

## **Monthly Report from Claire Sully, Mendip South**

### **Consultation on Somerset Council's Electoral Boundaries Reopened**

Somerset residents now have another opportunity to provide their input on new electoral boundaries for Somerset Council, as the Local Government Boundary Commission has reopened its consultation on draft recommendations. The consultation will run from now to January 14, 2026.

The decision to reopen the consultation follows the Commission's misunderstanding of Somerset Council's preference for predominantly single-councillor divisions, which was incorrectly interpreted as a formal request for a uniform pattern. This led to concerns that multi-councillor divisions may not receive adequate consideration, prompting the Commission to ensure a fair and transparent review process.

Cllr Bill Revans commented on the situation, stating, "While it is accepted that mistakes happen, all the submissions to the consultation included multi-member divisions. The chances of anyone being put off commenting by the LGBCE's misunderstanding are infinitesimal. The cost of a new consultation and the delay in publishing the final boundaries makes this a frustrating and strange decision."

Residents are encouraged to participate by sharing their views, including support for multi-member divisions, as the Commission aims to consider all perspectives. Final recommendations are expected to be published in March 2026, with new arrangements set to take effect in May 2027, pending parliamentary approval.

For further details on the boundaries proposals, visit the Commission's website at [www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/somerset](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/somerset). Feedback can also be submitted via email at [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk) or by post to the Review Officer (Somerset), LGBCE, 7th Floor, 3 Bunhill Row, London, EC1Y 8YZ.

### **Thousands of Driving Offences Logged on Frome Bypass as New Speed Limit is Considered**

In just four months, AI cameras installed on the A361 Frome Bypass have recorded over 4,500 driving offences, raising safety concerns. The offences include 4,407 instances of not wearing seat belts, 119 cases of mobile phone use, and 74 speeding violations exceeding 80 mph.

Currently, the speed limit on the road is 60 mph, but discussions are underway to potentially reduce it to 50 mph. This road has witnessed six fatalities between 2019 and 2024, including four in the past year.

Somerset Council and Avon and Somerset Police are collaborating on a road safety initiative, which includes continued use of AI cameras and a forthcoming engineering scheme aimed at enhancing road safety. Implementation of additional safety measures could begin in late 2026.

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### **Council's CCTV Team Key in Reporting Incidents to Police**

Somerset Council's CCTV team has reported nearly 700 incidents to police in the last three months, playing a crucial role in community safety. On November 12, the team alerted police to a fire under a climbing frame in a children's play area in Bridgwater, allowing firefighters to prevent the incident from escalating.

In total, the CCTV team has recorded 690 incidents, processed 391 footage requests from police, and proactively detected 408 incidents during this period. Their prompt actions have led to the apprehension of offenders, including one case where an operator guided police to a handbag thief.

The CCTV service, funded by city, town, and parish councils, has recently upgraded systems in Burnham-on-Sea and Street to high-definition cameras, with ongoing upgrades in Taunton, Wellington, and Shepton Mallet.

### **Uniting Somerset: New Traffic-Free Path Completes Somerset Circle**

A new 1.3-kilometre traffic-free path connecting Hamwood Viaduct to Thrupe Lane has officially opened. This scenic route promotes active travel and offers a safe passage for walkers and cyclists to explore the beautiful Mendip area.

The path provides a direct connection and features signposted cycling routes through minor roads, leading riders over the Mendip Hills to Gurney Slade and Chilcompton.

A partnership between local councils and community organisations, this project exemplifies a commitment to increasing connectivity, reducing car reliance, and promoting sustainable travel within Somerset. Under the guidance of the current Lib Dem Somerset Council administration, active travel has gained notable emphasis in recent years, highlighting the dedication to enhancing public health and accessibility.

The overarching active travel vision for a 76-mile traffic-free circuit linking Bristol, Bath, and the Mendip Hills is steadily being realised, creating new opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy the stunning landscapes of Somerset.

The route was officially opened by West Mendip Councillor Ros Wyke, and Christopher Somerville, representative of Dinder Estate.

### **Don't Miss Your Chance: Get Your Flu Vaccination**

Somerset Council urges eligible residents to get their flu vaccination, as cases are already rising this season. Vaccination is crucial to prevent serious health complications, especially for those with underlying conditions.

Eligible groups include pregnant individuals, children aged 2-3, school-aged children, those aged 65 and over, and frontline health workers.

To learn more and book your appointment, visit the [NHS Flu Vaccine page](#) or contact your GP practice. Stay protected this flu season!

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### **Somerset's Coastal Challenge Celebrates Success**

The second annual "80 Miles in Eight Days" Challenge Walk proved a resounding success, with 23 enthusiastic walkers covering 500 miles along Somerset's stunning coastline.

Organised by the Somerset Trail Partnership in collaboration with Exmoor National Park, the event raised £700 for The Outdoor Guide Foundation's Waterproofs and Wellies Campaign, providing gear for two coastal primary schools.

Richard Taylor and Richard Pinnington completed the entire route, praised by Isobel Pring from the Somerset Trail Partnership for overcoming challenging climbs.

