

Rode Weather Report for March 2025

The following is a summary of the key readings on my Davis Vantage Vue weather station located in the middle of our back garden in Rode.

I have put the readings in a table and shown the equivalent readings since mid-2020 when I installed the system.

March Readings

| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|---------------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Average Maximum | 12°C | 13°C | 11°C | 12°C |
| Average Minimum | 3°C | 3°C | 4°C | 4°C |
| Max Temp/dates | 24°C 30 | 20°C 23,24 | 16°C 21 | 16°C 17,19,20 |
| Min Temp/dates | -3°C 6,7,8 | -1°C 25 | -2°C 10-11 | -3°C 4 |
| Total Rain | 75.0mm | 65.6mm | 144.8mm | 117.0mm |
| Max 24hr Rain | 21.8mm 2-3 | 17.2mm 11-12 | 26.2mm 8-9 | 30.6mm 27-28 |
| Days with Zero rain | 20 | 16 | 17 | 8 |

| | 2025 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Average Maximum | 14°C |
| Average Minimum | 2°C |
| Max Temp/dates | 20°C 20,31 |
| Min Temp/dates | -4°C 1,2,3,4,16 |
| Total Rain | 6.0mm |
| Max 24hr Rain | 2.2mm 21-22 |
| Days with Zero rain | 23 |

Just before he was taken ill, Michael Cooper's last weather report for Frome was circulated to this group on 4th April 2023. He reported that it was the wettest March he had recorded going back to 2002 with 167.5mm. He said the Met Office had reported it as England's wettest March since 1981. In Frome rainfall was 166% above the average.

In contrast, this March has been very notable for how dry it has been. I recorded a total of only 6mm rainfall in the entire month and 23 days with no measurable rain. It was a warm month with daylight temperatures averaging 14°C and a maximum of 20°C recorded on two days, though temperatures of zero or below were recorded on 12 nights. It has also been very sunny but my weather station doesn't record sunshine hours.

MICHAEL COOPER'S HISTORICAL NOTE; -

Some 70 years ago, although the March of 1952 had been mild for much of the month, on Saturday March 29th, a tremendous blizzard struck south and south west England. It resulted in 330 main roads becoming blocked. (Ref: "The Times" Weather Eye)

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