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MARCH CONTINUED THE RUN OF MILD MONTHS WHICH BEGAN LAST DECEMBER. AIR TEMPERATURES WERE AS MUCH AS 2.5C ABOVE AVERAGE, RANGING FROM 17.9C (64F) ON THE 27TH TO MINUS 3C (27F) ON THE 8TH. AIR FROST WAS DOWN ON NORMAL, THOUGH GROUND FROSTS WERE MARGINALLY ABOVE EXPECTATION.

THE MONTH WAS DRIER THAN USUAL, ABOUT 75% OF NORMAL RAINFALL BEING RECORDED. HOWEVER, IT RAINED ON 17 DAYS WITH 11 BEING WET AND 2 VERY WET. SNOW OR SLEET WAS NOTED ON 3 DAYS, THOUGH NO SNOW LAY.

SUNSHINE WAS A LITTLE BELOW AVERAGE, THOUGH THE MAXIMUM DAILY TOTAL OF 9.7 HOURS ON THE 17TH WAS HIGHER THAN USUAL FOR THE MONTH.

MARCH WAS WINDY, 76 GUSTS TO GALE FORCE OCCURRING AND PEAKING AT 42 KNOTS (48 MPH) ON BOTH THE 22ND AND 24TH.