

## THE WEATHER OF OCTOBER 1991.

October was a variable month with a warm and sunny start, cold middle and a dull and wet end.

Rainfall continues below the 30-year norm at 51mm (2.01in), 83% of usual for the month, though the 17 days of rain were above expectation.

Five ground frosts were noted, the most severe of  $-2.6\text{C}$  ( $27\text{F}$ ) on the 6th. No air frost occurred. Both the mean maximum of  $13\text{C}$  ( $55\text{F}$ ) and the mean daily of  $9.8\text{C}$  ( $50\text{F}$ ) were below normal for October.

Sunshine was 12 hours less than customary, the 9 sunless days being the worst since 1982 and the 8th worst on record.

Twenty-four gale force gusts were noted over 2 days, the strongest to 38 knots (44mph) on the 17th.