

Durlston weather summary 2025

At Durlston, the total rainfall was 916mm, 97% of the long term average. The year started wet, was followed by a prolonged dry spell in the summer and a wet autumn and winter.

Measurements have been taken for 38 years since 1988. As the anemometer has not been so reliable this year so estimates of wind strength have been taken occasionally.

The averaging period for this assessment was 1991-2020 as used by the Met Office. 7 months were drier than average with a prolonged dry spell in the summer. In contrast, 4 months (January, September, October, December) were much wetter

The maximum temperature recorded was 25.8°C on 13th August, the only day when 25°C was exceeded. Sub-zero temperatures (-0.2°C) were only recorded on January 9th and 10th.

January The winter continued on a mild, wet and unsettled note. A very active jet stream brought frequent low pressure systems and an increased risk of Storm clustering, with Storm Eowyn on 24th followed by Storm Herminia. There was a brief cold snap but the month was otherwise mild with winds coming from SW, nearly 150% the average rain.

February was a dull and cold month with easterly winds as a blocking high pressure to the east of the UK led to overcast, but settled conditions. It warmed up towards the end of the month. Below average rainfall.

March Persistent high pressure brought settled conditions for most of the month, with bright but cooler conditions and also widespread fog. It was the second driest March on record for Durlston with only 11.9mm of rain (18% of the long term average).

April started in a similar vein to March with high pressure bring settled conditions. There was very little rain in the first 2 weeks and below average temperatures from 6th to 10th. The second half of the month brought more unsettled weather but overall average rainfall for April.

May Northerly winds and high pressure for the first 3 weeks brought sunny, warm and dry weather. It was more unsettled with heavy showers from 21st but overall, there was below average rainfall.

June overall was a warm and sunny month with average rainfall. Unsettled weather and low pressure dominated for most of the month with short periods of high pressure.

July was dry with less than half the average rainfall. Northerly winds, sunny and settled conditions prevailed for most of the month.

August. A prolonged dry and warm period meant that less than 2mm of rain was recorded in the first 26 days of the month, however the month ended on a wet note. Although cooler than inland areas, it was a warm month with the maximum temperatures most days exceeding 20°C and the hottest temperature of the year, 25.8°C, recorded on 13th.

September: In contrast to the previous months, September was a cool and generally unsettled monthly with frontal systems bringing rain, in total over 150% of the average September rainfall.

October began warm but it was a wet month with heavy downpours on a few days, mostly towards the end of the month.

November: A wet and blustery month, starting warm. There was dense fog mid month, some sunny days and frosts noted on 21/22/23

December: It was a blustery start to the month and there was rain most days up to 23rd, then bright and cold from 24th with strong E / NE winds. Overall, more rain than average.

