

Average December

December was a fairly average month, though the incidence of both

frost and rainfall was below normal.

Air temperatures ranged from 13.1C (56F) on the 5th to minus 1.3C (30F) on the 11th, the lowest grass temperature being minus 5.6C (22F) on the 28th, all being milder than usual.

Rainfall at 57mm (2.25in) was below expectation, the wettest day being the 23rd with 10mm (0.4in), though the longest duration of rain was 17 hours on the 29th.

Snow has been far less prevalent than usual, there being no day with snow lying over a wide area, and sunshine was a little above average.

In fact, a very promising start to the winter with no extreme conditions to note.

However, there are still two months of the winter to go, and these are ones in which we normally get our most severe weather.