

THE WEATHER OF DECEMBER 1990.

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DECEMBER BEGAN MILD AND DRY. FROSTY WEATHER ENSUED FROM THE 6TH TO 19TH WITH SEVERE BLIZZARD CONDITIONS ON THE NIGHT OF 7/8TH AND DURING THE 8TH GIVING WORST CONDITIONS IN A DECADE. LEVEL SNOW WAS 20CM DEEP ON THE 8TH WITH DRIFTS UP TO 50 CM IN PLACES UNDER THE 45 KNOT WINDS.

☔ A WETTER SPELL BEGAN ON THE 17TH AND LASTED UNTIL THE 31ST. CHRISTMAS DAY HAD EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS WITH HAIL, SLEET AND THUNDER BETWEEN 0945 AND 1015, THE WIND AGAIN GUSTING TO 45 KNOTS. LOCAL DAMAGE OCCURRED.

SUNSHINE CONTINUED ABOVE AVERAGE, THOUGH 15 DAYS WERE SUNLESS. RAINFALL WAS MARGINALLY BELOW EXPECTATION AS WERE MOST TEMPERATURES. GROUND FROST WAS 50% UP ON NORMAL (WORST SINCE 1981) AND AIR FROST 7% ABOVE AVERAGE.

SNOW LAY ON 4 MORNINGS, ALSO ABOVE EXPECTATION. THE TWO OCCASIONS OF THUNDER WAS A RECORD FOR DECEMBER.