

Parish Information Bulletin

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Mendip Parish Forum 28th February

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 from 6:15pm with the main agenda items beginning at 6:30pm

The last Parish Forum held on 28th February was attended by 33 people with 19 Parishes represented.

The agenda can be found [here](#)

Actions arising from the agenda

Death of a Senior Figure Protocol – It was agreed that details of a supplier would be sent, this will be sent separately. However, items are available from other outlets. It is however, important to get a loose leaf Book of Condolences so that they can be amalgamated and any unpleasant comments can be removed if necessary.

As part of the discussion about the role of Parish Councils in relation to Brexit, it was agreed that it would be helpful to read the paper that went to Cabinet outlining the preparations that Mendip DC are making. This paper can be found on the Cabinet agenda [here](#)

There was a discussion about information sharing. Attached to the Bulletin is an information sharing form that could be used by Parish Councils.

Planning training will be taking place in June. Dates will be sent nearer the time

Councillor Mackenzie updated the forum on setting up a local flood network. If anyone would like more information, please email Emma.plummer@mendip.gov.uk

Next Forum date: 13th June

Further dates for 2019 are

Thursday 12th September

Thursday 12th December

Please remember it is **Your Forum – your ideas and agenda items.**

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

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





Free NHS Health Checks

Are you aged between 40-74? If so, you could be eligible for a Free NHS Health Check which takes up to 30 minutes and includes:

- Blood pressure test, blood glucose and cholesterol assessment
- Lifestyle assessments, personal and family medical history
- Healthy weight calculation
- Assessing your risk of developing Stroke, Heart Disease, Type 2 Diabetes and Kidney Disease in the next 10 years

You are Eligible for a Free NHS Health check if:

- You are between 40-74 years old.
- You live in Somerset or you live outside of Somerset, but are registered with a Somerset GP.
- You have not had an NHS Health Check within the last 5 years.
- You have not been diagnosed with or are not taking medication for heart disease, stroke, diabetes, chronic kidney disease or dementia or on a statin.

To book, visit Somersethealthchecks.co.uk or call **01823 261 794 (Mon to Fri 9:00-5:00)**



Avon and Somerset
Constabulary

A Message from Avon and Somerset Police on Poaching

Gamekeepers and the farming community are often those most affected by, or are witness to rural crime. They provide the eyes and the ears of the countryside and often suffer the consequences of rural crime. Poaching can lead to a number of animal welfare issues, serious loss of income from the illegal taking of game and the damage which many offenders carry out to farm land in the process of carrying out these crimes. Poachers are usually involved with many other rural crimes as well. As landowners and gamekeepers, please remain vigilant and report anything suspicious on 999 emergency or 101 non-emergency. Any intelligence you can provide to us reference poaching /rural crime would be much appreciated by your rural beat team. Useful free app regarding poaching is now available at www.projectpoacher.com

Police Community Support Officer - Mike Storey
Frome Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team
Avon and Somerset Police
Enterprise House, Wessex Fields, Frome, Somerset BA11 4DH
Email Michael.storey@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Mendip Rough Sleeper Outreach Service

If anyone sees someone rough sleeping, they should make a referral to Streetlink. Referrals can be made by contacting the rough sleeper referral line on 0300 500 0914 or by going to www.streetlink.org.uk and completing an online form.

The more information provided, the better. Streetlink supports rough sleepers to connect with local support services and will pass this information on to the local outreach service to respond to. Elim Connect Centre Outreach Team provide support to rough sleepers throughout Mendip and are commissioned by Mendip District Council to provide this service.

