

Parish Information Bulletin

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September Parish Forum

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Shape Mendip Lottery

Community groups throughout the district are being invited to attend a special briefing session to find out more about how they can get involved with the Shape Mendip Lottery.

The lottery, which has been established by Mendip District Council, gives players the chance to scoop a £25,000 jackpot prize while also helping community organisations to raise funds themselves.

Many local organisations have already signed up to the lottery and are benefitting from ticket sales - for each £1 ticket bought, 60% of the ticket price will go to support community groups throughout the district.

Since its launch in February, the lottery is on target to raise over £14,000 in its first year for local organisations. There have been hundreds of lucky winners - with players scooping themselves £2,000, £250 and £25 prizes, or free tickets for the next draw.

Now, to encourage organisations to raise more funds, a special briefing session is to be held this month for groups to find out:

- How to join the lottery
- How to promote themselves and increase their ticket sales
- How to engage with the local community

The session will take place on Thursday 19 October, from 11am to 1pm in the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council offices, Shape Mendip Hub, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT.

The event is being run by Spark, who will be running a workshop from 11.30am - 12.30pm and who will also have staff on hand to provide one-to-one support. Refreshments will also be available.

For more information about the Shape Mendip Lottery go to www.shapemendiplottery.co.uk



Digital Drop in Sessions for local businesses

Informal, drop in sessions & open discussions with field experts. Get to the bottom of your queries with our friendly advisers

Digital drop in sessions	Digital Marketing workshops
The Sherston	SS&L
12 th Oct 5-7 Manage Your Social Media https://manageyoursocialmediawells.eventbrite.co.uk	2 nd Nov – Build Your Business with Blogging https://buildwithblogging.eventbrite.co.uk
9 th Nov 5-7 Business IT anything https://wellsbusinessitanything.eventbrite.co.uk	1 st Feb – Better Business branding: Logos and beyond https://wellsbrandingworkshop.eventbrite.co.uk
11 th Jan 5-7 Getting your branding right https://gettingyourbrandingright.eventbrite.co.uk	1 st March – Marketing Automation Made Easy https://easyautomation.eventbrite.co.uk
<i>Please note the above events direct users to www.mendip.gov.uk/growwithdigital - presently this web page hasn't yet been updated but will be next week</i>	3 rd May – Digital Marketing Masterclass https://digitalmarketingmaster.eventbrite.co.uk

Mendip's draft PSPO document

Mendip residents are being invited to have their say on a draft document from the council which aims to make the district safer.

Following overwhelmingly positive feedback during initial consultations earlier this year, the council has now drafted a further two Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO).

PSPOs are part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing act 2014 and allow police and local authorities to combat anti-social behaviour by targeting problem areas or behaviours. The orders can cover anything from consuming alcohol in public spaces to dog fouling and will normally only apply to certain pre-defined areas such as public parks or high streets.

To view the PSPOs, go to Mendip's website: <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/pspo>
The deadline for comments is midnight on 3 October 2017. Comments can be made via email to environmental.health@mendip.gov.uk or in writing to Community Safety (Public Consultation), Mendip District Council, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 5BT.



October – Mental Health Month

This year Mendip Health and Wellbeing Board highlighted some priority areas for 2017-2019. These include improving the provision of healthy housing, raising awareness of mental health and safeguarding issues, reducing obesity and anti-social behaviour. Every month we will follow a topic connected to one of these priority areas in order to raise awareness and providing information on support and advice available.

October is mental health month with World Mental Health Day being held on 10 October every year. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get involved in moving towards reducing stigma attached to mental health, being more open in talking about issues and supporting each other in improving our own mental wellbeing and that of others.

In support of World Mental Health Day the Health and Wellbeing Board is supporting and promoting use of a hashtag - #MendipMentalWellbeing .

Would you like to promote events in Mendip around mental health, share articles, photos, and suggestions on improving and supporting mental wellbeing at home or in the workplace?

Post on any/all social media of your choice at **10am on 10 October 2017** and tag your posts with #MendipMentalWellbeing .

If we haven't openly discussed mental wellbeing before let's start at 10am on 10 October 2017.

Making Every Contact Count

Another way to support mental wellbeing and general health choices of those around us is to listen to them, ask open questions and encourage considerations around health and lifestyle choices.

We know only too well the effect of long-term diseases caused by, for example, tobacco, hypertension, alcohol, being overweight or being physically inactive.

