

**Monthly Report from your Liberal Democrat Somerset Councillor**

**Council leader condemns attacks on faith buildings and pledges unity, safety, for all Somerset communities.**

Somerset Council Leader Bill Revans has strongly condemned recent attacks on faith buildings in Somerset, emphasising that hate has no place in the county. During a Full Council meeting in Bridgwater, he pledged to promote unity and safety across all communities.

Cllr Revans stated, "Hate has no home in Somerset and criminal acts like these aimed to intimidate others must not be tolerated. We must stand together to oppose the small minority who seek to intimidate or divide us."

The council is collaborating with police and community groups to identify rising tensions, enhance understanding, and challenge misinformation to ensure the safety in our communities.

**Somerset Council commits to increasing social housing to support and strengthen local communities.**

Somerset Council will use an underspend of £3.3m in its Housing Revenue Account to buy additional council housing. This aims to provide short-term emergency accommodation and help reduce long waiting lists for social housing. Around 15 properties are expected to be purchased, with locations chosen based on demand. The move supports both immediate needs and longer-term housing sustainability, ensuring better quality and control compared to temporary placements like B&Bs.

**Lib Dem council motion calls for urgent housing reform and new build powers in Somerset**

Liberal Democrat councillors have proposed a Council motion urging the government to grant councils stronger powers and long-term funding to build more affordable homes. The motion, at the recent Full Council, highlights decades of underinvestment, declining social housing, and the need for practical measures to accelerate the development of greener, affordable homes for families. Despite over 2,600 new homes built in the past year in Somerset, councillors warn that demand far exceeds supply and call on the government for urgent action to prevent more families from facing homelessness.

**Somerset Council has launched a bold 20-year plan to boost the county's economy, focusing on fair, green growth and low-carbon industries.**

The Somerset Economic Prosperity Strategy 2025-2045 aims to make Somerset a leader in energy, aerospace, manufacturing, and digital sectors. Key goals include increasing skills and productivity, lifting 10,000 people out of economic inactivity, transforming deprived communities, and achieving net-zero emissions. The strategy builds on £4 billion investment in the Gravity Enterprise Zone and the £5.3 billion spending from Hinkley Point C, with plans to develop tidal energy and enhance innovation.

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Somerset has an economy of around £14.1 billion and can already count strengths such as:

- £4 billion of investment in Gravity Enterprise Zone;
- £5.3 billion of local spending from construction of Hinkley Point C nuclear power station that will provide clean energy to 6 million homes;
- 80% of working age residents economically active; and
- Good connectivity with the M5 and A303, rail links and proximity to Exeter and Bristol airports.

The Strategy seeks to build on this foundation and to go much further, with goals, by 2045, to:

- Significantly increase higher-level skills, earnings and productivity
- Lift 10,000 people out of economic inactivity
- Transform deprived communities
- Support achievement of carbon neutrality and net zero targets.

Read our [Somerset Economic Prosperity Strategy 2025-2045](#)

**Somerset Chosen to Lead Innovative Drones Project**

Somerset Council has received £191,370 from Innovate UK to develop Project RESCUE, which aims to use drones for environmental monitoring and disaster response. The project will explore how drones can access hard-to-reach areas, provide real-time data, and support emergency services during crises like flooding. Working with local experts Land & Minerals Consulting and Limosaero, the council will develop a business case for drone deployment in emergencies. This initiative positions Somerset as a leader in innovative aviation technology, supporting community safety, environmental resilience, and regional economic growth.

**Somerset Council appoints strategic partner to protect and improve public services**

Somerset Council has appointed Newton Consulting as a strategic partner to help deliver the Inspiring Innovation transformation programme, aimed at improving services and achieving savings. This partnership approach ensures control, value for money, and staff development, supporting the council's focus on modernising and strengthening public services in challenging financial times. Further details are available on the [Somerset Council website](#).

