

# THE WEATHER OF DECEMBER 1991.

## G E N E R A L      C O M M E N T S

AFTER A COLD START WITH PERIODS OF FREEZING FOG MID-MONTH, DECEMBER ENDED RELATIVELY MILD AND WINDY.

THE MAXIMUM SEA-LEVEL PRESSURE OF 1042.7MB ON THE 25TH WAS HIGHEST DECEMBER READING SINCE 9.12.70, THE MEAN MONTHLY PRESSURE OF 1026.5MB SETTING A NEW RECORD FOR THE MONTH.

THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 13.5C ON THE 22ND WAS HIGHEST SINCE 1985, THE LOW OF MINUS 8.2C ON THE 12TH BEING THE LOWEST SINCE 1985.

MEAN DAILY TEMPERATURES WERE AROUND EXPECTATION.

RAINFALL AT ONLY 10.1MM WAS THE LOWEST ON RECORD [PREVIOUS LOWEST 12.2MM IN 1963]. THE 7 DAYS WITH RAIN, AND 3 WET DAYS, BOTH SET NEW LOWS FOR THE MONTH.

SUNSHINE AT 33.4 HOURS WAS WELL DOWN, THOUGH 3 TIMES THE RECORD LOW OF 1985 [10.5 HOURS]. THE 17 SUNLESS DAYS WAS THE WORST SINCE 1989 AND THE 4TH WORST ON RECORD.

THERE WERE 15 GROUND, AND 10 AIR, FROSTS WITH 2 DAYS OF FREEZING FOG. THERE WAS NO INCIDENCE OF SNOW, SLEET OR HAIL THOUGH GALE FORCE GUSTS OCCURRED ON 6 DAYS WITH GUSTS TO 51 KNOTS [60MPH] ON THE 23RD, THE ONLY DAY WITH A FULL GALE.