

## **Seasonal Assessment – Spring 2021**

First 2 months – March and April 2021

The following represents a provisional assessment of the weather experienced across the UK during the first two months of Spring 2021 (March and April) and how it compares with the 1981 to 2010 average.

The spring so far has been colder than average, with only one notable warm spell at the end of March, and there have been regular frosts in many areas. Most of the time it has been relatively settled, and April was also notably sunny.

The first week of March was particularly cold, but a milder second half more than offset this, with a particularly warm spell in the last three days of the month. The March monthly-mean temperature was 0.9 °C above average. April was generally cold, especially regarding night-time temperatures, with the greatest number of air frosts of any April since 1960; monthly-mean temperatures were 1.7 °C below average, making it the coldest April since 1989.

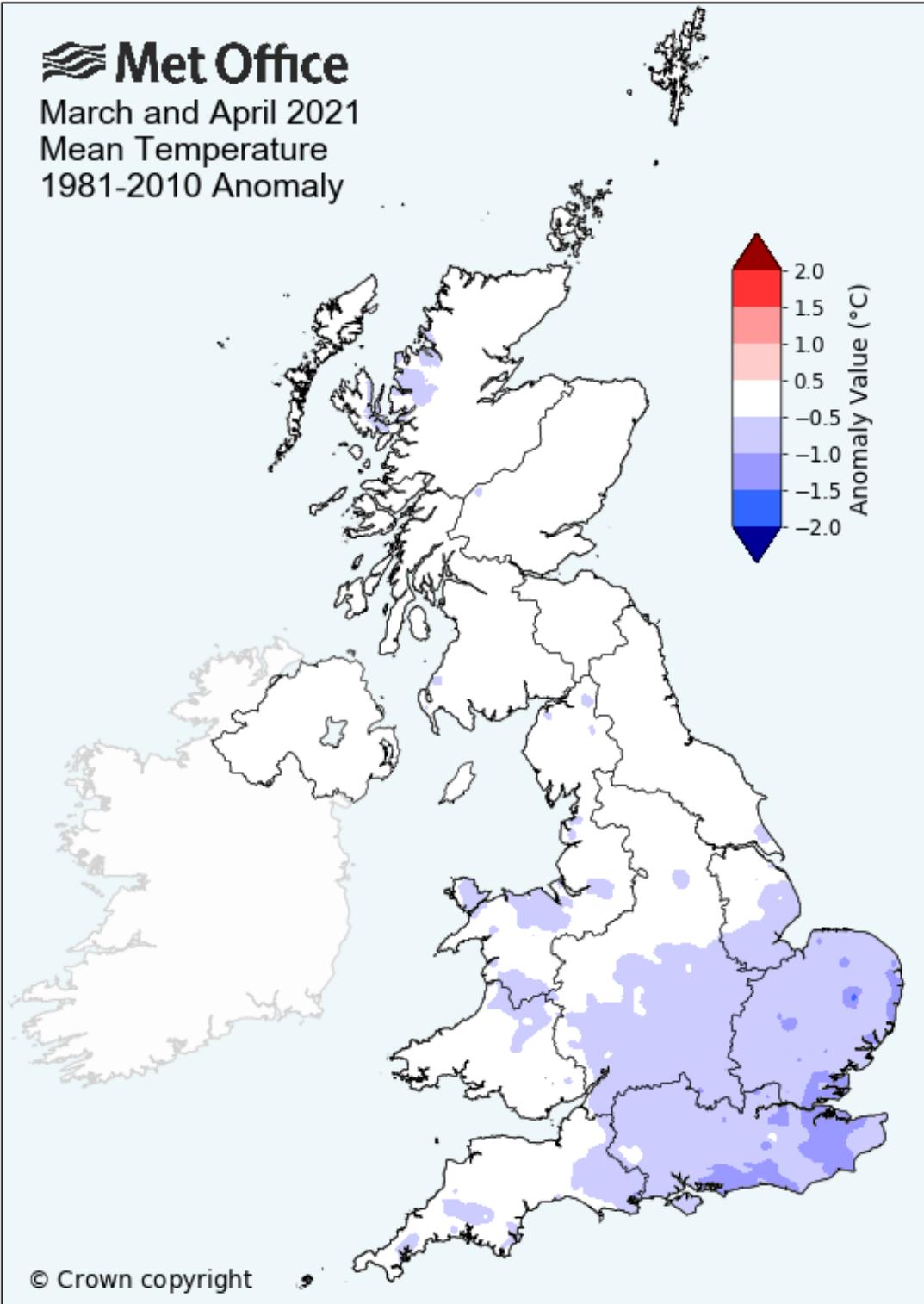
March rainfall totals were rather below average in most areas, despite wet and unsettled spells between 9th and 14th and between 23rd and 30th; overall the UK had 89% of average rainfall. April was predominantly dry, though with rainfall in some areas between 4th and 11th and again from 26th onwards. It was the driest April since 1980, with 28% of average rainfall for the UK.

