If we think it has been a cold winter in the UK it has been even colder in Sweden.

We tried to convey this with the link to the weather in Lulea shown on our website.

In fact Lulea seems to have had a balmy coastal climate in comparison with what has happened in the interior.

For both Kallak and Ruoutevare the nearest town with weather reporting is Jokkmok.

This table shows just how severe the weather has been in comparison with normal:

Jokkmokk

| | Average minimum C | 2010/2011 Actual mean minimum C |
|----------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| October | -4 | -9 |
| November | -11 | -28 |
| December | -15 | -30 |
| January | -19 | -30 |
| February | -18 | |
| March | -14 | |
| April | -7 | |
| May | 0 | |

Sources: climatetemp.info and weatherunderground.com

Under Swedish regulations work has to be suspended at -25C.

This has had an impact on both our drilling campaign and on collecting cores for analysis but as the weather improves then work will resume.

The current forecast is can be seen at www.foreca.com/Sweden/Jokkmokk?tenday