

Rode Weather Report for May 2024

The following is a summary of the key readings on my Davis Vantage Vue weather station located in the middle of our back garden in Rode.

I have put the readings in a table and shown the equivalent readings since my first May readings in 2021 after I had installed the system.

May Readings

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Average Maximum	20°C	19°C	19°C	16°C
Average Minimum	9°C	7°C	9°C	6°C
Max Temp/dates	28°C 12	24°C 18	24°C 17	26°C 31
Min Temp/dates	3°C 5	3°C 16	5°C 9,28	-1°C 1,2
Total Rain	68.8mm	65.4mm	67.6mm	120.2mm
Max 24hr Rain	20.8mm 25-26	21.6mm 8-9	20.6mm 15-16	18.0mm 12-13
Days with Zero rain	14	19	13	8

According to the Met Office, May was the UK's warmest May and meteorological spring on record. The average mean temperature was 13.1°C beating 2008's previous record of 12.1°C. These figures were particularly influenced by above average temperatures in the northern half of the UK.

Here in Rode my figures correspond fairly closely with an average temperature for the month of 14°C. The average maximum was the highest of the last 4 years and the highest temperature of the month was 28°C, higher than the preceding 3 years.

Rainfall was average at 68.8mm. In 2022 Mike Cooper gave the Frome average for the preceding 21 years as 68mm. Nearly a third of the month's total fell in 24 hours on 25-26th.

I don't measure sunshine hours but the Met Office report for the month suggests this area was between 70% and 90% of average.

You can find the full Met Office report on May's weather here.

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/news-and-media/media-centre/weather-and-climate-news/2024/warm-may-and-spring-for-the-uk>

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