

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

A month of anomalies with extremes of weather in several areas.

The first 10 days produced 80.1mm (3.15ins) of rain, whilst the final 10 saw a mere 0.3mm (0.02in). Similarly, the final 7 days saw no sunshine at all whilst the previous 7 recorded almost 40 hours. October ended up the fourth sunniest on record and the best since 1971, yet it was also the tenth wettest and the worst for 3 years.

It was also a very cold month, ending as the second coldest on record (the worst was 1992). The maximum temperature of 16.5C (61.7F) was the fifth lowest on record, whilst the low of minus 5C (23F) on the 17th was the coldest October night since records began here in 1956.

The month also produced the second lowest grass minimum of minus 7.5C (18.5F) on the 17th. The 6 air frosts also set a new October record, whilst the 9 ground frosts was the sixth highest number recorded here.

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