

Weather for the Autumn Quarter 2021

The first couple of days of September continued the dry, cloudy and cool weather than we had experienced in the second half of August. However, this pattern was finally broken and gave way to several glorious days that were bright, clear and warmer than any of the days in August, reaching 29.6°C on 7th.

It couldn't last of course but we had four days that reached almost 30°C, before we reverted to more normal, but still very pleasant, September weather. As the fine weather broke there were heavy showers and thunderstorms across the country - but we had not a drop of rain in Wickham Market. By the middle of September the grass was struggling to survive and great care was needed to keep containers and hanging baskets going.



Vehicles struggle through flood waters yesterday (AFP/Getty)

15th September, flooding on Tower Bridge - not something you would expect!

The weather for September continued to be mixed - but 'mixed' was good after the locked-in chilly greyness of August. We had a number of very pleasant warm sunny days and on 22nd and 23rd almost unbroken blue skies and temperatures that reached the mid 20s. What was missing was any significant rain; lawns were reduced to brown straw and growth had stopped almost entirely. At least there was less cutting and trimming required the garden!

Only at the very end of the month did any significant rain fall on Wickham Market. There was 12.7 mm in total as two fronts swept across the country on the 27th and 29th. The total for the month of only 16.2 mm, well below the 10-year average of 45.5 mm. It felt much colder on the final day of the month and we knew that Autumn had properly arrived.

But overall September was very pleasant and bright with 144.8 hours of sunshine recorded at Wattisham, compared to the very disappointing August that preceded it with just 109.6 hrs. The average temperature for the whole month was 22.9°C, 2.0°C above the 10-year average and 0.8°C warmer than the average for August.

October opened with rain: 7.2 mm on the 1st and the 27 mm on the 2nd. The rain was so extensive there was no way for it to go round us! It was twice as much rain as had fallen in the whole of September!

dull. The month ended on a brighter note with a couple of clear, sunny days, that resulted in overnight frosts. Then storm 'Arwen' brought very high winds, snow and major disruption to the northern part of the country and particularly to Scotland. A number of areas lost power for several days. As so often Wickham Market caught only just the edge of the storm and for this we must be grateful.

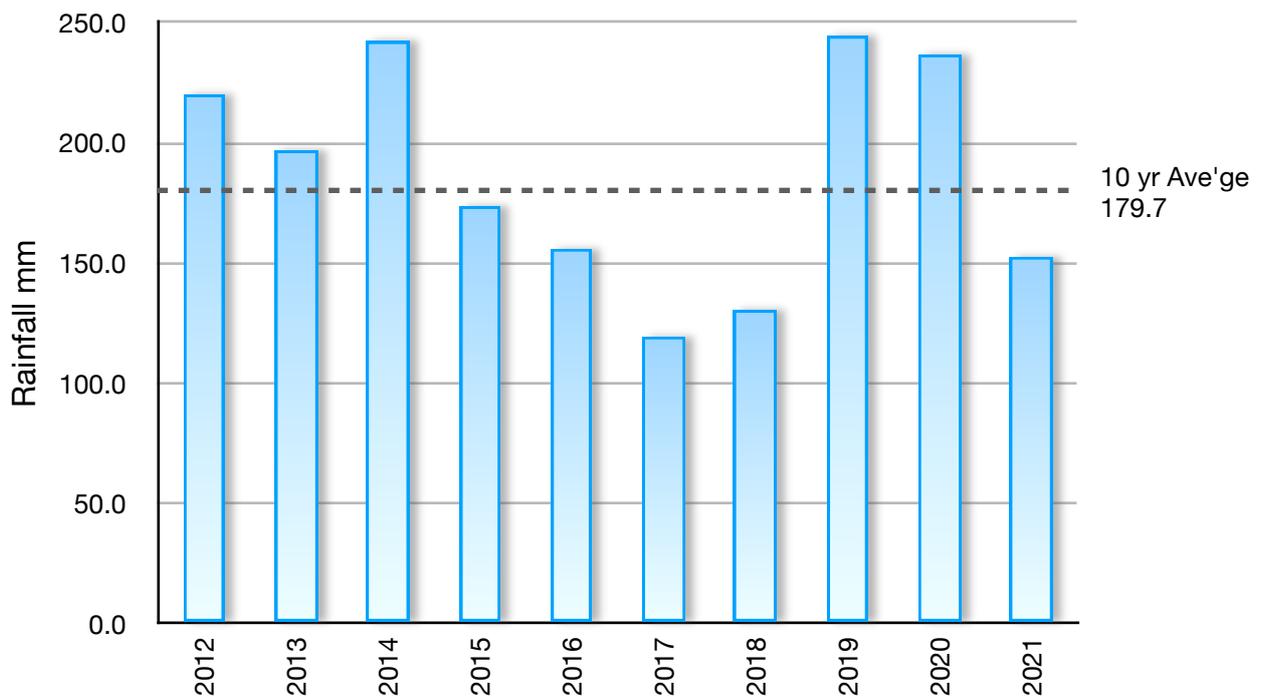


The Tan Hill Inn, Yorkshire Dales (Britain's highest Public House) 28th November 2021
Customers were trapped by snow drifts for 3 days

The November weather was close to the 10-year averages, but it was significantly drier with just 26.3mm compared to 69.6, and much sunnier, 97.8 hours of sunshine were recorded at Wattisham, 35% above the 10-year average.

So in summary the autumn was warm and relatively dry compared with the 10-year average (Average temperatures was 12.3°C compared to 11.6 °C and we had 152.8 mm of rain compared with 179.7mm). We had some storms and high winds, but we were well sheltered from the extremes of weather experienced in other parts of the country.

Autumn (Sept, Oct and Nov) Rainfall 2021



Average Maximum and Minimum Temperatures