Starting at County Gate in sunny weather and ending at Brean Down, walkers enjoyed the scenic beauty and camaraderie. Looking ahead to 2026, plans include a third challenge walk and new circular routes. For details, visit [somersetcoastfestival.co.uk](https://somersetcoastfestival.co.uk).

### **Council Approves Pupil Referral Unit Merger to Enhance Outcomes**

At a recent meeting of Somerset Council's Executive, members approved a major reorganisation of Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) aimed at improving the quality and consistency of alternative provision for children and young people in the county.

The council decided to consolidate the management of the four existing PRUs to streamline governance and standardise approaches, particularly addressing gaps in provision in Frome and West Somerset.

Tor School will expand to include the South Somerset Partnership School, while The Bridge School will incorporate sites from Taunton Deane Partnership College. A new Partnership Agreement will define the support and challenges needed for ongoing improvements.

All existing facilities will remain open, ensuring that current students continue at their respective sites without needing to change schools or facing longer journeys.

The decision focuses on improving management structures to create a fairer system where every child receives high-quality education support, regardless of location. The changes will take effect on April 1, 2026. For more information, visit [the Executive's Decision Report](#).

### **Somerset Council Invests in Improved Outcomes for Residents**

Somerset Council has approved new contracts for the Discharge to Assess (D2A) service, enhancing support for residents returning home from hospital. This service offers up to six weeks of tailored assistance, promoting independence and reducing long-term care needs.

Currently assisting about 3,000 people annually, the D2A service helps lower hospital bed occupancy and speeds up recovery at home. The new contracts ensure continuity of care after May 2026.

Full details can be found via the Executive's [Decision Report \(PDF\)](#).

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### Have Your Say on Somerset's Domestic Abuse Strategy

Somerset Council invites public feedback to shape a new three-year Domestic Abuse Strategy focused on prevention, protection, and recovery. The consultation seeks input from residents, organisations, and professionals on how to effectively support those affected by domestic abuse.

The strategy will build on existing work by the Somerset Domestic Abuse Service and partner agencies, ensuring accessibility and responsiveness to community needs. It aims to outline priorities including preventing abuse, protecting at-risk individuals, strengthening professional responses, and supporting recovery.

The consultation is open until January 26. Feedback will inform the final strategy, which will be published later next year. To participate, visit the [Domestic Abuse Strategy Public Consultation page](#). For support, contact the Somerset Domestic Abuse Service at 0800 69 49 999, or visit [somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk](https://somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk). In emergencies, call 999.

### Ham Hill Celebrates National Tree Week with Successful Tree Planting

Ham Hill recently hosted a week-long tree planting event in celebration of National Tree Week, successfully planting 3,000 native trees to enhance biodiversity and climate resilience.

Running from November 22 to 30, the initiative was supported by Carbon Aware Productions and Ham and Doultong Stone, along with dedicated volunteers from RNAS Yeovilton, Somerset Council, and The Friends of Ham Hill. The collaborative effort concluded with a Community Tree Planting Day.

Throughout the week, focused planting activities included dry-stone walling, ongoing volunteer efforts, and a final push by Somerset Council staff. Lead Member for Public Health, Climate Change and Environment, Councillor Graham Oakes, highlighted the value of trees in supporting wildlife and improving community well-being while representing a step towards boosting Somerset's tree canopy from 8% to the national average of 13%.

### Stepping Stones Team Visits Parliament for National Supported Lodgings Week

Somerset's Stepping Stones team recently attended a parliamentary reception in Westminster to launch the inaugural National Supported Lodgings Week (NSLW), held from November 9 to 16, 2025. The event, titled "Host the Future," attracted over 150 attendees, including hosts and care workers from the Stepping Stones program, along with the young people they support.

The Supported Lodgings scheme allows individuals or families to offer a room and supportive environment to young people aged 18 to 21 who are leaving care. The initiative aims to help these young individuals build essential life skills necessary for independent living, including cooking, cleaning, and financial management.

The NSLW highlights the positive impact of programs like Stepping Stones and encourages more people to consider becoming hosts by sharing inspirational stories from the hosts and young people involved.

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In support of National Care Leavers Month, Somerset Council illuminated County Hall in blue alongside other organisations and landmarks nationwide. For those interested in becoming Stepping Stones hosts, more information is available at [fosteringinsomerset.org.uk](http://fosteringinsomerset.org.uk) or by calling 0800 587 9900.

### Somerset Charities Receive Royal Recognition

Four Somerset charities have been awarded the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) for their exceptional community contributions. The recipients are:

- **Exmoor Community Bus Association**
- **Good Fellowship Club** (Yeovil)
- **Green Wedmore**
- **The Thomas Poole Library** (Nether Stowey)

This prestigious award recognises the significant impact of these voluntary groups and their ongoing efforts to support their communities. The honour will enhance their profiles and help attract further support for their initiatives.

Equivalent to an MBE, KAVS is the highest Award given to local voluntary groups in the UK, and they are awarded for life.

