

THE WEATHER OF SEPTEMBER 1991.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

SEPTEMBER WAS VERY WARM, SUNNY AND DRY, APART FROM THE FINAL 3 DAYS WHEN ALMOST TWO INCHES OF RAIN FELL.

THE MONTH WAS THE SECOND SUNNIEST ON RECORD, A MERE HOUR LESS THAN THAT SET IN 1959, AND WITH ONLY TWO DAYS TOTALLY SUNLESS.

TEMPERATURES HELD UP EXCEPTIONALLY WELL UNTIL THE FINAL FIVE DAYS. THE MAXIMUM OF 27C (81F) WAS NOTED ON THE 1ST AND 4 DAYS WERE HOT (MAXIMUM ABOVE 25C) MAKING THIS THE WARMEST SEPTEMBER SINCE 1959. THE MEAN SOIL TEMPERATURE OF 15.7C AT 100CM DEPTH SET A NEW RECORD FOR THE AREA.

RAINFALL BROKE EVEN OVER THE MONTH, ALMOST THE ENTIRE TOTAL FALLING OVER THE FINAL 3 DAYS. THE HEAVY FALL OF 39.1MM (1.54INS) ON THE 28TH GAVE THE 4TH WETTEST SEPTEMBER DAY ON RECORD. THE WETTEST EVER WAS SEPTEMBER 24TH 1976 WITH 71.3MM (2.81INS) WHICH BROUGHT THE EXCEPTIONAL SUMMER OF THAT YEAR TO AN END.