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Rainfall record

A Halesowen weather expert says the month of June was one of the wettest since records were started in the Black Country. at Hayley Green reported this week that well over four inches of rain had fallen during June—fast approaching the all-time record.

The legendary “flaming June” has seen more rain than many of the winter months. The worst weather struck on Friday, June 25 and Saturday, June 26 when heavy thunderstorms swept over the region.

The climatological station

June's 'flame' was doused

June was an exceptionally wet month, ranking as the third wettest in the past 36 years with 111mm (4.37ins), exceeded only by 1968 with 117mm (4.61ins) and 1958 with 127mm (5ins).

Every day from the 17th to 29th was set, with seven days very wet.

Thunder was three times more prevalent than usual, some storms being severe. At 2.15 pm on the 28th rain was falling at the rate of 3.19 inches per hour in one such storm, with lightning strikes in the area.

Sunshine at 158 hours was only 77 per cent of normal, the best day being the 29th with 13 hours.

Twelve days were completely overcast at 8 am and three had no sun at all.

Temperatures varied widely, ranging from an air maximum of 28.4C (83F) on the 5th to a grass minimum of minus 0.4C (31F) on the 14th when we had a ground frost!

However, mean temperatures have all been well above average due to the very hot spell during the first week.

Winds were light and mainly easterly blowing between high pressure to the north and depressions to the south.

The last day was the first to be rain free in almost two weeks, in a month which was characterised by its dull and very wet weather.