

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

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It was generally a cold month, all mean temperatures being below the 30-year means by as much as 1.1C. Temperatures ranged from 15.6C (60.1F) on the 2nd to minus 4.0C (24.8F) on the 28th. Air frost occurred on 12 nights with frost on the grass on 17 nights, both significantly above average.

Rainfall was well above average by 16%, falling on 18 days for a total of 79.6 hours. This was in the form of snow or sleet on 2 days.

Sunshine was unusually, also above average by around 40%, with only 6 sunless days as opposed to the usual 11. Almost 8 hours of bright sunshine was recorded on the 8th.

No thunder or hail was reported, though winds did gust above gale force on 4