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Despite the vagaries in the weather, April contrived to end up with mean temperatures within 1°C of the 30 year average for the area. These ranged, in the air, from 19.4°C [67°F] on the 19th., to minus 1.8°C [29°F] on the 24th., there being two ground and ten air frosts.

Spring in the area officially began on the first when the mean daily temperature attained, and maintained, 6°C [42°F].

Rainfall, at 88mm [3.48ins] has been almost 70% up on normal due to the very heavy fall of 30.1 mm [1.19in] in just over 13 hours on the 7th. Rain fell on 18 days, with 11 being "wet" and 6 "very wet".

Sunshine was also very close to the seasonal norm, 120 hours being recorded with 12 hours of bright sunshine on the 24th. Most days were bright and sunny, only two being totally sunless, though the sky was overcast on 12 mornings.

The sting was in the "tail" of the month, when quite a heavy snowstorm swept over the area late on the 27th., to be followed by hail and a severe frost.

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