### Council Supports Local Communities with Government Fund

Somerset Council is using the national Accelerating Reform Fund to enhance local care networks, securing £616,000 for community projects that benefit aging residents and those with disabilities.

Ten community groups and one Town Council have formed the 'Somerset Cares Alliance,' receiving grants to strengthen local support systems. The fund promotes sustainable infrastructure and access to essential services close to home.

### Voting in Somerset Youth Parliament Elections Begins

Voting is now open for the Somerset Youth Parliament elections, where young people can elect three new representatives for the UK Youth Parliament. Candidates have published manifestos detailing their campaign pledges, available on the Somerset Youth Parliament's [Elections page](#).

This initiative allows elected Members of Youth Parliament to advocate for local and national issues affecting youth, working alongside community representatives and politicians to drive positive change.

Voting is open now and closes on December 15th, 2025. Young people are encouraged to participate and make their voices heard.

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### **Somerset Council and Partners Highlight Digital Domestic Abuse During 16 Days of Action**

Somerset Council is partnering with organisations across the county to observe the 16 Days of Action Against Gender-Based Violence, focusing on digital domestic abuse, which involves using technology to monitor, threaten, or isolate victims.

Running from November 25 (International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women) to December 10 (Human Rights Day), the campaign encourages community action to prevent abuse and support recovery for affected individuals. Events, drop-ins, and awareness activities will take place throughout Somerset to highlight online and digital abuse.

The Somerset Domestic Abuse Service, facilitated by the YOU Trust, offers confidential support for those affected by domestic abuse, including digital abuse. For assistance, individuals can call 0800 69 49 999, visit [somersestdomesticabuse.org.uk](https://somersestdomesticabuse.org.uk), or email [domesticabuseservice@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:domesticabuseservice@somerset.gov.uk).

### **New Digital Slinky Transport Service Tops 10,000 Journeys**

Somerset Council's on-demand transport service, Digital Slinky, has reached a significant milestone by completing its 10,000th journey within just 18 months of operation. The service covers Somerton, Langport, and surrounding villages, providing a flexible transportation option funded by the Government's Bus Service Improvement Grant (BSIP).

Launched in May 2024 as a trial, Digital Slinky is designed to be easily accessible for residents, who can book rides online or through a mobile app available on Google Play and the App Store. The service uses existing bus stops and landmarks as pick-up points, enabling users to reach local shops, work, appointments, and social events.

New digital services have recently been rolled out to other areas including Bridgwater, Burnham, Taunton, and Wellington, further enhancing demand-responsive transport options in the county. With the ability to arrange pick-ups directly from home for individuals facing mobility challenges, the service can be booked up to an hour before travel or up to two weeks in advance.

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**Report it first: useful Links to share with your communities**

**Visit - Report a Problem on the Road:** - A list of all reporting pages to do with roads, pavements, lighting:

[Report a problem on the road](#)

**Potholes and road damage** - Somerset Council repair potholes and other road defects, and maintain our roads, for the safe access of all road users:

[Potholes, road damage and edge loss](#)

**Report a problem with a street light** - We maintain and repair street lights to national standards to provide safe access to all road users:

[Report a problem with a street light](#)

**Roads, travel and parking, road signs, markings and lighting** - Includes information about non-illuminated bollards, pedestrian crossings, requesting a village nameplate or a new road sign:

[Road signs, bollards and road markings](#)

**Speed limits** - Request information about new or existing traffic calming measures:

[Speed limits](#)

**Traffic lights** - We maintain over 200 traffic light locations throughout the County:

[Traffic lights](#)

**Street and roadworks** - We maintain the roads and pavements that are managed at public expense in Somerset:

[Street and roadworks problems](#)

**Traffic - updates and roadworks follow:**

[Travel Somerset on X](#) and [Travel Somerset on Facebook](#).

**All ongoing roadworks** - available on the Somerset Council website interactive map

[Roadworks and travel information](#)

**Somerset Waste** - collection days, replacement bins or recycling bags and missed collection reporting:

[Bins, recycling and waste](#)

**Travel and Tourist Information**

[Travel Somerset - Art, Culture, Events, History & More](#)

**Sign-up for the latest climate news from across Somerset:**

[Climate newsletter sign-up](#)

**Open Somerset Council Consultations** - which anyone can complete and take part in shaping the future of Somerset

[Somerset Council - Citizen Space - Consultations](#)

**SOMERSET COUNCIL TELEPHONE NO - 0300 123 2224**

## **Shepton Mallet Community Transport Initiative**

The Neighbourhood Working Group has identified a need for better transport options that improve access to services (including health) and reducing isolation locally. This is especially important for accessing education and key services for vulnerable groups like the elderly with mobility and dementia needs.

Work has started in collaboration with partners to explore and decide the best organisational set up for a local transport initiative.

### **Constituting your group**

Funders and supporters will require a type of formal constitution. A statement of your purpose and how the organisation will operate. It shows you have democratic processes in place, are transparent and accountable. The group will need to have named officers in positions of responsibility i.e chair, treasurer and secretary. Any group will need a set of appropriate policies and adequate insurance cover.