Connect Outreach work with key organisations across Mendip, to enable fast and effective access to a wide range of services. The skilled and dedicated team provide short and long-term, person-centred support. Connect Outreach work to end homelessness by supporting people into accommodation either locally or out of area depending on individual eligibility and need. Connect Outreach work closely with Mendip District Council to provide effective and efficient solutions to homelessness. Connect Outreach are based in Wells but facilitate weekly drop-ins in Glastonbury and Frome. The team will also travel to anywhere in Mendip to meet with rough sleepers. Connect Outreach can be contacted on 01749 677097

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for further information regarding drop-ins and their services. Information can also be found at <http://www.connect-centre.org.uk/>



Great British Spring Clean: Be part of the pick - #LitterHeroes

We are calling on Mendip #LitterHeroes to help improve the environment on your doorstep. Mendip District Council are supporting the Keep Britain Tidy 'Great British Spring Clean' campaign which runs from 22 March to 23 April 2019. There are three ways you can get involved, visit www.keepbritaintidy.org and:

1. [Sign up to host a clean-up](#)
2. [Join a clean-up near you](#)
3. [Pledge your support](#)

If you are planning a clean-up in Mendip, let the council know so that collection of your items can be arranged. Mendip District Council are working with contractors IDverde who can provide the necessary equipment to make your clean-up a success. Visit www.mendip.gov.uk/litterpicks.



Third ‘Changing Places’ facility opens in Mendip

A third Changing Places facility has opened in Mendip thanks to a local society.

The Royal Bath and West Society has officially opened a Changing Places facility at their prominent showground site, just outside of Shepton Mallet.

This facility has been installed by and will be managed by The Royal Bath and West Society and will be available at events and open to people passing the main entrance gates between the hours of 7am and 7pm 364 days a year.

Changing Places is a national campaign which aims to see new public toilet facilities introduced across the country for people with acute physical and learning disabilities

Paul Hooper from The Royal Bath and West Society, said: “The Society is keen to provide Up-to-date facilities for the visitors to the showground and is pleased that we are able to provide this facility for general community use. The work has been undertaken using local contractors 3 Solutions with support from the national Changing Places and Mendip District Council.”

In 2017, with cross party support, Mendip District Council backed the campaign to encourage a partnership approach to opening Changing Places facilities across the district. Taking the lead Mendip District Council opened the first Changing Places facility in Frome with the support of Frome Town Council, the local community and campaigners.

The Frome facility was supported by Frome Town Council, the local community and campaigners. Funding was from Section 106 money with match funding from Mendip District Council and Frome Town Council. A second facility was opened in Wells by Wells City Council in July 2018 with some financial support from Mendip District Council.

This new facility at the Bath and West is the third facility to receive financial support from Mendip District Council. The council contributed £6,000 on the basis that as well as the facility being available during events at the showground, the facility will open longer hours so users can ‘drop-by’ at other times.

Details of this latest Changing Places facility in Mendip can be found on the toilet map www.uktoiletmap.org

Any organisations within Mendip that is interested in opening a Changing Places facility can contact Mendip District Council to discuss plans or for further guidance and information about the Changing Places campaign, or visit the website: www.changing-places.org

It's never too late to start - why older people in Mendip should make being active a priority!



Physical activity has a huge positive effect on health at any age, but amongst older people, doing more can have a life-changing impact. Ageing is often unfairly blamed for many of the health problems of people over 60 but sedentary behaviour and loss of fitness are major contributory factors to a variety of long term health issues.

Steve Ward, ukactive's CEO, says, "physical activity is the 'golden thread' that can solve a huge array of challenges faced by older people, from vastly improving their health and resilience, supporting them to maintain their independence for longer, to reducing feelings of loneliness, social isolation, depression and anxiety. Now we are supported to live longer than ever before, our focus must turn to supporting people to live and age WELL".

AGEING WELL is a programme managed by Age UK Somerset and it is passionate about getting older people moving and active. It runs a number of classes in the Mendip area, tailored specifically for the over 65s – the aim is to improve balance, co-ordination, energy levels and mobility, all great for keeping people steady on their feet.

The gentle exercise sessions "MOVEMENT TO MUSIC" (with both standing and seated elements) are uplifting and feel good, so you can meet new people and have fun, whilst getting a bit fitter. There are EXTEND classes running in Frome, Coleford, Evercreech, Glastonbury and Shepton Mallett, all run on a pay-as-you-go basis. There is no need to book.

If you think you would benefit from joining – or know someone who would – please do get in touch. For more information, call Tracie Philpott, the Mendip co-ordinator, on 01823 345636 or to find out details of your nearest class, visit the Age UK Somerset website www.ageuksomerset.org.uk and look under "activities".



