

Monthly Somerset Councillor Report

July 2026

A Council Rebuilt, the story of Somerset Council, 2023–2026

When Somerset Council came into being in April 2023, it inherited far more than a map and a name.

Local government reorganisation, set in motion under the previous Conservative administration back in 2018, had left the new authority facing serious structural and financial pressures from day one. A new finance system, relatively untested for local government use, went live just as the huge unitary council was trying to find its feet. Staff pay and conditions hadn't been updated in years. And a budget for adult social care that hadn't been properly re-based for some time meant trouble was already brewing beneath the surface.

By the autumn of that first year, the scale of the inheritance was clear. Somerset declared a Financial Emergency in November 2023 — a stark moment, but also the point at which the work of rebuilding truly began. Since then, the council has focused on increasing stability, honesty with residents, and steady, careful delivery.

What's been achieved since

- Restructured senior leadership, saving £2.6 million from the council's paybill.
- Delivered a council-wide restructure, reducing posts by more than 550 full-time-equivalent roles and saving a further £33 million from the paybill.
- Completed all 11 sets of accounts inherited from the predecessor councils — something many other new unitary authorities have still not managed.
- Secured £120 million in Exceptional Financial Support from Government over three years to avoid a Section 114 notice, covered by sale of assets to avoid further borrowing.
- Launched a transformation programme trialling new ways of helping people stay independent in their own homes for longer.
- Implemented a new HR system, replacing ageing infrastructure inherited from the old council.
- Developed a new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Reform Plan and Deficit Management Plan, to gain a grant from Government of 90% of the accumulated deficit.
- Developed a whole council transformation programme to improve outcomes and make savings from all the council's directorates.

The story isn't finished, far from it. There's still a budget gap to close, savings to deliver in full while improving services. But three years on from a difficult start, Somerset Council looks like an authority that has learned from what came before — steadier, more resilient, and more honest with residents about both its challenges and its progress.

Monthly Somerset Council Update:

M5 J26 wins world-class recognition for Somerset infrastructure

Somerset Council's Infrastructure Programmes Group (IPG), working with partners AECOM and Heidelberg Materials, had a landmark week at national awards in London. The M5 Junction 26 Chelston Link Project took the top prize in the 'Project Excellence and Innovation Award' at the NEC

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Contracts Annual Awards 2026, beating international competition including a £5bn highway project in Hong Kong and the UK's first all-electric prison. The same week, the IPG was commended in the 'Team of the Year' category at the CIHT Awards 2026. Since 2015 the IPG has delivered over £110 million of strategic highway infrastructure, and the M5 J26 project has also been recognised this year at the Decarbonising Transport Awards and the CIHT South West Awards for its sustainability credentials. Lead Member for Highways Cllr Richard Wilkins said the wins show Somerset is "delivering infrastructure projects that stand alongside some of the very best in the world."

Council Leader hails £50m flood resilience fund as a fantastic opportunity for Somerset

Somerset Council has been awarded £50m from DEFRA to invest in flood resilience and prevention, following Floods Minister Emma Hardy's visit to Somerset — at the invitation of Lib Dem MP Sarah Dyke — during the major incident declared after Storm Chandra earlier this year. The funding will support a two-year programme covering engineering improvements, natural flood management, property-level protection and community engagement. Council Leader Bill Revans welcomed the announcement, saying "this is a fantastic opportunity and we know our communities will want to input into the programme to ensure we are taking full advantage of the funding."

Somerset Council to invest £5.3m to improve SEND support and reduce delays for families

Executive will be asked on 1 July to approve £5.331m over two years to increase SEND capacity, clear assessment backlogs, improve the timeliness of EHCPs, and expand Preparation for Adulthood support. Somerset currently has 6,578 children with EHCPs — up from 2.6% of pupils in 2019/20 to 5.8% today. Funding would be drawn from the Business Risk Reserve and used for additional Educational Psychologists, SEND officers, and temporary staffing, with progress monitored in stages.

Help shape Somerset's future: have your say on council priorities

Somerset Council has launched its Summer Budget Consultation for 2027/28, asking residents what they value most to help guide future spending decisions. The council has saved £135m since 2023 but continues to face rising demand for services. The consultation closes 27 July — residents can respond at somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com.

Council Tax and Benefits system upgrade: what residents need to know

Somerset Council is in the final stages of merging its legacy district Council Tax, Benefits and Business Rates systems into one. The system has been unavailable since 25 June, with the exact return date subject to progress. Housing benefit payments and direct debits are continuing as normal, and online payments remain available, but most online forms and the new customer portal are offline until the upgrade is complete. [Further information is available here](#).

