

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

August was wetter than average with 127mm (5.00ins), almost 75% above normal, and the wettest for 6 years, the 5th wettest in almost half a century. Rain fell on 20 days, the worst for 10 years and the 6th worst since 1946.

Temperatures have been depressed slightly on normal, no day being "hot" with temperatures above 25C, the first time since 1986. Indeed, the month ended quite cool with grass temperatures of 1.7C (35F) on the 29th, quite Autumnal !

Sunshine was slightly up on normal at 175 hours, the best day being the 29th with 12.7 hours. Only 2 days saw no sunshine at all, the 8th and 27th.

After the "good years" of the late 80's, a "typical August" comes as rather a shock for a month which is statistically the second wettest of the year.