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October 2026 at Ronaldsway

The official climate summary is headed “Mild and sunny with stormy spells,” and also “Oik Emshyraght Roonysvaie.” Storm Austen wrote the rain. Storm Boelo wrote the wind.

October was warmer than average, with a 24-hour mean temperature of 12.1°C, 0.6°C above the 1991–2020 climatological average. The highest temperature was 18.1°C on the 5th, the 9th highest October temperature on record. A footnote on that record says: “Most Isle of Man meteorological records date from 1947, when observations began at Ronaldsway.”

Rainfall totalled 109.2 mm, just 6% above average. The wettest day was the 23rd, when 23.7 mm fell during Storm Austen, “accounting for more than a fifth of the month’s total rainfall.” The mean wind speed was 16.3 mph, just 5% above the October average, with 16 strong-wind days and 4 gale days, in the summary’s wording. During Storm Boelo on the 24th, a gust of 71 mph was recorded and an hourly mean speed of 46 mph on the 25th, “both ranking as the 4th highest October values on record.”

A sunny official month, despite the spells

Sunshine was 12% above average at 119.6 hours, despite the stormy spells, and there was only 1 day of ground frost. A year earlier, the 2025 annual report had called October the dullest on record, with only 50.8 hours. Those are two official Octobers, a year apart, and they are not the same month.

A short quiz

1. How much rain fell during Storm Austen on 23 October 2026, and what fraction of the month was that?
2. What two Boelo wind figures does the summary rank as the 4th highest October values on record?
3. What Manx name is printed under “Ronaldsway Met Office” on the summary?

Answers. 1. 23.7 mm, more than a fifth of the month’s 109.2 mm. 2. A 71 mph gust on the 24th, and a 46 mph hourly mean on the 25th. 3. Oik Emshyraght Roonysvaie.

Wording from the Ronaldsway Met Office October 2026 Climate Summary, with the 2025 annual report cited only for the earlier official October, checked 17 November 2026.
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