Stopping smoking, improving diet, increasing physical activity, losing weight and reducing alcohol consumption can significantly help people to reduce their risk of poor health and improve their mental wellbeing, but making these changes is not easy for some people.

Public Health England have funded access to some useful training resources to give us the skills, knowledge and confidence in delivering the right messages and information. This approach is known as Making Every Contact Count (MECC).

To register for the free MECC online eLearning module, please refer to the guidance attached or follow this link: <http://portal.e-lfh.org.uk/Register>

The registration process takes a few minutes, with an external verification being sent to your e-mail address. All parish councillors are encouraged to take part in this training as it will benefit everyone in our community by being better



informed, more connected and engaged in our ability to support the wellbeing of others as well as our own.

Sport England Funding for Tackling Inactivity

Sport and physical activity can be extremely powerful in supporting positive social change while improving someone's mental wellbeing, helping to drive down crime rates in an area, or reducing social isolation. However, there are groups in our community, often defined by their demographics who are more likely to be inactive.

Sport England are open to funding applications for projects aimed at supporting inactive people in lower social-economic groups as a way of supporting the wellbeing of those with little or no income at all as often their motivation to be active is greatly reduced in comparison to those with higher or more stable income. This is for new projects only, not for existing work or to replace lost funds.

Applications must be made by a constituted body. However, if any working or steering group in the community would like to apply, they may contact Somerset Activity and Sport Partnership (SASP) on enquiries@sasp.co.uk to check if they may be able help with applications.

The deadline for applications is 06 November 2017. Please visit the Sport England website for more details <https://www.sportengland.org/funding/tackling-inactivity-and-economic-disadvantage/>

Who cares for the carers? We do.

The Somerset Carers Service can support carers with advice and guidance. Caring for another person is very rewarding, but can be overwhelming and lonely at times. Somerset Carers Service can help link carers to groups & events in the local area, to find facts and information that will help the person being cared for with their particular needs.

Here you will find specific support for unique situations; and our Carers Agents are on hand to help and guide you. If you can't find what you are looking for, contact us via our Live Chat, Advice Line or Text service.

Advice Line: 0800 31 68 600
<http://somensetcarers.org/>



Zing Health Trainers

To improve the wellbeing and health of Mendip residents, **Zing Health Trainers** are **free NHS Service** which aims to support individuals wanting to make a change in their lifestyle. We help people to take a holistic approach to their wellbeing. By encouraging and supporting individuals to make small changes, they can achieve a big difference to their lifestyle.

As well as one to one support, **Zing Health Trainers** are offering Adult Weight Management Groups. These short courses consisting of 6 group sessions with additional support around healthy eating, increasing activity and wellbeing provide a great start to making a change in your lifestyle.

We have courses starting soon in Shepton Mallet Community Hospital Meeting Room

Session 1	Wednesday	01 November	4.30pm - 6:00pm
Session 2	Wednesday	08 November	4:30pm - 6:00pm
Session 3	Wednesday	15 November	4:30pm - 6:00pm
Session 4	Wednesday	22 November	4:30pm - 6:00pm
Session 5	Wednesday	29 November	4:30pm - 6:00pm
Session 6	Wednesday	06 December	4:30pm - 6:00pm

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Session 1	Wednesday	8 November	9.30am — 11:00am
Session 2	Wednesday	15 November	9:30am — 10:30am
Session 3	Wednesday	22 November	9:30am — 10:30am
Session 4	Wednesday	29 November	9:30am — 10:30am
Session 5	Wednesday	6 December	9:30am — 10:30am
Session 6	Wednesday	13 December	9:30am — 11:00am

Why not call us today to book your place and find out how you can get the support of a Zing Somerset Health Trainer 0800 412 5502/ 01460 238 254

www.zingsomerset.co.uk Find out what is happening near you.

Mendip Parish Forum

The Mendip Parish Forum is for clerks, elected members and community representatives from across Mendip. The forums are held quarterly in the Council Chamber at the Mendip District Council offices.

The last forum on Tuesday, 26 September 2017 was attended by 13 people representing 12 parishes.

