

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

September was very wet, the second wettest on record behind that of 1976. Almost half the month's total fell on the 14th, which was the wettest September day, as well as the second wettest day, on record here. Rain fell over the entire 24 hours, some quite heavy. In all rain occurred on 19 days half as much again as usual, 7 of these being classified as "very wet". This succession of dull and wet weather depressed temperatures appreciably, and the month ended cooler than average. Only one day exceeded 21C/70F, and it was cool enough on the 18th for a ground frost when the grass fell to minus 0.5C. Soil temperatures are also below normal for the time of year by as much as 1C at 30cm (1ft) depth.

Sunshine was 14% below average, 7 days being totally sunless, twice the usual for September. The sunniest day, however, produced over 11 hours which is above expectation. Thunder occurred on 3 days and hail on 2.