**Have your say on Sunday parking charges proposal, public urged to take part.**

A public consultation on introducing Sunday charges in Somerset Council car parks has begun and runs until 20 October. Currently, charging varies across the county's 200+ car parks, with some charging on Sundays and others not. The proposal aims to create consistency across Somerset and ensure the parking service remains fully self-funded. Public and business input is invited. Final

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decisions will be made after further consultation and are expected in December, with any changes implemented in 2026. [To get involved click here](#).

**AI tool helps social workers save time on admin**

Somerset Council is expanding the use of 'Magic Notes', an AI tool that converts meeting recordings into detailed reports, following a successful pilot. The pilot with social workers showed significant time savings—up to 11 hours weekly—and faster assessment and report writing, reducing admin time by nearly half. Staff praised the tool for improving accessibility and allowing them to focus more on client contact.

**Digital Slinky Transport Service Now Available Across More of Somerset**

A new digital, on-demand transport service is now live in Taunton, Wellington, Bridgwater, Burnham-on-Sea, and surrounding areas. Funded by the Government's BSIP, the service can be booked online or via an app from September 15, with extended hours trialled Monday to Friday. It offers a flexible alternative for shopping, work, and social outings, connecting to local landmarks and services. Home pick-ups are available for those with mobility issues. Book up to an hour in advance or two weeks ahead. Learn more on the Council's [Slinky Services page](#).

**Encouraging Volunteer Groups to Pursue Prestigious Recognition**

Charities and volunteer groups in Somerset are encouraged to apply for the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS), the highest national recognition for voluntary groups. The application period is open until December 1st. The award celebrates outstanding volunteer efforts benefiting local communities across a wide range of causes, from health and social care to arts and the environment. In the last round, 11 groups from Somerset were nominated, highlighting the county's vibrant and often unseen volunteer sector. Applications can be made through a simple process detailed on the [KAV website](#). The award helps raise awareness and provides valuable recognition for groups making a difference in Somerset.

**Somerset Increases Local Recycling**

Somerset Council reports a rise in recycling processed within the county, with 99% of plastics recycled in the UK and a 57% reduction in landfill waste. These results reflect a commitment to local sustainability and transparency. The figures coincide with Recycling Week 2025, emphasising the importance of recycling everyday items like shampoo bottles, foil, and toothpaste tubes, which are now being diverted from waste to proper reprocessing. Explore the full report via the Council's [Recycling tracker page](#).

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**Ham Hill and Chard Reservoir Win Green Flag Awards**

Somerset's Ham Hill and Chard Reservoir have received prestigious Green Flag Awards, recognizing their excellent management and community value. Ham Hill has achieved it for the 20th consecutive year and earned the Green Heritage Site Accreditation for its historic features. The awards highlight the dedication of staff and volunteers in maintaining these vital green spaces, supporting community well-being and wildlife.

**Have Your Say on Somerset's Local Nature Recovery Strategy**

Somerset Council has launched a public consultation for its draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). The plan aims to protect and restore wildlife and habitats across the county, guiding long-term environmental action. Residents, landowners, and businesses are encouraged to share ideas on priorities and actions to support nature recovery. The consultation runs until October 31st. Feedback will help shape the final strategy, which aims to reverse habitat decline and enhance ecosystems. Details and how to participate are available on [the Council's consultation page](#).

**Council Supports Businesses to Go Green**

Somerset Council is offering £170,000 in grants to help small and medium businesses reduce energy use and carbon emissions. Grants range from £2,000 to £15,000, with match-funding required. The scheme, funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Local Growth Fund, includes practical advice such as energy audits and sustainability plans through the Go Green scheme. For details on the scheme and how to apply please contact: [greenbusinesssupport@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:greenbusinesssupport@somerset.gov.uk).

