16 Sept 2026

List of Overgrown vegetation in Pilton village centre with proposed actions

37 areas of concern identified in Jan 2026.

1 complete (Blue).

1 awaiting action (yellow)

#	Street	Location	Description of issue	Land owner	Status	Proposed Next steps
1	*Parsons Batch*	Section opposite churchyard	Narrowing of highway		Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowner
2		Section next to Manor	Narrowing of highway	Manor	Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowner
3		Short section opposite Manor	Narrowing of highway		Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowner
4	*A361*	Wall of Old School House	Saplings growing on verge over 20m	Somerset Council	Reported to SC on 14 Sept.	Await SC action
5	*Shop Lane*	West side at top – Old Vicarage	Narrowing of highway	Old vicarage	tbc	Engage with landowner
6		West side at bottom	Narrowing of highway		tbc	Engage with landowner
7	*St Mary's Lane*	Opposite car park entrance	Metal tubs	Somerset Council	Metal tubs replaced with large pots.	Request SC to remove them.
8		Opposite village hall top entrance	Narrowing of highway		tbc	Engage with landowner
9		Opposite Abbot's Way junction	Narrowing of highway		tbc	Engage with landowner
10		Left hand side coming up to A361	Narrowing of highway		tbc	Engage with landowner
11		Large tree on Right hand side coming up to junction	Needs Review		tbc	Engage with landowner
12	*Shutwell Lane*	Two sections of Lavender	Light trim required		tbc	Engage with landowner
13		Opposite Church House	Narrowing of highway		tbc	Engage with landowner
14	*Top Street*	Opposite Coffee Shop entrance	Yew Tree etc – needs review		Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowner
15	*Barrow Lane*	From Top Street – West side	Narrowing of highway		Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowner
16		From Top Street – East side	Narrowing of highway		Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowner
17		Brambles	Maple Tree			Engage with landowner
18		Cedar cottage	Yew hedge	Cedar Cottage	Initial discussion. Difficult for them to do work at height.	Further engagement or assistance?

19		Cedar House	Laurel hedge	Cedar House	Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowner
20		The Gable?	Tree next to wall		tbc	Engage with landowner
21	*John Beales Hill*	Up towards Top Street	Light trim required		Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowner
22		'Triangle'	Narrowing of highways	???	Still a problem (Sept)	ASBOs?
23	*Top Street*	Gables?	Narrowing of highways		Tbc	Engage with landowner
24		South side past stream	Light trim required		Tbc	Engage with landowner
25	*East Town Lane*	Opposite Chantry House	Narrowing of highways		Tbc	Engage with landowner
26	*Lower Street*	Right hand side after turning off Neat Lane	Narrowing of highways		Still a problem (Sept)	
27		Pilton House? Cottage	Yew Tree		Still a problem (Sept)	Confirm property
28	*Mount Pleasant*	Right hand side going up	Drains covered over		Still a problem (Sept)	Work party?
29	*Bread Street*	Opposite Vicar's cottage	Narrowing of highways		Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowner
30		Box Tree house	Narrowing of highways		Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowner
31		Right hand side into Cumhill	Narrowing of highways	House for sale.	Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with new landowner
32	*Ford Lane*	Mulberry Cottage side	Narrowing of highways	Mulberry Cottage	Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowner
33	*Cumhill*	Right hand side past Bier House	Visibility		Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowner
34		Triangle of land below footpath to Tithe Barn	Needs review – state, parking, raised drain covers		Still a problem (Sept)	PPC discussion
35		Verge outside Church	Light trim required		Still a problem (Sept)	
36	*Pylle Road*	Postbox up to Orchard House – South side	Narrowing of highways		Hedge and trees trimmed (and wall repaired).	Thank the landowner.
37		Postbox up to Orchard House – North side	Narrowing of highways		Still a problem (Sept)	Engage with landowners

Annex 4

RE: Consultation and Review of Draft Somerset Heritage at Risk Register

I am writing to invite your Town/Parish Council to review and contribute to the local draft Somerset Heritage at Risk Register for your area.

The Conservation Team at Somerset Council have been compiling a draft Heritage Risk Register for Somerset for the first time, in order to gain a fuller more detailed picture of the scale of the problem as part of the update of the Local Plan which has a central role in establishing a positive and proactive strategy for the historic environment. This draft register will include all listed heritage assets (Grade I, II* and II), Registered Parks and Gardens as well as Scheduled Monuments.

Local heritage assets contribute significantly to the identity, culture, and economy of our communities. However, many historic buildings, structures, monuments, and conservation areas face ongoing threats from neglect, decay, or inappropriate development. To better manage and protect these vulnerable sites, we are updating our comprehensive Heritage at Risk Register.

Because your council holds vital, on-the-ground knowledge of your local area, we would like your assistance to ensure this register is as accurate as possible.

What we would like from you:
We kindly ask that your council reviews the enclosed/attached draft register for your parish and provides feedback on the following:

- **Accuracy Check:** Are the current entries accurately described, located, and mapped?
- **Status Updates:** Has the condition of any listed asset changed recently (e.g., has a building been repaired, or has its condition deteriorated)?
- **Omissions:** Are there any locally or nationally important heritage assets currently at risk in your area that have been missed?
- **Removed Risks:** Should any asset be removed from the register because it is no longer under threat?

