

# Parish Information Bulletin

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# Season's Greetings



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# Eural Business, Food, Tourism and Agriculture News and funding

## 1) **EU LEADER Grants for Farming, Food & Rural Businesses – Deadline extended to May 2018 for Expressions of Interest**

Grants are available to support the local rural economy, and are particularly aimed at increasing farm productivity, developing micro and small enterprises and farm diversification, rural tourism, rural services, cultural and heritage activity and increasing forestry productivity. The funding is being administered by eight Local Action Groups (LAGs), each covering a specific area and focused on the things that matter most to their local economies. Grants are for are typically for 40% of total project costs, and can start from a minimum £5k grant. <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/leader>

## 2) **EU RDPE Food Processing, Business Development and Tourism Grants – Deadline extended to May 2018 for Expressions of Interest**

Grant funding for projects in England which create jobs and growth in the rural economy. Businesses could be eligible for an RDPE Growth Programme grant if your business is carrying out a project to create jobs or bring more money into the rural economy. There are 3 types of grant: Business development, Food processing and Rural tourism infrastructure - Typical grant interventions are 40% of total project value. Minimum grant £35k are indicated by LEP area and/or eligibility criteria. The project is mainly aimed at small to medium-size enterprises, but there may be exceptions for some large food producers of [Annex 1](#) products. Somerset & Devon businesses fall under the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership area - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rdpe-growth-programme>

## 3) **New Defra Countryside Productivity Grants for Farm Productivity and Adding Value to Agri-Food – Deadline for Expressions of Interest - June 2018**

Defra has recently announced two new Countryside Productivity Grants – to improve farm productivity and to add value to Agri-Food products. The grant rate is 40%, but both schemes have a minimum grant application of £35,000 – i.e. a minimum project cost of at least £87,500 – so are only applicable for larger scale investments. Farm productivity grants can be used to pay for:

- the use of robotic equipment and systems to aid crop and livestock production e.g. robotic milkers
- increasing the use of renewable energy produced on farm by improving energy storage and distribution
- the use of LED wavelength controlled lighting to aid crop production



- more efficient use of livestock slurries and manures, and digestate

Grant funding is also available for water resource management. For further information on these and other Countryside Productivity Scheme grants: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/countryside-productivity-scheme>

For more information about these grants, please contact [economy@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:economy@mendip.gov.uk)

## 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<sup>th</sup> September 2017 was attended by 13 people representing 12 parishes.

### **Date of next Forum**

18<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### **Topics include:**

Mendip Lottery  
Local Plan part II  
AgeUK  
Transparency Code of for small authorities

### **Your Forum – your ideas**

Please send suggestions to Chris Loughlin – [Chris.Loughlin@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:Chris.Loughlin@mendip.gov.uk)  
or call 07816 949449.

## Shepton Area Men's Sheds

**Shepton Area Men's Shed** has finished weekly meetings now for Christmas, but will start again on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (9.00-12.00).

The Shed is there to provide company, interest and activity for men of all ages over 18. We now have workspaces for anyone who wants to make, mend or otherwise be active with wood or metal – either with their own project or working with others to produce planters and bird tables for the next Shepton Mallet Snowdrop Festival in February.

If you're not into woodwork, don't worry! We have other spaces for IT support (members can book a session with our resident IT nerd), other leisure activity, or just chilling with a cuppa. Our upstairs gallery is accessible from outside for those who don't do stairs.



As demand grows, we will open at other times, and suggestions for other activities are welcome.

Because we are still awaiting grants, we have some **URGENT NEEDS** – especially any basic **TOOLS**, a **big capacity SPACE HEATER** and someone **PAT- TEST** some power tools.



