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# What Eowyn measured

The 2025 annual report writes the January storm in more than one official way. This sheet quotes those sentences, and does not convert one into the other.

The year, the report says, “got off to a wintry start with January slightly colder than average, and indeed some snow for many parts of the island, and of course the named storm “Eowyn” on the 24th caused significant damage and tree fall. The gusts over 80mph were the strongest of the year.”

In the wind section the same official report prints “MEAN SPEED 12.3 KNOTS (=Av.)” and “MAX GUST 70 KNOTS, 24th January.” The prose then says the main named wind storms “were “Eowyn” on the 24th January, with gusts to 70 knots, which prompted a rare red warning and caused serious damage around the island, and storms “Amy” and “Bram” in October and December.” That last sentence does not assign a month to each of Amy and Bram.

## The year around the storm

The same report is headed “2025 – One of The Warmest on Record.” The 24-hour mean was 11.27°C, second warmest behind 2023, after a cooler last week of the year dropped it from first place. Daily maxima across the year, 13.79°C, were the highest on record. The summer’s 24-hour mean of 16°C beat 15.9°C from 1995. And 1762 hours of sunshine, the report says, “were burned onto the cards.”

## A short quiz

1. What boxed gust figure does the wind section print for 24 January?
2. What does the opening narrative say about the strongest gusts of the year?
3. What does the report say, exactly, about Amy and Bram?

**Answers.** 1. MAX GUST 70 KNOTS, 24th January. 2. “The gusts over 80mph were the strongest of the year.” 3. They are named “in October and December,” without a month assigned to each.

Wording from the Ronaldsway MET. Office Annual Observations Report 2025, published 8 January 2026, checked 17 November 2026. This sheet does not convert 70 knots into miles per hour.