

BOGNOR REGIS

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

MARCH 2009

RAINFALL

23.2mm (1.11ins) on 13 days.

Greatest fall in 24 hours (09-09h) - 10.1mm (0.12 ins) on 5th.

March 2008 total rainfall - 60.2mm (2.17ins) 21 days.

January to March 2009 - 208.4mm (8.20ins)

January to March 2008 - 227.1mm (8.74ins)

TEMPERATURES

Highest Maximum - 15.4°C (59.7°F) on 22nd.

Lowest Maximum - 7.7°C (45.8°F) on 5th.

Highest Minimum - 7.5°C (45.5°F) on 14th.

Lowest Minimum - -0.2°C (31.6°F) on 6th.

Lowest Grass - -4.2°C (24.4°F) on 5th.

SUNSHINE

March 2009 - 174.8 hours in 30 days.

March 2008 - 126.7 hours on 26 days.

Maximum sunshine in 24 hours - 10.3 hours on 19th.

January to March 2009 - 323.9 hours.

January to March 2008 - 331.8 hours.

SUMMARY

The weather at Bognor Regis during March exceeded the seasonal in all areas with the sunshine total of 174.8 hours well above its average of 131.0 hours, its rainfall total of 28.2mm well below the average of 60.44mm and its mean maximum and minimum 11.7°C and 4.5°C both comfortably in excess of their respective averages.

The month began on a very unsettled note with depressions over the Atlantic together with their associated fronts crossing the U.K. at frequent intervals. The first ten days were very unsettled with varying amounts of rain. From the 11th until the 23rd high pressure dominated the U.K. weather and most of the country remained dry. Most days were sunny albeit minimum grass temperatures were often close to zero.

The rainfall total of 28.2mm was well below the seasonal average of 60.44mm. The driest April since the year 2000 (24.6mm).

The sunshine total of 174.8 hours was well above the seasonal average of 131.0 hours, The second highest since 2007 (199.9 hours)

The mean maximum and mean minimum temperature of 11.7°C and 4.5°C were both in excess of their respective seasonal averages of 9.2°C and 4.0°C.