We have to go back to 1974 to find a wetter January than the one just passed. Indeed, there have been only three wetter since 1946.

Rain as recorded on 24 out of the 31 days with a total fall of a little over 116mm (4.67 in).

Over 30mm (1.21in) of this was recorded in the heavy rain, then snow, of January 28 during the period from 8 pm to midnight. Had all of this fallen as snow, then we would have got up on January 29 to a depth of 14½ inches instead of the 6 inches which we had.

Temperatures were variable, the beginning and end of the month being cold, whilst the middle was relatively mild.

Air temperatures ranged from minus 6.1°C (21°F) on the 26th to 10.5°C (51°F) on the 13th and 18th. On the ground the worst frost was minus 9.4°C (15°F) also on the 26th.

Temperatures were, on the whole, a little below average with 16 air, and 19 ground frosts.