We'll be meeting every Tuesday at the Woodbin (at the back of Somerset Care & Repair), Barley House, Charlton Trading Estate, Shepton Mallet, BA4 5QE. Membership costs £15 pa, with a weekly 'sub' of £3 when attending. For more information contact Graham Cooper:  
 Email: [info@sheptonshed.org.uk](mailto:info@sheptonshed.org.uk)  
 phone: 07966 361796  
 website <http://sheptonshed.org.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 The Sherston	Digital Marketing workshops SS&L
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 5-7 Getting your branding right <a href="https://gettingyourbrandingright.eventbrite.co.uk">https://gettingyourbrandingright.eventbrite.co.uk</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb – Better Business branding: Logos and beyond <a href="https://wellsbrandingworkshop.eventbrite.co.uk">https://wellsbrandingworkshop.eventbrite.co.uk</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> March – Marketing Automation Made Easy <a href="https://easyautomation.eventbrite.co.uk">https://easyautomation.eventbrite.co.uk</a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> May – Digital Marketing Masterclass <a href="https://digitalmarketingmaster.eventbrite.co.uk">https://digitalmarketingmaster.eventbrite.co.uk</a>

### Shepton Sessions

A programme of FREE & informal, drop-in advice sessions with field experts to help you to improve your business's digital performance.

#### Discuss Digital

- 16th Jan - Improve your Google ranking
- 20th Feb - IT anything
- 20th Mar - Planning your Social Marketing
- 19th April - Xero & cloud bookkeeping apps

**3rd Tuesday of the month, 4-6PM @ My Coffee Stop**



## Local Plan Part II Pre-submission Consultation

Parish and Town Councils are advised that Mendip District Council are consulting on the pre-submission draft of the Local Plan Part II between Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018. This is the final stage of consultation before the Plan is submitted for examination by the Secretary of State.

The Local Plan Part II allocates specific sites for development, employment and community uses in line with the intentions of the policies in the adopted Local Plan Part I. The published Pre-submission plan also includes a large number of Local Green Space designations and a small number of additional policies, including a draft policy on development in the Greenbelt as well as a policy to promote Self and Custom build housing through single plot exception sites. A separate Supplementary Planning Document has been prepared to provide additional information for the application of the Self and Custom build single-plot exception sites (Pre-Submission Local Plan Part II Policy DP24).

Copies of the Pre-Submission Local Plan Part II and associated documents are available to view:

- On Mendip District Council's website at [www.mendip.gov.uk/localplanpart2](http://www.mendip.gov.uk/localplanpart2)
- In paper form at the Council's principal offices at Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4 5BT during normal working hours.
- In paper form at the Council's Access Points in Frome, Glastonbury, Street and Wells (please check the Council's website or contact (0300) 303 8588 for opening hours and directions).

Parish Councils have been instrumental in the development of the Plan so far and the Council would like to thank all those that have participated. There is now further opportunity to respond to the pre-submission draft although at this stage in the process, responses are sought as to whether the plan is "sound" or "legally compliant". Further information on this can be found in the guidance notes available on the website.

Responses should be made on the dedicated response form (available online and in hard copy at the locations above) and returned:

**By post to:** Planning Policy, Mendip District Council, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 5BT

**By email to:** [planningpolicy@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@mendip.gov.uk)

**By hand to:** The Council offices in Shepton Mallet (address above).

For further information or advice, please contact the Planning Policy Team by email at [planningpolicy@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@mendip.gov.uk) or by telephone on (0300) 303 8588.



# January Healthy Events

The Council Chamber at the Shape Mendip Hub will be hosting two different health and wellbeing events in the last full week of January 2018. The Shepton Mallet Chamber of Commerce are putting on the first event on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 from 6.00 pm. This event aims to highlight alternative physical therapies that can help with a wide range of aches, pains and difficult movements, whilst supporting the therapists who are also small, local businesses. The event is free, but early booking and arrival is advised as therapists will be offering free 121 taster sessions that can be booked from 6.00 pm on the night.

The next event will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and will be looking at the impact of diet and nutrition on our health and wellbeing amongst other ways to care for ourselves. This event is also free and booking is essential. See attached posters for more info.

