

THE WEATHER OF MARCH 1993.

MARCH WAS YET ANOTHER DRY MONTH, THE 17MM (0.67IN) BEING THE DRIEST SINCE 1961 AND THE SECOND DRIEST ON RECORD. A NORMAL MARCH SEES A FALL OF 61.6MM (2.43INS). RAIN FELL ON ONLY 7 DAYS, SECOND LOWEST TO THE RECORD OF 5 DAYS SET IN 1990.

SUNSHINE TOTALLED 118.6 HOURS, ABOVE AVERAGE BUT NOWHERE NEAR THE RECORD 166.5 HOURS OF 1961. ONLY 5 DAYS WERE TOTALLY SUNLESS.

MEAN TEMPERATURES WERE ALL UP ON THE 30-YEAR VALUES, BY AS MUCH AS 1.4C FOR THE MAXIMUM. THE WARMEST DAY, THE 15TH, PRODUCED A MAXIMUM OF 17.7C (64F), SOME 4C BELOW THE RECORD 21.7C (71F) SET ON MARCH 29TH 1965. AIR FROST WAS SLIGHTLY DOWN, AND GROUND FROST SLIGHTLY UP, ON NORMAL.

SNOW LAY ON THE FIRST TO A DEPTH OF AROUND 1CM AT HAYLEY GREEN AND ADJACENT HIGH GROUND. NO HAIL, GALE OR THUNDER WAS REPORTED