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Pleasant old-style summer weather

August's weather proved a "very pleasant end to an old style summer" according to Halesowen's Climatological Station.

The monthly report reads: "August was extremely warm with the average day maximum temperature three degrees above the 25 years' average for Halesowen at 23.2C (74F).

"Maximum temperatures exceeded 25C (77F) on ten occasions, with the highest 29C (84F) on August 14 and 19. Coupled with the warm nights the mean daily temperature of 17.5C (64F) is the second highest on record, bettered only by the August of 1975," said Mr Roberts.

Rainfall proved below the 25-year average by almost 25 per cent, with the bulk falling on two days—the 16th and 21st.

Rain duration was well below expectations for August and winds were exceptionally light, the maximum gust reaching only 30 mph and mean speeds were a mere 4 mph over the month.