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THE VERY MILD WEATHER OF DECEMBER CONTINUED INTO JANUARY, THE MEAN DAILY TEMPERATURE OF 6.2C (43F) BEING THE WARMEST SINCE 1976 AND THE 2ND EQUAL IN THE LAST 35 YEARS. ALL TEMPERATURES WERE ABOVE NORMAL RANGING FROM 12.2C (54F) ON THE 21ST TO MINUS 2.1C (28F) ON THE 7TH.

RAINFALL WAS 39% UP ON NORMAL, MUCH OF THIS IN THE LATTER HALF OF THE MONTH, A HEAVY FALL OF 22.7MM (0.89IN) ON THE 27TH DOING MUCH TO ADD TO THE FLOODS IN THE SEVERN VALLEY.

SUNSHINE, IN CONTRAST TO DECEMBER, WAS 30% ABOVE NORMAL, WITH 6.9 HRS ON THE 28TH AND ONLY 11 TOTALLY SUNLESS DAYS AS OPPOSED TO 13.

WIND WAS THE PREDOMINANT FEATURE OF THE MONTH, THERE BEING 206 GUSTS TO GALE FORCE ON NO LESS THAN 7 DAYS, THE WORST OF **5**9 KN (57MPH) ON THE 25TH.