

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

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MEAN TEMPERATURES FOR THE MONTH WERE ABOUT AVERAGE, THOUGH THIS MASKS BOTH THE UNUSUALLY WARM DAYS MID MONTH, AND THE VERY COLD NIGHTS AT THE END. THE 30TH AND 31ST SAW THE LOWEST OCTOBER NIGHT TEMPERATURES SINCE 1962. THE WARMEST DAY WAS THE 19TH WITH 17.5C (63F) WITH SEVERAL DAYS MID-MONTH NEAR THIS. GRASS TEMPERATURES FELL TO MINUS 5.7C (22F) ON THE 31ST AND WITH ALMOST 8 HOURS SUNSHINE DAILY ON THE 29TH, 30TH AND 31ST.

RAINFALL WAS marginally BELOW AND SUNSHINE A LITTLE ABOVE AVERAGE. 51.4MM (2.02 INS) OF RAIN FELL OVER 15 DAYS WHILST SUNSHINE TOTALLED 98.7 HOURS OR 3.2 HOURS DAILY. IT WAS ALSO LESS WINDY THAN USUAL.

THE ONE THUNDERSTORM OF THE 12TH CAUSED LOCAL DAMAGE TO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT. THERE WERE TWO OCCASIONS OF FOG BUT NO SNOW, SLEET OR HAIL.