

UK records hottest day as Europe battles wildfires



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The UK has recorded its hottest day of the year so far, with temperatures soaring to 33.5°C (92.3°F) in East Malling, Kent, amid a heatwave sweeping across Europe. Forecasters say temperatures could still climb to 34°C, with a slight chance of hitting 35°C in parts of southern England.

The heatwave has brought blazing sunshine to the coastal towns of Hastings and Dorset, while the

countryside in Guernsey, the second-largest of the Channel Islands, is in full summer bloom. An amber heat alert has been extended for parts of England through Wednesday, as the UK braces for continued high temperatures and unpredictable conditions.

Public health officials are urging people to stay hydrated, avoid prolonged sun exposure, and check on vulnerable individuals, especially the elderly and those with health conditions. The heatwave is also placing added strain on infrastructure, with transport services and emergency responders on high alert.

Elsewhere in Europe, Turkey is battling a series of wildfires triggered by scorching heat and dry winds. Firefighters are struggling to contain the blazes in several provinces, with evacuations ordered in affected areas. Similar heat-induced wildfires have also been reported in parts of southern Europe, including Greece and Italy.

The Met Office continues to monitor the situation closely and has encouraged the public to report weather conditions through the BBC Weather Watchers platform. Authorities are advising people to take precautions as heatwaves become increasingly common across the continent due to climate change.

Further updates on the developing weather patterns and their impact across the UK and Europe are expected throughout the week

