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Weather Summary for May 2020

Warm, dry and sunny

Once again high pressure dominated the weather pattern last month, bringing dry, sunny and often warm conditions.

There were 301 hours of bright sunshine during the month, ranking it the 3rd sunniest May on record, only beaten by May 1977 (303.6 hours) and May 1980 (301.5 hours). The sunniest day was the 30th with an unbroken 15.2 hours.

Rainfall totalled 20.9mm at Ronaldsway compared to the long term mean of 50.5mm, making it the driest May since 2008. More than half the month's rain fell between the 17th and the early hours of the 19th.

The mean maximum temperature measured 15.2°C, over a degree above the May average of 14.1°C and the warmest day was the last day of the month when we reached 21.4°C at Ronaldsway.

The mean wind speed of 11.8mph was only slightly below normal. The highest gusts of 46mph were recorded on the 22nd and early on the 23rd.

There was no hail or thunder during the month and with low relative humidity for much of the time, fog was only observed on the 20th.

The sunniest spring on record and one of the driest

Taking the months of March, April and May there were 694.1 hours of bright sunshine, smashing the spring record of 630.6 hours set in 1975. Sunshine records started in 1948 at Ronaldsway. An average spring would see 510.2 hours.

Spring 2020 only saw 78.7mm of rain, making it the driest since 1984 which recorded 71.7mm. The long term mean for spring is 172mm of rain.