

THE WEATHER OF AUGUST 1993.

AUGUST WAS AN UNUSUAL MONTH, BEING MUCH DRIER THAN USUAL, AND QUITE SUNNY, YET COOLER THAN FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

RAINFALL WAS LESS THAN HALF OF EXPECTATION AT 35MM [1.38INS], WITH 15 DAYS RECORDING SOME RAIN, THOUGH ONLY 7 WERE CONSIDERED "WET". IT FINISHED THE DRIEST AUGUST SINCE 1973 AND THE 4TH DRIEST ON RECORD.

SUNSHINE WAS ALSO ABOVE AVERAGE BY OVER 7 HOURS, WITH ONLY ONE TOTALLY SUNLESS DAY. FOUR DAYS REGISTERED OVER 9 HOURS AND ONE DAY, THE 16TH, OVER 12 HOURS OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE.

HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT A WARM MONTH, TEMPERATURES IN THE AIR BEING DEPRESSED BY 1C FOR THE MEAN MAXIMUM AND ALMOST 2C FOR THE MEAN MINIMUM. THE MEAN DAILY TEMPERATURE OF 14.2C WAS 1.4C BELOW THE 30-YEAR MEAN GIVING THE COOLEST AUGUST SINCE 1986 AND THE 5TH COOLEST ON RECORD. GRASS TEMPERATURES ON THE 24TH FELL ALMOST TO FREEZING POINT, REACHING A MERE 1C (34F).