

Parish Information Bulletin

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Mendip Parish Forum –Change of Date to 28th February 2019

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

The date of Parish Forum has been changed from 17th January 2019 to 28th February 2019

NEWS : We Need volunteers!

We are forming a small working group to look at the development of the Parish Forum and are looking for volunteers. Councillor Linda Oliver who is the lead for Parish Liaison will be part of this group and there will be representation from SALC. There will be a meeting at the during February, date to be confirmed.

Please email Emma.plummer@mendip.gov.uk if you are interested.

Date of next Forum

Scheduled for 28th February 2019.

Your Forum – your ideas Your Forum – your ideas and agenda items.

Please tell us what is important to you ... what would like on the agenda for the next Forum or have you got an item for the monthly Parish Bulletin ?

Please send to Emma Plummer - Emma.Plummer@mendip.gov.uk or call 01749 341325

Parish/Town/City Council Precepts 2019/20

Mendip District Council will be setting the tax base for 2019/20 at its meeting of Full Council on Monday 17th December 2018.

A letter has been sent to all clerks giving out more information about the process.

If approved the details for your Parish will be available via the below link on 18th December 2018 this will help you with your precept calculations. The link takes you to the paper for the Full Council meeting on 17th December where Mendip District Council set the tax base for 2019/20. Item 11 will give you the information you need.

Mendip District Council

The deadline for completion and receipt of the forms is **17th January 2019**.





Age UK Somerset is running “Mature Movers” classes for the less able in Coleford, Evercreech and Shepton Mallet

Physical activity helps you stay healthy, energetic and independent as you get older but it can be hard to find something that’s both suitable and fun. It doesn’t matter how mobile you are - whether you are active or mostly chair-bound - doing something to improve your fitness and mobility is a positive thing. And for many, the social and emotional benefits can be equally as important - being fitter can improve self-confidence and self-esteem and give a real sense of well-being.

Ageing well is a programme managed by Age UK Somerset, organising activities across the county, it has classes to suit all abilities in the Mendip area. There a number of sessions specifically designed for the less able, being mostly chair-based. These hour-long “Mature Movers” classes can help improve strength, balance and co-ordination and are being held in Coleford (The Community Hub, Old School Buildings, Wednesdays at 10.30am), Evercreech (Village Hall, Wednesdays 12.30am) and Shepton Mallet (Leisure Centre, Wednesdays 10.30am). There is no need to book, everyone is welcome. Each class costs just £4.

To find out more, please get in touch with Tracie Philpott on 01823 345626, email tracie.philpott@ageuksomerset.org.uk. A full list of all Ageing Well classes can be found on the Age UK Somerset website, under services. www.ageuksomerset.org.uk

Notice of public consultation for Saxonvale Redevelopment, Frome

Acorn Property Group are inviting all to attend a public drop-in event at Silk Mill Studios and Gallery to share their views on the future development of the Saxonvale site in Frome.



Acorn are very mindful of the site's history and the community's desire to see a high quality mixed-use development happen. Acorn intend to submit a planning application in spring 2019 and are keen to discuss aspirations for the site and its opportunities and challenges, before working up development proposals in more detail.

The public drop-in event will take place on Friday 11th January from 2pm-7pm and Saturday 12th January from 10am – 3pm at The Silk Mill Studios and Gallery, Frome. For those unable to attend one of the public drop-in sessions you will be able to view the presentation boards on the Saxonvale website and submit feedback.

Cllr Philip Ham, Mendip District Council's Portfolio Holder for Transformation, said; "As the land owner the Council is encouraging as many people as possible to take part in the consultation. The Council have worked to create a high-level Vision for the site and now urge the public to share their ideas either via these drop-in sessions in Frome or by submitting their views via Acorn's Saxonvale website. The Council are keen to see Acorn carry out a development that Frome can be proud of".

For more information about the development and the public consultation please visit: <https://saxonvaleredevelopment.org>.

Increase In the Theft of Dogs

Avon and Somerset Police are reminding all our communities to take extra care of their pet dogs. The Police are aware of an increase in dogs being stolen, they believe for coursing/ breeding. Steps you can take: make sure your pet is 'chipped,' don't let them wander –especially in the more rural areas. Make sure when in your car they are secured. Know where your pets are-be vigilant

Changes to Highways Winter Service 2018/19

As you may already be aware, a recent decision was taken by Somerset County Council's Cabinet to reduce the budget available for highways winter service for this year.

