

Low pressure to the north of Scotland persisted into the 11th with a high pressure cell to the south east. This fed a mainly WSW air stream across the country leading to a very hot day, temperatures reaching a peak of 27.5C in the afternoon, some 11.4 hours of hazy sunshine being recorded. The parent low off north west Scotland forced a weak cold front south eastwards across the region early on the 12th, a period of light rain occurring from 0740 to 0758 UTC.

This front had cleared the country completely by mid afternoon, the Midlands returning to broken skies with sunny periods and a much fresher north westerly air stream. Maximum temperatures reached a much more acceptable 20.4C with 8.1 hours sunshine. Overnight on the 12th/13th the low had moved to the east of the Orkneys and was filling, allowing further frontal systems to encroach towards the Scottish coast whilst the south remained under the influence of a ridge of high pressure. The 13th was a generally cloudy day with spits of light rain on and off and sunny spells, all in the morning, and amounting to 3.2 hours, with a rather cool north west to west wind. Afternoon temperatures were pegged at 17.6C, a rise of only 2C from the 09.00 reading.

The 14th saw an Atlantic low to the south west of Iceland with its attendant fronts pushing into Ireland and the north west approaches to Scotland, whilst the high centre near Finisterre was showing signs of decay. A weakening cold front made headway south eastwards during the day giving spells of drizzle and light rain. The front passed at 23.36UTC giving a spell of quite heavy rain, a rate of 31mm/hr being registered at 0031 UTC on the 15th. Behind this skies cleared and the wind veered SW to NW, gradually then backing SW. By 09.00 UTC on the 15th a fall of 8.4mm had been recorded, the heaviest of the month to date.

Early on the 15th a deepening Atlantic low was approaching Finisterre, with a further low to the south west of Iceland, the latter pushing a cold front eastwards towards the UK. This brought a period of light rain to the area during the small hours, though once passed the ensuing day was one of long sunny periods with an afternoon maximum of 20.2C. By the 16th the low to the south west of Iceland was moving north eastwards and filling whilst a ridge was maintained from the Azores to the Low Countries. The south of the UK continued with its spells of dry, warm and relatively settled weather, the weak fronts which moved from north west to south east becoming fragmented and carrying little rain in an area south of the Cheshire Gap.

Both the 17th and the 18th saw a continuation of this split between the cooler, wetter weather in the north, and the drier warmer conditions in the south. Maximum temperatures on both days climbed above 21C, with well over 5 hours of sunshine, though weak fronts continued to be propelled south eastwards by the parent low off Scotland. The 19th dawned almost cloud free with a light SSW wind leading to a very warm and sunny, though hazy day. Temperatures peaked at 24.1C in the afternoon, the warmest since the 12th, and the day produced a total of 12.4 hours of sunshine.

With low pressure still to the north west of the UK and weak frontal systems crossing the country from north west to south east the 20th was a more unsettled day though it began in bright sunshine. By late afternoon a weakening front brought spells of light and intermittent rain to the Midlands which continued, on and off, until midnight. From 0555 UTC on the 21st this rain became much heavier and more persistent giving way around 0650 to continuous but light rain and drizzle. By early afternoon the sky was more broken and sunny periods developed widely giving a total of 5.8 hours of sunshine though maximum temperatures were held to 18.0C.