

SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH

November ended as a relatively warm month of its type, with a mean maximum of 10.5C [50.9F], some 1C above the 30-year mean. The warmest day, the 30th with its 14.2C [57.6F] was a little below average for the period, as was the lowest minimum. The clear nights led to 14 ground frosts, well above expectation and the most since 1998. Ground frost occurred over 109 hours and air frost over 34 hours. However, soil and earth temperatures all managed to end with positive anomalies.

Rainfall was well down on average at 46.5mm [1.83in] giving the lowest total since 1991 and approximately one third of last November's total of 136.5mm [5.37ins]. Rain fell on 13 days, 3 below expectation and the lowest figure since 1989 [9]. Rain was falling at a rate of 0.2mm [0.01in] and hour or more for a total of 58.3 hours, though precipitation of some form was noted over a time period of 80.9 hours. The highest intensity of rainfall was on the 21st when it was falling at 30mm [1.18ins] an hour.

Sunshine was marginally down on the 30-year mean, the 63 hours being 97% of the expected total. The sunniest day, the 9th, produced 7.4 hours and altogether 10 days were totally sunless, again slightly down on normal though still the highest since 1997!

Winds were predominantly from a SW quarter averaging 5.2 knots [6mph] the maximum gust of 31knots [36mph] occurring on the 7th resulting in no gale force gusts being recorded for the month as a whole. Snow and hail were noted on the 8th during the afternoon. There was no incidence of fog or thunder, mean cloud amounts being 5.1 oktas [64%] with a mean 09 hour humidity of 87.7%. Not an exceptional November by any means!