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Autumn under the weather again

We are currently experiencing a continuing pattern of poor weather which set in after the summer of 1981. The past autumn has been the fifth successive season to be below average in general conditions recorded at the Halesowen Climatological Centre.

November was, however, true to form, providing 82mm (3.22 ins) of rain over a period of 75 hours, the wettest day, November 11, having a fall of 17mm (0.66 ins) and only four days out of the first 25 being rain-free.

Temperatures held up well until the middle of the

month, when a short frosty spell ensued. It was not until the final week that winter set in, with grass minimum temperatures falling to minus 8.3C (17F) on the 30th.

The mean daily temperature of 7.6C (46F) was rather above expectation,

air temperatures ranging from 15.5C (60F) on the first, to minus 3.7C (25F) on the 30th.

Air frosts numbered five and ground frosts 10, with rain falling on 20 days, of which 15 were "wet" and eight "very wet".

Sunshine has. sur-

prisingly, been above average, with 71 hours recorded, the best day

being the 10th with over seven hours. However, 10 days were completely

sunless in a month characterised by cheerless and dull mornings with periods of light rainfall.