The forum was attended by the communication and marketing consultants, Flotilla Media who conducted a short workshop to identify ways that the Parish Forum could be improved. The session generated numerous ideas on how the Parish Forum could be more useful from both a District and Parish Council



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perspective, more stimulating, and better attended. Flotilla would like to pass on thanks for contributions received by email after the workshop from Parish Councillors who were unable to attend on the night. The Council is due to receive feedback from Flotilla on the week commencing 16 October which will help inform a new approach to the Parish Forum. This feedback will then be circulated to Parish Councillors via the Parish Clerks

Nick Cater of the SWP also attended the forum to update the parishes on waste and recycling and highlight the role the Parishes can play in encouraging recycling.

Making waste connections

Mendip parishes can ensure that all their residents are up to date with what they can and should do with their recycling and rubbish through the communication options offered by Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP), which manages waste services for Somerset's county and five district councils.

SWP is urging parishes to use their noticeboards, websites, email bulletins and regular magazines to pass on waste news, information, advice and updates about relevant services, from the dozen or so materials collected from households, to the dozens of materials taken to their local recycling site. All details of services and anything new - from bank holiday day changes to cashless recycling sites - can be found on SWP's website at www.somersetwaste.gov.uk, while the latest news and useful advice can often be found via SWP's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/somersetwaste and its Twitter feed @SomersetWaste.

Every parish is sent a bi-monthly bulletin by SWP, while anyone can sign up on the SWP website to receive its monthly e-newsletter SORTED. By emailing their details to news@somersetwaste.gov.uk, parish magazines can also request to be added to SWP's media list to receive press releases, and to be given artwork for a range of adverts to help their readers waste less, recycle more and save money. For full details of all waste services, download the new 12-page Somerset service guide here: <http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/collections/service-guide/>

Date of next Forum

January 18 2018

Your Forum – your ideas

Please send suggestions to Sara Skirton – sara.skirton@mendip.gov.uk or call 01749 341340.

Community Funding

BBC Children in Need Main Grants Programme

Now open for not-for-profit organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people in the UK aged 18 and under

Children in Need's [Main Grants Programme](#) provides grants between £10,000 and £120,000 over 3 years for organisations that are supporting children and young people of 18 years and under who are experiencing disadvantage through:

- o Illness, distress, abuse or neglect;
- o Any kind of disability;
- o Behavioural or psychological difficulties; and
- o Living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

Organisations must be pro-actively working to combat this disadvantage in order to make a real difference to children and young people's lives.

Not-for-profit organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people of 18 years and under who live in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands are eligible to apply.

Organisations that already hold a grant from Children in Need can apply for further funding providing the current grant is coming to an end within the next 12 months.

Applicants will need to be able to provide convincing evidence of the differences the grant has made to the lives of the disadvantaged children and young people the organisation has worked with.

Funding is ***not*** available for:

- o Work which statutory bodies (such as schools or local authorities) have a duty to fund;
- o Local government or NHS bodies;
- o Building project applications of more than £20,000;
- o Projects which promote religion;
- o Trips or projects abroad;
- o Medical treatment or research;
- o Pregnancy testing or advice, information or counselling on pregnancy choices;
- o Awareness-raising work, except where it is targeted at those children or young people most at risk;
- o Bursaries, sponsored places, fees or their equivalent;
- o Individuals;
- o To be passed on to other organisations, for example, PTAs applying on behalf of schools;



- o General appeals or endowment funds;
- o Budget shortfalls or debt repayments;
- o Projects where the grant expenditure is due to start before the grant award date (this is commonly referred to as 'retrospective funding');
- o Organisations which have applied in the last 12 months;
- o Projects unable to start within 12 months of the grant award date;
- o Unspecified expenditure;
- o Organisational overheads or running costs which the organisation would incur whether the project was running or not.

Consideration will be given to funding support costs incurred as a direct result of running the project.

There is a two-stage online application process.

Groups that are successful at the initial stage will be invited to complete a full application form.

The next application deadline is midnight on **Tuesday 16 January 2018**.

For guidance notes and further details of the Main Grants application process, visit the [BBC Children in Need website](#).

Contact details for BBC Children in Need are:

BBC Children in Need

Tel: 0345 609 0015

Email: pudsey@bbc.co.uk

Comic Relief Core Strength Grants

Grants up to £5,000 for essential core running costs for small, locally led community organisations with an annual income of under £100,000

[Comic Relief's Core Strength Grants](#) programme is designed to support the core running costs or organisational development costs for communities that are suffering from economic and social deprivation and where current economic climate may be making this situation worse.

The programme aims to empower local people, enabling them to create lasting change in their communities.

