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Rainfall: January had only just over half the normal rainfall. February is the same heading for another dry month. Devon missed the snow except on the hill tops nearby.

Temperatures: January was 2degC warmer than average with no appreciable cold spells. In contrast the first half of February experienced a significant cold spell with overnight temperatures down to -6degC and daytime only just getting above freezing. However it has now warmed up in the second half of the month.

Weather elsewhere: Mainland Europe in common with Britain experienced a very cold period in early February with temperatures as low as -20degC. The Danube froze and there was up to 200cm of snow in places in Serbia trapping villagers and the Six Nations rugby match between France and Ireland in Paris was cancelled due to a frozen pitch. The famous 125 miles skating race called *Elfstedentocht* along the canals in Holland came close to being run but the ice never got thick enough. The last time it took place was 1997.

Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC

Jan/Feb 12	1960-90 Climate	Measured Averages	Warmer or colder than average?
Max Temp	7.6/7.5	9.8/5.5	Warmer/Colder
Min Temp	2.1/1.7	3.8/-1.8	Warmer/Colder
Mean Temp	4.9/4.6	6.8/1.8	Warmer/Colder
Temp Range	5.5/5.7	6.0/7.3	
Highest Max	14/14	13.0/10.3	10 Jan 12
Lowest Min	-13/-9	-1.7/-6.2	4 Feb 12
Lowest Max	-6/-3	2.7/1.9	2 Feb 12
Highest Min	11/10	8.8/2.4	9 Jan 12
Payhembury		Rainfall mm	Date of max
Jan 12	104	59	3 Jan 12
Feb 12 (2 weeks)	39	16	10 Feb 12

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