Changes to their policy have been agreed for 2018/19 and there are two key changes to the winter service.

Precautionary gritting network

The precautionary gritting network is the network of roads treated to help prevent ice forming when road temperatures are predicted to drop below one degree centigrade.

This year they will be gritting 720 miles (1,159km) or around 17 per cent of the total road network of 4,164 miles (6,702km) in Somerset. This is a reduction from 900 miles or 21 per cent of the network last year.

Resources are not available to treat all roads so criteria have been used that meet national guidelines to enable the precautionary gritting network to be defined. This has been done to ensure a consistent approach across the county and achieve a responsible balance between cost and level of service.



The criteria now used to define the routes are:

- Connectivity between major communities;
- Links to the strategic highway network;
- Connectivity across authority boundaries where appropriate;
- Links to transport interchanges;
- Access to emergency facilities including Fire and Rescue, Police, Ambulance Services and hospitals;
- Links to critical infrastructure;
- Principal public transport routes, access to rail and bus stations, and to bus garages and other depots;
- Other locally important facilities.

We encourage you to check which roads are now included by visiting www.travelsomerset.co.uk/gritting where you can zoom in and search by location or road name.

Mendip District Council Christmas Opening Hours



Mendip District Council will be open as normal over the Christmas period except for Bank Holidays.

See below breakdown of office opening hours:

Monday 24th December 2018	Christmas Eve – Office open as usual
Tuesday 25th December 2018	Christmas Day – Bank Holiday
Wednesday 26th December 2018	Boxing Day – Bank Holiday
Thursday 27th December 2018	Office open as usual
Friday 28th December 2018	Office open as usual
Monday 31st December 2018	New Year’s Eve - Office open as usual
Tuesday 1 January 2019	New Year’s Day - Bank Holiday

NFP Workshops for Bid Writing in Bristol

NFP WORKSHOPS

Affordable training courses for charities, schools and not for profit organisations

Bristol

Waterfront Meeting Rooms, Welsh Back, Bristol BS1 4SB

Bid Writing : The Basics	16 Jan 2019	Last 5 Places
Bid Writing : Advanced	16 Jan 2019	Last 5 Places
Bid Writing : The Basics	20 Mar 2019	Booking Details
Bid Writing : Advanced	20 Mar 2019	Booking Details

COST

£95 including booking fees. Refreshments provided. Each attendee will receive a full set of notes and copies of eight real successful funding bids by e-mail after the workshop.



Standing for Election in May 2019

SALC has now added a page to its website to give help, support and guidance to people interested in standing for election in May 2019.

Across Somerset all Town and Parish Council seats will be up for election, current Councillors will need to stand again for their seat if they wish to remain on the Council.

SALC is encouraging new people to stand for election to their local council and is supporting the NALC campaign to find more local councillors.

www.somerset-alc.org.uk/election-2019/



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.Hale@sparksomerset.org.uk

THE TAMPON TAX for 2019/2020 is a **Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)** fund that supports projects in the following four fields. A detailed description of initiatives that can be supported under each of the four funding areas is provided further down.

1. Violence against women and girls;
2. Female homelessness and rough sleeping;
3. Women in music; and
4. General programme (for which the Government has identified a number of sub-themes).

The minimum grant available is £1 million. There is no maximum level of grant. The 2019/2020 Tampon Tax Fund has a budget of £15 million.

Grants may be for one-or-two-year projects, with a maximum of two years up until 31 March 2021.

The deadline for the 2019/20 round is **midnight on Sunday 20 January 2019**.

The guidance notes and the application form can be found on the **GOV.UK website**.

THE PETER CRUDDAS FOUNDATION - Grants for registered charities in England and Wales working to support disadvantaged and disengaged young people as they move towards pathways into education, training and employment (application deadline 1 March 2019)

The **Peter Cruddas Foundation** gives priority to programmes provided by registered charities in England and Wales that are designed to help disadvantaged and disengaged young people to pursue their education (including vocational), training and, more generally, develop their potential.

The Foundation has two application deadlines each year on 1 March and 1 September.

