

WEATHER



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Today

Area A
Morning: Rather cloudy at times with the chance of some patchy snow.
Afternoon: Sunny spells, but still with a chance of an isolated snow shower.
Details: A moderate north-easterly wind, becoming north-westerly with a maximum of 2C (36F).
Tonight: Rather cloudy at times, but staying mainly dry with some clear spells and a sharpe frost. A light north-westerly wind, temperatures will fall to -4C (25F).

Area B
Morning: Rather a cloudy and cold start to the day with the chance of further sleet or snow.
Afternoon: Staying generally cloudy with the chance of some more snow flurries.
Details: Maximum temperature 3C (37F) in a light or moderate wind from the north-east.
Tonight: Cold and cloudy with the chance of some sleet or snow showers. Temperatures will fall to -3C (27F) with a light north-easterly wind, becoming north-westerly.

North Sea
 North-easterly force 3 to 5, sea moderate to rough.

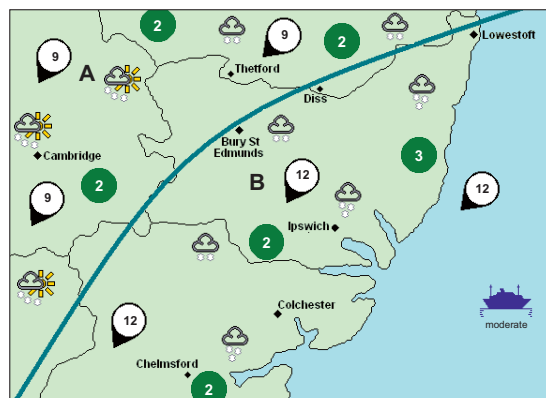
Local outlook

Tomorrow
 Some sunny intervals, but with a few sleet or snow showers. There will be a light westerly wind, the max temp 2C (36F) min temp -4C (25F).

Sunday
 Staying dry but cold and windy with some spells of brightness or sunshine. A moderate westerly wind. Max temp 2C (36F) min temp -2C (28F).

Monday
 A few bright or sunny spells, but mostly cloudy although staying dry. Moderate southerly wind and a max temp of 4C (39F) min temp 1C (34F).

Weather at noon



UK summary

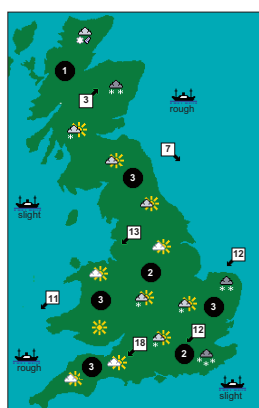
South
 Generally a cloudy day with snow at times, easing later. Tonight rather cloudy at times but staying mainly dry with some clear spells. Max 4C (39F) Min -4C (25F).

West
 Areas of cloud from time to time but staying mainly dry, but cold. Tonight another cold night, with patchy cloud bringing the risk of some light snow or sleet showers. Max 3C (37F) Min -3C (27F).

Midlands
 An odd snow showers in the east, but otherwise mainly dry with sunny intervals. Tonight rather cloudy at times but staying mainly dry with some clear spells. Max 2C (36F) Min -4C (25F).

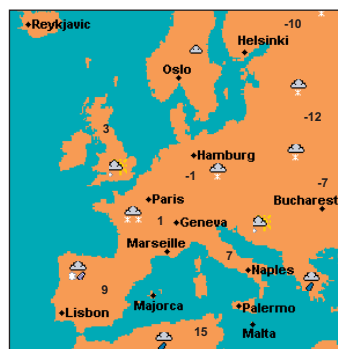
North
 Areas of cloud bringing the chance of a wintry shower but mainly dry with sunny spells. Tonight cold and cloudy with the chance of some sleet or snow showers. Max 4C (39F) Min -1C (30F).

Scotland
 Mostly cloudy with a band of sleet or snow drifting southwards across



Scotland during the day. Tonight rather cloudy at times but staying mainly dry with some clear spells. Max 1C (34F) Min -4C (25F).

Wales
 Staying dry and cold with sunny spells. Tonight another cold night, with patchy cloud bringing the risk of some light snow or sleet showers. Max 3C (37F) Min -1C (30F).



Europe

A very cold area of high pressure will persist across western Russia, but some light snow is possible across much of eastern Europe and Scandinavia, with heavy snow likely in the Balkan region. Rain is likely across the Greek Islands. Snow will also be possible across Germany, the Low Countries and much of France and the Alps. Northern Italy will see patchy snow, but it will be drier in southern Italy. Iberia will experience rain in the south and snow in the north.

High tides

Tidal differences on Harwich
Harwich 0020 1246

Lowestoft	- 2.23	Ipswich	+ 0.20
Southwold	- 1.48	Mistley/Wivenhoe	+ 0.20
Aldeburgh (front)	- 1.03	Burnham-on-Crouch	+ 0.30
Orford Bar	- 0.25	Woodbridge	+ 0.45
Woodbridge Haven	+ 0.50	Maldon	+ 0.50
and Felixstowe Pier	- 0.25	Slaughden (quay)	+ 1.15
Colne Point	+ 0.10	Snape Bridge	+ 1.45

