

Parish Information Bulletin

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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 Thursday 19th April 2018 was attended by 16 people representing 13 parishes.

Date of next Forum

Scheduled for 19th Jul 2018.

Your Forum – your ideas

Please send suggestions to Chris Loughlin – Chris.Loughlin@mendip.gov.uk or call 07816 949449.

Post Office 5 Point Plan to Help Communities Affected by Bank Closures

An Action Plan aims to raise awareness of banking services available at Post Office branches among local communities grappling with bank branch closures. The 5-point plan has been developed by the finance industry and the Post Office working with the Treasury and government officials.

It will promote awareness of the day-to-day banking services that bank and building society customers can access at 11,500 Post Office branches across the UK. Some 99% of personal account customers and 95% of business account customers can withdraw and deposit cash, deposit cheques and check balances at any of the Post Office's branches.

Customers who will benefit most from the availability of the service, particularly those in rural or urban areas with less bank branch coverage, are the primary focus of the plan.

Further information is available on the [Finder.com website](#). The Post Office website also details all services that are available [Post Office website](#)

Improving Lives Strategy for Somerst – Public Consultation

We have a vision to improve the lives of all of our residents in Somerset. We need to work together locally to do this and consider all of the many factors that influence the lives of our residents and communities. We have identified four priorities as being particularly important to improving the lives of people in Somerset.

It is essential that these priorities are the right ones, and so we are inviting residents, organisations and communities to have their say on these priorities before the final version



is agreed. This strategy is an opportunity to make a real difference to these priorities together, with and for the people of Somerset.

We are asking you to help us by completing a short questionnaire which is available by following the link: somerset/ImprovingLives. The consultation will close on Friday August 17th. If you require the questionnaire in a different format then please contact Catherine Falconer on publichealth@somerset.gov.uk or on 01823 357266

Mendip Voluntary and Community Groups

Come to our free Forum for Mendip Voluntary and Community Groups as it's a great opportunity to network with others in our sector, and we'll hear from some great guest speakers:

Andrew Ridgwell, Somerset Community Foundation

Somerset Community Foundation distributes over £500,000 of grants every year. They are keen to support small organisations directly tackling disadvantage in Somerset and have a variety of funds available. Andrew Ridgwell, Programmes Manager at SCF, will give us an overview of the funding that is currently available and share some tips on how to make a successful application.

Rvd Jim Wilkinson, Connect Centre

Jim will talk about the Connect Centre's current community projects which aim to support positive change in people who are challenged by complex and multiple needs such as homelessness, addiction, mental health or other life-controlling issues. Connect work with key organisations across Mendip to enable fast and effective access to a wide range of services, and their skilled and dedicated team provide short and long-term, person-centred support to create real life difference in those they support.

For more information and to register click on the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-forum-for-voluntary-sector-groups-in-mendip-tickets-46181372729>

We hope to see you there!

ASH Ready Reckoner

ASH has published an update to the 'Ready Reckoner' (Local Costs of Smoking) tool. This provides breakdowns of the cost of smoking to society including costs to social care and the NHS and to employers from lost productivity. The Reckoner can calculate costs down to a council ward level.

You can access the Reckoner [here](#), or download it as an excel workbook from the same page. As an example, the cost of smoking to the NHS is estimated at £235,000 a year, to SCC social care at £64,000 and £350,000 in lost productivity in Frome Park ward alone. The total costs for Mendip are estimated at £21.2m a year.



Shepton Mallet Lido now open for the Summer



The popular heated outdoor pools at Shepton Mallet Lido are now open for the summer.

In addition to the heated pools the lido also features a splash area for the children, free parking and hot & cold drinks & snacks.

Opening hours (Term time):

Monday 07:00 - 18:30
Tuesday 12:00 - 18:30
Wednesday 12:00 - 19:00
Thursday 07:00 - 18:30
Friday 12:00 - 18:30

Weekends 11:00 - 19:00

Opening hours (School Holidays):

Monday 07:00 - 18:30
Tuesday 11:00 - 18:30
Wednesday 11:00 - 19:00
Thursday 07:00 - 18:30
Friday 11:00 - 18:30
Weekends 11:00 - 19:00

Prices: Adult £5.00 Junior (5-15 years) £2.75 Under 5's free
Season tickets: Adult £120, Junior £80.00

The lido is also available for private hire for parties and events just £88 per hour. For more information Email: shepton-sales@fusion-lifestyle.com or visit www.fusionlifestyle.com/centres/shepton-mallet-lido/

The lido is located in Shaftsgate Avenue, BA4 5YA.

Watch out for Legal and Financial Scams wans Citizens Advice

People need to be on their guard against financial and legal scams following a rise in cases reported to the Citizens Advice consumer service. Citizens Advice Sedgemoor is now showing people how to spot scams as it launches Scams Awareness Month.

