

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

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April was a little warmer than average by 0.9C (1.6F) with a mean daily temperature of 8.7C (47.7F). Ground frost was around half expectation with air frost slightly below the 30-year mean. The maximum temperature of 21.4C (70.5F) was 2.5C above average for April. Soil temperatures have also recovered well.

Rain fell on 13 days, 89% of expectation, and totalled 47mm (1.85ins), 80% of the 30-year mean.

Sunshine at 130.8 hours was spot on, though the maximum daily total of 11.4 hours on the 4th was a little down.

Snow or sleet occurred on two days but did not lie. There was one incidence of both fog and hail, but thunder was not heard during the month.

Mean wind was 6 mph from the prevailing SW.

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