

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

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A pleasant summer month with all temperatures up on the 30-year means, the highest to 27.5C (81.5F) on the 24th with two days hot (above 25C/77F).

Sunshine was 25% above expectation at 234 hours with 14 days above 9 hours, 6 above 12 hours and 4 above 15 hours, the best since 1989.

Rainfall was only 43% of the 30-year average at just below an inch, which fell over 12 days, 8 being wet and 1 very wet (the 24th).

One severe thunderstorm occurred on the 24th when almost half of the month's total rain fell in a little under 20 minutes. This storm led to the death of a teenage girl in the West Midlands and damage to roofing and telephone systems. The month still managed to end the driest since 1983.