A total of 1200 financial and legal scams were reported to the consumer service in the year ending April 2018 - a 6% increase on the year before.

The median loss for these scams was £330.

A range of investments scams were reported to the consumer service, including:

Cryptocurrency - Fake websites claim to offer cryptocurrency investments, like Bitcoin. Often, scammers will pretend that household names have endorsed the company to give it some legitimacy.

Binary options - Scammers pose as stockbrokers and get you to place bets on whether phoney shares will rise or fall within a certain date. They'll promise big returns. You should check if they are on the [FCA Register](#) and not on the warning list of firms to avoid

Holiday timeshares - Scammers promise to buy your membership off you for an advanced fee.

Bogus solicitors - A scammer will intercept emails from a legitimate solicitor and pose as them. Scammers often strike when a property is being exchanged on and get the funds diverted to their bank account instead. Check if they are on the [Solicitors regulation Authority](#) to see if they are genuine.

Philip Tonkyn “Ancient Landscapes”

3rd July – 23rd September 2018

The Bishop’s Palace in Wells will be holding a new exhibition of works by artist and photographer Philip Tonkyn. Entitled “Ancient Landscapes”, the exhibition will feature stunning images of famous landscapes and landmarks from around the Glastonbury and Wells area.

Tonkyn’s long-held interest in visionary art now underlies his photography. He captures tangible images of sacred landscape by merging up to forty-nine photographs into detailed



and luminous panoramas. These often cover a greater than a 270 degree angle of view, far wider than that which may be seen in a single glance. Their intensity of detail, extreme wide angle of view and liminal locations creates the dreamlike sensation of moving through landscapes which are both close to and distant from one's viewpoint.

Philip Tonkyn is a life-long practising artist, illustrator, photographer and art teacher. His work has been widely published and exhibited, including works hung at the Royal West Academy Open Exhibitions 156, 158 and 165 and the Open Photography 2 Exhibition. He was Director of Art at the Portsmouth Grammar School from 1988 to 2003. He has an MA in Art and Design and is a Member of the Society of Industrial Artists and Designers.

Brought up in Glastonbury, Philip Tonkyn attended Wells Cathedral Junior School and Crewkerne Grammar School. Although he initially studied sculpture at Somerset College of Art, he later became well known as an air-brush artist and illustrator. Among his clients were the space rock band Hawkwind and sci-fi authors Brian Aldiss, Frederick Pohl and Robert Heinlein.

In 2007 Philip Tonkyn returned to live in Glastonbury with his wife Caroline. They produce prints and cards celebrating their love of Glastonbury, the ancient Avalon.



Community Funding



Spark can support groups to get themselves ready to apply for funding; writing a constitution, getting any relevant policies and procedures in place and ensuring you have the right management structure.

We have a funding database to search for any new funding opportunities and for groups who need a bit more support we have recently employed a funding officer. For more information email Sharon.blyth@sparksomerset.org.uk



HEART OF EXPERIAN CHARITY FUND - Grants up to £5,000 for small local community groups, charities and schools in the UK so that they can become sustainable or expand their work in their local community (applications may be made at any time).

Applicants that can demonstrate that they have secured match funding are likely to be prioritised for grant support. Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed by the charity on a quarterly basis. Details of eligibility and an online application form can be found on their website.

[heart of experian charity fund website](#)

THE TRUE COLOURS TRUST - Grants up to £10,000 for UK organisations that are working to make a difference to the lives of disabled children and young people (aged 0-26 years) and their families (applications may be made at any time by application form). There are no match funding requirements.

Applications may be made at any time and are considered quarterly by the Trust. Further information and eligibility details along with an online application form are available on the Trust's website. The application form can be completed online or downloaded and returned by email or post.

[True Colours Trust website](#)

HELP THE HOMELESS GRANTS - Grants up to £5,000 for capital projects for small and medium-sized charities in the UK that are helping homeless people rebuild their lives and return to the community (next application deadline 15 September 2018). Projects must assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offering shelter or other forms of sustenance.

Applicants requiring funding for refurbishment or non-capital projects are advised to contact the construction industry's charity for homeless people, CRASH [CRASH website](#)
Grant applications are considered every three months. The remaining deadlines in 2018 are:

- 5 September 2018; and
- 15 December 2018.

Further information, together with an application form, is available on the Help the Homeless website [Help the Homeless website](#)

THE MARSH CHRISTIAN TRUST - Grants up to £4,000 for UK registered charities that are working in the fields of social welfare, literature, arts and heritage, environmental causes and animal welfare, medical research, education and training Funding is available for long-term, core costs for charities working in the following fields and there is no specific requirement for match funding.