Here is an example of the simplest structures for consideration. We would suggest weighing up the pro's and cons of any structure before making a choice. Consider the group purpose and what is the best fit for what you are looking to achieve.

### **Unincorporated Community Group**

Very simple to set up. Informal and based on an agreement between a group of individuals.

- Simple to set up
- Suggest assigned roles ie chair, treasurer and secretary
- Financial liability for individuals on the committee for any debts incurred
- Difficult to attract grant funding

### **Incorporated Community Group**

A simple model to adopt but has some limitations.

- Easy to set up.
- Requires a committee to take responsibility with identified roles as a minimum (chair, treasurer and secretary)
- Is a legal entity, separate from individuals. Reduced liability
- Tricky to attract grant funding
- Require a governing document/constitution.
- Requires policies, insurance cover and a community/business bank account with two non-related signatories
- Will need to register with Companies House if income exceed £5,000

### **Community Interest Company (social enterprise)**

Is a charitable business model operating by trading/selling services or goods for community benefit. The governing body is a board of directors. You can be a board member and work within the business.

- Fairly easy to set up



- If the CIC is set up 'Ltd by guarantee' it provides protection for financial liability for the directors. As long as they operate legally
- Requires a board ideally with 3 non-related directors
- Board members assigned identified roles (chair, treasurer and secretary)
- Grant received are protected if the business folds via an 'asset lock' set out in the articles of association
- Apply for CIC status. Requires registration (set-up fee) with the Companies House and CIC regulator
- Applying for grants – can apply, if meets individual grant criteria for SE/CIC's

The NCVO have a good website with lots of information for the charity/community sector. These pages are helpful when setting up and choosing a legal structure.

<https://www.ncvo.org.uk/help-and-guidance/setting-up/deciding-to-set-up-a-new-charitable-organisation/>

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If the transport group chooses a not-for-profit legal structure (a couple of options indicated above) then Spark, Somerset can provide further support and guidance. Help with setting up, governance, policies and exploring funding options in the future.



# Shepton Local Community Network

## Shepton Community Cars Scheme

Tuesday, 14 October 2025

Council Chamber, Council Offices, Shepton Mallet

### Present:

Martin Lovell – Somerset Council, Shepton Mallet Town Council (SMTC)

Nick Hall – Pilton PC

Alison Brady – Coleford PC, Mendip Country Practice

Tony Hargraves – Croscombe PC

Chris Jackson - Croscombe PC

Susan Ehmann – Evercreech PC, Doultong PC, Bus Partnership Rep

Laura Miller – Community Development Officer, SMTC; Connect Somerset

Vicki Wickman – Mendip Country Practice

Karen Leafe – Spark Somerset

Michael Leech – Thrive

Mandy Carey – Health Connections

Morag Stuart – Co-ordinator at Frome Community Drivers

Nataliya Wills – LCN Link Officer

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### Useful sites:

- [Car Schemes](#) – information on our Somerset Council website about existing schemes and how to set them up
- [Community Transport Association](#)
- [Road XS Transport Software](#)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Attendees introduced themselves, highlighting involvement with local councils, Health Connections, and community transport initiatives.
- Morag introduced the [Frome Community Drivers](#) scheme and demonstrated the Road XS software use in practice.

## **2. Main Themes and Discussion Points**

### **a. Transport Challenges**

- Significant barriers exist for vulnerable people and young people in accessing appointments and activities due to limited transport options.
- Local bus cuts and relocation of medical practices have exacerbated access issues.

### **b. Community Car Schemes: Structure and Funding**

- Frome Community Drivers scheme evolved from a charity model at Active and In Touch to a Community Interest Company (CIC) to ensure sustainability.
- Funding is primarily self-generated through journey fees (e.g., £6 admin fee plus mileage), with some external support from organisations and local trusts.
- The importance of maintaining a minimum number of journeys per month (e.g., 200) for financial viability was emphasised.

### **c. Volunteer Recruitment and Management**

- Recruiting and retaining volunteer drivers is the biggest challenge.
- Volunteers are reimbursed for mileage (e.g., 55p per mile) and must be DBS checked.
- Volunteer fatigue and the need for a supportive community were discussed.

### **d. Booking and Payment Systems**

- Transition from manual spreadsheets to specialised booking software (e.g., Road XS) improves efficiency.
- Software costs are significant; sharing licenses across schemes was suggested.
- Payment for the journeys is mostly cash, but there is a need to explore digital payment solutions due to declining cash usage.

### **e. Collaboration and Expansion**

- Various existing schemes were discussed – potential for merging schemes or sharing resources to improve efficiency and coverage.
- Coordination with town and parish councils and Somerset Council for support, resources, and compliance.
- Awareness campaigns and presentations to local groups are key for volunteer recruitment, such as the WI, Rotary, Lions Club, Patient Participation Groups.

