

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

January was fairly open with only one incidence of sleet and no lying snow, the fourth successive such year. Temperatures were around 1.5C above the 30 year means with 6 airfrosts (normal 11.6) and 19 on the ground (normal 17.6). No day was classified as cold (mean below 0C).

Rainfall was slightly up on average at 72.8mm (2.87ins), though it rained on 2 days against the usual 18.

Sunshine was well above average by almost 50% with 71.6 hours. The sunniest day was the 28th with 7.0 hours, the best since 1989.

Wind was a feature of the month with 51 gusts above gale force over 4 days. The strongest was to 45 knots (52mph) on the 25th.

Fog occurred on one morning, the 24th.

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