



# Exceptional weather events

**Type of event:**  
**Snowfall**

**Date:**  
**January 1987**

## THE SNOWFALL OF JANUARY 1987

On Sunday 11th January a cold southeasterly airflow covered the country. During the 12th, snow showers were confined mainly to the east and south, and accumulations of snow were generally small. Easterly winds were moderate to fresh. Snow showers on 13th penetrated further westward over Ireland and snowfalls seriously affected Cork City and its environs. Places in the east and midlands reported appreciable depths of snow on Wednesday 14th. Moderate northeasterly winds accompanied snowfalls and drifting occurred. Road travel was impeded, and some main roads were made impassable. Temperatures rose a little above zero on Thursday and a slow thaw set in. Unlike the 1982 situation roads which were cleared did not freeze over after Thursday and travelling conditions on main roads improved quickly. Conditions had much improved by Saturday and on Sunday 18th only traces of snow-lying remained.

12cms of snow was reported at Roche's Point. This is the greatest depth of snow recorded at this location since systematic measurements of snow depths began in 1961. At Roche's Point also, air minimum temperatures fell to  $-7.2^{\circ}\text{C}$  on the night of 12th/13th which is the lowest air temperature recorded at Roche's Point since records began in 1867.

### Maximum Snow Depths (cm)