How to submit amendments:
Please use the email address **heritageatrisk1@somerset.gov.uk** to detail any changes, corrections, or new suggestions. Where possible, please include:

1. The asset name and precise location.
2. Clear details regarding its current condition and specific threats.
3. Recent photographic evidence supporting the amendment.

Using CIL for Heritage Restoration:
If your council collects the Neighbourhood Portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), we would encourage you to consider allocating some of these funds to your local "at-risk" assets. Under national planning guidelines, CIL can legally be used to fund the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure—which directly includes historic environment assets and public realm heritage improvements.

How Your Funding Can Make a Difference:
Financial contributions, even if modest, from your council—whether through CIL, section 137 funds, or general reserves—can be pooled with other available resources to deliver:

- **Emergency Repairs:** Urgent weatherproofing or structural stabilization to prevent the immediate collapse of a local monument.

- **Grant Matching:** Providing the local "match funding" required to unlock larger national grants (such as from the National Lottery Heritage Fund or Historic England).
- **Feasibility Studies:** Funding specialist structural surveys or viability assessments to find new, sustainable uses for empty historic buildings.
- **Public Realm Enhancements:** Improving the signage, pathways, and accessibility around heritage assets within your parish boundary.

Community Volunteers and Local Heritage Champions:
Alongside financial support, local volunteers can play a vital role in helping to safeguard Somerset's historic environment. We would encourage councils to share this project with any organisations and interested residents who may be willing to assist. Volunteers can help by identifying heritage assets at risk, monitoring their condition, providing photographs and historical information, researching ownership and significance, and raising awareness within the community. Local knowledge is often invaluable in helping us build an accurate and up-to-date picture of heritage at risk, and we welcome expressions of interest from individuals who would like to support this important work. Anyone interested in becoming a local Heritage at Risk volunteer can contact us via **heritageatrisk1@somerset.gov.uk** for further information (please note an automated reply is sent from this inbox but we will respond to your offer in due course).

Next Steps:
If your council is interested in co-funding a specific heritage rescue project in your area, please indicate this when returning your register amendments. We are eager to arrange a brief virtual meeting with your council representatives to discuss potential match-funding schemes and how we can maximize the impact of your local investment.
We look forward to working in partnership with you to preserve the distinct character of your community.

Deadline for responses:
Please ensure all council feedback and amendments are returned to us by **Friday, 30th October 2026**. This timeline will allow us to finalise the document ahead of the upcoming planning policy reviews.

If your council requires an extension due to your meeting schedule, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your time and dedication to preserving our shared local history.

Yours sincerely,

Somerset Council Conservation Team

October 21st

55	Staff Costs	21st October	Month 7	H Richardson	Pilton Parish Council	X	736.52	-	736.52	overpaid 20p in May.
56	Staff Costs	21st October	Month 7	R England	Pilton Parish Council	X	106.87	-	106.87	
57	Office Costs	21st October	INV22484	Scribe	Starboard Systems Ltd t/a	S	31.00	6.20	37.20	PAID DD
58	Burial Ground Mainte	21st October	invP351505	Commecial Waste Contract	Grist Environmental	S	2.10	0.42	2.52	
59	Working From Home /	21st October	Month 7	H Richardson	Pilton Parish Council	X	26.00	-	26.00	
60	Office Costs	21st October	May 2025 inv2102	Payroll Management	Chalmers	S	140.00	28.00	168.00	Outstanding invoice from May 2025
61	Office Costs	21st October	July 2026 inv216 C	Payroll Management	Chalmers	S	475.00	95.00	570.00	Outstanding invoice from July 2026
62	Audit & Professional F	21st October	SB20262426	External Audit	PKF Littlejohn	S	210.00	42.00	252.00	
63	Office Costs	21st October	autorenewal	IT software	PFD Sam - Reimburse HR	X	73.95	-	73.95	Reimburse HR
64	Office Costs	21st October	autorenewal	IT software	Microsoft 365 - Reimburse I	X	104.99	-	104.99	Reimburse HR
65	Events	21st October	Donation	Remembrance	Royal British Legion	X	30.00	-	30.00	Cheque

Section 3 – External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2025/26

In respect of **Pilton Parish Council – SO0219**

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2026; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor's limited assurance opinion 2025/26

Except for the matters reported below, on the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review. Please ensure that amendments are corrected in the prior year comparatives when completing next year's AGAR:

- Information received from the smaller authority indicates that a loan to Pilton Playing Fields Trust has been incorrectly recorded in Section 2, Box 6.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

The smaller authority has confirmed that it has not complied with the governance Assertion in Section 1, Box 10, but it has provided the appointed auditor with an adequate explanation for non-compliance and details of the actions necessary to address weaknesses identified.

3 External auditor certificate 2025/26

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2026.

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP Date 18/09/2026