



Stunning Icicle Display!

These icicles were observed on 12.02.2012 alongside a lane near Tamworth, Staffordshire, UK. They were only found on two bushes. When the photograph was taken they were just beginning to melt. They must have been even more spectacular before!



Close-up the icicles looked very beautiful. You could see through them in places.

So what caused this wonderful sight? The weather had been very cold indeed for several days. It had not been below 0°C for quite a while. (You could look at February 2012 weather on the weather data page of Weather for Schools.)

The picture on the right shows the secret. Water from melting snow had formed puddles. This may have been kept melted by drains in the road. As cars went by, they splashed the water onto the cold branches of these bushes. The water froze onto branches and twigs layer by layer to produce this spectacular sight.