### **f. Operational Issues**

- Flexibility in journey distance and timing depends on volunteer availability.
- Parking and additional costs (e.g., congestion charges) are typically covered by passengers.
- Management committees are needed to oversee operations and compliance.

### **g. Legal and Structural Considerations**

- Options for legal structure include CICs or incorporated community groups, each with different implications for funding and regulation.
- CICs require registration, accounting, and a board of directors, but offer flexibility and access to some grants.

### 3. Actions and Recommendations

- **Recruit More Volunteer Drivers**
  - Target local organisations and community groups for recruitment.
  - Use presentations and awareness campaigns to reach potential volunteers.
- **Establish or Strengthen Management Group**
  - Form a management committee to oversee operations and compliance.
  - Seek support from local councils for financial oversight.
- **Optimise Booking and Payment Systems**
  - Continue using or expand access to booking software.
  - Explore digital payment solutions to reduce reliance on cash.
- **Engage with Local Authorities and Partners**
  - Maintain strong relationships with Somerset County Council and other stakeholders for funding and resources.
  - Leverage available toolkits and support.
- **Promote the Scheme**
  - Increase awareness among residents, GPs, and community organisations.
  - Distribute flyers and information in medical practices, libraries, and community spaces.
- **Plan for Sustainability**
  - Monitor volunteer numbers and journey volumes.
  - Seek additional funding or grants as needed (e.g., National Lottery “Awards for All”).
- **Clarify Legal Structure**
  - Decide on the most suitable legal structure (CIC or community group).
  - Ensure compliance with relevant regulations and reporting requirements.

### Next Steps

- ✓ Schedule a follow-up meeting to discuss management group formation and volunteer recruitment – 30 October 2025, changed to 07 November 2025.
- Continue outreach to local organisations and authorities.
- Review and share information on legal structures and funding opportunities.

## PILTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Application for Grant for Voluntary Organisations Local Government Act 1972, Section 137



Please note that this application will not be considered unless it is accompanied by a copy of the latest set of annual accounts showing the organisations income, expenditure and level of balances. If the organisation does not prepare annual accounts, copies of the bank statements covering the previous six months must be enclosed.

1.	Name of Organisation	Pilton Art Society
2.	Name, Address and Status of Contact	Shelley Dyer-Gibbins Dragon Cottage, Church Street, Croscombe, Shepton Mallet BA53QS Committee member of the proposed Pilton Art Society
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	07989 177149
4.	Please state if you are applying for funds from the GFEL donation	No
5.	Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?	No
6.	Amount of grant requested	Website build £250 + 40; Memberships @ £55 per annum £2,020 Room hire £600 per annum Capital marketing costs (pull up banner and scrims) £300  Total £3,487.00
7.	For what purpose or project is the grant requested?	Pilton Art Society will exist to transform, connect, and enrich lives. Inspired by the creative energy in Pilton and the incredible talent in and around the village, Pilton Arts Society aspires to being something meaningful for the community: a welcoming, inclusive space where art in all its forms can flourish. Pilton is a village with a rich cultural heritage and a spirit of creativity that deserves to be celebrated and shared. The

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		<p>society is founded on the belief that everyone should have the opportunity to experience the joy of the arts—whether you’re creating, learning, or simply appreciating. The grant is requested based on a wealth of evidence that art can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build friendships and communities.</li> <li>• Inspire curiosity and lifelong learning.</li> <li>• Offer space for expression, reflection, and connection. We created this society because we want to share that gift with others.</li> </ul> <p>Our goal is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Pilton residents and those in surrounding localities into a thriving cultural hub.</li> <li>• Support and showcase local artists of all ages and disciplines.</li> <li>• Bring the wider art world to Pilton, through guest lectures, artist demonstrations, and partnerships with national institutions.</li> </ul> <p>What Drives us as practicing artists ourselves, we’ve seen first-hand how through workshops, lectures, visits, and creative events, we hope to nurture a space where people feel uplifted, inspired, and truly at home.</p> <p>With the added benefit of access to the National Arts Society’s programme of events, there’s a whole world of artistic inspiration waiting.</p> <p>We do all the things you would expect to find in a lively branch of an Arts Society. Each year the lecture programme will cover a variety of subjects, from fine arts to architecture, ceramics to literature, music and demonstrations which are run from Pilton Club, St Marys Lane, Shepton Mallet BA4 4BB. Various group art tours will also be planned throughout the year, to locations that residents may otherwise find inaccessible and may require the use of the Pilton minibus to ensure a fully inclusive programme that may be beneficial for the elderly or other minority groups.</p>
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8.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	£3,487.00. Visits to locations will be funded by participants.
9.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	The application is for the full amount required to fund the project for one year. An opportunity to make donations will be available via the website and various businesses may be approached for sponsorship.
10.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?  If so, which organisation and how much?	No.
11.	Who will benefit from the project?	1) Parishioners 2) Local Artists/Creatives 3) Surrounding villagers and businesses such as those supporting the Society (Pilton Stage/Local printers/suppliers of beverages 4) Local minority groups such as mums, the elderly and/or those with disabilities
12.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	100% of the parishioners can benefit from joining the society and other village entities can benefit indirectly by increased footfall and income. E.g. the host (Pilton Stage), Pilton Co-Op, Suppliers of food and beverages to the Pilton businesses, print shop, etc.

