

Parish Information Bulletin

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Information Event for Landlords

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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.

Actions from the above forum

1. Review signage from main car park.
2. Discuss wind turbine point raised with Nigel Taylor (for info only).
3. Parish Councillor names to Call Centre.
4. Phone contact details for Group Managers to be added to the contact list previously sent out.
5. Online payment process to be discussed with Wanstrow – to then be taken back to the forum for discussion.
6. Parish Clerks & passage of information – to be discussed at next forum.
7. Parishes raised a query as to why the service standards with IDV weren't clear and transparent – currently under investigation and will be taken to next forum as well as an update once available.
8. Remuneration process for Parish Councillors – update at next forum.
9. MDC secure portal details to be passed to Parishes as a reminder and to be reviewed at next forum.

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.

Information event for landlords

The Mendip landlord/letting agents Forum will be held on the 8th June 2018 at Mendip District Council, Cannards Grave Road, Shepton Mallet. This will be an all-day presentation on key housing topics to update landlords and agents on new legal changes.

Presented by Stephen Fowler, key topics will include:

- ✓ Tenant Fee Ban Bill
- ✓ Data protection
- ✓ Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) licensing - new regulations Oct 2018
- ✓ Gas checks
- ✓ Smoke and carbon monoxide regulations
- ✓ Electrical safety consultation and proposed changes
- ✓ Changes to the EPC requirements coming into force in 2018

Booking in advance is required. Please ring 01749 341490 or email PrivateSectorHousing@mendip.gov.uk to reserve your place. Full price £30 with an early bird discount of £25 if booked by 25th May 2018.

Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy

Mendip District Council's Private Sector Housing Team are seeking views on their proposed new Enforcement Policy and Financial Penalty Policy. The Enforcement Policy is being updated to take account of legislative changes and ensure a fair and consistent approach. Please contact us at psh_enquiries@mendip.gov.uk if you would like to be involved in the consultation or visit our website for more information www.mendip.gov.uk .

Shepton Mallet Lido Opens Saturday 26th May

The popular heated outdoor pools at Shepton Mallet Lido open for the season on Saturday 26th May. 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.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/shepton-mallet-lido/

The lido is located in Shaftsgate Avenue, BA4 5YA





Making Contact in Mendip

Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) is urging Mendip parish councils to remind residents about how to sort out any issues with waste services, including the easy route for most of going online.

For many services, including arranging a garden waste collection, the starting point should be Mendip District Council's waste page: <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/waste>. And then, for anything relating to kerbside pick-ups, from reporting a missed collection to ordering replacement containers, contact Mendip's customer services team on 0300 303 8588 or use the form at <https://www.mendip.gov.uk/contactus>.

For questions about the Frome or Wells (Dulcote) recycling sites, Somerset Direct has the answers on somersetdirect@somerset.gov.uk or 0300 123 2224, or information can be found about what goes where, and when sites are open, here: <https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling/centres/>.

SWP's own site at www.somersetwaste has a host of information, advice and support on reducing waste, reusing items, and what can – and cannot – be recycled at the kerbside and at recycling sites, as well as all specialist services, such as assisted collections for those unable to fill or move their bins and boxes.

And for news about waste services, such as the two sets of May Bank Holiday changes, check the SWP site or follow SomersetWaste on Facebook or Twitter.



Somerset Prepared

As the sun starts to shine and we head towards the (hopefully) warmer months, cast your minds back to just a few weeks ago when the temperatures were a little lower and we had snow covering most of Mendip.

It's not just snow that can cause disruption to council services and impact on communities, flooding as we know only too well can also have a major impact on our lives. Whatever the factor of the disruption it is important that we are prepared.

Below are a couple of sites which would be useful to make a note of or add to your favourites:

www.mendip.gov.uk

www.somersetprepared.org.uk/

www.somersetprepared.org.uk/emergency-community-contacts-are-you-signed-up/

www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

www.travelsomerset.co.uk

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.

2nd May 4th May*
16th May

* 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 or call 01803 847067

Community Funding



INSPIRING COMMUNITIES 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

THE JAMES TUDOR FOUNDATION - Grants up to £50,000 for UK registered charities working in the areas of palliative care, medical research, health education, the relief of sickness, and the prevention and relief of sickness overseas (applications may be made at any time).

Full details of what to include in the proposal document are provided in the guidelines which are available to download from the [Foundation's website](#). Applications may be made at any time.



