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SEPTEMBER: CHANGEABLE AND RATHER UNSETTLED.

After the balmy days of summer, with seemingly endless sunshine and blue skies, September rapidly gave way to the first signs of Autumn.

The month began hot, 24.1C [76F] being recorded on the 1st., but Atlantic systems brought in moister and cooler air and by the 6th. we had the coldest night of the month, 3.6C [38F] being recorded in the air and minus 0.6 [31F] on the ground giving the first frost since May 14. However, the mean temperature at 13.5C [56F] was well up to expectation despite three ground frosts on the 6th., 7th. and 26th.

Rainfall was above normal at 111mm [4.37ins] some 60% above the customary fall. By far the wettest day was the 13th. when almost an inch fell in a little over 5 hours, mainly during the night. Rain was recorded on 16 days with 12 being "wet" and 8 "very wet".

Skies were overcast on 8 mornings, which has led to a deficit in sunshine totals for the first time in three months.

Winds have been predominantly westerly, and have gained in strength. The mean speed was 7 m.p.h. with the maximum gust of 33 m.p.h. occurring on the 3rd.

Thunder was heard on two days with hail on one and fog on two occasions.

In summary, an unsettled, wet month, with about average temperatures heralding the onset of Autumn.