All applications should be made in writing and sent by post to the Marsh Christian Trust. The application should consist of a covering letter of roughly one to two sides, and a full set of the most recent audited accounts should be enclosed.

Applications may be made at any time. Further information about the Trust and grants available is available on its website. [The March Christian Trust website](#)



THE KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST - Grants up to £5,000 for small UK registered charities working locally or regionally in England, Scotland or Wales, whose activities support family life in initiatives that encourage families to work together to tackle problems faced by one or more of its members. (next application deadline is 1st September 2018) There is a match funding expectation and the Trust will expect applicants to have secured funding from other sources.

Further information, together with an application form, is available on the Trust's website. Applications should be returned by email along with the applying organisation's latest annual accounts. [The Kelly Family Charitable Trust website](#)

POWER TO CHANGE COMMUNITY BUSINESS BRIGHT IDEAS PROGRAMME - tailored support and grants up to £15,000 for incorporated or unincorporated organisations in England that want to develop a fledgling community business idea (programme opens on 26 June with an application deadline of 31st July). Bright Ideas is designed to help community groups set up their own business and carry out the necessary consultations with local people and feasibility studies to develop a community business idea that the community wants and needs.

The following grants are available:

1. Ideas stage – grants of between £1,000 and £10,000;
2. Pre-venture stage – grants of between £1,000 and £15,000.

Grant awards must be spent by 31st June 2019.

There is a requirement for match funding and groups are encouraged to secure as much match funding as possible prior to applying. The fourth round will open on Tuesday 26th June and close at midnight on Tuesday 31st July 2018.

Application forms and guidance notes are available on the [My Community Locality website](#).

THE WG EDWARDS FOUNDATION - Grants between £1,000 and £3,000 for UK registered charities working with older people (applications may be made at any time).

The Foundation is interested in supporting a diverse range of charities, from large institutions to small community-led organisations. They will consider grants for community initiatives such as exercise classes for the over-60s, lunch clubs, horticultural therapy, technology projects and day trips. There is no requirement for match funding.

There is no formal application form; details about how to make an application and funding criteria can be found on the Foundation's website.

[WG Edwards Charitable Foundation website](#)

THE TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION – following a review of its grants strategy, the Foundation has replaced its former grants programmes with two new funding priorities offering grants up to £60,000 to smaller charities and not-for-profits for (1) Rural Issues and (2) Urban Deprivation (applications may be made at any time). Funding is available for both revenue and capital projects with 50% minimum match funding requirement for both.



Further information about the application process for each funding stream is available on the Foundation's website. [Trusthouse Charitable Foundation Website](#)

THE HEDLEY FOUNDATION - Grants up to £5,000 for small UK registered charities working with young people in the areas of recreation, sport, training, health and welfare, support and outdoor education (applications may be made at any time by application form). There is no requirement for match funding.

Applications may be made at any time and are considered at Trustee meetings every two months. Further information, together with an application form, can be downloaded from the Foundation's website. [Hedley Foundation website](#)

THE STANLEY SMITH (UK) HORTICULTURAL TRUST – Grants up to £4,500 to individuals and charitable organisations for projects that advance horticulture in the UK and abroad (application deadline 15 August 2018) including developing new gardens for public access and enjoyment.

The Trust does not maintain a website. For details about how to apply for grant support, contact the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust at the following address:

Dr David Rae
Director of Horticulture and Learning
The Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust
Royal Botanic Garden
20a Inverleith Row
Edinburgh
EH3 5LR
Tel: 0131 248 2905
(The Trust does not advertise an email address.)

Further funding opportunities - The following link could also prove useful for groups seeking further funding opportunities: <http://www.rsnonline.org.uk/virtual-authority/opportunities-bulletin>

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

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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>

Calendar of meetings 2018-2019

Mendip District Council has prepared a draft calendar of its public meetings to be held in 2018/2019. Please contact committee_services@mendip.gov.uk if you wish to have a copy.

It should be noted that this calendar is a draft, and subject to change. However, any changes will be because of the timetable for Council business - it will not be possible to make changes to suit individuals.

The calendar will finally be agreed by annual full council in May 2018.

A date for your diary

Scrutiny Board, 2 July 2018

Starting on 02 Jul 18 at 18:00 for 3 hours until 21:00

Monday 2 July 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.

Planning Board, Wednesday, 18 July 2018

Starting on 18 Jul 18 at 18:00 for 3 hours until 21:00

Wednesday, 18 July 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.



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Cabinet, Monday, 23 July 2018

Starting on 23 Jul 18 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

[Monday, 23 July 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.

Audit Committee, Wednesday, 25 July 2018

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

[Wednesday, 25 July 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.

Licensing Board, Wednesday, 1 August 2018

Starting on 01 Aug 18 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

[Wednesday, 1 August 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.

Contact details for the committee officers are as follows:

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