

AUTUMN 1993.

AUTUMN 1993 WAS THE SECOND MOST INCLEMENT ON RECORD FOR HALESOWEN, BEHIND THAT OF 1965. IN ALMOST ALL RESPECTS FEATURES WERE WORSE THAN EXPECTED.

TEMPERATURES WERE SEVERELY DEPRESSED, THE MEAN DAILY OF 8.0C (46F) BEING 1.9C BELOW AVERAGE AND THE LOWEST ON RECORD FOR AUTUMN. BOTH THE MEAN MAXIMUM AT 11.4C (53F) AND THE MEAN MINIMUM AT 4.6C (40F) WERE THE LOWEST RECORDED HERE IN 38 YEARS.

RAINFALL TOTALLED 233 MM (9.17INS), WELL ABOVE NORMAL AND THE WETTEST SINCE 1987, THOUGH RAIN DAYS WERE SLIGHTLY DOWN ON AVERAGE. HOWEVER, NO DAY PRODUCED A FALL IN EXCESS OF ONE INCH (25.4MM), THE HEAVIEST FALL BEING THE 21.6MM (0.85IN) ON NOVEMBER 13TH.

SUNSHINE TOTALLED 260 HOURS, 32 HOURS BELOW AVERAGE AND THE DULLEST SINCE 1984, WITH 28 SUNLESS DAYS, THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, BUT STILL 8 ABOVE THE 30-YEAR MEAN.

SNOW OR SLEET OCCURRED ON 4 OCCASIONS, THE HIGHEST INCIDENCE SINCE 1985, THOUGH NO SNOW LAY ON LOW GROUND. THE LAST AUTUMN LYING SNOW WAS IN 1988.

AIR FROSTS AT 19 WERE WELL ABOVE THE EXPECTED 8, THE HIGHEST NUMBER ON RECORD, WHILST GROUND FROSTS TOTALLED 30, 10 ABOVE NORMAL AND THE WORST SINCE 1988.

FOG OCCURED ON 8 MORNINGS, AND THUNDER ON 2 DAYS, BOTH CLOSE TO THE NORMAL FOR AUTUMN.