

# GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

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A poor month, cool, generally dull and with rain on half of the days of the month, though ending with a burst of summer. May 31st produced 15.1 hours of bright sunshine, the highest on record for May, and coming after the week of May 20th to 26th which registered a mere 12 minutes.

It was a cool month, temperatures ranging from 21.3C (70F) on the 31st to 2C (36F) on the 8th. The mean daily of 10.5C (51F) was 0.5C below the 30 year mean and the coolest since 1987. Ground frost occurred on 4 nights, the worst to minus 0.7C (31F) on the 27th.

Sunshine was 81% of average at 146 hours, with 8 totally sunless days, the equal worst with 1985 since 1956 and three times more than average.

Total rainfall was two-thirds of normal, rain actually falling over a period of 65 hours, almost 40% above usual, the 15.6 hours on the 25th being 6 hours above expectation for May.