### Project Costs Table:

Item	Cost
Public Liability Insurance	£137 per year
Website build £250	£250
Memberships @ £55 x 40 (10 months)	£2,020
Room hire x 12 months	£600
Capital marketing costs (pull up banner, scrims)	£300
Funded by volunteers or small donations	Remainder

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## Volunteer Involvement

Volunteers are essential to the success of this project. They will play key roles in organising the calendar of events, by promoting through social media streams within the community, maintaining accessibility, and accepting donations to sustain the group's activities. Their dedication and involvement will help foster a strong sense of community and ensure the long-term viability of Pilton Art Society.

You may use a separate sheet of paper to submit any other information which you feel will support this application.

Signed:...*Shelley Dyer-Gibbins* .....Date:... 25-11-25.....

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# PILTON PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2026/27

## RECEIPTS

	Actual 24/25	Budget 25/26	Actual Q1	Actual Q2	Projected Q3	Projected Q4	Projected Year end	Over / Under Budget	REVISED Budget 25/26
Precept	25,990	32,488	32,488	-	-	-	32,488.00	-	32,488
Bank interest	144	2,000	113	107	82	80	383.11	1,887	383
<b>SUB-TOTAL ADMIN</b>	26,134	34,488	32,601	107	82	80	32,871.11	1,887	32,871
Burial fees	7,025	1,500	750	1,600	50	100	2,500.00	- 1,000	2,500
<b>SUB-TOTAL BURIAL</b>	7,025	1,500	750	1,600	50	100	2,500.00	- 1,000	2,500
Insurance contributions	300	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-
GFEL donation	39,190	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-
Misc	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-
<b>SUB-TOTAL OTHER</b>	39,490	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-
Total Receipts	72,649	35,988	33,351	1,707	132	180	35,371.11	887	35,371

## PAYMENTS

	Actual 24/25		Actual Q1	Actual Q2	Projected Q3	Projected Q4	Projected year end	Over / Under Budget	REVISED Budget 25/26.
Clerk salary	7,547	8,232	2,067	2,067	2,173	2,775	9,082.29	- 850	9,082
Employers NI	34	2,000	11	110	126	200	446.62	1,553	447
Clerk WFH expenses	208	312	52	78	78	104	312.00	-	312
Clerk expenses	25	23	-	25	-	-	25.00	- 2	25
Office Costs	654	1,060	93	260	161	93	606.90	453	607
Web Hosting	225	236	192	7	-	500	698.95	- 463	699
Insurance	890	788	-	-	-	788	788.00	-	788

Auditing and Professional	360	379	-	165	315	-	480.00	-	101	480
Payroll	395	504	85	-	-	310	395.00		109	395
Meeting costs	327	350	190	155	150	-	495.00	-	145	495
Environment initiatives	547	525	-	-	-	150	150.00		375	150
LCNs	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00		-	-
Subscriptions	772	810	792	80	100	-	972.13	-	162	972
Training	125	300	-	40	415	-	455.00	-	155	455
CPD	-	26	-	-	-	-	0.00		26	-
Events	189	198	-	-	469	-	468.59	-	271	469
Parish Plan	116	500	-	20	120	-	140.00		360	140
ASBOs	-	500	-	-	-	-	0.00		500	-
Assets	-	-	60	-	-	4,100	4,159.50	-	4,160	4,160
Bank Charges	7	84	13	9	13	13	47.25		37	47
S137	80	84	-	-	35	-	35.00		49	35
<b>SUB-TOTAL ADMIN</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>16,911</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>3,016</b>	<b>4,154</b>	<b>9,033</b>	<b>19,757.23</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,846</b>	<b>19,757</b>
Burial Secretary salary	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-
Burial Ground IT upgrade	257	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-
Burial Groundsman	784	1,000	208	205	156	200	769.97		230	770
Maintenance	-	2,034	130	-	46	1,500	1,676.10		358	1,676
<b>SUB-TOTAL BURIAL</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>3,034</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>2,446.07</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>2,446</b>
Projects incl 250 young ppl	-	750	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-
Election Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-
Coronation	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-
War Memorial repairs	-	850	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
War Memorial remedial works	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	4,250	8,000	1,000	187	5,110	1,703	8,000.00	-	-	8,000
<b>SUB-TOTAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>4,250</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>5,110</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>	<b>3,100</b>		<b>8,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>17,791</b>	<b>31,045</b>	<b>4,893</b>	<b>3,408</b>	<b>9,467</b>	<b>12,436</b>	<b>30,203.30</b>	<b>346</b>		<b>30,203</b>

