

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

AUGUST AGAIN PROVED A DISAPPOINTING MONTH, THOUGH IN FAIRNESS, SUNSHINE WAS UP ON AVERAGE BY SOME 10%. TEMPERATURES HAVE BEEN AROUND AVERAGE, THOUGH RAINFALL WAS marginally DOWN, DUE IN THE MAIN, TO THE ABSENCE OF ANY THUNDER. SUMMER STORMS CAN PRODUCE QUITE EXCEPTIONALL FALLS OF RAIN.

IT WAS A WINDY MONTH BUT NO GALE FORCE GUSTS WERE REGISTERED. HAIL AND THUNDER WERE TOTALLY ABSENT, A FEATURE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE DEARTH OF HOT DAYS. IN FACT ONLT THREE DAYS THIS YEAR, AND ALL IN THIS MONTH, HAVE SEEN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES ABOVE 25C [77F]. THESE WERE THE 6TH: 26.5C [80F], THE 7TH: 29.3C [85F] AND THE 8TH: 26C [79F].

THE MONTH BRINGS TO AN END THE THREE MONTHS OF "SUMMER" WHICH HAVE BEEN POOR EVEN FOR OUR UNSETTLED CLIMATE.