

G E N E R A L C O M M E N T S O N T H E M O N T H .

AUGUST PROVED ANOTHER EXCEPTIONAL MONTH IN WHAT HAS BEEN A GOOD SUMMER. THE SUNSHINE TOTAL OF 245 HOURS WAS EVEN BETTER THAN THE RECORD OF AUGUST 1976 THE SUMMER OF SUMMERS, PROVIDING ALMOST 8 HOURS BRIGHT SUN EACH DAY.

TEMPERATURES HAVE ALSO BEEN WELL UP ON NORMAL, THOUGH NOT AS HIGH AS IN 1976, 1975, 1984 OR 1983. THIS SO, WE STILL MANAGED 6 DAYS WITH MAXIMUMS OVER 25C (77F), THOUGH THIS AGAIN WAS LOWER THAN IN 1984, 1983 AND 1976.

RAINFALL WAS ONLY HALF OF EXPECTATION GIVING THE DRIEST AUGUST SINCE 1973 AND THE 4TH DRIEST SINCE RECORDS BEGAN HERE IN 1946. RAIN FELL ON ONLY 8 DAYS.

THE MONTH WAS WINDY, THOUGH WITH LESS THUNDER THAN USUAL. HOWEVER, ALL SAID WE HAVE HAD THE 8TH BEST SUMMER SINCE 1956 BETTERED ONLY BY 1976, 1984, 1967, 1983, 1959, 1975 AND 1968 IN THAT ORDER.