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Despite the wet end to the month, October was drier than average by 5.5mm (0.22in), over two thirds of the month's total falling in the last 10 days.

It was a sunny month with 130 hours of bright sunshine, the best since 1971 (23 years). Only 2 days were totally sunless from a norm of 6. The 10.4hrs bright sunshine on the 4th set a new October record for Halesowen.

Sunny days mean clear skies resulting in Autumn frost. Temperatures have been disappointing, most being below average by as much as 1 C. Six ground and 1 air frost occurred, both around normal for October.

Fog was noted on 4 mornings, though there was no incidence of hail, sleet, snow or thunder.