MUSIC2CONNECT



Back in May 2018 the Inner Wheel Club of Shepton Mallet, D20, together with friends from Frome and Westbury clubs undertook a sponsored walk around the lake at Stourhead to support the Prime Minister's Dementia Challenge, It was a beautiful sunny day which showed the wonderful gardens at Stourhead at their very best and we were able to complete our walk with a tasty lunch outside in the sunshine.

We collected a substantial sum which showed very clearly that the people of Shepton wanted improved resources in the town for those living with dementia and those that care for them. In the intervening ten months lots has been done in town and surrounding area to make things more dementia friendly and we as a club have members on the Dementia Action Alliance committee in the town and have met other groups offering different projects.

After nearly twelve months working with Dementia Action Alliance and talking with other groups in Shepton Mallet it was decided to run a free monthly music therapy project in the town 'Music2Connect'. A very experienced music therapist Julie Britton has been engaged by the club to run the sessions supported by Inner Wheel members. The Shepton Mallet Rotary Club is supporting us with financial help and the town has awarded the club a £500 Mendip SHAPE lottery grant which will be used to set up the project with song books, rental of premises etc.

At last we are ready to start and sessions will run on the second Friday of the month at the Shepton Mallet Salvation Army Hall from 1.30 until 3.30pm and our first session will be on Friday 12th of April.

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



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THE AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNITY ACTION FUND - Grants up to £3,000 for local voluntary and community groups in the Avon and Somerset Police Force area for projects which support the local Police and Crime Plan.

Application deadline: Saturday 1 June 2019 (further 2019 deadlines below).

The 2019 application deadlines for the Fund are:

- o Saturday 1 June;
- o Sunday 1 September; and
- o Sunday 1 December.

Further details about the scheme, together with an online application form, are available on the [Police Community Trust website](#).

BUTTLE UK YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAMME – Grants up to £2,000 for vulnerable young people in the UK to access education, training and employment.

Application deadline: none – applications may be made at any time.

Buttle UK's Young People Programme is designed to enable vulnerable young people resident in the United Kingdom overcome financial barriers preventing them from achieving their education, training or employment goals. Applicants must have a clear education, training or employment goal that they can pursue within three months of their application

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Application forms are available to download from the [Buttle UK website](#). Please note: each application must be completed by a lead professional in collaboration with the young person

COVENTRY BUILDING SOCIETY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION COMMUNITY FUND - Grants up to £2,000 for small charities and community groups in areas covered by the Coventry Building Society's branch network for projects to improve the quality of life and opportunities in communities affected by disadvantage, deprivation and social exclusion.

Application deadline: variable according to the relevant local Community Foundation.

There is no requirement for match funding. However, applicants are required to have an annual income of less than £250,000.

Grant applications are managed by the [Community Foundation Network](#). Interested applicants are advised to contact the Community Foundation for their area prior to

applying to check deadlines and availability.

Further information can be found on the [Coventry Building Society website](#).

MAGIC LITTLE GRANTS 2019 - Grants up to £500 for small local charities and community groups in England, Scotland and Wales that are working with hard-to-reach individuals, encouraging them to take part in physical activity to help improve their physical health.

Application deadline: applications may be made at any time up to 11.59pm on Saturday 30 November 2019.

Potential applicants are advised to read the guidance notes on the [Localgiving website](#) in the first instance before applying.

Contact details for the Fund are:

Help Desk
Localgiving
189-190 Shoreditch High Street
London
E1 6HU
Tel: **0300 111 2340**
Email: help@localgiving.org

THE LENNOX HANNAY CHARITABLE TRUST - Grants up to £20,000 for English and Welsh registered charities for a wide range of charitable causes.

Application deadline: none – applications may be made at any time.

The [Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust](#) supports a wide variety of charitable causes in England and Wales.

Grants up to £20,000 are available.

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

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

Mr Rajiv Rupani
Lennox Hannay Charitable Trust
RF Trustee Co Limited
15 Suffolk Street
London
SW1Y 4HG
Tel: 020 3696 6715
Email: charities@rftrustee.com

TESCO BAGS OF HELP CENTENARY GRANTS – Special one-off grant programme

available to not-for-profit organisations in the United Kingdom to celebrate Tesco's business centenary.

