

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

A not untypical July: changeable with periods of rain, some heavy, interspersed with sunny and warm days. The maximum of 25.6C [78F] on the 31st was 1.6C below the 30-year norm, and the only day to exceed 25C [77F]. Despite this the mean daily of 16.3C [61F] was 0.3C above normal. Most other temperatures held up well to expectation.

Rainfall at 93mm [3.66ins] was almost 70% above average, 24mm [0.94in] falling on the 13th over a period of 13 hours of heavy rain. In all 18 days saw rain [normal 12.5] with 14 wet [normal 9.3] and 8 very wet [normal 3.5].

Thunder occurred only once [normal 2.1] and there was no ground frost [normal 0.3]. Sunshine was 10% down, the 7 sunless days being worst on record.