Both sessions are open to everyone and aim to promote various ways to improve health and wellbeing to local residents after the festive season - please share with your parishes.



## JANUARY MOT FOR YOUR BODY

AN INFORMATIVE AND **FREE** EVENT WITH TALKS AND 121 SESSIONS WITH A VARIETY OF HOLISTIC THERAPISTS WHO CAN GET YOU FEELING GREAT AGAIN

Feeling stiff, sluggish or achy?  
Like something just isn't right?  
Are some movements awkward or painful?  
Is it getting you down?

ANSWERED **YES** TO **ANY** OF THESE QUESTIONS? THEN COME ALONG FOR A **FREE TASTER SESSION** FROM A WIDE RANGE OF THERAPIES, TO MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICES ABOUT WHAT WORKS FOR YOU

Bowen, Access Bars, Kinesiology, Indian Head Massage, Reflexology, Yoga, Emotional Freedom Technique  
Hypnotherapy, Aromatherapy, Chi Nei Tsang

*take a picture so you don't forget!*

MORE INFO + BOOKING = [JANUARYMOT.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK](http://JANUARYMOT.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK) 



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018, 6 - 8.30 PM  
Council Chamber, MDC, Cannards  
Grave Road, Shepton BA4 5BT



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# Creating Health in Shepton Mallet

Join the **Creating Health Roadshow** at their next stop in **Shepton Mallet** for a fun evening of information & inspiration.



## A Talk from Dr Campbell Murdoch – Somerset GP

**What should we be eating for general health & wellbeing?** A simple explanation of the science of Nutrition and Health which is proving successful for so many across the world. With testimonials from Peter and Nikki and their success managing T2 diabetes.

**Plus:** Information to take with you. Healthy tasty nibbles to try. Free raffle – *win a slow cooker!* Meet local health-related groups and charities.

**And:** Optional *Tai Chi for Health & Vitality* session with John @8.30-9pm

**Where:** Council Chambers, Shape Shepton, Cannards Grave Rd, BA4 5BT

**When:** Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Jan: 6.45 for 7pm start – 8.30pm. *Booking Essential!*

E: [info@creating-health.org.uk](mailto:info@creating-health.org.uk) or text 07904804524 to book your place.

This event is *Free* 😊

Next stop on the **Creating Health Roadshow** is **Glastonbury** in April 2018.

This event is brought to you by [www.creating-health.org.uk](http://www.creating-health.org.uk)  
We have a passion for community health & wellbeing, sharing  
info and having fun!! 😊

# Somerset Social Entrepreneurs Programme 2018

The Somerset Social Entrepreneurs Programme 2018 is a eight day action learning programme over four months plus webinars, allowing and encouraging participants to implement changes between sessions and providing time and space to reflect on their learning. The programme will consist of a blend of modes of delivery and learning methods for personal and organisational development. These will include: day-long intensive study sessions, interactive webinars, workshops, action learning sets, and business review sessions where you will be looking at your organisation's specific challenges and opportunities with the support of experts. We complete with a final progression and celebration event.

7th February	16th April
19th February	20th April*
23rd February*	2nd May
7th March	4th May*
9th March*	16th May
21st March	

\* Participants will be invited to attend a Business Review Panel on only 1 of these days

## How to apply

Apply for the programme by downloading the application form via the below link. You can save the form to your device, fill it in offline and then submit it via e-mail.

<https://www.the-sse.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Somerset-Social-Entrepreneurs-Programme-Application-2018.docx>

For more information, email [mandy.heard@dartington.org](mailto:mandy.heard@dartington.org) or call 01803 847067



# Health and Mind Matters event

More details of this event will be published on the Mendip District Council website and posted via social media through January 2018.



Come along and meet organisations from your local community who can work with you to explore your physical and mental wellbeing.



