

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 July 2018 was attended by 17 people representing 11 parishes.

The agenda is below:

<http://www.mendip.gov.uk/article/5916/Thursday-19th-July-2018>

Actions from the above forum

1. Development work is planned with SALC and Andrew Knight from Berkely Parish Council to increase participation and attendance at the Forum. A proposed development plan will be presented at the October forum.
2. Resend the contact details, Structure chart and areas of responsibility for Group Managers to Clerks and Chairs.
3. A more detailed additional direct line telephone directory for Parish Councillors was requested. This will be investigated, although this is unlikely to be possible. Feedback at the next forum.

Date of next Forum

Scheduled for 18th October 2018.

Your Forum – your ideas

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

Could you give a neighbour a Lift? Support the new Shepton Community Car Scheme

The scheme, run by Mendip Community Transport, will provide a lifeline to many older, disabled or isolated people in Shepton Mallet. Local drivers are needed to cover local journeys to medical and social appointments.

The scheme offers volunteers a fun, rewarding, and flexible opportunity meet new people in the town, and give something back to the community. Julie Hotchkiss, Volunteer Driver with the scheme said:

'Volunteer driving is great fun! Mendip Community Transport offer total flexibility, allowing me to do one trip a month, or one trip a day. It's great to be able to help out in the local community, and the passengers are all so grateful for the help they receive. The added bonus is that at 45p a mile, it really does help with the running costs of my car.'

Anybody interested in getting involved and finding out more about the scheme please email diana.wiseman@nhs.net.



Free Playing out Sessions in Street and Shepton Mallet



Playing Out sessions are held in parks and green spaces by the Zing team. This is an opportunity for children and parents/carers to come and enjoy some fun games/activities for free. Sessions so far:

The Green at Houndwood, Street BA16 0GA Weds 1st, 8th & 15th August 3-4.30.

Meadow Rise Shepton Mallet on grassed area next to cemetery(opposite 61-63 Meadow Rise) Thursday 26th July and August 2nd, 9th and 15th at 11-12.30.

Contact jsmith@sasp.co.uk or call 07855283855

Transforming Ageing



Are you an individual with an idea that you would like to try that helps older people? If so, this opportunity may be for you. You can apply for up to £5,000 to help you build a social venture. Alongside giving you £5,000 to build your social venture, we'll give you access to training and events, and assign you a dedicated award manager (one of our experts in helping social entrepreneurs to start and grow). The award manager will be there to coach you and support you to achieve your goals.

To find out more, and to apply for a grant, please see:

<https://www.unltd.org.uk/our-support/starting-up/do-it>

Somerset Carers Service - Mendip

Who cares for the carers? We do.

If you regularly look after someone in a caring capacity, the Somerset Carers Service can support you 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 to you groups & events in your area,



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to find facts and information that will help the person you are caring for with their particular needs. Here you will find specific support for your unique situation; and our Carers Agents are on hand to help and guide you.



Jackie Hayes –
covering East
Sedgemoor and
West Mendip

07494 883 570



John Lapwood –
covering East
Mendip.

07852 961 839

**Meet your local Carers
Agent**

Jackie-carers@somersetccc.org.uk

john@somersetccc.org.uk

For more details and information on the countywide Somerset Carers Service visit the [website here](#) or call 0800 31 68 600 or text 'Carer' to 78070.

Parishes Praised at Parish Forum

Parish councils have a crucial role in raising the standards of waste services, Mendip District Council's (MDC) parish forum was told by Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP).

While positive feedback is welcome, reports of poor service, especially if repeated - from materials dropped by crews to box damage, litter from open truck flaps to noise, or problems at any recycling site - are vital to correct errors.

Parish councils should collate full details, such as location of incidents, including postcode, dates and times, and contact information, and pass that to SWP via MDC customer services: 0300 303 8588 or customerservices@mendip.gov.uk.

But parishes were reminded that waste crews are not litter pickers or street sweepers; until kerbside waste is collected, it remains residents' responsibility to keep tidy, including any that escapes from recycling boxes.

To avoid littering, once all containers are rinsed, all materials should be squashed except glass and aerosols, and recycling boxes are stacked with the locked food waste bin on top to stop items being blown out



Parishes were praised for keeping residents informed about waste, including the new materials taken at all recycling sites (though not yet at the kerbside): plastic pots, tubs and trays.

More information: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

Community Buildings Support and Advice

Are you on the Committee of your local community facility?



Community Council for Somerset offers a direct professional specialist service to all who manage and run village halls/community buildings in their village/neighbourhood.

We understand that managing a village hall or community building demands a variety of skills to meet the ever-changing requirements set by local authorities and national legislation.

There really isn't another service like ours for community facilities. Join and become members today!

[Visit our website for full details and download our membership form](#)

Community Council for Somerset (CCS) has a track record in delivering cost-effective quality community consultation and engagement.

