



WEATHER ALERT FROM BRITISH WEATHER SERVICES!!!

Warning No: 141

ISSUED: 10.00 HOURS SAT 20TH FEB 2010

1.
REGIONS: ENGLAND AND WALES (CORNWALL & MOST COASTAL FRINGES APART).
PERIOD: 0001-1800 HOURS SUNDAY 21ST FEB
ELEMENTS: SNOW/ICE.
STATUS: **AMBER (RED WATCH).**

2.
REGIONS: THE MIDLANDS, NORTHERN ENGLAND, CENTRAL SOUTHERN ENGLAND AND NORTH/MID WALES.
PERIOD: 0001 HOURS SUNDAY 21ST FEB – 1800 HOURS MON 22ND FEB
ELEMENTS: SNOW/ICE.
STATUS: **AMBER (RED WATCH).**

Status definitions: Red = Extreme peril. Amber = Moderate -severe peril. Green = Slight to moderate peril.

DETAIL: 1. As temperatures drop this evening, a band of significant precipitation will move in from the Atlantic. As it does so, it will readily turn to snow as it travels west to east across England and Wales. Away from the slightly milder coastal fringes and Cornwall (Bodmin Moor apart); anything between 5 and 10cm of snow can be expected, with some prone areas in the west and hillier parts of central/eastern parts seeing 20cm or so. In the south, the snow will be a temporary affair, as milder air overtakes the cold – but all areas can expect dangerous conditions in the overnight and through much of Sunday, before the rain/snow mix moves out into the North Sea later Sunday.

2. A further band of precipitation will then push northwards from the English Channel through England and Wales overnight Sunday into Monday. South of the M4 corridor this is likely to be rain, however north of that point – and especially into the Midlands/Mid Wales northwards snow will prevail, with significant falls likely (5-20cm).

This is a highly volatile and changeable situation. Nothing should be taken for granted, as considerable danger could well prevail. All necessary precautions should be taken.

**** To be forewarned is to be forearmed ****