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BLUSTERY AND DULL.

The month began with a very unsettled spell of wet and windy weather. Well over 60% of the month's total of 41mm (1.63in) of rain fell during the first week, with 6.5mm (0.26in) falling on the 3rd. Winds were also strong, gusting to gale force on several days, the strongest gust being 64kn on the 6th. In all over 138 gale force gusts were recorded, all but three of these on the first eight days.

The middle of the month was calmer, with frequent frosts and several persistent freezing fogs. The coldest night was the 16th. On the temperature in the air fell to -5.0C (23F) and on the grass to -7.4C (19F). Early morning fog was prevalent from the 13th. to the 20th., though it did eventually clear by the afternoon.

Temperatures at the beginning of the month were fairly high, peaking at 11.6C (53F) on the 4th., though the rest of the month saw predominantly cold and cheerless days. Sunshine was below average at 49 hours, and in all, thirteen days or 45% of the month, were totally without sunshine.

In all, a drier than normal February, but a rather cheerless and blustery one at that.