**ACCUMULATED**

25/26 Balance

<b>EARMARKED RESERVES</b>	24/25	25/26	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Bal 25/26	
Election reserves	640	960	-	-	-	-	960	960
Maintenance reserves	- 3,369		4,869	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
Equipment	350		-	-	-	-	350	350
Defibrillator to reserves	200		-	-	-	-	200	200
Emergency Fund	2,000					- 1,190	810	810
GFEL Donation		39,190	- 20,000			- 19,190	-	39,190
Community Contingency								-
War Memorial	300						300	300
<b>SUB-TOTAL RESERVES</b>	121		- 15,131	-	-	- 20,380	4,120	43,310
<b>GENERAL RESERVES</b>	12,000		1,199	48	576	196	9,981	24,750
Total exp. incl. Reserves	17,912		- 10,238	3,408	9,467	- 7,944	- 5,308	73,513

# PILTON PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2026/27

## RECEIPTS

	Actual Q1	Actual Q2	Projected Q3	Projected Q4	Projected Year end	Over / Under Budget	REVISED Budget 25/26	Budget 26/27	Notes
Precept	32,488	-	-	-	32,488.00	-	32,488	34,762	@7%
Bank interest	113	107	82	80	383.11	1,887	383	400	
<b>SUB-TOTAL ADMIN</b>	32,601	107	82	80	32,871.11	1,887	32,871	35,162	
Burial fees	750	1,600	50	100	2,500.00	- 1,000	2,500	2,500	
<b>SUB-TOTAL BURIAL</b>	750	1,600	50	100	2,500.00	- 1,000	2,500	2,500	
Insurance contributions	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	
GFEL donation	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	
Misc	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	
<b>SUB-TOTAL OTHER</b>	-	-	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	33,351	1,707	132	180	35,371.11	887	35,371	37,662	

## PAYMENTS

	Actual Q1	Actual Q2	Projected Q3	Projected Q4	Projected year end	Over / Under Budget	REVISED Budget 25/26.	Budget 26/27	
Clerk salary	2,067	2,067	2,173	2,775	9,082.29	- 850	9,082	10,007	@7% 1
Employers NI	11	110	126	200	446.62	1,553	447	478	@7%
Clerk WFH expenses	52	78	78	104	312.00	-	312	312	
Clerk expenses	-	25	-	-	25.00	- 2	25	27	@7%
Office Costs	93	260	161	93	606.90	453	607	905	2
Web Hosting	192	7	-	500	698.95	- 463	699	299	3
Insurance	-	-	-	788	788.00	-	788	843	@7%

Auditing and Professional	-	165	315	-	480.00	-	101	480	514	@7%	
Payroll	85	-	-	310	395.00		109	395	423	@7%	
Meeting costs	190	155	150	-	495.00	-	145	495	390		4
Environment initiatives	-	-	-	150	150.00		375	150	161	@7%	
LCNs	-	-	-	-	0.00		-	-			
Subscriptions	792	80	100	-	972.13	-	162	972	1,040	@7%	5
Training	-	40	415	-	455.00	-	155	455	487	@7%	
CPD	-	-	-	-	0.00		26	-			
Events	-	-	469	-	468.59	-	271	469	501	@7%	
Parish Plan	-	20	120	-	140.00		360	140	-		
ASBOs	-	-	-	-	0.00		500	-	500		
Assets	60	-	-	4,100	4,159.50	-	4,160	4,160	1,000		6
Bank Charges	13	9	13	13	47.25		37	47	51	@7%	
S137	-	-	35	-	35.00		49	35	37	@7%	
<b>SUB-TOTAL ADMIN</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>3,016</b>	<b>4,154</b>	<b>9,033</b>	<b>19,757.23</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,846</b>	<b>19,757</b>	<b>17,974</b>		
Burial Secretary salary	-	-	-	-	0.00		-	-			
Burial Ground IT upgrade	-	-	-	-	0.00		-	-			
Burial Groundsman	208	205	156	200	769.97		230	770	1,000		
Maintenance	130	-	46	1,500	1,676.10		358	1,676	1,793		
<b>SUB-TOTAL BURIAL</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>2,446.07</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>2,446</b>	<b>2,793</b>		
Projects incl 250 young ppl	-	-	-	-	0.00		-	-	750		
Election Fees	-	-	-	-	0.00		-	-	-		
Coronation	-	-	-	-	0.00		-	-	-		
War Memorial repairs	-	-	-	-				-	850		
War Memorial remedial wo	-	-	-	-				-	1,500		
Grants	1,000	187	5,110	1,703	8,000.00		-	8,000	8,000		
<b>SUB-TOTAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>5,110</b>	<b>1,703</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>		<b>3,100</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>11,100</b>		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>4,893</b>	<b>3,408</b>	<b>9,467</b>	<b>12,436</b>	<b>30,203.30</b>		<b>346</b>	<b>30,203</b>	<b>31,867</b>		