The work and main focus of the applicant organisation must fit one of the Comic Relief priorities, which are:

- o **Connected communities** - seeking to improve inclusion and cohesion in communities;
- o **Productive communities** - investing in local residents to help them solve the issues they are facing using local people and resources; and



o **Empowered communities** - working to empower marginalised and disadvantaged communities.

Priority will be given to:

- o Those that are new to Comic Relief and/or Community Foundation funding;
- o Those in areas of high deprivation;
- o Those in geographically underfunded areas;
- o Those with lived experience, where people directly affected by the issues are involved in all levels of the organisation;
- o Those with innovative approaches, to respond to clearly defined need; and
- o Those demonstrating effective practice, with evidence that the methodology being used will be successful.

Constituted voluntary and community groups, registered charities, social enterprises, co-operatives and Community Interest Companies (CICs) can apply for a **grant of between £1,000 and £5,000.**

To be eligible, applicants must:

- o Have an annual income of £100,000 or under for the last full financial year;
- o Have been running activities for at least 12 months;
- o Be working in a disadvantaged or deprived area;
- o Have limited access to other sources of income;
- o Clearly define the need they are addressing;
- o Clearly demonstrate the benefit of their activities to local people;
- o Illustrate how they aim to deliver social outcomes;
- o Provide clear evidence that the services they provide are inclusive to all.

The following are ***not*** eligible for funding:

- o Individuals;
- o Statutory organisations, including schools;
- o National organisations, unless the application is submitted by a local office with a separate management committee, bank account and governing documents;
- o Limited Companies possessing Capital Shares;
- o Trips abroad;
- o Buses, mini buses or other community transport schemes (not including transport costs forming part of a project);
- o Building costs, including access adaptations to buildings; or
- o Organisations that are in receipt of a grant directly from Comic Relief (excluding the Community Cash programme).

The programme is managed by Community Foundation's across the UK. Some are open to applications, others are closed.

o **Somerset** - application deadline: **Monday 13 November**;

Application details are available on each of the websites of the Foundation's that are currently offering [Core Strength grants](#).

For contact details for all the Community Foundations across the UK visit the [UK Community Foundation website](#).



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News from the Monitoring Officer

Standards Committee

The Standards Committee has an important role in seeking to ensure high standards of behaviour amongst Members of the District Council as well as Parishes.

Contact details for SALC and SLCC	
Somerset Association of Local Councils Edgar Hall Somerton Business Park 8 Cary Court Somerton TA11 6SB Telephone 01458 270922	Society of Local Council Clerks The Society of Local Council Clerks Main Office No.8 The Crescent Taunton TA1 4EA Telephone: 01823 253646 Fax: 01823 253681 www.slcc.co.uk

Parish Declaration of Interest Forms

Guidance for completing the Parish Declaration of Interest Forms can be found on the website following the link <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/article/2321/Parish-Councils>

A date for your diary

Cabinet, Monday, 9 October 2017

Starting on 09 Oct 17 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

[Monday, 9 October 2017](#)

This meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council, Shepton Mallet. The meeting will commence at 6.30 pm.

Planning Board, Wednesday, 18 October 2017

Starting on 18 Oct 17 at 18:00 for 3 hours until 21:00

[Wednesday, 18 October 2017](#)

This meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council, Shepton Mallet at 6 pm. An agenda will be published 7 days ahead of the meeting.

Corporate Asset Management Group (CAMG), Tuesday, 24 October 2017

Starting on 24 Oct 17 at 15:00 for 3 hours until 18:00

Licensing Board, Wednesday, 25 October 2017

Starting on 25 Oct 17 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30



Wednesday, 25 October 2017

This meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council, Shepton Mallet at 6.30 pm. An agenda will be published 7 days ahead of the meeting.

Scrutiny Board, Monday, 30 October 2017

Starting on 30 Oct 17 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

Audit Committee, Wednesday, 1 November 2018

Starting on 01 Nov 17 at 15:00 for 3 hours until 18:00

Wednesday, 1 November 2017

This meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council, Shepton Mallet at 6.30 pm. An agenda will be published 7 days ahead of the meeting.

Planning Board, Wednesday, 8 November 2017

Starting on 08 Nov 17 at 18:00 for 3 hours until 21:00

Wednesday, 8 November 2017

This meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council, Shepton Mallet at 6 pm. An agenda will be published 7 days ahead of the meeting.

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