

# Payhembury Weather [www.payhembury-weather.co.uk](http://www.payhembury-weather.co.uk)

**Rainfall:** December was once again a very wet month with more deluges a few days before Christmas and on New Years Eve. Although January has started a bit drier reaching the village became difficult for a while on 12 Jan with another deluge causing flooding. The first significant snow arrived on the 18<sup>th</sup> with about 2cm of wet snow on my lawn. 2012 was easily the wettest year for many years despite the first 3 months being in drought making it even more remarkable. 194mm more than the average was recorded over the year.

**Temperatures:** Both December and January so far have been above average temperature although January has now taken a colder turn with the arrival of snow. For the year as a whole the temperature anomaly was +0.7degC. This was cooler than 2011 but warmer than 2010. All the details are on the web site for the past year.

**Sunshine:** I have compared 2012 sunshine with 2011 and 2011 was sunnier at least for the months of April to December. A plot is on the web site which compares the monthly sunshine figures.

**Weather elsewhere:** As we freeze in Devon, Sydney Australia basks in record high temperatures of 45.8degC on 18 Jan with bush fires raging around. In Western Australia a severe dust storm was so intense it created lightning flashes.

**Payhembury Monthly Temperatures degC**

Dec 12/Jan 13 (14 days)	1960-90 Climate	Measured Averages	Warmer or colder than average?
<b>Max Temp</b>	8.5/7.6	8.9/9.3	Warmer
<b>Min Temp</b>	2.7/2.1	3.2/4.8	Warmer
<b>Mean Temp</b>	5.6/4.9	6.1/7.0	Warmer
<b>Temp Range</b>	5.8/5.5	5.7/4.6	
<b>Highest Max</b>	15.5/14	13/11.8	23 Dec 12
<b>Lowest Min</b>	-9/-13	-3.1/-0.1	1 Dec 12
<b>Lowest Max</b>	-2.5/-6	3.9/4.9	11 Dec 12
<b>Highest Min</b>	12.5/11	9/9.4	3 Jan 13
<b>Payhembury</b>		<b>Rainfall mm</b>	<b>Date of max</b>
<b>Dec 12</b>	100	159	22 Dec 12
<b>Jan 13 (14 days)</b>	47	35	12 Jan 13

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