**Have Your Say on the Future of Yeovil Town Centre**

Somerset Council is inviting residents and businesses to contribute to the Yeovil Town Centre Masterplan. The consultation runs until November 2nd, offering opportunities to share ideas on development, housing, green spaces, transport, and safety. Public input will help shape the town's regeneration plans, focusing on key sites and improving community amenities. Details are available on the [Council's Yeovil Masterplan page](#) and at Yeovil Library.

**Somerset Council Extends Buyback Option for Huish Park by Two Years**

Somerset Council has approved extending the buyback period for Huish Park, home of Yeovil Town Football Club, from May 2026 to May 2028. This extension aims to support future investment in the club, which is vital to the local economy and community. The council owns the freehold and leases it to the club. The decision helps safeguard public investment while supporting the club's future development without giving the council ownership or decision-making in the club itself.

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**Lib Dem MP Calls for Action on Unsafe Caravans in Somerset**

Sarah Dyke, the Liberal Democrat MP for Glastonbury and Somerton, has written to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, urging for a national caravan licensing and registration system. This move aims to address the growing problem of unsafe and unregulated caravans in and around Glastonbury, which has the highest concentration of caravan dwellers in the country outside Bristol.

Sarah has worked closely with local councillors to understand the extent of the issue. She highlights that many caravans are in poor condition, sold unlawfully, and abandoned when uninhabitable. She said, "Glastonbury has long been a place of pilgrimage and is a popular destination for the traveller community. Some van dwellers are from a Gypsy, Roma, Traveller background and it is also home to those who live in vans as a life choice. But there are people who are forced into living in vans as they cannot afford to pay rent or are vulnerable and in need of support."

She noted that 12 years ago, Somerset County Council (under previous administration) sold off all permanent sites, and there are currently no transition sites. Somerset Council (the Unitary Council) is seeking to rectify this and build new permanent pitches and improve welfare facilities. Sarah believes a national licensing system would help protect vulnerable residents and reduce community tensions, and she has called for a meeting with the Secretary of State to discuss further action.

**Making a difference in our community: How We're Working to Prevent Suicide in Somerset**

At Somerset Council we are dedicated to preventing suicide and supporting mental health through open conversations and community action. Here's a closer look at one of our key initiatives: The Orange Button Scheme and how it is working from the perspective of those volunteers involved. Recently, Somerset Council conducted a survey among Orange Button Holders to evaluate the impact of this scheme.

*What is the Orange Button Scheme?*

The Orange Button is a visible symbol—a badge—that signifies the wearer has received training and is a safe person to approach about suicide. Its purpose is to create a supportive environment by making conversations about mental health and suicide more natural in everyday settings—be it at work, in schools, or within the wider community.

*Why do we need this?*

The urgency of mental health support has never been greater. Suicide rates in England and Wales are at their highest since 1999, with reports of self-harm quadrupling since 2000. Somerset, unfortunately, has higher-than-average suicide rates, highlighting the necessity for proactive community-based initiatives like the Orange Button Scheme.

*How is it working so far?*

Many Orange Button holders reported that wearing the orange badge encouraged small but powerful actions. They influenced friends and colleagues to undertake training, initiated awareness chats without any crisis happening at the time, and created a culture of openness.

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From colleges and schools to NHS services, community teams, and charities, stories from badge holders showcase the scheme's reach across everyday settings—not just paid specialists. These stories include:

- Creating safety plans with students and apprentices
- Arranging same-day support through Crisis Safe Space or Mindline
- Talking someone down from a bridge, an action that potentially saved a life
- Training builds confidence

Building on the success so far, our focus now is on expanding awareness, addressing practical barriers, and reaching more diverse groups. We believe that by working together and continuing these conversations, we can make Somerset a safer, more supportive place for everyone.

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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](#)

**Claire Sully, October 2025**

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### **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**

## PETITION to Somerset Council

### Addressing concerns to health of residents surrounding Somerset Shooting Ground

Somerset Shooting Ground lies within Pilton Parish close on the border of East Pennard Parish. Residents of both parishes experience high noise levels from the Shooting Ground fixtures that are held regularly. There are 2 residential properties within .5km of the shooting ground, some 15 within 1km, approximately 50 within 1.5km and there are many properties in the villages and hamlets of Pilton, East Pennard, Pylle, Hembridge, Withial, Sticklynch and Steanbow within 2Km.