ACCUMULATED					25/26 Balance		
EARMARKED RESERVES	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Bal 25/26		
Election reserves	-	-	-	-	960	960	1,280
Maintenance reserves	4,869	-	-	-	1,500	1,500	1,500
Equipment	-	-	-	-	350	350	350
Defibrillator to reserves	-	-	-	-	200	200	200
Emergency Fund				- 1,190	810	810	810
GFEL Donation	- 20,000			- 19,190	-	39,190	-
Community Contingency						-	-
War Memorial					300	300	300
<b>SUB-TOTAL RESERVES</b>	- 15,131	-	-	- 20,380	4,120	43,310	4,440
<b>GENERAL RESERVES</b>	1,199	48	576	196	9,981	24,750	
Total exp. incl. Reserves	- 10,238	3,408	9,467	- 7,944	- 5,308	73,513	-

## NOTES

- 25/26 Budget increase from £8232 to £9082 25/26 assumption of one month with dual payment. assumption that new clerk starts at top of LC1 pay band, scpt 17, - £16.08 p/hr - with a promotion to LC2 in April '26 to Scpt 18, £16.35p/hr.  
Also note standard clerk hours p/wk increase from 10 p/w to 11 p/wk  
26/27 Budget assumes promotion to LC2 @ £16.35p/hr. Including an estimated 7% increase
- 26/27 includes £225 for the 2025 edition of Arnold Baker Local Government Administration. The following with 7% increase: Scribe - £408. PDFSam - £73. Microsoft - £94. McAfee - £85. Sundry £20.
- 25/26 assumption of purchase of new websit @ £500. 26/26 web maintenance £299
- Remainder of 25/26 @ £20 p/meeting. 26/27 12 meetings at £20, APM @£150
- 25/26 Subs increased from £810 to £972 - increase in SALC affiliation. Expected decrease in SLCC sub for new clerk.
- 25/26 - SID brackets & new laptop @£600. 6 no. noticeboards £3,500

Pilton Parish Council  
RECEIPTS LIST

3 December 2025 (2025-2026)

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
18	Bank Interest	10/11/2025		Commercial Instant /		Bank Interest	Lloyds Bank	X	32.14		32.14
19	Burial Fees	28/11/2025		Community a/c		EROB	Ann Pratt	X	150.00		150.00
Total									182.14		182.14

# Pilton Parish Council

3 December 2025 (2025-2026)

## PAYMENTS LIST

Vouche	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
70	Office Costs	15/10/2025		Community a/c		Scribe	Starboard Systems Ltd t/a	S	31.00	6.20	37.20
63	Staff Costs	11/11/2025		Community a/c	Mth 7	Clerk	Pilton Parish Council	X	645.12		645.12
59	Meeting Costs	11/11/2025		Community a/c		Meeting Room Hire	The Pilton Stage Ltd	X	50.00		50.00
65	Working From Home Allowance	11/11/2025		Community a/c		Working From Home Allowance	Pilton Parish Council	X	26.00		26.00
64	Burial Groundsman	11/11/2025		Community a/c	Mth 7	Groundsman	Rick England	X	84.53		84.53
61	Parish Plan	11/11/2025		Community a/c		Meeting Room Hire	The Pilton Stage Ltd	X	50.00		50.00
62	Grants	11/11/2025		Community a/c		Grant	Somerset Council West Per	X	3,500.00		3,500.00
66	Grants	11/11/2025		Community a/c		Grant	Roundabout	X	200.00		200.00
60	Training	11/11/2025		Community a/c		Training	Somerset Association of Lo	X	395.00		395.00
67	Grants	13/11/2025		Community a/c		Grant	Owain Powell PYFT	X	1,410.00		1,410.00
68	Meeting Costs	13/11/2025		Community a/c		Meeting Room Hire	The Pilton Stage Ltd	X	50.00		50.00
68	Parish Plan	13/11/2025		Community a/c		Meeting Room Hire	The Pilton Stage Ltd	X	50.00		50.00
68	Training	13/11/2025		Community a/c		Meeting Room Hire	The Pilton Stage Ltd	X	20.00		20.00
71	Office Costs	15/11/2025		Community a/c		Scribe	Starboard Systems Ltd t/a	S	31.00	6.20	37.20
78	Bank Charges	18/11/2025		Community a/c		Bank Charges	Lloyds Bank	X	4.25		4.25
69	Audit & Professional Fees	23/11/2025		Community a/c	SO0219	External Audit	PKF Littlejohn	S	315.00	63.00	378.00
72	S.137	24/11/2025		Community a/c	2316	Remembrance Day	The Royal British Legion Pr	X	25.00		25.00
76	Staff Costs	03/12/2025		Community a/c	Mth 8	Clerk	Pilton Parish Council	X	524.40		524.40
75	Burial Groundsman	03/12/2025		Community a/c	Mth 8	Groundsman	Rick England	X	39.25		39.25
74	Events	03/12/2025		Community a/c		Remembrance Day	Glastonbury Chilkwell Guy	X	95.00		95.00
73	Laptop	03/12/2025		Community a/c		Laptop	Kelly Sumner	X	319.99		319.99
77	Working From Home Allowance	03/12/2025		Community a/c	Mth 8	Clerk	Pilton Parish Council	X	26.00		26.00
Total									7,891.54	75.40	7,966.94