OCTOBER 2026 CLIMATE SUMMARY

Mild and sunny with stormy spells

October was warmer than average, with a 24 hour mean temperature of 12.1°C, 0.6°C above the climatological average*. The highest temperature was 18.1°C on the 5th, the 9th highest October temperature on record**.

Rainfall totalled 109.2mm, just 6% above average, with the numbers of rain days (≥0.2mm/day) and wet days (≥1.0mm/day) also close to normal. The wettest day was the 23rd, when 23.7mm fell during Storm Austen, accounting for more than a fifth of the month's total rainfall.

The mean wind speed was 16.3mph, just 5% above the October average. However, stronger winds were more frequent than normal, with 16 strong-wind days[3], and 4 gale days[4]. During Storm Boelo on the 24th, a gust of 71mph was recorded and an hourly mean speed of 46mph on the 25th, both ranking as the 4th highest October values on record.

Sunshine was 12% above average at 119.6 hours despite the stormy spells. The generally mild conditions were also reflected in only 1 day of ground frost.

**A climatological average is calculated over a 30-year period (1991-2020), the international standard in climate research and is updated every decade.*
*** Most Isle of Man meteorological records date from 1947, when observations began at Ronaldsway.*