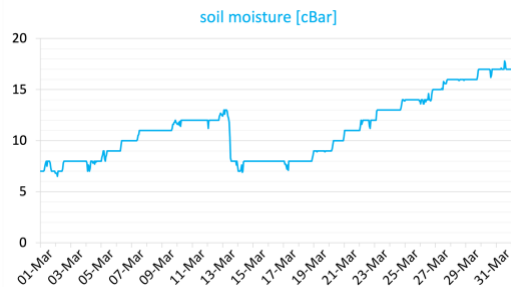
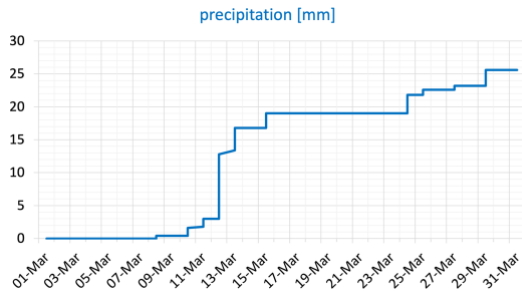


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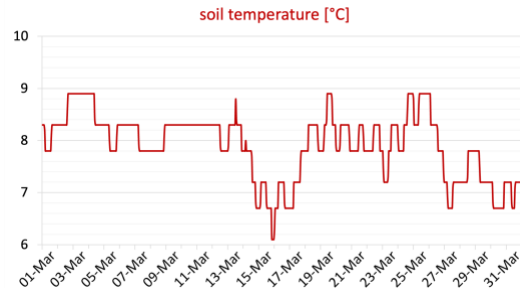
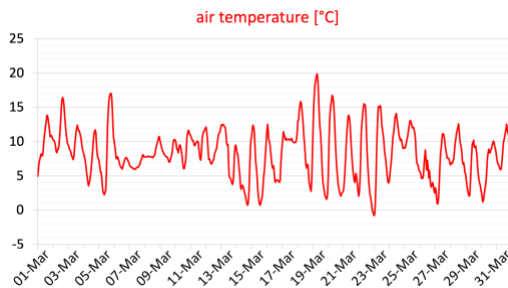
### Precipitation & Soil moisture:

Finally, after several months of above average rainfall causing the ground to become saturated the rains retreated to the northwest of the UK. March's total was just 25.6 mm, i.e. 44 percent below the March average for Offchurch of 45.8 mm. Apart from the 12th, when 9.8 mm fell, rainfall was generally light. The ground was saturated from the previous month's rainfall but soil moisture levels began falling early in the month only to rise again after the 12th's rain. Levels steadied but fell again after the 15th for the remainder of the month. Note: soil moisture is measured in centibars (cBar) of pressure, representing plants' ability to take up moisture. Values of 10 to 30 cBar indicate the ground is adequately wet.



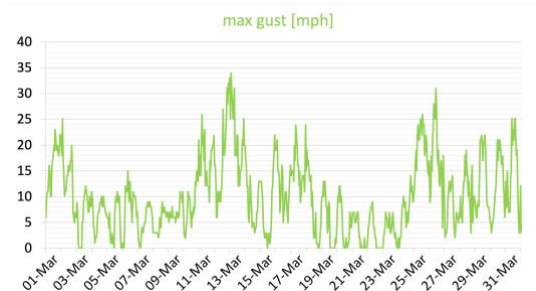
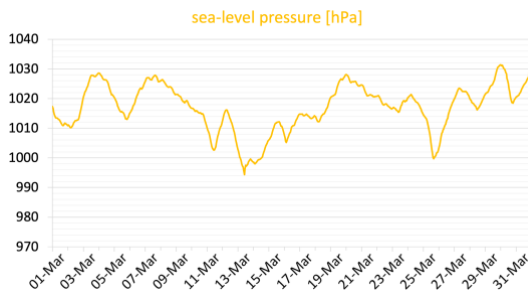
### Air & Soil temperature:

The average temperature was 8.7°C, which is 1.4°C above the area's average and 0.7°C above last March. There was one air frost and 15 ground frosts. The highest temperature of the month was 20.2°C on the 31st - warm for late March. The average soil temperature was 7.9°C.



### Atmospheric pressure & Windspeeds:

Atmospheric pressure averaged 1017hPa. The maximum pressure was 1031.4hPa with a minimum of 994.3hPa. Pressure was variable throughout the month. There were no UK named storms but nevertheless there were variable blustery winds at times. As may be seen from the chart there was maximum gust of 34 mph on the 12th.



### Sunshine hours & UV Index:

Quite sunny at times with 139 sunshine hours, which is 25% above average but still 40 fewer hours than last year! There were six days with no sunshine. It may be seen that there was more sunshine towards the end of the month. The UV Index is slowly rising at this time of year as the sun gets higher in the sky. This may be observed from the UV Index and solar radiation charts.