We understand that your project, your needs, the resources available, timescales and the level of results or depth of the consultation required will be unique to you.

Our independent and impartial advice is highly valued by our customers.

When planning a community project its essential that you have a very clear idea of the needs of your community.

CCS has worked with many community groups to carry out effective and inclusive community consultation. This may involve holding open days, meetings or coffee mornings or it may be a paper or online survey. This research will then shape your project and helps you put a better case to funders to achieve success.

CCS can help you to work out the best way to carry out this consultation and can also help you to find the funds to pay for this stage of project development. We offer a service that takes you from idea through to results which includes:

- pre-survey expert advice
- custom questionnaire design
- advice about printed and online surveys
- in-house inputting service and comprehensive analysis service
- report writing and presentation of findings

Examples of surveys include Housing Needs Surveys (covering affordable housing, housing for older people, open market and specialist housing), community consultation as part of a Neighbourhood or Community Plan, Market Research, etc. We also carry out single issue



surveys, for example when a community building project is being considered to look at user groups and the wider communities needs.

[Click here to download our full information flyer](#)



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Somerset Quit Clubs in the Mendip Area

Free advice and support to stop smoking from our friendly team of trained Quit Coaches offering:

- Group support
- Carbon monoxide texting
- Guidance and support for changing smoking habits
- Advice on appropriate stop smoking medications

Mendip Quit Clubs:

- West Mendip Hospital: Mondays 6.00pm (7.00pm for your first appointment)
- Frome Community Hospital: Tuesdays 6.00pm (5.15pm for your first appointment)
- Victoria Club, Street: Wednesdays 1.00pm (12.00pm for your first appointment)
- Grove House Surgery: Wednesdays 6.00pm (5.00pm for your first appointment)
- Frome Key Centre: Fridays 2.00pm (1.00pm for your first appointment)

PLEASE CALL 01823 356222 TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

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

AWARDS FOR ALL ENGLAND - Grants between £300 and £10,000 for voluntary groups, schools, local authorities and health bodies in England to carry out projects that will improve their local community (applications may be made at any time).

It is one of the best small grants scheme available to community organisations in England.

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Application packs are available from the **Awards for All England webpages**. This is a rolling programme in which applications may be submitted at any time.

SANTANDER FOUNDATION DISCOVERY GRANTS - Grants up to £5,000 for UK registered charities, Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions for local projects that benefit disadvantaged people (applications may be made at any time).

The **Santander Foundation's Discovery Grants** scheme provides grants to charities, Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions for activities that support disadvantaged people in the UK to improve knowledge, skills and innovation in order to give them the confidence to discover, create and take advantage of new opportunities.

A nomination form can be picked up at a local **Santander branch** or download a form from the **Foundation website**.

THE FAMILY FUND TRUST - Grants to help families (or organisations applying on behalf of a family) in the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or less (applications may be made at any time).

Further information, together with an application form, is available on the **Fund's website**.

V INSPIRED CASHPOINT LOUD AND PROUD GRANTS – Grants up to £500 for LGBT young adults in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland aged 14 to 25 to create social action projects that will improve their community (applications may be made at any time).

Further information, together with an online application form, can be found on the **vInspired website**.

THE S M B TRUST – Grants of £1,200 for UK registered charities for projects in the fields of the Christian Faith, social care, famine/emergency aid, the environment, education and medical research (applications may be made at any time).

PLEASE NOTE: the Trust does not maintain a website. Further information is, however, available on the **Charity Commission website**.

THE INTEGRATED COMMUNITIES INNOVATION FUND - Grants for projects using innovative approaches to sport and physical activity to help build integrated communities in England (deadline for Expressions of Interest 20th August 2018).

The **Integrated Communities Innovation Fund** has just been announced by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in partnership with Sport England. The programme has an initial budget of £7 million.



Further information, guidelines and a short Expression of Interest form is available to download from the [GOV.UK website](#).

THE D M THOMAS FOUNDATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE CENTRAL GRANTS - Grants up to £30,000 for UK registered charities working with young people aged up to 25 for projects which focus on children and young people with disabilities who are sick, in hospital or who are life limited (remaining 2018 application deadline: 9th October).

Guidance notes and application forms are available to download from the [Foundation's website](#)

INTER FAITH YOUTH TRUST SMALL GRANTS - Grants up to £500 for organisations involved in inter faith projects for young people that take place in the UK during Inter Faith Week of 11-18 November 2018 (application deadline 14th September 2018).

At least 10% match funding is required for all applications.

The online application form is available on the [Trust's website](#).

BUILDING CONNECTIONS FUND – New Big Lottery Fund grants programme offering grants up to £100,000 for projects that prevent or reduce loneliness and help people, communities and local services in England connect in different ways in England (application deadline 24th August 2018).

