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The website has been updated with a new look where these articles are now archived.

Rainfall: December 11 and so far in January 12 it has been drier than average but no significant snow to date. For 2011 as a whole there was only 75% of the average rainfall in Payhembury which was very similar to 2010 and the driest year I have recorded since I started in 2008. Over parts of the Midlands however there was less than 65% of the annual rainfall.

Temperatures: Both December and the first 2 weeks of January have been unseasonably warm with January 3°C above average. The 2011 overall mean temperature was 1.6°C above average which is the warmest annual mean in Payhembury since my records began in 2007. Unfortunately the warm temperatures were not in the summer months when there were below average temperatures. The sunshine was slightly higher than average for Devon in 2011 but those of us with solar cells will be hoping for more in 2012!

Weather elsewhere: Two intense storms passed over the British Isles in late December and the first week of January. Scotland suffered most but the second storm caused disruption in the south also with some fences down in the village. It sounds as if Northern Japan is getting the snow this winter.

Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC

| Dec 11/Jan 12 | 1960-90 Climate | Measured Averages | Warmer or colder than average? |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Max Temp | 8.5/7.6 | 9.6/10.6 | Warmer |
| Min Temp | 2.7/2.1 | 3.6/4.8 | Warmer |
| Mean Temp | 5.6/4.9 | 6.6/7.7 | Warmer |
| Temp Range | 5.8/5.5 | 5.9/5.8 | |
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| Highest Max | 15.5/14.0 | 12.2/13.0 | 10 Jan 12 |
| Lowest Min | -9/-13 | -2/-0.5 | 13 Jan 12 |
| Lowest Max | -2.5/-6 | 5.8/7.9 | 16 Dec 11 |
| Highest Min | 12.5/11 | 9.5/8.8 | 31 Dec 11 |
| Payhembury | | Rainfall mm | Date of max |
| Dec 11 | 100.0 | 83.0 | 12 Dec 11 |
| Jan 12 (2 weeks) | 47.0 | 28.2 | 3 Jan 12 |

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