

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

Despite the dismal feel to March, it was a considerably warmer month than usual, the mean daily temperature being up by 1.7C. Only two air frosts were noted (normal 8), with 12 on the ground (normal 7).

Sunshine was down at 73 hours (normal 102hrs) with 6 days totally sunless (normal 7).

Total rainfall was near to normal with 2.28ins falling over 63 hours on 24 days (normal 16days). This made the month rather miserable.

Snow or sleet fell on 3 days at the month's end, though it did not lie. Twenty nine gale force gusts occurred over 15 hours on 6 days making the month, in line with custom, rather windy.