Somerset pupils shine at the 2026 Somerset Children's Parliament competition

Primary schools from across Somerset came together for this year's Children's Parliament competition, organised by Somerset Council's ITT and Training team and Somerset Youth Parliament, giving pupils a platform to develop confidence, presentation and oracy skills while having their

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voices heard by local councillors and community leaders. Winners included St George's Catholic School, Taunton (celebrating diversity) and Parkfield Primary School, Taunton (health and wellbeing), with runners-up from Leigh on Mendip and Ashcott Primary. Schools interested in taking part next year can contact SCIL@somerset.gov.uk.

Bridgwater Library to reopen following major repair works

Bridgwater Library reopened on 29 June after months of closure for major roof repairs, just in time for the Summer Reading Challenge launching 4 July.

Somerset Council backs gambling harm campaign during football tournament

Somerset Council is supporting the national "Odds Are They Win" campaign, which aims to raise awareness of gambling harm during this summer's international football tournament and challenge the stigma that prevents people seeking help. Free support is available through the South West Gambling Service on 0330 022 3175.

Wellington Library launches a Library Loyalty Card

Wellington Library launched a loyalty card scheme from 1 July, as part of the National Year of Reading 2026, where visitors earn stamps for borrowing books, attending events or using library computers — collecting 10 enters them into a monthly prize draw.

Full business case for A38 major road network submitted to government

Somerset and North Somerset Councils have submitted the Full Business Case for the A38 Major Road Network project to the Department for Transport, covering improvements at nine locations between Barrow Tanks and the Edithmead Roundabout (M5 J22), including road capacity upgrades, new pedestrian and cycling crossings, and widening of the Strawberry Line path. The DfT will now decide whether to approve funding.

What do you think Somerset should look like in the future?

Somerset Council has launched a five-week Scoping Consultation (Regulation 20) on the Somerset Local Plan 2045, running from 19 June to 24 July 2026. Residents and businesses are invited to share views on what the plan should cover, the vision and outcomes for Somerset, and options for where development could be located across towns, villages and countryside over the next 20 years. At this stage the consultation covers the scope of the plan, an engagement plan, a spatial strategy with options for where development could go, and a sustainability appraisal of those options — but no specific sites are proposed yet. Have your say at somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com.

Somerset projects celebrated with countryside awards success

Two Somerset Council projects won recognition at the CPRE Somerset Love Your Countryside Awards: the Ham Hill Country Park heritage programme — delivering new trails, an accessible visitor

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centre and improved biodiversity — and the Rainbow Way development in Minehead, which delivered 54 new energy-efficient council homes, the first in a generation.

Somerset partnership wins national teaching award on Thank a Teacher Day

The Imagine the Possibilities partnership with Somerset schools and colleges — supporting young people with SEND to explore careers and build confidence — has won a Silver Pearson National Teaching Award in the School or College Partnership of the Year category, with the award presented at Fiveways School. The partnership is now in the running for a Gold Award, to be announced at a national ceremony in London and on BBC One's The One Show later this year.

High-flying businesses land drone skills training

Somerset Council's Local Growth Deal funded a free 10-week Skills Bootcamp in Drone Use, delivered by Yeovil College and iProSurv, giving businesses across the county hands-on drone flying experience and CAA certification, with applications spanning construction, agriculture, surveying and public services.

Somerset Council responds to Children's Services Ofsted report

Ofsted rated Somerset Children's Services as 'requires improvement' across three of four themes, with a 'good' rating for support to care leavers. Inspectors praised the dedication of staff and positive outcomes for children in foster care, but noted that some children don't receive support quickly enough and too many live in care homes rather than with foster families. The council has committed to expanding foster carer recruitment and strengthening multi-agency working to address the findings.

Somerset's young storytellers invited to turn food recycling into a winning tale

Children aged 4 to 11 are invited to write a short story (up to 500 words) on the theme of food recycling for a chance to win book vouchers, with a £200 school prize also on offer. Entries can be emailed to recycle@somerset.gov.uk or dropped at any Somerset library by 14 September 2026.

Somerset programme supporting young people with SEND wins prestigious national award

Imagine the Possibilities — Somerset's supported internship programme for young people with SEND — won silver in the Diversity and Inclusion category at the 2026 LGC Awards, having grown from a single placement to 15 programmes across Somerset supporting more than 100 young people each year into paid employment.

Flag raising in support of Armed Forces Day Somerset Council and Taunton Town Council marked Armed Forces Day with a flag-raising ceremony at County Hall, with the Armed Forces Day flag flown at council offices across the county ahead of Armed Forces Day on 27 June. Somerset Armed Forces Day took place as a free family event at Vivary Park, Taunton on 4 July, featuring arena events, fly-pasts and military displays.

