

Payhembury Weather

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Weather for March 2023

Rainfall: March in contrast to February was a very wet month. After a dry week it rained almost every day in March resulting in almost double the normal rainfall by the end of the month. The Met Office declared this was the wettest March since 1981 for England with Devon being typical of most of southern England. April so far has been a bit drier but storm Noa brought more rain and strong winds across SW England on 11-12 April.

Sunshine: Several counties, including Devon, had their dullest March on record with less than 50% of the normal sunshine. Over Payhembury my solar cells recorded 67% of the norm but this is only a proxy method of recording sunshine.

Temperatures: The temperatures gradually increased through the month resulting in slightly above normal values for day and night in the monthly mean. There was only one frost night on 6 March.

Weather elsewhere: Tropical Cyclone Ilsa a category 5 storm crossed over the north-west Australian coast on 13 April giving the highest winds ever recorded on the mainland as fast as 283 km/h causing extensive damage. Storms in South Florida gave almost 300 mm of rain in a matter of hours on 12 April, causing widespread flooding, closing the Fort Lauderdale airport and turning thoroughfares into rivers. On 10 April a volcano in Kamchatka, Shiveluch, erupted releasing large amounts of sulphur dioxide into the stratosphere which subsequently crossed the Pacific. Being high up it was no threat to the public.

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Monthly Rainfall	131.6 mm	+59 mm		from normal
Days of Rain	23 days			
Wettest Day	18.2 mm	8 Mar		
Mean Max Temp	10.9 degC	+1.3 degC		from normal
Mean Min Temp	4.8 degC	+2.2 degC		from normal
Warmest Day	16.3 degC	30 Mar	13:53	
Coldest Day	-0.4 degC	6 Mar	04:00	
Windiest Day	12.1 m/s	21 Mar	23:43	

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If you want to see the table above a few days after the end of the month it is posted on the Payhembury Parish Facebook page.