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AUGUST WEATHER SUMMARY.

DESPITE SOME WARM AND SUNNY DAYS, THE MEAN TEMPERATURES FOR AUGUST ENDED REMARKABLY CLOSE TO THE 30-YEAR MEANS. ONLY ONE DAY, THE 22ND, WAS HOT (MAXIMUM ABOVE 25C/77F), WHILST 15 SAW MAXIMUMS ABOVE 21C (70F). NIGHTS WERE COOLER THAN USUAL, TEMPERATURES ON THE GRASS FALLING TO 0.7C (33F) ON THE 14TH WHEN THE AIR DROPPED TO 4C (39F), SOME 1.6C BELOW THE NORMAL FOR THE MONTH..

RAINFALL WAS MARGINALLY ABOVE HALF EXPECTATION AT 43MM (1.70INS), A THIRD OF THIS FALLING ON THE 31ST WHICH PRODUCED THE LONGEST SPELL OF AUGUST RAINFALL IN 6 YEARS. RAIN FELL ON 15 DAYS, 9 OF WHICH WERE WET AND 3 VERY WET. THUNDER WAS HEARD ON 2 DAYS, THE 3RD AND THE 4TH.

SUNSHINE WAS 11% ABOVE EXPECTAION, THOUGH 3 DAYS WERE TOTALLY SUNLESS. NINE DAYS WERE CLASSED AS "SUNNY" WITH ABOVE 9 HOURS OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE.

PREVAILING WINDS WERE SW, AVERAGING 6 KNOTS (7MPH) THOUGH GUSTS TO 32 KNOTS (37MPH) OCCURRED ON THE 28TH ON A VERY BLUSTERY DAY.

ALL IN ALL A VERY GOOD END TO THE SUMMER.