

21st December 2025: Quarter Day Update

Where the wind blows on 21st December gives the winter wind and weather. It is also the shortest day of the year and the longest night.

Happy winter solstice.

Today, the predominant winds were easterly, later in the day swinging round to a north-easterly direction.

The winter to date has been wet and mild. This will now change — winter has officially arrived. The weather will become very cold, and the cold will last well into April.

For full details on the coming winter, please visit the Winter Forecast 2025/26, which remains unchanged. Disruptive snow is expected to arrive in February 2026.

Another word of warning – the eagle-eyed among you will have noticed the abundance of wildflowers already flowering. This is bad news, and another sure sign of the severe winter to come.

I would advise taking any sensible precautions now – snow socks, etc. Good quality options are widely available.

Last year was only a prelude; this winter is the main event.

Please note that I aim to have the January 2026 website entry online tomorrow.

Finally, I wish all readers a happy, healthy, and peaceful festive season. I hope the New Year brings you all that you aspire to.

Best wishes,

Lesley