*Supporting you to make small changes which could have a big impact on your quality of life.*

*Improving mental wellbeing*

*Developing digital skills*

*Healthy lifestyle ideas*

*Exploring hobbies and interests*

*Addressing budgeting and debt support*

**"SOMETIMES THE SMALLEST STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION ENDS UP BEING THE BIGGEST STEP OF YOUR LIFE. TIPTOE IF YOU MUST BUT TAKE A STEP."**

Naeem Callaway

# Help End Loneliness this Christmas



**Christmas Appeal**  
*Help end Homelessness this Christmas*

“  
The help I received from the team at Elim Connect saved my life. I was homeless and Connect found me a place that I could call my home.  
- Gary”



*Imagine the fear, anxiety and helplessness  
of having no shelter at night.  
Please make a difference to the lives of  
those living on the streets...*

Your donation could go toward giving a homeless person:

£12.50  
Christmas  
Day lunch



£45  
A sleeping  
bag & coat



£20  
A care  
package



Last year we helped over 60 people find a home



*Please give some comfort to your homeless  
community this Christmas*

*To Donate*

**Web:** [www.connect-centre.org.uk/Donate](http://www.connect-centre.org.uk/Donate)

**Text:** CW015 to 64647

**BACS:** - Sort Code 60-05-16 Account 18537561 Ref: Christmas

**Cheque:** Made Payable to EFGA RE WELLS



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Contact us  
Elim Connect Centre, Portway,  
Wells, BA5 2BE  
Tel: 01749 677097

Email: [info@connect-centre.org.uk](mailto:info@connect-centre.org.uk)  
Search on social media for 'Connect Elim'



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# Winter Weather Collection advice

New winter weather advice has been issued by Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP), which reminds residents that their waste remains their responsibility until collected, especially if there is a risk high winds will blow recycling or rubbish down the street.

The advice includes:

- In bad weather, squash all but glass and aerosols, weigh down loose materials, stack boxes with the locked food waste bin on top, and leave out as late as possible before 7am in a visible but sheltered spot.
- Services may be delayed or suspended in severe weather; check the SWP website for news, and if a collection is missed, contact Mendip District Council customer services on [customerservices@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@mendip.gov.uk) or 0300 303 8588.
- If safe, all efforts will be made to maintain services in severe weather, including return pick-ups if collections are missed; residents should present missed containers by 7am for up to four calendar days for recycling, and up to seven calendar days for rubbish. If still no collection, take containers back in and put them out by 7am on the next usual collection day.
- In poor weather, please help anyone elderly, infirm or disabled with containers or in taking materials to recycling sites.

For all waste information: [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk).



# Community Funding

**ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EXTERNAL GRANTS** - Grants up to £50,000 for charitable organisations in England, Wales & Northern Ireland for projects that benefit ex-Armed Service personnel & their families (application deadline 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 for Service Delivery Grants).

For the Service Delivery grants, there is a two-stage application process. Stage One application forms are available to download from the **Royal British Legion's website** (scroll down the page to the 'Apply for a Grant' tab). Those who are successful at Stage One will be invited to fill in a Stage Two application form.

**THE BULLDOG TRUST AND THE FORE GRANTS** – Grants up to £30,000 for development funding and strategic support to early-stage charities and social enterprises (Fund opens at 10.00 am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - please see note below).

Further details, including guidelines for application and FAQs, can be found on the **Fore website**.

**THE PETER CRUDDAS FOUNDATION** – Grants for registered charities in England & Wales working to support disadvantaged & disengaged young people as they move towards pathways into education, training & employment (2018 application deadlines: 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> September).

Further information and an application form is available on the **Foundation's website**.

Completed forms should be returned by email to the Foundation with an A4 covering letter.

**THE A B CHARITABLE TRUST** - Grants up to £20,000, including core funding, for small to medium-sized UK charities that are working to defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals in the UK (next application deadlines 2 March and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018).