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Safety works at collision site to start in July

A £4 million scheme to replace the dangerous Whitnell Corner junction near Wells with a roundabout will begin on 6 July, with a 24/7 road closure in place until the end of the year. The B3139/B3135 junction has seen 67 collisions over 20 years, including 15 serious incidents and one fatality. The funding for this comes from a government capital grant funding allocated for road safety schemes.

The World Cup: No excuse for domestic abuse

Somerset Council and partners across Avon and Somerset are urging residents to stay alert to the signs of domestic abuse during the World Cup, when heightened emotions and increased alcohol use are linked to a rise in incidents nationally. Partners stress that football is not the cause — abuse is caused solely by the behaviour of the perpetrator. Domestic abuse accounts for around 20% of police work in Avon and Somerset. Anyone experiencing abuse, or concerned about someone else, can contact the Somerset Domestic Abuse Service confidentially on 0800 694 9999 or at somersestdomesticabuse.org.uk. Support is also available for perpetrators who want to change their behaviour.

Celebrating Refugee Week with courage

Somerset Council marked Refugee Week 2026 (15–21 June) by celebrating the contributions of displaced people in Somerset's communities, with the Displaced People Service attending libraries and community venues across the county. The service supports refugees and asylum seekers with housing, education, employment and integration, helping families feel safe and able to live independently.

Chair appointed for £20 million Pride in Place programme board in Bridgwater South

Sam Smith, a lifelong Hamp Estate resident and grassroots community volunteer, has been appointed Chair of the Pride in Place board for Bridgwater South — a 10-year government programme bringing up to £20 million to one of 169 deprived areas selected across England. A community board is now being formed — visit the Council's Pride in Place page for details on how to get involved.

Have your say on plans to expand SEN support in Somerset schools

Somerset Council consulted on proposals to expand specialist SEN provision across four schools — Hindhayes Infant School in Street, Holway Park Primary in Taunton, Oaklands Primary in Yeovil, and Polden Bower School in Bridgwater — creating new units, extra classrooms and more specialist places to help children stay in their local communities. [The consultation closes on 10 July.](#)

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Non-black plastic plant pots now recyclable from home

Under the new national Simpler Recycling regulations, non-black plastic plant pots can now go in Somerset's Bright Blue Bag — clean and empty. Black plant pots remain unrecyclable due to their pigment not being recognised by sorting machines, and should continue to go in the rubbish bin or be reused.

Somerset Council responds to Care Quality Commission report

The CQC rated Somerset's adult social care as 'requires improvement' following an assessment in September 2025, with concerns about the timeliness of assessments and reviews, support for unpaid carers, and use of data. However, inspectors also noted positive innovation, including Somerset's use of village and community leaders as trusted local contacts and good provision for people in rural areas. The council says significant progress has already been made since the assessment, including a new 24-hour self-service tool for carers and an oversight group to prioritise assessments.

Bridgwater regeneration project review outlines potential options

A review of the Celebration Mile scheme in Bridgwater has found no evidence that the regeneration project caused acute congestion. Somerset Council's Executive agreed in June to maintain the current traffic arrangements on Salmon Parade and East Quay while carrying out further engagement with residents and businesses, with a final recommendation to follow at the October Executive meeting.

Formal consultation opens on proposed changes to education structures in Frome

Somerset Council has been consulting on a proposal to move Frome from a three-tier (first, middle and upper) to a two-tier (primary and secondary) education system from September 2028, with 14 primary schools and 2 secondary schools serving the area. An earlier informal consultation received over 800 responses, with 71% supporting the change. [The formal consultation closes on 10th of July.](#)

Somerset Council sets out next steps in SEND reform

Somerset Council submitted its SEND Reform Plan to the Department for Education in June, setting out how schools, health services and care providers will work together to deliver earlier, more inclusive support for children with SEND. If approved by the DfE, up to 90% of Somerset's historic Dedicated Schools Grant deficit could be written off, putting local SEND services on a more sustainable financial footing.

Council awards new leisure contract

Following the administration of Fusion Lifestyle, Somerset Council awarded an interim two-year contract to Freedom Leisure from 1st of July 2026 to run five East Somerset leisure centres: Frome Leisure Centre, Strode Swimming and Fitness in Street, Shepton Mallet Lido, Tor Sports and Leisure

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in Glastonbury, and Wells Leisure Centre. Memberships, bookings and events continue as normal, with a longer-term contract expected to be tendered in 2028.

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:

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

Road signs, markings and lighting - Includes bollards, pedestrian crossings, requesting a village nameplate or 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 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

This report shows the number of safety defects (split by defect type and location) completed by Somerset Highways within your division for the previous month.

For reference, codes starting with T or U represent Unclassified roads.