The next deadline is therefore **Friday 1 March 2019**.



Application forms are available to download from the [Foundation's website](#).

THE MAURICE HATTER FOUNDATION - Grants for UK charitable organisations for projects that support education and social welfare (applications may be made at any time)

Please note that the Foundation does not maintain a website. Further information is, however, available on the [Charity Commission website](#).

Applicants may apply at any time in writing.

Contact details for the Foundation are:

The Maurice Hatter Foundation
c/o Smith and Williamson
1 Bishops Wharf
Walnut Tree Close
Guildford
Surrey
GU1 4RA
Tel: 01483 407100

(The Foundation does not advertise an email address.)

THE WARD BLENKINSOP TRUST - Grants for registered charities and voluntary bodies undertaking educational, training, health, cultural and heritage projects in England and Wales (applications may be made at any time)

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

Applications should be in writing and sent by post to the following address:

Charlotte Blenkinsop
Ward Blenkinsop Trust
PO Box 28840
London
SW13 0WZ

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

UNIVERSAL MUSIC UK SOUND FOUNDATION INSTRUMENT AND EQUIPMENT GRANTS - Grants up to £1,500 for schools and individuals in full time education to support the purchase of musical instruments and equipment (application deadline 8 February 2019)



The **Music Sound Foundation's Instrument and Equipment Grants programme** aims to provide access to music for schools, students and teachers in the UK and Ireland by supporting the purchase of musical instruments and equipment. The next application deadline is ***Friday 8 February 2019***.

Further information is available on the **Music Sound Foundation website**.

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST CORNERSTONE, GATEWAY AND FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Trust will shortly open its Gateway and Foundation Grant programmes to applications. Here's details of all three schemes:

1. Cornerstone Grants.

The Cornerstone Grant Programme offers grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 towards the cost of urgent structural repair projects costed at more than £100,000 including VAT.

The Trust will also consider projects that introduce kitchens and accessible toilets to enable increased community use, costed at more than £30,000 including VAT.

Grants will never exceed 50% of the project cost.

The next deadline for applications is **Monday 4 March 2019**.

2. Gateway Grants.

The Gateway Grant Programme offers grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 towards project development and investigative work up to Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) planning stage 1 to support churches preparing for a major project and in developing their project to the point at which they can approach a major grant funder.

Grants will never exceed 50% of the project costs for this phase.

This programme is due to open shortly and the first deadline for applications will be **Thursday 10 January 2019**.

3. Foundation Grants.

The Foundation Grant Programme will offer grants of between £500 and £3,000 towards urgent maintenance works and small repairs identified as high priority within a recent Quinquennial Inspection or Survey Report.

It can also fund small investigative works and surveys.

Project costs should not exceed £10,000.

This programme is due to open shortly and the first deadline for applications will be **Thursday 24 January 2019**.

Further information is available on the National Churches Trust website.

POCKET PARKS PLUS - Grants up to £25,000 for community groups in England working with their local authority to establish new pocket parks, create safe and usable green spaces, and to help restore and bring back into public use parks that have fallen into disrepair (application deadline 25 January 2018)

Pocket Parks Plus is a new **Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government** (MHCLG) grant programme designed to support the development of new pocket parks and to refurbish existing parks that have fallen into disrepair, particularly where their restoration could have a significant positive impact on the local community and address a specific local need. The programme has a budget of £1 million.

The deadline for applications is **5pm on Friday 25 January 2019**.

THE A B CHARITABLE TRUST - Grants up to £20,000 for small to medium-sized UK registered charities that promote respect for vulnerable individuals and help defend human rights (application deadline 1 March 2019)

The **A B Charitable Trust** (ABCT) supports small and medium-sized UK charities (i.e. with an income of between £150,000 and £1.5 million) working in the UK to defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals whatever their circumstances. Grant funding can cover core costs. The next application deadlines are:

- o **Friday 1 March 2019**; and
- o **Friday 10 May 2019**.

Further information about how to apply is available on the **A B Charitable Trust website**

THE FIRST STEPS ENTERPRISE FUND – 90% loan / 10% grant package worth £30,000 for small community-led charities and social enterprises based in England to help them grow their services and become more sustainable (applications may be made at any time) Applications may be made at any time.

