

November was so cold

November provided some of the coldest weather in at least 20, and in some cases 30, years in the Halesowen area.

The mean maximum daytime temperature of 7.8C (46F) was the lowest since 1965, whilst the mean minimum night temperature of 0.7C (33F) was the lowest since at least 1955. The mercury dropped to minus 5.9C (21F) in the air, and minus 9.6F (15F) on the ground at dawn on the 29th.

In all, frost was recorded in the air on 11, and on the ground on 19, occasions, the latter the most since 1955.

Despite the severe cold, rainfall was not ex-

cessive, some 73mm (2.87ins) being recorded, slightly below normal.

Snow lay on 3 mornings, though some snow or sleet fell on 6 occasions. Nineteen days had recordable rain, with 10 being classed as "wet".

The month was also dull, with generally overcast skies, and with fog also on two mornings while the sunniest day in an otherwise cheerless month was the 12th when the maximum possible was recorded.

In summary: a month of record cold, but with about average rainfall and below average sunshine.