

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

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OCTOBER PROVED TO BE ANOTHER ANOTHER EXCEPTIONAL MONTH. THOUGH THE EXTREME MAXIMUM WAS A LITTLE BELOW THE 30 YEAR AVERAGE, IT WAS THE WARMEST OCTOBER IN 20 YEARS WITH A MEAN DAILY TEMPERATURE OF 11.5C (53F). IN FACT ALMOST ALL TEMPERATURES WERE ABOVE THE 30 YEAR MEANS.

RAINFALL WAS ONE AND A HALF TIMES NORMAL, WITH OVER 30% OF THIS FALLING IN 13 HOURS ON THE 20TH, THE SECOND WETTEST OCTOBER DAY IN ALMOST HALF A CENTURY AND THE WETTEST SINCE 1967. THE MONTH WAS NOT AS WET AS IN 1987, 1980 OR 1976 WITH A MERE 65% OF THE 1960 TOTAL OF 144.8MM (5.70 INS) THE WETTEST ON RECORD IN HALESOWEN.

SUNSHINE WAS AROUND AVERAGE, THE 5 SUNLESS DAYS BEING THE BEST SINCE 1983.

THE MONTH WAS WINDY, GUSTS REACHING 51 MPH ON THE 28TH WITH STRUCTURAL DAMAGE OCCURRING. FROST WAS MARKEDLY ABSENT FOR OCTOBER.