



Weather chart for 1800 UTC on 29 May 1920

Daily weather extremes

Highest Maximum Temperature:
22.8 °C at Southend on Sea (Essex)

Lowest Maximum Temperature:
11.1 °C at Wick (Caithness)

Lowest Minimum Temperature:
2.2 °C at Eskdalemuir (Dumfriesshire)

Lowest Grass Minimum Temperature:
-0.6 °C at Eskdalemuir (Dumfriesshire)

Most Rainfall:
119.1 mm at South Elkington (Lincolnshire)

Most Sunshine:
7.7 hours at St. Aubin, Jersey (Channel Islands)

General summary

For much of the country it was a dry but rather cloudy night. However, outbreaks of rain pushed north into parts of southwest England by dawn.

For much of the morning it was dry but rather cloudy across the United Kingdom. Outbreaks of rain, already across parts of southwest England, slowly pushed north and eastwards during the morning. During the afternoon, the area of rain continued north into parts of northern and eastern England and although generally light and patchy in nature, two distinct areas of heavy thundery rain developed across Lancashire and Lincolnshire during the afternoon. The area of rain across Lincolnshire was particularly heavy with some intense bursts across the Lincolnshire Wolds. As much as 4 inches falling in the space of three hours in a few spots. These storms slowly dissipating during the evening. Elsewhere it was mainly dry but rather cloudy.

Winds were cyclonic in nature but generally light on the whole.

It was a warm day across southern England and South Wales but temperatures elsewhere were about average. However, it was rather cold down the east coast or northeast England and eastern Scotland.

Significant weather event

The effect of the remarkable rainfall in the Lincolnshire Wolds was felt in a disastrous manner in the town of Louth. Towards the town several streams flowing in from the Wolds converging to form the River Lud. The water in this normally placid rivulet rose extremely rapidly, by report, as much as 6 feet in 10 minutes, and was at one time 15 feet above its usual level, and a torrent 200 yards wide was sweeping through the town. Twenty-two people are known to have drowned, and an enormous amount of damage to property was caused. Much loss to stock and the destruction of several bridges were also reported from the neighbourhood.

24-hour rainfall totals

	Rainfall	
	(mm)	(in.)
Elkington Hall, South Elkington (Lincolnshire)	119.1	4.69
Hallington (Lincolnshire)	104.1	4.10*
Horncastle (Lincolnshire)	100.3	3.95
Grainsby Hall (Lincolnshire)	86.4	3.40
Woodhall Spa (Lincolnshire)	71.9	2.83
Wold Newton (Lincolnshire)	63.5	2.50
Worden Hall, Leyland (Lancashire)	82.0	3.23
Whiteholme, Brindle (Lancashire)	72.6	2.86
Preston (Lancashire)	71.6	2.82
Barnsley (Yorkshire)	66.0	2.60
Bamber Bridge (Lancashire)	63.5	2.50

*Gauge overflowed at this point. Estimation certainly puts the total in excess of this amount.

Daily weather statistics

	London	Edinburgh	Cardiff	Belfast
Maximum Temperature/°C:	22.2	11.7	20.0	14.4
Minimum Temperature/°C:	12.2	8.3	11.7	8.3
Rainfall Amount/mm:	0.4	11.7	4.6	2.0
Sunshine Amount/hours:	4.8	1.1	4.7	3.7