

THE WEATHER OF OCTOBER 1990

October was fairly typical of Octobers in general. Rainfall, has, at last, picked up, the 87mm [3.43in] representing 150% of the normal monthly fall. Indeed, the 22 hours of rain on the 18th gave the wettest 24-hour spell since 1987 and the wettest spell of October weather on record.

Temperatures were well up to expectation, the 22.2C [72F] on the 12th being the warmest October day since 1985. The night minimum of 14C [58F] on the 6th also gave the warmest October night since 1983

Sunshine at 95 hours, was well up to expectation, though parts of the month were dull, 5 totally sunless days being recorded.

Wind was also a feature of the month with gale force gusts to 35kn [40mph] on the 6th. However, frost was much down on the normal October values with all soil and earth temperatures still significantly above average.