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## **Stormy and mild**

The first half of December was cold and relatively calm, whilst the second half was stormy and unusually mild.

Rainfall at 3.66 inches (93mm) was almost a third up on usual with about an inch of this falling in 10 hours on the 20th. From the 7th to 26th there were only three days with no rain.

Temperatures, picked up towards the end of the month, giving one of the mildest Christmas holidays on record with 54F (12.2C) being reached on the 27th.

Winds were moderate to fresh, exceeding gale force on five days.

Sunshine was a little above average at just over 50 hours—the best day, the 10th providing six hours.