



Exacta Weather – Spring 2013 Forecast

The start to spring 2013 and the March period is likely to see a continuation of winter conditions for the UK and Ireland. It is likely to be an unusually cold and exceptionally snowy month for many parts of the country. Our forecasting parameters indicate that March could turn out to be a potentially record-breaking month in regard to the major cold and snow episodes that are likely to develop. There is the potential for some exceptionally heavy falls of snow to develop across many parts of the country. The northern half of the country is also likely to experience the worst of the cold and snowy conditions. However, it is also likely that the southern half of the country will experience a number of major snow events at times throughout the March period too. It is highly likely that there will be a number of school closures and disruption to the public transport network across the country too **(purchasers of this forecast will therefore receive a free snow risk dates and temperature forecast in the early part of 2013 for this given period).**

The March period will also be particularly windy at times too, this will lead to the development of some especially high powered winds. This is also likely to result in some very dangerous blizzard conditions at times under the right conditions, especially in the southern half of the country. It is also likely to be a relatively dry start to spring in terms of rainfall amounts across the country, but not in terms of precipitation as snowfall.

The April period is also likely to see a continuation of these wintry conditions to begin with, especially across the northern half of the country. It will also be particularly windy or very windy at times once again too. However, the April period is also likely to see a potential shift in this pattern as we progress throughout the month, leading to a much more settled and warmer spell of weather for many parts of the country. It is quite plausible that temperatures could range between 1C to 4C above the seasonal average across the country for the development of this given period, but especially more so in the southern half of the country. However, the colder than average theme is likely to return at some point towards the end of this period and as we head into the final month of the meteorological spring.

The cooler than average theme and a return to the more wintry conditions are then likely to redevelop as we head into the May period for at least the first two to three quarters of the month. However, this is likely to become more confined to northern and eastern parts of the country for this given period. As we progress throughout the remainder of the month and into the start of June, it is then likely to become potentially very warm, but with this comes the risk of some developing thunderstorms and the risk of flash flooding in places for this period. Depending on how warm this period becomes, temperatures are likely to come in at more near or below the seasonal average for the May period as whole. The below-average rainfall from the winter of 12/13 and the months of spring are also likely to produce many headlines about drought fears across the country (especially in the southern half of the country) as we head into the start of the meteorological summer, more on this to follow in the summer 2013 forecast.



March 2013: Cold, Snowy, and Windy

Forecasting Confidence: Moderate to high

Potentially record-breaking month in regard to major cold and snow episodes



April 2013: Cold and wintry start, before turning much warmer and more settled

Forecasting Confidence: Moderate to high



May 2013: Cold, then much warmer + thunderstorm/flash flooding risk

Forecasting Confidence: Moderate to high

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