This petition requests that Somerset Council act to ensure that Somerset Shooting Ground comply fully with all aspects of the Guidance on the Control of Noise issued by the Chartered Institute of Health 2003 .

It should be noted that East Pennard Parish Council have written a number of times to both the proprietor and to the Council expressing the concerns of the residents. The proprietor has also been invited to attend a Parish Council meeting but has declined to do so. Such concerns raised by many of the residents in the above villages and hamlets have not been adequately addressed.

It is requested that

***All events held at the Somerset Shooting Ground are fully compliant with the Guidance on the Control of Noise issued by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health in January 2003 and that Somerset Council regularly monitor and take action on all aspects of non-compliance.***

In particular;

- 4.2 A buffer zone of at least 1.5km in the direction of shooting and not less than 1km rearward, is implemented for all events
- 4.2 Fully discuss and agree with residents within 1km of direction of shooting. The guidance notes state that shooting should not normally take place within a separation distance of less than 1KM except under very exceptional circumstances which have been fully discussed and agreed with the local authority and any affected residents.
- 4.4 Take action to minimise the impact on noise sensitive premises including farm buildings housing animals.
- 4.6 Apply special restrictions given wind directions and strengths
- 5.3 In view of the justified level of complaints shooting times and duration should comply with the guidance set out in para 5.3

*(Note number refers to CIEH 2003 Clay Target Shooting: Guidance on the Control of Noise sections)*

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## 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 organisation's 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	West Pennard Primary School
2.	Name, Address and Status of Contact	West Pennard School Church Lane West Pennard Glastonbury BA68NT
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	01458832866
4.	Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?	Yes/No But our PTA is
5.	Amount of grant requested	£ 3500
5.	For what purpose or project is the grant requested?	To contribute towards the bus escort that safeguards the Pilton children's passage to and from school every day, as well as whilst at the bus stop waiting to be picked up.
6.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	£ 12000
7.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	We are trying avidly to fundraise but it is getting ever harder to achieve. We are so very grateful for the contribution of £3000 last year. We are trying to access donations and grants from other organisations and are doing fundraisers in school e.g. ice lolly sales in summer, hosting Swiss students.

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8.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?  If so, which organisation and how much?	
9.	Who will benefit from the project?	All the children that live in Pilton and Steanbow, and their families. 52 children per day x 2 journeys x 190 days of the year, getting to school safely. It is as a result of a historic decision to close Pilton School that the children are bussed to the school. The Council pays for the bus but will not pay for anyone to look after the children on the journey e.g. ensure seat belts are on, that children not picked up by parents are not left alone etc.
10.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	All of them.

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

Signed.....Tony Wheat.....Date 11/9/25

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

**SLCC**

For Local Council Professionals

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1.	Name of Organisation	Pilton United Youth Team
2.	Name, Address and Status of Contact	Owen Powell Beggars Roast Pilton BA4 4HP
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	07969 113 940
4.	Please state if you are applying for funds from the GFEL donation	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
5.	Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?	Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/>
6.	Amount of grant requested	£ 1,410
7.	For what purpose or project is the grant requested?	We are setting up a Pilton Youth team. These goals would be used for 10 - 13's
8.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	£ 7000
9.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	Other Sponsors. GFEL, LOCAL COMPANIES

