

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

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January was depressingly dull, cold and foggy.

Mean temperatures were well below the 30-year norms, with 8 cold days (mean below 0C) and 1 very cold day (max below 0C). In all there were 16 ground and 13 air frosts, the worst to minus 10.8C on the 23rd.

Rainfall was 16% above normal, with over half of this falling in 20 hrs. on the 8th, the second wettest January day on record (43.4mm on 24/1/60) However, the number of days with rain, at 8, was only half expectation. Sunshine was a mere half of the average at 29 hours with 20 days totally sunless, the worst since 1970 with its 21.

Fog was noted at 9 am on 6 days, the worst in a decade for January.