North-western fringes of the UK were duller than average in March, with other areas near or just above average, giving an overall figure equal to the long-term average. April was a sunny month, for the second year in a row, giving 152% of the average total sunshine duration.

<b>UK statistical summary</b>		
<b>Mean temperature</b>	<b>Rainfall</b>	<b>Sunshine</b>
The provisional mean value for March and April is 6.0 °C, which is 0.4 °C below the 1981-2010 average.	The provisional total for March and April is 104 mm, which is 62% of the 1981-2010 average.	The provisional total for March and April is 327 hours, which is 131% of the 1981-2010 average.

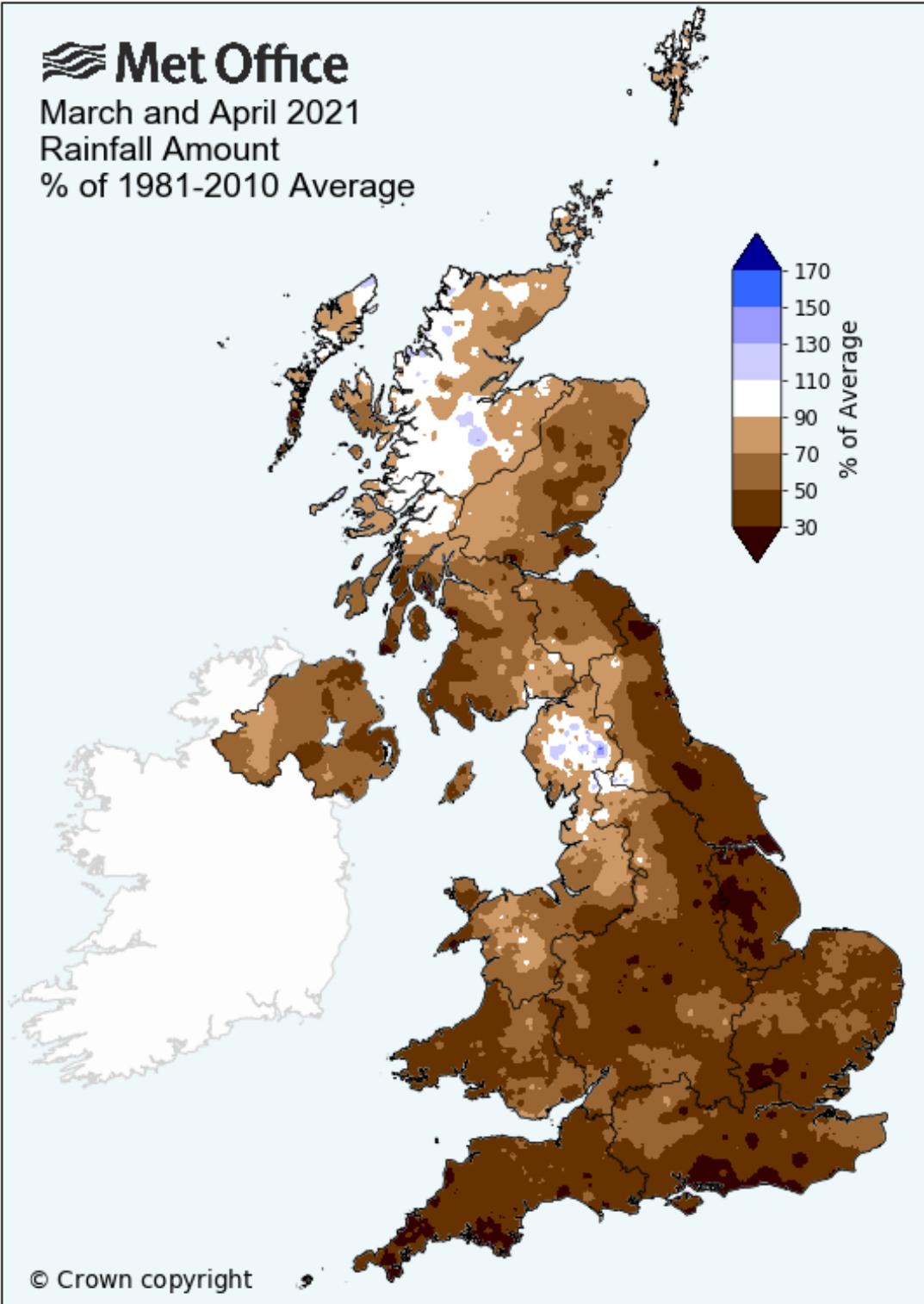


March and April 2021  
Mean Temperature  
1981-2010 Anomaly





March and April 2021  
Rainfall Amount  
% of 1981-2010 Average





March and April 2021  
Sunshine Duration  
% of 1981-2010 Average

