

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

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July was warm, dry and sunny. Nine days were "hot" (maximum above 25C/77F) the highest to 30.5C/86.9F on the 22nd. The mean daily of 16.7C/62.1 was the coolest for 3 years, but was still 0.7C above the 30-year mean.

Sunshine was well above average at 244.4 hours, the best figures since July 1990. Twelve days provided more than 9 hours each and 7 days more than 12 hours each, the best to 15.2 hours on the 15th. No day was completely sunless.

Rainfall continues well down on normal. The total of 36.4mm/1.43ins was a third down on a normal July, though somewhat wetter than the last two July's. Rain fell over 12 days for a total of 25.8 hours.

Thunder was heard on 3 days, one above average, but we did not get the heavy rain which normally accompanies this.