Application deadline: none – applications may be made at any time.

Tesco's Centenary Grants are two unique voting rounds of Tesco's local community grant scheme, offering a special, one-off opportunity for charitable organisations to benefit more people.

Projects must provide a significant benefit to communities across their voting region.

Check the **Bags of Help map** to ascertain which voting region you come under.

The July/August 2019 voting period is for projects with a health and well-being theme.

Priority will be given to projects focussing on cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

The November/December voting round will be open to all community groups supporting projects across their regions.

Not-for-profit organisations, including registered charities, Community Interest Companies,

Schools, parish and town councils, local authorities, health bodies and social housing providers may apply for a grant.

- o Improvements to a building of regional or national significance that benefits the whole community such as a museum, hospice, specialist hospital ward, art gallery, heritage centre, wildlife centre or an ancient monument;
- o Improvements to an outdoor space of regional or national significance such as walking/cycling routes, gardens, nature reserves, wildlife areas, waterways or woodlands;
- o Delivering activities or charitable services across a whole region such as health and wellbeing support activities, foodbanks, community clubs, homelessness support, sporting activities, recycling/upcycling programmes, regional school focused programmes and community festivals or events; and
- o Providing equipment that will benefit the whole region such as medical equipment, minibuses, mobile libraries and safety equipment.

Further information is available on the **[Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants webpage](#)**

THE EDWARD GOSTLING FOUNDATION (FORMERLY THE ACT FOUNDATION) – Grants for UK registered charities for initiatives that support people living on low incomes who have a physical and/or mental disability or a long-term illness.

Application deadline: none- applications may be made at any time and are considered every two months.

The ***Edward Gostling Foundation*** (previously called the ACT Foundation) awards grant for projects that make a transforming change and have a high level of impact on individuals, their families and communities. The Foundation will prioritise small to medium size charities that are making a significant impact in their community and who may lack the time and resources to be able to focus on their fundraising.

Applications must address at least one of the following 4 themes of the Foundation:

- o **Health and well-being:** to maintain, improve and advance the health and welfare of people living with disabilities and/or long-term illnesses;
- o **Independent living at home:** to support people who wish to remain living in their own home for as long as is practically possible;
- o **Respite:** either for the person living with a disability (or long-term illnesses) or the carer to access sports and leisure activities or simply enjoy fun, friendship and the opportunity to socialise and share with others who may be in a similar situation; and/or
- o **Transition:** to provide fundamental life skills and infrastructure necessary to allow people to reach their full potential in all areas of life and to become a valued member of their local community.

UK registered charities that have been registered for at least 3 years may apply for one of two grant levels:

1. **Small Grants** of less than £5,000.
2. **Large Grants** of more than £5,000.

Applications, which may be made at any time, should be submitted via the Foundation's online application form, which is available on its **website**. The Foundation meets every two months to consider applications

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED SMALL GRANTS - Grants up to £10,000 each year for up to 3 years (i.e. up to £30,000 in total) for not-for-profit organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years old and younger living in the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands.

Next application deadline: Sunday 2nd June 2019.



Further information, together with an application form, are available to complete online at the **Children in Need website**. Please note that all applicants are strongly advised to refer to the **A-Z Guidance** document before starting their application.

THE PINK RIBBON FOUNDATION - Grants up to £5,000 are available to breast cancer charities in the UK as well as organisations that work on breast cancer research and prevention.

Application deadline: Friday 31 May 2019.

Further information and an application form can be found on the **Foundation's website**.

THE ASDA FOUNDATION - Capital grants for local community projects that address local needs and make a significant difference within a community.

Application deadline: none – applications may be made at any time.

The Asda Foundation provides grants for capital projects such as buildings, renovations, vehicles, equipment computer equipment and audio systems. The funding is intended to support a range of good causes that have the direct support and involvement of their local ASDA outlet, including stores, depots and administrative centres. A list of Asda stores can be found at this **LINK**.

