

## MAIN FEATURES OF JANUARY 1993.

JANUARY WAS A MONTH OF CONTRASTING WEATHER. IT BEGAN COLD, THE AIR TEMPERATURE FAILING TO RISE ABOVE MINUS 1.1C (30F) AT ALL ON THE 2ND., THE LOWEST JANUARY DAY MAXIMUM SINCE JANUARY 12TH 1987. YET BY THE 16TH THE AIR MAXIMUM WAS 13C (55F), THE MILDEST JANUARY DAY SINCE 1983 AND THE 3RD WARMEST ON RECORD. MEAN DAILY TEMPERATURES ENDED AROUND 2C ABOVE THE 30-YEAR MEAN. FROST IN THE AIR BEING LESS THAN HALF EXPECTATION.

IT WAS ALSO A DULL MONTH, SUNSHINE ENDING UP AT 73% OF NORMAL, AND WITH 13 TOTALLY SUNLESS DAYS. DESPITE THIS 9 AM CLOUD AMOUNT WAS MARGINALLY BELOW AVERAGE FOR JANUARY.

RAINFALL WAS 93% OF EXPECTATION, RAIN FALLING ON 23 DAYS, WELL ABOVE NORMAL, THE WORST SINCE 1988 AND THE 5TH EQUAL WETTEST SINCE AT LEAST 1946.

JANUARY WAS ALSO WINDY, GALE FORCE GUSTS OCCURRING ON 9 DAYS AND TO A MAXIMUM OF 66MPH ON THE 23RD. THE 771 GUSTS EXCEEDING GALE FORCE (39MPH) MADE IT THE WINDIEST JANUARY IN OVER A DECADE.

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