An online application form must be submitted with a funding proposal, no longer than 1,200 words in Microsoft Word format, including background, aims and objectives, activities and achievements.

Further information about the Trust and its application process is available on the **ABCT website**.

**PLANNING DELIVERY FUND** - Grants up to £250,000 for Third Sector Organisations & local authorities to support joint working, high quality design & innovation for better house building & infrastructure development in England (Expression of Interest deadline 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018).

The deadline for expressions of interest is **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018**.

The Planning Delivery Fund prospectus and the expression of interest forms for the Joint Working Fund, the Design Quality Fund and the Innovation Fund can be found on the **GOV.UK website**.



**THE NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST COMMUNITY GRANTS** - Grants up to £25,000 for projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship in the UK, Isle of Man and Channel Islands (next application deadlines 5<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018).

The next application deadlines are:

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018;** and  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.**

Application forms are available to complete online at the [Trust's website](#). Applicants are advised to take into account that decisions can take up to 5 months or longer.

**THE COMMUNITY TREES FUND** - Grants up to £700 to UK voluntary and community groups that want to carry out tree planting projects during National Tree Week 2018 (scheme opens to applications on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 with a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018).

An application form and guidance notes will be available from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017**. The deadline for applications is **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**.

Projects should be submitted on the official application form available on the [Tree Council website](#) once the programme opens. A location map, site plan, landowner's consent and supplier's guarantee should accompany the application form where relevant.

**PLEASE NOTE:** the Tree Council will only accept applications by post. Faxed or emailed entries will be disqualified.

**NESTA RETHINKING PARKS FUND** - Grants and support are available for not-for-profit organisations, social enterprises and local authorities to support parks innovators across the UK (deadlines: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Replication & 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Prototyping).

The **deadlines** for initial applications are:

- 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018 for Replication Awards
- 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 for Prototyping Awards

There is a two stage application process. Those who are successful at the initial stage will be selected to work with Nesta to develop their applications for a second selection stage. Final funding decisions will be made in Spring 2018 and work should begin in June 2018.

An application form, guidelines, and FAQs are available on the [Nesta website](#).

**CENTRAL SOCIAL & RECREATIONAL TRUST** - Grants up to £1,000 for sports clubs & organisations in England to provide facilities for recreation or other leisure time pursuits for the benefit of disadvantaged children aged up to 21 (applications may be made at any time).



Applications may be submitted at any time. Application forms are available to complete online at the [Trust's website](#).

## 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	
<b>Somerset Association of Local Councils</b>  Edgar Hall Somerton Business Park 8 Cary Court Somerton TA11 6SB Telephone 01458 270922	<b>Society of Local Council Clerks</b>  The Society of Local Council Clerks Main Office No.8 The Crescent Taunton TA1 4EA  Telephone: 01823 253646 Fax: 01823 253681  <a href="http://www.slcc.co.uk">www.slcc.co.uk</a>

### 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

### Planning Board, Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Starting on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 18:00 for 3 hours until 21:00

#### [Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017](#)

This meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council, Shepton Mallet at 6.00 pm. An agenda will be published 7 days ahead of the meeting.

### Licensing Board, Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

Starting on 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

#### [Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018](#)

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.



**Cabinet, Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Starting on 08<sup>th</sup> January 18 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

**[Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018](#)**

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

**Planning Board, Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Starting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 18 at 18:00 for 3 hours until 21:00

**[Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018](#)**

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.

**Audit Committee, Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018**

Starting on 31<sup>st</sup> January 18 at 15:00 for 3 hours until 18:00

**[Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018](#)**

This meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council, Shepton Mallet at 5.30 pm. An agenda will be published 7 days ahead of the meeting.

**Cabinet, Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Starting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

**[Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018](#)**

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

**Contact details for the committee officers are as follows:**

Claire Dicken            [claire.dicken@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:claire.dicken@mendip.gov.uk)            01749 341341

