## RECORD COLD IN OCTOBER.

OCTOBER WAS THE COLDEST ON RECORD HERE WITH A MEAN DAILY TEMPERATURE OF ONLY 7.3C (42F). FROST WAS ALSO AT RECORD LEVELS IN THE AIR WITH 4, AND 2ND WORST ON THE GROUND WITH 14. TEMPERATURES RANGED FROM 15.5C (60F) ON THE 1ST TO MINUS 2.5C (28F) ON THE 30TH.

RAINFALL WAS ALSO ABOVE AVERAGE AT 73.3MM (2.89INS), WITH 16 DAYS OF RAIN OF WHICH 11 WERE WET AND 5 VERY WET. RAIN DURATION AT 61 HOURS WAS ITSELF WELL ABOVE EXPECTATION.

SUNSHINE WAS DOWN ON AVERAGE AT 87 HOURS (90%), THE 9 SUNLESS DAYS BEING ABOUT 50% WORSE THAN NORMAL. THE SUNNIEST DAY, THE 13TH, SAW 8.7 HOURS BRIGHT SUNSHINE.

ONE THUNDERSTORM OCCURRED ON THE 23RD ACCOMPANIED BY A SUBSTANTIAL HAILSTORM LEAVING THE GROUND COVERED FOR AN HOUR OR SO IN SHELTERED SPOTS.