

WESTHILL WEATHER : 2009

Average air temperature:	8.4 ° c
Highest air temperature:	29.0° c on July 1st
Lowest air temperature:	-12.0° c on February 8th
Lowest grass temperature:	- 12.0° c on February 9th
Warmest month (air max):	July @ 19.8° c average
Coldest Month (air min):	December @ -1.6° c average
Total rainfall:	1173.8 mm (46.2 inches)
Wettest day:	75.0 mm on October 21st
Wettest month:	October with 203.2 mm
Most consecutive rain days:	13 days December 13 th to 25 th (mostly falling as snow)
Total rain days:	203 days
Snow cover:	30 days
Deepest Snow:	295 mm on February 12th
Driest month:	April with 30.3 mm rain
Longest period without rain:	10 days: April 11 th to 20th

Westhill Weather 2009: Rainfall in more detail

Month	Rainfall(mm)	Rainy days	Wettest Day	mm that day	Snowcover days
January	62.6	14	24th	15.4	0
February	115.4	20	3rd	32.5	15
March	51.1	12	27th	15.4	0
April	30.3	11	6th	8.6	0
May	107.5	17	15th	22.5	0
June	78.7	15	10th	24.4	0
July	130.9	22	17th	37.6	0
August	62.2	21	14th	14.0	0
September	83.6	11	3rd	58.0	0
October	203.2	18	7th	75.0	1
November	157.1	20	1st	59.4	0
December	91.2	22	5th	10.8	15
Totals for year 2009	1173.8	203			30

Totals for year 2008	947.5	208			18
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John Lupton, weather recorder, writes:

It is interesting to note that the 25year average rainfall for Westhill over the period 1984 to 2008 was 942.mm

Overall 2009 was a relatively dull, cool year with well above average rainfall and two prolonged periods of snow; one in February lasting 15 days and the other starting On December 17th, lasting through to January 15th 2010.

The year started with January 09 being colder than in recent years with below

average rainfall. March was fairly dry and mild and April had well below average rainfall and was virtually frost free.

Things started to go downhill in May with a lot of dull wet weather, followed by summer months that were not as the Met. Office forecast- I wonder how many barbecues were used?

The months of October and November were very, very wet with poor light quality- quite a depressing couple of months and December started cold and damp before the snow arrived.

To me, 2009 was a difficult gardening year because of the weather and I can only hope that after the cold start to 2010 we enjoy a warm spring and summer with less rain than last year – and more sunshine, please!

JL –Westhill- March 2010