

# Rainfall at Louie's Lane, Diss

Graham Buck, our resident “engineer” who looks after the association's water supply system, also keeps a meticulous record of how much – and how often – it rains. Since we can't grow anything without the stuff, and we complain when there is too much of it, members may like to know what the facts are.

## **Annual rainfall** ( 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> October / measured in millimetres)

2011-12	678
2012-13	632
2013-14	637
2014-15	658
2015-16	625
2016-17	577
2017-18	673
2018-19	650

The eight-year average, therefore, is 641mm which is equivalent to just over 25 inches. Apart from 2016-17, the annual rainfall seems to have been pretty consistent.

## **Monthly averages/wettest to lowest** (millimetres)

October	62
December	62
November	61
June	58
July	57
May	55
August	54
January	49
March	49
September	48
February	45
April	41

The year from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 threw up some unusual figures. For example, rainfall in October this year was unusually heavy at 116 mm - so heavy, in fact, that it distorted the running averages. In the first seven years of the series, October was the sixth wettest. By taking the figures for October 2019 into account, however, October became the wettest month, on average, over eight years.

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So, thanks to Graham, we now know pretty well how much rain to expect in any given month.