



Weather chart for 0700 GMT on 18 August 1924

### Daily weather extremes

**Highest Maximum Temperature:**  
20.6 °C at Felixstowe (Suffolk)

**Lowest Maximum Temperature:**  
11.7 °C at Nairn (Nairnshire)

**Lowest Minimum Temperature:**  
6.7 °C at Renfrew (Renfrewshire)

**Lowest Grass Minimum Temperature:**  
2.8 °C at Renfrew (Renfrewshire)

**Most Rainfall:**  
238.8 mm at Brymore House, Cannington (Somerset)

**Most Sunshine:**  
10.5 hours at Falmouth (Cornwall)

### General summary

Apart from one or two showers across southwest England and some patchy drizzle affecting coastal areas of northeast England and eastern Scotland it was a dry night across the United Kingdom with variable amounts of cloud.

Showers continued through the morning across south and southwest England. Outbreaks of rain developed across northwest England and North Wales soon after dawn and this spread eastwards into eastern England through the morning. Elsewhere, apart from one or two showers across Scotland and Northern Ireland, it was mainly dry with bright or sunny spells.

Showers and thunderstorms developed more widely across the country during the late afternoon and evening and these continued overnight in some locations with some localised torrential downpours notably across Somerset.

Winds were light across northern England and Scotland but moderate, locally fresh across southern districts. It was a cool day with temperatures a degree or so below the normal values for August across the country.

### Significant weather event

The weather at Cannington was cloudy all day with a few showers. However, the real event did not start until 2000 hours of the 18<sup>th</sup> when heavy rain and thunder was reported. By 0200 hours on the 19<sup>th</sup> the rain, accompanied by hail, became very heavy and the thunder was frequent and loud. In the 5 hours from 2000 hours on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 8 inches of rain fell at Cannington. Transport was severely disrupted in the area the following day but fortunately, no loss of life occurred.

### 24-hour rainfall totals

	Rainfall	
	(mm)	(in.)
Brymore House, Cannington (Somerset)	238.8	9.40
Ashford House, Cannington (Somerset)	142.2	5.60
Ashford Water Works, Cannington (Somerset)	114.3	4.50
Fairfield House, Stogursey (Somerset)	102.4	4.03
Dytche School, Holford (Somerset)	73.9	2.91
West House, Chilton Polden (Somerset)	72.9	2.87
Wembdon Road, Bridgwater (Somerset)	63.5	2.50
Porlock Rectory (Somerset)	63.5	2.50

### Daily weather statistics

	London	Edinburgh	Cardiff	Belfast
Maximum Temperature/°C:	17.2	15.6	17.2	16.7
Minimum Temperature/°C:	12.8	8.9	11.1	10.6
Rainfall Amount/mm:	0.0	0.5	1.8	0.2
Sunshine Amount/hours:	4.6	2.8	5.6	8.6