

THE WEATHER OF MAY 1991.

MAY 1991 WITH ONLY 12.2MM (0.48IN) OF RAIN FALLING OVER 7 DAYS HAS BEEN THE DRIEST ON RECORD FOR HALESOWEN, POSSIBLY THE DRIEST THIS CENTURY. OVER 38% OF THIS FELL IN ONE DAY, THE 15TH.

HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN A DULL MONTH WITH CLOUD COVER AVERAGING 76% AND SUNSHINE TOTALS DOWN TO 77% OF THE 30-YEAR NORMS. THE 14.2 HOURS OF THE 21ST WAS ABOUT AN HOUR ABOVE THE EXPECTED FIGURE FOR MAY, BUT STILL WELL BELOW THE 14.9 HOURS RECORDED ON MAY 27 1977.

GROUND FROST NUMBERING 5 WAS WELL UP ON AVERAGE THOUGH DAYTIME TEMPERATURES HELD TO WITHIN 0.1C OF THE EXPECTED VALUES. THE 24.3C (78F) ON THE 21ST WAS THE WARMEST DAY, BUT THE 4TH WITH A MAXIMUM OF ONLY 9.5C (49F) WAS THE COLDEST MAY DAY SINCE MAY 18 1987.

WINDS HAVE BEEN PREDOMINANTLY NORTHERLY OR NORTH WESTERLY AND OF MODERATE STRENGTH THOUGH NO GALE FORCE GUSTS HAVE BEEN RECORDED.