

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

JANUARY WAS A VERY WET, DULL BUT RELATIVELY MILD MONTH. AIR TEMPERATURES RANGED FROM MINUS 1.7C (29F) ON THE 8TH TO 12.3C (54F) ON THE 1ST., AND WERE GENERALLY FROM 1 TO 2 DEGREES ABOVE NORMAL GIVING THE WARMEST JANUARY SINCE 1983. THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH WAS THE MILDEST PART.

RAINFALL WAS ALMOST TWICE EXPECTATION AT 126.4MM (4.98INS) WITH TWO HEAVY FALLS OF 24.9MM (0.98IN) ON THE 1ST AND 22.7MM (0.89IN) ON THE 21ST. ONLY 3 DAYS WERE COMPLETELY DRY, WITH 19 BEING WET AND 7 VERY WET, RAIN FALLING FOR OVER 120 HOURS.

SUNSHINE WAS ONLY 77% OF NORMAL AT 36.7 HOURS, THE BEST DAY BEING THE 21ST WITH 5.3 HOURS. IN ALL 14 DAYS WERE TOTALLY SUNLESS.