

GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE MONTH.

August was warmer and sunnier than average, but it was also wetter than a normal August by around 24%.

Temperatures ranged from 30C (86F) on the 19th to 6.5C (43.7F) on the 3rd, with a mean daily of 16.5C (61.7F), about a degree above normal. There were 4 hot days with air maxima above 25C (77F). All temperatures, air, soil and earth continue above the monthly averages.

Sunshine was 15% up on normal averaging 6.25 hours per day with no day totally sunless. However, total sunshine was down on the record of last year by over 93 hours. Mean cloud cover at 67.5% was marginally below expectation.

Rainfall totals were well above average, rain falling on 16 days for a total of 40.9 hours. Thunder was heard on 4 occasions, twice expectation, though no hail was reported.