

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

THOUGH JANUARY HAS BEEN MILD, IT HAS NOT BROKEN ANY RECORDS, 1983, 1976
1979 AND 1974 ALL BEING WINTER. IT IS THE FACT THAT IT IS PART OF A RUN OF
MILD WINTER MONTHS THAT MAKES IT SIGNIFICANT. AIR TEMPERATURES HAVE BEEN WELL
ABOVE AVERAGE, RANGING FROM 12.5C (55F) ON THE 27TH TO MINUS 3C (27F) ON
THE 19TH.

SUNSHINE HAS BEEN UP ON NORMAL BY A FIFTH, WHILST RAINFALL AT 29MM (1.14 IN)
HAS BEEN LESS THAN HALF OF EXPECTATION.

FROST IN THE AIR WAS HALF OF THE CUSTOMARY TOTAL, BUT ON THE GROUND IT WAS
ABOUT AVERAGE. IT IS THE FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS THAT NO SNOW LAY ON ANY
JANUARY DAY, AND THE FIRST TIME IN 21 YEARS THAT NO SNOW OR SLEET OCCURRED IN
JANUARY. PART OF A RUN OF MILD WINTERS !