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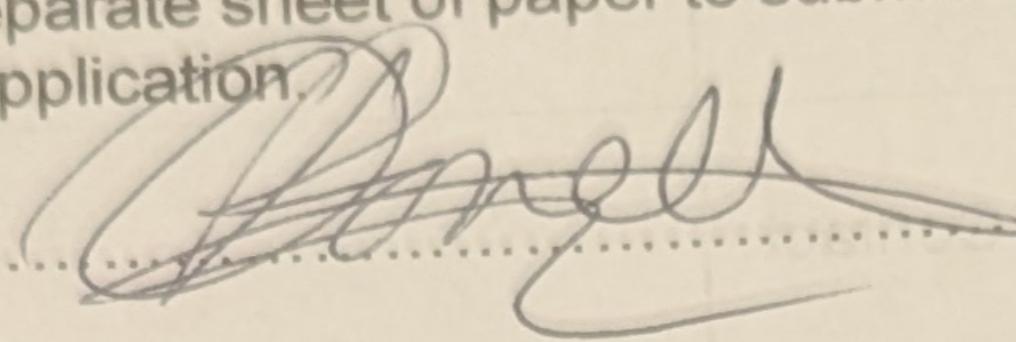
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10.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?  If so, which organisation and how much?	We have applied to GFEL for Kits + Footballs etc.
11.	Who will benefit from the project?	Many in the community The long term plan is to setup multiple age groups. will benefit PPF as we will create revenue from matchdays tea / coffee / sandwiches.
12.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	

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

Signed.....



Date.....

11/09/25

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## Supporting Letter to Pilton Youth Football Team Grant Application

We're in the process of setting up a Pilton Youth Football Team, starting this year with an Under-12s age group. The foundations are already in place – we're affiliated with the Pilton Men's Club, have insurance sorted, and have started weekly training sessions with 20 potential players on the 4G pitch at Writhlington.

We're now turning our focus to securing sponsorship to help fund a fairly extensive kit and equipment list. Here's a breakdown of what we need and the estimated costs:

### Item Estimated Cost

Goals (usable for all future youth teams) £1500 (quality dependent)

Kids' kits x14 £500

Training jackets x14 £420

Managers' jackets x5 £300

Storage container for equipment £1,500

Balls, cones, and other training gear £250

Total Estimated Cost for one age group £4470

We want to setup multiple age groups which is why the total cost on the grant application form is more.

We're doing this entirely on a volunteer basis and take no personal income from the club. Our goal is to build something sustainable that really benefits the local community.

Here's how we see this developing over time:

Match days could generate income for the Playing Field Trust via refreshments (tea, coffee, bacon rolls, etc.).

Tournaments and fundraisers can provide a significant boost to community funds. (For example, the Corsham tournament generates around £60,000 profit over one weekend – all used for local causes.)

We aim to be a fully inclusive club, with plans to add more age groups, set up mixed-gender teams, and eventually launch a women's team.

Thanks

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1.	Name of Organisation	The Roundabout
2.	Name, Address and Status of Contact	Liz Richards, East Town Lodge East Town Lane Pilton BA4 4NX
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	07970 065336
4.	Please state if you are applying for funds from the GFEL donation	Yes
5.	Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?	No
6.	Amount of grant requested	£ 1,000
7.	For what purpose or project is the grant requested?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Support ongoing costs for The Roundabout magazine</li><li>- The magazine is currently forecasted to operate at a deficit of ~£270 for the current calendar year</li><li>- Print costs (main cost) are incurred on a monthly basis and are based on the number of pages and the number of copies requested</li><li>- Since taking over in January the amount of pages and copies has increased as the magazine has pivoted to a Community focus with increased content</li><li>- The costs of printing should be covered by the advertising in the magazine, however there is currently a short fall</li></ul>

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		<p>and no surplus to support for any fluctuations in print costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Significant donations have been received in 2025 (~£600) which cannot be guaranteed in future years</li> </ul>
8.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	£ Monthly print costs are ~£350 - £400
9.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	Advertising and donations (see additional information)
10.	<p>Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation?</p> <p>If so, which organisation and how much?</p>	<p>Yes – Pilton Show £500</p> <p>To provide support monthly print costs and provide the magazine with a buffer</p>
11.	Who will benefit from the project?	Parishioners in Pilton and Croscombe where approx. 850 copies are distributed
12.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	There are approximately 550 copies for Pilton

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

Signed..... Date.....