1. Groups should first complete the online eligibility checker, which can be found on the **Asda Foundation website**;
2. Groups whose projects fit the Foundation's guidelines and criteria should then contact their Asda Community Champion at their local Asda to see if this is something they wish to support locally;
3. Applications must be approved and signed by the project co-ordinator and the General Store Manager;
4. Applications will be reviewed by the Asda Foundation team. If additional information is required the Community Champion will be contacted; and, finally
5. Successful applications will be put to the board of trustees who review applications on a monthly basis.

Applications may be made at any time. Further information is available on the **Foundation's website**.

SMART ENERGY GB IN COMMUNITIES FUND - Grants up to £25,000 for large, regionally based organisations in England, Scotland and Wales that can



support people aged 65 and over to understand and sign up to installing a smart meter.

Application deadline: Tuesday 9 April 2019.

Further details about the scheme, together with an application form, is available on the [National Energy Action website](#)

ARMED FORCES COVENANT FUND LOCAL GRANTS PROGRAMME – Grants up to £20,000 for UK registered charities, community interest companies, local authorities, schools, and armed forces units for projects that support the armed forces community and meet the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust's priorities.

Application deadline: Wednesday 5 June, Monday 9 September and Monday 2 December.

Applications must be submitted using the online application form available on the [Covenant Fund Trust website](#), where guidance on the programme can also be found.

THE NATIONAL FARMERS UNION MUTUAL CHARITABLE TRUST - Grants between £1,000 and £10,000 for UK charitable groups and organisations for that educate young people in rural areas and relieve poverty in rural areas.

Application deadline: Friday 31 May 2019.

There is no formal application form. Applications should be made in writing and include the following details:

- o The project, initiative or organisation for which funding is sought;
- o The amount of funding being requested;
- o Any business plans;
- o Details of any other funding sought and/or obtained;
- o Any recognition which would be given to the Trust in recognition of its support; and
- o Confirmation of whether or not the applicant is a registered charity.

Further information is available on the [NFU Mutual Charitable Trust website](#).

ROSA VOICES FROM THE FRONTLINE ROUND 4 - Grants up to £5,000 for charitable campaigning work to support UK women's organisations promote their fight for gender equality in the UK and make long lasting change.

Application deadline: Tuesday 14 May 2019.

There is a "How to Apply" webinar for Round 4 to help applicants develop their video applications:



o Tuesday 30 April 2019 (12.30pm to 13.30pm).

Potential applicants who would like to participate in the “How to Apply” webinars are required to register on [**ROSA’s website**](#).

Further information about the programme and how to apply can be found on [**ROSA’s website**](#).

SPORT ENGLAND COMMUNITY ASSET FUND - grants up to £150,000 for community organisations, sports clubs, statutory bodies and educational establishments to enhance local community spaces in England which encourage people to play sport and get active.

Application deadline(s): none - applications may be made at any time.

Visit the [**Sport England website**](#) for details on how to apply using the online application form

THE BLUE SPARK FOUNDATION - Grants up to £5,000 for schools, community groups, clubs, societies or other organisations in England to improve the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other activities.

Application deadline: none - applications may be submitted at any time.

Further information, guidance notes and an application form is available on the [**BlueSpark Foundation 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 for 2019/20

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 for 2019/20 will be agreed following the local elections being held in May 2019.

A date for your diary

Licensing Board, Wednesday, 3 April 2019

Starting on 03 Apr 19 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

[Wednesday, 3 April 2019](#)

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.

Audit Committee, Wednesday, 10 April 2019

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Starting on 10 Apr 19 at 17:30 for 3 hours until 20:30

Wednesday, 10 April 2019

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, 15 April 2019 - Cancelled

Starting on 15 Apr 19 at 18:30 for 3 hours until 21:30

Monday, 15 April 2019 - Cancelled

This meeting has been cancelled

Planning Board, Wednesday, 17 April 2019

Starting on 17 Apr 19 at 18:00 for 3 hours until 21:00

Wednesday, 17 April 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.

Contact details for the committee officers are as follows:

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claire.dicken@mendip.gov.uk

01749 341341

