

## November 2004

The 1<sup>st</sup> was a cloudy day with no sunshine and it remained dry during daylight hours. 3.0mm rain fell overnight (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>) Max 12.4c. The 2<sup>nd</sup> was another dull day, 0.01hrs of sunshine, with outbreaks of rain / drizzle for most of the day, with poor visibility of around 1km. The evening was dry but cloudy. Max 10.8c. The 3<sup>rd</sup> began with a bright start after a misty murky night and during daylight hours it remained dry with a max of 14.2c. The 4<sup>th</sup> began with a cloudy night but damp towards dawn with outbreaks of light rain. The cloud and light rain cleared away to leave sunny spells for the rest of the day, although temp. fell quite quickly after dusk. Max 13.9c. The 5<sup>th</sup> was generally cloudy, some sunshine but 'weak' through Cs and a halo around the sun at 1130hr. Cloud thickened from the NW during the afternoon but it remained dry. Max 12.8c The 6<sup>th</sup> saw some light rain around dawn. The day was dull damp and outbreaks of light drizzle Nil sunshine max 11.8c. The 7<sup>th</sup> was similar to the 6<sup>th</sup> with dull, damp conditions together with outbreaks of light drizzle. The drizzle became moderate / heavy towards late afternoon and visibility was poor. Max 12.2. The 8<sup>th</sup> began with damp, drizzle conditions but the drizzle tended to die out around 1030hr. with visibility improved as the misty murky conditions cleared away. The afternoon was cloudy but 'bright' and dry 0.02hrs of sunshine Max 11.7hrs. The 9<sup>th</sup> was another dull day but temperatures struggled in the northerly airstream to reach a max of 9.0c. However it remained dry until 1515hr when outbreaks of rain fell, producing 3.3mm of rain in 1 hour at 1645hr. The 10<sup>th</sup> was a much brighter day after drizzle died out around 0900hr. 4.22hrs of sunshine max 9.7. The 11<sup>th</sup> began sunny but cloud gradually moved into the area from the NW, it remained dry with a picturesque sunset. There was 6.29hrs of sunshine and a max. of 10.6. The 12<sup>th</sup> began with light drizzle, which died out around 0900hr. There were some sunny spells during the morning and early afternoon but a vigorous cold front produced strong gusty winds around 1700hr (22knots) which caused minor damage to estate agents signs etc. Clear evening but much colder. Max 13.8c The 13<sup>th</sup> began with a sharp ground frost -4.7 air +0.7c and with clear skies the day was sunny but colder than of late. 7.64 hrs making it the sunniest day of the month and a max of 7.3c. The 14<sup>th</sup> began with the 1<sup>st</sup> air frost of the month -2.7c, (11.7hrs of frost) the coldest night since 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2004. The 14<sup>th</sup> provided 7.35hrs of sunshine and a max of 9.0c. The 15<sup>th</sup> began cloudy with overnight temperatures remaining just above freezing. The day was dry but cloudy with the wind now a SW'ly. Nil sunshine max 9.7c The 16<sup>th</sup> was dry and cloudy, a little sunshine around midday. It remained dry until around 2200hr when light drizzle fell. Max 12.4c. The 17<sup>th</sup> was another cloudy day but mild but dry with limited sunshine 1.71hrs and a max of 13.7c. The 18<sup>th</sup> began wet with 5.0mm of rain overnight (17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>) and a damp misty start. The morning was then dry but dull and these conditions continued into the afternoon but rain spread into the area and the wind increased. As the cold front passed through there was a dramatic fall in temperature. At 2025 temperature was 10.4c (max of the day) at 2045hr it was 4.9c a fall of 5.5c in 20 mins. and by 2100hr it had reached 3.9c. The wind had veered from West to North as Polar air moved into the area A gust of 27knots also occurred at 2045hr. The temperature continued to fall, although not at the same rate to a min of -0.8c at 0630hr. The 19<sup>th</sup> was cold with some sunshine but a lot of cloud The max was 5.4c which made it the coldest November day since 1998 and 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest since 1993. After 6.3hrs of air frost the 20<sup>th</sup> began a cloudy cold day with light SW'ly winds as a warm front began to push in from the south west. Light drizzle / rain

fell from 0900hr with air temp. at only 1.3c but this turned to sleet/wet snow which fell from 1300hr until c1600hr Drizzle / rain fell thereafter. The sleet /wet snow did not settle. A max of 2.7 occurred at 1045hr, but this was surpassed by the 0900hr temp. on 21<sup>st</sup> of 4.5c. Therefore, making the 20<sup>th</sup> the coldest November day since 1993 when the maximum temperature on the 23<sup>rd</sup> reached only -0.1c. However, the 4.5 max on the 20<sup>th</sup> does not enter the top ten lowest maxima in the past 35 years as many days during the 1970's and 80's were much colder during November. The 21<sup>st</sup> was misty murky quite miserable day with outbreaks of drizzle / rain and it was also cold. Temperatures were gradually rising all day reaching 9.8c at 2100hr. but continued to rise all night reaching 11.7c at 0630hr on 22<sup>nd</sup>. The 22<sup>nd</sup> was a dry day with some sunshine and much milder max 13.1c. The 23<sup>rd</sup> began with a cloudy start but the day was dull, mild but dry. Max 11.4c The 24<sup>th</sup> was another cloudy dull day a little cooler with a max of 10.4c and a little light drizzle around 1600hr. The 25<sup>th</sup> was another cloudy day, a little sunshine and a max of 11.2c. The 26<sup>th</sup> was dry with sunny spells in the morning but cloudy with showers in the afternoon. Max 12.8c The 27<sup>th</sup> was a colder day with cloudy conditions although the sun was visible through As Max 9.6. The evening saw outbreaks of light rain as thicker cloud had moved into the area. The 28<sup>th</sup> began with outbreaks of light rain / drizzle which had fallen for most of the night. The morning and afternoon saw some 'drier' interludes the day was generally damp with rain / drizzle outbreaks and cold. Max 6.4c (which occurred at 1900hr) and Nil sunshine. The 29<sup>th</sup> was another cloudy day but the day was dry Max 7.4c The cloud cleared in the evening to allow a frost to develop although this was short lived 0.3hrs of frost as cloud moved into the area again. The 30<sup>th</sup> was a coldish day with generally cloudy conditions. Some brightness but Nil bright sunshine and a max of 7.3c The evening saw the cloud clear to allow air temperature to fall below freezing at 2046hr until 0254hr producing 4.1hrs of frost an a min of -2.0c on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Temperature** Mean max 10.6c was the lowest since 2001, and the highest max (14.2 on 3<sup>rd</sup>) was also the lowest since 2001. However the lowest max (4.5 on the 20<sup>th</sup>) was the lowest since 1993. The Mean min 4.9c was the lowest since 2001. The highest min 9.2c on the 3<sup>rd</sup> was the lowest since 1976. The lowest minimum -2.7 on the 14<sup>th</sup> was the lowest since 2001.

**Rainfall.** The total for the month 38.4mm made it the driest since 1999 and the 10<sup>th</sup> driest in 48 years. The highest rainfall total was the lowest since 1978 and 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in 35 years. Rain days at 16 were average but lowest since 1998 (equal with 2001) and wet days (at 11 and were average) were lowest since 2001.

**Days with:** Air frosts (5) were 1 less than average but highest since 2001 and ground frosts (9) were 2 days less than average but still highest since 2001. Snow fell for the first time since 2001 and Fog (1 day) was the lowest since 2001.

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