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## **Additional Information to support the application**

- Finances are provided from January 2025 when Liz Richards and John Broxup took over The Roundabout magazine
- Access to the Bank Account was not achieved until May 2025. From January to May costs incurred – from monthly printing and the IT support – were paid from personal accounts and reimbursed once access to the accounts was achieved
- The intention is to ensure that advertising and donations continue to cover the costs for the magazine on an annual basis
- Advertisers are charged annually. Advertising costs were increased to £50 per 1/6<sup>th</sup> of a page per annum. An increase from £40 per 1/6th of a page per annum previously
- The magazine will maintain a rolling renewal of advertisers and not adopt the previous set up where all advertisers were billed before year end. This aligns to the magazine approach of being able to be more flexible and responsive with content, layout and bringing on new advertisers
- Of the previous 62 advertisers that used to contribute
  - o 45 recommitted, with a small number increasing their commitment
  - o 1 no longer trading, a small number did not wish to continue due to the increased price and the others did not respond (follow up was conducted 3 times)
  - o 6 new advertisers have joined since April
- Current annual revenue from advertisers: £3,850
- Current monthly cost of printing, plus bank charges: ~£350 per month.
  - o Cost increased from £300 in February due to increased distribution numbers (830 to 850) and content pages – (approx. 20 to over 40 pages)
  - o October print costs are £400 as the page number has increased to 52
- Significant positive feedback has been received about the continuation of the magazine, both by parishioners and advertisers. The Roundabout is also referenced in the Parish survey as a key aspect of communication for the community

**Forecast Income and Expenditure for the year to 31 December 2025**

<b>Income</b>	Advertising	3,020.83	
	Donations	590.00	
	Other Income	3.50	
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		3,614.33	
<b>Expenses</b>	Printing Costs	(3,840.00)	
	Bank Charges	(44.42)	Allowing for 4 months additional printing costs Sep-Dec 25
	Other Costs	0.00	Allowing for 4 months additional bank charges Sep-Dec 26
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<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>		<hr/>	(3,884.42)
		<hr/>	(270.09)

**Forecast Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025**

<b>General Reserves</b>	Brought Forward	1,809.00	
	Forecast deficit for the year	(270.09)	
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	Carried Forward	<u>1,538.91</u>	
<b>Represented Cash at Bank</b>		3,795.08	
	Debtors	100.00	
	Prepaid advertising income	(979.17)	
	Accrued printing & other costs	(1,377.00)	
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		<u>1,538.91</u>	



Pilton Parish Clerk &lt;clerk@piltonparishcouncil.org&gt;

## Support Somerset Art Works

1 message

**SAW Office** <info@somersetartworks.org.uk>  
Bcc: clerk@piltonparishcouncil.org

1 September 2025 at 14:40

Dear Councillor,

We are writing to you on behalf of Somerset Art Works to ask for a £30 contribution and your support in helping us continue to bring creativity and culture into the heart of our local communities. You can [make the donation via our Local Giving page](#).

Somerset Art Works is a dynamic charity dedicated to connecting people with creativity and developing visual arts across Somerset. Collaborating with a wide range of partners, we enable ambitious projects, support artistic development, and create inclusive and sustainable opportunities for artists and communities to come together and spark positive change.

- We encourage economic development and enterprise in the creative sector by supporting artists and small businesses in your area.
- We run an annual Somerset Art Weeks event, alternating between our festival year and Somerset Open Studios which is the largest visual arts event in Somerset. This represents a unique opportunity for the public to meet local artists and engage with their work, and for the artists and makers in Somerset to share their work with new audiences.
- We initiate projects in the community which enable local artists to make a living from their skills, and opportunities for development through bursaries and workshops.
- We coordinate initiatives which increase public understanding and appreciation of the visual arts through workshops and events - breaking down barriers to engagement and broadening opportunities for those with limited access to the arts through meaningful participation and collaboration.
- We host a local area network for artists to encourage collaboration and support in their local area. Each area of Somerset is supported by a local area representative.
- We develop partnerships across arts and non-arts sectors to reach wider audiences and areas with low arts engagement, working collaboratively to raise the profile of, and advocate for, the vibrant visual arts in Somerset. These include work with South West Heritage Trust, Mendip Hills and Quantocks Hills National Landscapes.