THE DAN MASKELL TENNIS TRUST - Grants up to £1,500 to enable disabled people in the UK to play tennis through the purchase of wheelchairs, tennis equipment and funding for coaching (next application deadlines 1st July and 2nd October 2018).

Before applying to the Trust for grant support, applicants are advised to consult [The Tennis Foundation](#) and/or their local [County Tennis Association](#). Application forms are available to complete online on the [Dan Maskell Trust's website](#).

THE HILDEN CHARITABLE FUND – Grants up to £5,000 for UK groups working in the areas of homelessness, asylum seekers & refugees, community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people, penal affairs, and overseas development (applications may be made at any time).

An application form is available on the [Hilden Charitable Fund website](#) (you'll need to scroll down the page to the relevant link). but must then be printed out and sent as a hard copy by post to the Fund.

BIG LOTTERY FUND RELAUNCHES ITS REACHING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME FOR ENGLAND – Revenue and capital grants over £10,000 for voluntary and community organisations to act on the issues that matter to people and communities (applications may be made at any time).

Potential applicants are advised to observe the following application process:

1. Check the [eligibility requirements](#) on the [Big Lottery Fund website](#);
2. Read the [guidance notes](#);
3. Contact the Big Lottery Fund, either by telephone or by email, to discuss the proposed idea.

THE PAUL BUSH FOUNDATION - Grants up to £10,000 for registered charities working in England to support the needs of adults and children with acquired physical disabilities as a result of an accident or birth injury (applications may be made at any time).

Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered twice a year in April and October. Guidelines and an application form are available on the [Trust's website](#). Applications should be submitted by post along with a copy of the latest annual report and audited accounts in hard format.

THE WHITLEY ANIMAL PROTECTION TRUST - Grants for registered charities carrying out animal welfare activities in the UK (applications may be made at any time).

The Trust does not maintain a website. Neither does it advertise an email address. Further information is, however, available on the [Charity Commission website](#).

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GRANT PROGRAMME EXTENDED UNTIL 2022 - Grants up to £15,000 plus technical support for town and parish councils



and neighbourhood forums in England to draw up a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order (scheme to run until March 2022).

There is a two stage application process. Entry to the programme is through an [Expression of Interest form](#), which may be submitted at any time. For further information, guidance notes and to access the Expression of Interest form, visit the [Locality website](#).

THE WAKEHAM TRUST - Grants up to £2,500 for UK registered charities, community and voluntary groups to support small scale projects with a community emphasis that are finding it hard to obtain funding elsewhere (applications may be made at any time).

Further information about the Trust and how to apply is available on its [website](#).

MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY GRANTS - Grants up to £2,500 for UK based community groups to bring musical projects to their local communities (application deadline 1 July 2018).

There are three application deadlines each year. **The next deadline is Sunday 1 July** for projects to start from September the same year. The following deadline is Thursday 1 November for projects to commence in January 2019, The deadline after this is Friday 1 February for projects that should start from April 2019. Further information about the scheme, together with an application form, can be found on the [Music for All 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	Society of Local Council Clerks The Society of Local Council Clerks Main Office No.8 The Crescent Taunton



TA11 6SB Telephone 01458 270922	TA1 4EA Telephone: 01823 253646 Fax: 01823 253681 www.slcc.co.uk
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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

Licensing Board, Wednesday, 2 May 2018

Starting on 02 May 18 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

Wednesday, 2 May 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.

Phoenix Sponsorship Board, Tuesday, 08 May 2018

Starting on 08 May 18 at 10:00 for 3 hours until 13:00

Tuesday, 08 May 2018

This meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council, Shepton Mallet. The meeting will commence at 10.00am.

Full Council, Monday, 14 May 2018

Starting on 14 May 18 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

Monday, 14 May 2018

This meeting will be held in the Council Chamber starting at 6.30 pm. An agenda will be published 7 days ahead of the meeting.

Planning Board, Wednesday, 16 May 2018

Starting on 16 May 18 at 18:00 for 3 hours until 21:00

Wednesday, 16 May 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, 21 May 2018

Starting on 21 May 18 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

Monday, 21 May 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.

Standards Committee, 5 June 2018

Starting on 05 Jun 18 at 14:00 for 3 hours until 17:00

Tuesday, 5 June 2018

This meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Mendip District Council, Shepton Mallet at 2 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

