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January proved the sunniest since records began at Hayley Green in 1956, with almost 76 hours of bright sunshine. This, coupled with the clear skies, produced temperatures which were little different from the 25 year averages. The range was from -5.7C (22F) on the 20th, to 11.4C (53F) on both the 11th and 12th.

After a mild and stormy start, with gales on the 2nd., 13th and 14th, the weather changed markedly from then until the end of the month. The last half of the month saw frost on the ground on 14 occasions, and in the air on 10. Snow was observed on 9 days, with the ground snow covered for the six consecutive days from the 22nd to the 27th.

The total rainfall of 89 mm (3.51in) was 31% up on normal, though we did not suffer the very wet conditions which prevailed in the north.

Winds were predominantly SW, and averaged 11 m.p.h. over the month, the strongest gust being to 58 m.p.h. on the 13th during quite severe weather in which much structural damage was done

A not untypical January, except in the record breaking sunshine.

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