Whilst we continue to receive project support from local partners, we have not received funding from Somerset Council since 2008. In this time of change within the county, the future of our art activities and the local vitality this brings to the community is uncertain. Your contribution will ensure the sustainability of the organisation and assist us in furthering our activities to continue supporting the creativity within your Parish.

Donations can be made via [Local Giving](#). Should you choose to donate, we will include your details as a Friend of SAW on our website.

For further details and information about our work, please take the opportunity to look at the attached 2024-2025 Annual Review, head to our [website](#), or contact us via email at [info@somersetartworks.org.uk](mailto:info@somersetartworks.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,

**Freeny Yianni and Jan Ollis**  
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1 October 2025 (2025-2026)

**PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST**

Voucher	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
48	Staff Costs	29/08/2025		Community a/c	Mth 5	Payment - Clerk	Pilton Parish Council	X	-526.67		-526.67
43	Meeting Costs	29/08/2025		Community a/c		Payment - Meeting Room Hire	The Pilton Stage Ltd	X	-50.00		-50.00
49	Working From Home Allowance	29/08/2025		Community a/c	WFH Mth 5	Payment - Working From Home	Pilton Parish Council	X	-26.00		-26.00
44	Office Costs	29/08/2025		Community a/c		Payment - AntiVirus Sub	McAfee	S	-79.16	-15.83	-94.99
45	Office Costs	29/08/2025		Community a/c		Payment - Microsoft application	Microsoft	S	-87.49	-17.50	-104.99
47	Burial Groundsman	29/08/2025		Community a/c	Mth 5	Payment - Groundsman	Rick England	X	-33.61		-33.61
46	Training	29/08/2025		Community a/c		Payment - Training	Somerset Association of Lo	X	-40.00		-40.00
10	Burial Fees	03/09/2025		Community a/c		Receipt - EROB	Pat Trott	X	300.00		300.00
11	Burial Fees	05/09/2025		Community a/c		Receipt - Interment	Forsey & Son	X	800.00		800.00
51	Office Costs	15/09/2025		Community a/c		Payment - SLCC subscription	Starboard Systems Ltd t/a	S	-31.00	-6.20	-37.20
56	Staff Costs	01/10/2025		Community a/c	Mth 6	Payment - Clerk	Pilton Parish Council	X	-526.67		-526.67
57	Staff Costs	01/10/2025		Community a/c		Payment - PAYE	HMRC	X	-508.32		-508.32
54	Meeting Costs	01/10/2025		Community a/c		Payment - Meeting Room Hire	The Pilton Stage Ltd	X	-50.00		-50.00
53	Office Costs	01/10/2025		Community a/c		Payment - PDFSam	UPC Distribution Ltd	S	-68.25	-13.65	-81.90
55	Burial Groundsman	01/10/2025		Community a/c	Mth 6	Payment - Groundsman	Rick England	X	-45.08		-45.08
52	Parish Plan	01/10/2025		Community a/c		Payment - Meeting Room Hire	The New Room	X	-20.00		-20.00
55	Burial Ground Maintenance	01/10/2025		Community a/c	Mth 6	Payment - Groundsman	Rick England	X	-46.10		-46.10
58	Working From Home Allowance	01/10/2025		Community a/c	WFH Mth 6	Payment - Working From Home	Pilton Parish Council	X	-26.00		-26.00
								<b>Total</b>	<b>-1,064.35</b>	<b>-53.18</b>	<b>-1,117.53</b>