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Rainfall: Devon has just been declared a drought area though no hosepipe ban yet. The reason is March only provided 23% of its normal rainfall and April so far has not been much better. You only have to look at the stream through the village to see how low the levels are in the groundwater. Luckily, as its not raining, my rain gauge failed so some of the figures in April rely on measurements in the Otter Valley. It has now been replaced.

Temperatures: March was exceptionally warm especially towards the end of the month where record highs were recorded. The temperatures have plunged in April though daytime is still warmer than average. The other notable statistic has been the cold nights seen in the large temperature range with several air frosts during March and April, not good for delicate plants.

Weather elsewhere: Over 90 cities in more than half of the US states had their warmest March on record. Unfortunately devastating tornadoes have also accompanied these warm temperatures with several deaths reported despite the advance warnings being given.

Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC

Mar/Apr 12	1960-90 Climate	Measured Averages	Warmer or colder than average?
Max Temp	9.6/12.1	15.0/13.4	Warmer
Min Temp	2.7/4.1	3.8/2.1	Warmer/Colder
Mean Temp	6.2/8.1	9.4/7.8	Warmer/Colder
Temp Range	7.0/8.0	11.2/11.4	
Highest Max	19.5/21.5	22.1/16.3	28 Mar 12
Lowest Min	-9/-4.5	-2.3/-1.3	19 Mar 12
Lowest Max	0.5/2.5	9.8/7.9	9 Apr 12
Highest Min	11/11	7.9/7.9	9 Apr 12
Payhembury		Rainfall mm	Date of max
Mar 12	73	17	4 Mar 12
Apr 12 (2 weeks)	26	11	9 Apr 12

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