day generally and particularly so across Scotland with severe gales across the central region during the morning.

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 with gusts exceeding 90 knots in many places, was particularly badly hit
- 250,000 houses damaged in Scotland, leaving more than 2,000 people homeless
- 20 people dead across central Scotland, 9 in Glasgow alone

Highest gust speeds

	Gust speed	
	(knots)	(mph)
Great Dun Fell (Westmorland)	116	134
Tiree (Argyll)	102	118
Bell Rock (Angus)	96	111
Cairngorm (Inverness-shire)	93	107
Leuchars (Fife)	92	106
Turnhouse (Midlothian)	90	104
Prestwick (Ayrshire)	90	104
Abbotsinch (Renfrewshire)	89	103

Daily weather statistics

	London	Edinburgh	Cardiff	Belfast
Maximum Temperature/°C:	11.7	8.3	11.1	8.8
Minimum Temperature/°C:	9.4	3.9	8.9	5.6
Rainfall Amount/mm:	0.0	3.6	4.6	6.8
Sunshine Amount/hours:	4.9	2.3	2.2	3.3