In the first instance, applicants should email Christian Stannard on **christian.stannard@sibgroup.org.uk** to arrange an initial telephone conversation to discuss potential applications

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Further details about the First Steps Enterprise Fund, together with information about other Social Investment Business schemes (**Pioneer and Prosper**, the **Reach Fund**, the **Enterprise Development Programme** and others, is available on the **SIB website**.

The **First Steps Enterprise Fund** (FSEF) is a £300,000 pilot fund to support community organisations. The fund, which is managed by Social Enterprise Business on behalf of the Asda Foundation, is designed for charities and social enterprises in England to take out their first loan to enable them to grow and become more sustainable.

THE CANOE FOUNDATION - Grants up to £20,000 for UK clubs and community groups with an active interest in wider canoeing participation (application deadline 31 January 2019)

The Canoe Foundation provides grants for projects that will improve accessibility to waterways and facilities with a particular interest in enabling enhanced participation in paddle sports. During 2019 the Foundation's focus is on smaller tactical level projects. These can be new facilities or repairs to existing installations that have deteriorated over time. Grants are not available for routine repair and maintenance.

The next deadline for applications is **Thursday 31 January 2019**.

An online application form is available from the **Canoe Foundation's website**

THE GOSLING FOUNDATION - Grants between £1,000 and £10,000 for UK charitable organisations carrying out projects in the UK in the fields of social welfare, advancement of religion or education, or other purposes beneficial to the community (applications may be made at any time) Please note: the Foundation does not maintain a website. Further information is, however, available on the **Charity Commission website**,

Applications may be made in writing at any time addressed to:

Anne Yusof
The Gosling Foundation Limited
21 Bryanston Street
Marble Arch
London
W1H 7AB
Tel: 020 7495 5599
Email: anne.yusof@conprop.co.uk

THE ALEC DICKENSON TRUST provides small grants for projects that support and encourage youth volunteering within the UK. The scheme is aimed at individuals and groups of young people who are able to demonstrate that through volunteering or
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community service they can enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society.

Applicants should be made using the online application form on the [Trust's website](#).

The Trust is scheduled to meet on the following dates during 2019 to consider applications:

1. Wednesday 23 January;
2. Wednesday 17 April;
3. Wednesday 24 July; and
4. Wednesday 23 October.

THE BIG LOTTERY FUND SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FUND – new £1.14 million programme offering grants for a small number of voluntary, community and social enterprises and/or partnerships of organisations in England to improve access to training, support and advice for charitable organisations (Expression of Interest deadline 13 January 2019)

The deadline for Expressions of Interest for Phase 1 is **11.59pm on Sunday 13 January 2019**.

Following this, three organisations will be asked to submit a full application by mid January 2019 for a project to commence by 31 March 2019.

Phase 2 will open to applications later in 2019.

Further information about the programme and how to apply is available on the [Big Lottery Fund website](#).

THE GEORGE JOHN AND SHEILAH LIVANOS CHARITABLE TRUST - Grants generally up to £5,000 for UK registered charities working in the fields of education, training, health, disability, arts, heritage and amateur sport (applications may be made at any time)

Please note that the Trust does not maintain a website. Further information is, however, available on the [Charity Commission website](#).

Applications may be made at any time in writing, addressed to:

The George John and Sheilah Livanos Charitable Trust
Gordon Dadds LLP
6 Agar Street
London
WC2N 4HN
Tel: 020 7759 1682

THE RANK FOUNDATION PEBBLES GRANTS – Grants up to £7,500 to UK registered charities for (a) capital projects to encourage the wider community use of buildings and/or (b) charities working with the seriously ill and disadvantaged (applications may be made at any time) Further information can be found on the **Foundation'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	
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 the meeting of Full Council in May 2018.

A date for your diary

Audit Committee, Wednesday, 9 January 2019

Starting on 09 Jan 19 at 17:30 for 3 hours until 20:30

Wednesday, 9 January 2019

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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.

Planning Board Wednesday, 16 January 2019

Starting on 16 Jan 19 at 18:00 for 3 hours until 21:00

[Wednesday, 16 January 2019](#)

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 January 2019

Starting on 21 Jan 19 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

[Monday, 21 January 2019](#)

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:

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