

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

SEPTEMBER WAS A FAIRLY AVERAGE MONTH IN ALL EXCEPT RAINFALL, WHICH WAS AGAIN BARELY HALF OF THE 30 YEAR AVERAGE. THIS IS NOW THE 7TH MONTH THIS YEAR WITH BELOW AVERAGE RAINFALL, EVEN THOUGH IT RAINED ON 13 DAYS.

SUNSHINE AT 129 HOURS WAS JUST ABOUT NORMAL, WITH TEMPERATURES CONTINUING WELL ABOVE EXPECTATION. THE MAXIMUM OF 78F ON THE 6TH WAS, HOWEVER, THE ONLY OCCASION TO PEAK ABOVE 77F (25C), GIVING A LESS HOT MONTH THAN IN 1959, 1973 OR 1983.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT WAS NOT A WINDY MONTH GUSTS STILL REACHED 41 MPH ON THE 20TH, THE MEAN FOR THE MONTH BEING 6 MPH.

THE EARLY AUTUMN HAS SEEN A CONTINUATION OF THE FINE WEATHER EXPERIENCED OVER THE WHOLE OF THE SUMMER.