Further information, programme guidelines and an online application form can be found on the [Big Lottery Fund website](#).

THE ELTON JOHN AIDS FOUNDATION (ROBERT KEY MEMORIAL FUND) - grants up to £10,000 for frontline groups in the UK that help people with HIV in vulnerable or marginalised communities (applications may be made at any time).

Applications may be made at any time via the online Concept Note form on the [Elton John Foundation website](#).

THE ADDINGTON FUND TRUSTEES' DISCRETIONARY FUND - grants to help farmers in England and Wales who are experiencing hardship (applications may be made at any time). The Addington Fund offers short-term financial aid to farmers and farm businesses, when an emergency situation has or will create unforeseen additional expenditure.

Further information and an application form is available on the [Addington Fund website](#) (details of the George Stephens Charity - a grant-giving charity that provides financial help to farm workers - can also be found at this link).

DEVELOPING GAME-CHANGING BUSINESS INNOVATIONS - APPLY FOR FUNDING

Innovate UK has up to £20 million to invest in the best new ideas for products and services developed from cutting-edge technologies. (application deadline 12th September 2018).

For more information visit the [GOV.UK website](#).

ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE FINAL ROUND OF THE SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES FUND 2018

– Grants up to £35,000 for charities, social enterprises,

community groups, state-funded schools and colleges in the UK and Ireland for projects in disadvantaged communities that help people start a new business or increase financial capability (programme to open on 3 September; closing date to be confirmed but likely to be Friday 19 September)

Further information is available on the [Skills and Opportunities Fund website](#).

THE HOLLICK FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST - Grants are available for charitable organisations carrying out a variety of general charitable activities in the UK (applications may be made at any time).

The **Hollick Family Charitable Trust's** grant-making policy is to make a number of relatively small but significant donations to a range of UK charities each year and also to identify at least one cause to which they are able to provide more substantial funding.

PLEASE NOTE: the Trust does not maintain a website. Further information is, however, available on the [Charity Commission website](#).

Charities interested in applying for a grant should contact the Trust for further information about how to apply.

Contact details for the Trust are:

David Beech
Hollick Family Charitable Trust
Prager Metisx LLP
5A Bear Lane
Southwark
London
SE1 0UH
Tel: 020 7632 1400
Email: dbeech@pragermetis.com

THE FITTON TRUST - Grants up to £1,000 for UK voluntary sector organisations in the UK undertaking general charitable activities (applications may be made at any time).

PLEASE NOTE: the Trust does not maintain a website. Further information is, however, available on the [Charity Commission website](#).

The Trust meets three times each year to consider applications. Contact details for the Trust are:

The Secretary
The Fitton Trust
PO Box 661

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West Broyle
Chichester
PO19 9JS

(The Trust does not advertise a phone number or an email address.)

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST PROJECT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – new pilot grant scheme offering grants up to £10,000 to enable UK churches to develop high quality sustainable repairs and community projects (application deadline 29th August 2018).

Grants of up to £10,000 are available. There is a match funding requirement. At least 50% of the funds required must be raised by applicants from their own reserves or fundraising initiatives.

Applicants must initially submit an online **Eligibility Quiz** (see page 3) at the National Churches Trust website. Eligible applicants will then continue to an online application form.

Further information is available on the **National Churches Trust website**.

ROSA JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FUND – Three new grant programmes for UK women's organisations to aid victims and survivors of sexual harassment and abuse (see details of each programme for separate application deadlines)

Go to **ROSA's website** for further details and application deadlines.

PLEASE NOTE: applicants are 'strongly encouraged' to send an email to Rosa to start an initial conversation before they commence the application process. Email: **info@rosauk.org**

THE HENRY MOORE FOUNDATION – Grants up to £20,000 for a wide range of projects and activities in the UK involving visual arts (particularly sculpture), including student bursaries, fellowships for artists and grants to art institutions, galleries and museums. Typical projects include exhibitions, publications, commissions, conferences, workshops and lecture series (next application deadline 13th September 2018).

Application forms are available to complete online at the **Foundation's website**.

Further funding opportunities - The following link could also prove useful for groups seeking further funding opportunities: <http://www.rsonline.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	
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>

Calendar of meetings 2018-2019

Mendip District Council has prepared a 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 may be 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 was agreed by annual full council in May 2018.

A date for your diary

Licensing Board, Wednesday, 1 August 2018

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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.

Scrutiny Board, 6 August 2018

Starting on 06 August 18 at 18:00 for 3 hours until 21:00

Monday 6 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.

Planning Board, Wednesday, 15 August 2018

Starting on 15 August 18 at 18:00 for 3 hours until 21:00

Wednesday, 15 August 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.

Cabinet, Monday, 20 August 2018

Starting on 20 August 18 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

Monday, 20 August 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 01749 341341