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World yesterday

Place	C	F	Weather	Place	C	F	Weather
Alicante	21	70	s	Dublin	6	43	s
Amsterdam	1	34	m	Dubrovnik	6	43	r
Athens	16	61	s	Edmonton	-18	0	s
Atlanta	9	48	s	Eilat	23	73	s
Auckland	19	66	pc	Faro	17	63	f
Bahamas	27	81	c	Florence	4	39	s
Bahrain	22	72	f	Frankfurt	-1	30	s
Barcelona	6	43	pc	Galway	7	45	s
Beijing	-4	25	f	Geneva	-1	30	s
Benidorm	21	70	s	Gibraltar	17	63	s
Bermuda	21	70	r	Hanoi	17	63	c
Bodrum	13	55	s	Harare	22	72	s
Bordeaux	1	34	f	Havana	30	86	pc
Brest	6	43	r	Helsinki	-12	10	sn
Brisbane	28	82	s	Honolulu	12	54	s
Brussels	0	32	sn	Ibiza	18	64	s
Budapest	-5	23	pc	Istanbul	7	45	m
Buenos A's	20	68	r	Johannesb'g	26	79	s
Cairo	19	66	s	Karachi	26	79	pc
Calcutta	27	81	ha	Kathmandu	19	66	s
Calgary	2	36	pc	Kingston	28	82	r
Canberra	36	97	f	Kuala Lu'pur	30	86	s
Cape Town	21	70	s	Larnaca	18	64	s
Casablanca	21	70	pc	Lima	25	77	s
Chicago	-8	18	s	Los Angeles	18	64	s
Colombo	30	86	pc	Luxemb'g	-4	25	s
Copenh'n	-4	25	sn	Luxor	22	72	s
Crete	17	63	s	Madeira	21	70	c
Dakar	27	81	f	Madrid	9	48	pc
Darwin	29	84	sh	Majorca	17	63	pc
Denver	11	52	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Dubai	24	75	s	Malta	17	63	s
				Marseille	3	37	f
				Mecca	29	84	s
				Menorca	12	54	pc
				Miami	28	82	pc
				Milan	2	36	m
				Montreal	-10	14	sn
				Mumbai	31	88	s
				Nairobi	26	79	s
				Naples	9	48	pc
				New Delhi	20	68	m
				New York	3	37	pc
				Nice	4	39	pc
				Oslo	-10	14	s
				Paris	-2	28	sn
				Perth	24	75	f
				Rhodes	17	63	s
				Rome	9	48	s
				Sao Paulo	28	82	pc
				Sicily	16	61	s
				Singapore	26	79	sh
				St Petersburg	-17	1	m
				Stockholm	-6	21	pc
				Sydney	31	88	s
				Tenerife	21	70	s
				Tokyo	8	46	s
				Toronto	-5	23	s
				Valencia	17	63	s
				Vancouver	9	48	r
				Venice	0	32	c
				Vienna	-5	23	sn
				Warsaw	-12	10	pc
				Washington	2	36	s
				Zurich	-3	27	s

Britain yesterday

Place	C	F	Weather	Place	C	F	Weather
Aberdeen	3	37	cloudy	Lincoln	4	39	cloudy
Alexsey	8	46	sunny	Manchester	5	39	sunny
Avenmore	4	39	snow	Nottingham	3	37	cloudy
Belfast	6	43	sunny	Norwich	3	37	sleet
Bridlington	7	45	sunny	Nottingham	5	41	cloudy
Dover	4	39	cloudy	Orkney	6	43	sunny
Eastbourne	4	39	cloudy	Oxford	4	39	sunny
Edinburgh	5	41	snow	Penzance	6	43	sunny
Glasgow	5	41	sunny	Peterboro'	4	39	cloudy
Guernsey	6	43	cloudy	Plymouth	6	43	cloudy
Ipswich	3	37	sleet	Portsmouth	4	39	fair
Isle of Man	7	45	sunny	Scilly Isles	8	46	sunny
King's Lynn	4	39	hail	Torquay	6	43	fair
Lerwick	5	41	cloudy	Whitby	7	45	cloudy
				Wick	5	41	cloudy

Sun & Moon

Sunrise 0800 sunset 1544.
 LIGHTING-UP TIME: Sunset to sunrise.
 Moonrise 0933 moonset 1735.
 Phase of moon: First quarter on December 24 at 1736.
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NEWS



APPROVED: An artist's impression of the Southwold pier hotel Photograph: BAREFOOT AND GILLES

Sea views on offer as pier hotel agreed

ATTRACTION: Five-storey replacement for pavilion

By Hayley Mace

HOLIDAYMAKERS coming to one of the east coast's most popular seaside towns will soon be able to stay at a top attraction now that plans for an hotel on Southwold pier have been given the go-ahead.

Proposals to build a 30-bedroom five storey hotel in place of the existing pavilion have been backed by Waveney District Council's development control committee.

It is hoped that the new hotel will provide pier owners Stephen and Antonia Bournes with the opportunity to expand the local tourism industry and attract visitors all year round.

Mr Bournes told the committee that the new hotel would create six full time and six part time jobs, in addition to the large number of staff he already employs which tops about 95 in the height of summer in his restaurants and shops at the pier, since transforming its image more upmarket.

He said that some of the small bed and breakfast hotels in the resort have recently closed, with the loss of about 30 beds for visitors.

"We are iconic within the tourism business, and tourism is a major industry in Suffolk," he said.

Permission to build 10 two-bedroom apartments on the upper floor of Southwold Pier, along with other improvements, was granted in April 2007 but it was decided that the accommodation could only be used on a seasonal basis.

The new hotel, which will take about 14

months to build, will be open all-year round and a multi-purpose room will be built on the pier behind the hotel to replace the old function room.

A number of locals and Southwold Town Council raised concerns over the availability of car parking, but Mr Bournes said he will be encouraging hotel guests to use public transport when possible and will be focusing on week-long stays so as not to worsen the congestion caused by the large number of day visitors to the town in the summer.

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Councillor Paul Ashdown said: "Southwold is a unique place and I think this development will enhance that."

"It will make this building up to date and add accommodation which we are losing at this moment in time."

The committee approved the plans with conditions including that the Environment Agency's flood risk recommendations will be followed and that a construction management plan and green transport plan will be produced.