

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

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September was the coldest, on average, since 1986 and the 6th coolest on record.. After a very warm start with 24.4C (76F) on the 1st, maximum day temperatures quickly fell to values well below the mean of 23.1C, with ground frost occurring on both the 18th and 26th.

Rainfall was well above normal at 71.9mm (2.83ins) and fell on 17 days, a third above average. Rain duration at 59.5hours was almost 60% above expectation, the heaviest fall occurring on the 12th.

Sunshine was also well down on average at ~~8~~ hours, though the 12.4 hours on the 18th equalled the record first set on September 2nd 1982. Five days were totally sunless, also well above the normal.

Fog occurred on 2 days though there was no incidence of thunder.