Mendip South ED

• CW- Edge Loss	T2302/10	RIDGE LANE - PILTON	8
• CW- Edge Loss	U2250/10	HEDGE LANE - PYLLE	7
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2151/20	PENNARD LANE - WEST PENNARD	5
• CW- Edge Loss	U2197/10	BOXBUSH LANE - EAST PENNARD	4
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2197/70	LITTLE PENNARD LANE - EAST PENNARD	4
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2250/10	HEDGE LANE - PYLLE	4
• CW- Edge Loss	T2102/50	WATCHWELL DROVE - BUTLEIGH	3
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2185/20	TILHAM STREET - WEST BRADLEY	3
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2239/10	LEIGHTON LANE - EVERCREECH	3
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2241/10	PORTWAY HILL TO WADDON FARM - LAMYATT	3
• CW- Edge Loss	U2246/10	SMITHS LANE - DITCHEAT	3
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2249/30	DITCHEAT HILL TO VALE VIEW - DITCHEAT	3
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	B3136/110	LAMBERTS HILL - PILTON	2
• CW- Edge Loss	T1361/10	WESTFIELD LANE - BUTLEIGH WOOTTON	2
• CW- Edge Loss	T2108/30	MUCHELNEY ROAD - BALTONSBOROUGH	2
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2168/20	LOTTISHAM ROAD - PARBROOK	2
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2201/40	WEST BRADLEY LANE - WEST BRADLEY	2
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2237/20	PYLLE ROAD - PYLLE	2
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2237/30	PYLLE ROAD - PILTON	2
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2139/10	TUCKERS LANE - BALTONSBOROUGH	2
• CW- Edge Loss	U2139/10	TUCKERS LANE - BALTONSBOROUGH	2
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2189/10	TILHAM LANE - BALTONSBOROUGH	2
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2246/10	SMITHS LANE - DITCHEAT	2
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2253/10	ROPE WALK - EVERCREECH	2
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2427/10	COMPTON LANE - EAST COMPTON	2
• CW- Carriageway RTC	A361/720	WHITSTONE HILL - PILTON	1
• GY- Dislodged Grate \ Frame	A371/230	SNAGG LANE TO REDLANDS FARM LANE - DITCHEAT	1
• SG- Faded Sign Plate	B3136/115	LAMBERTS HILL - PILTON	1
• Multiple CW Safety Defects	B3153/310	CASTLE CARY ROAD - LYDFORD ON FOSSE	1
• TR - Tree Down on Highway	B3153/310	CASTLE CARY ROAD - LYDFORD ON FOSSE	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T1368/30	SUB ROAD - BUTLEIGH	1
• TR - Tree Down on Highway	T2102/50	WATCHWELL DROVE - BUTLEIGH	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2105/40	REYNOLDS WAY - BUTLEIGH	1
• CW- Edge Loss	T2108/20	HONEYMEAD LANE - BALTONSBOROUGH	1
• CW- Step in Level	T2108/30	MUCHELNEY ROAD - BALTONSBOROUGH	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2108/30	MUCHELNEY ROAD - BALTONSBOROUGH	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2123/40	COXBRIDGE DROVE - COXBRIDGE	1
• CW- Edge Loss	T2182/10	MARTIN STREET - BALTONSBOROUGH	1

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• CW- Step in Level	T2185/10	TEAPOT LANE - BALTONSBOROUGH	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2201/30	WITHIAL LANE - EAST PENNARD	1
• GY- Dislodged Grate \ Frame	T2236/20	WRAXALL ROAD TO FOLLY COTTAGES - DITCHEAT	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2237/10	PYLLE LANE - PYLLE	1
• CW- Edge Loss	T2267/50	WYKE FARM TO SNAGG FARM - LAMYATT	1
• GY- Broken Grate\ Frame	T2267/50	WYKE FARM TO SNAGG FARM - LAMYATT	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2296/25	WESTCOMBE HILL - BATCOMBE	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2296/40	FRYS LANE TO BACK LANE - BATCOMBE	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2297/10	HINCOMBE HILL - BATCOMBE	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T2381/10	STEANBOW LAY BY - PILTON	1
• GY- Broken Grate\ Frame	T2387/20	PILTON ROAD - NORTH WOOTTON	1
• CW- Edge Loss	T8610/10	GUNNINGS LANE - UPTON NOBLE	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	T8610/10	GUNNINGS LANE - UPTON NOBLE	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2022/10	BACK LANE - STONEY STRATTON	1
• CW- Edge Loss	U2165/10	CHURCH LANE - EAST LYDFORD	1
• KB- Loose / Rocking Kerb	U2165/10	CHURCH LANE - EAST LYDFORD	1
• CW- Edge Loss	U2181/10	SOUTHWOOD LANE - BALTONSBOROUGH	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2194/11	KILKENNY LANE - WRAXALL	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2197/10	BOXBUSH LANE - EAST PENNARD	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2197/20	MIDDLEWAY ROAD - EAST PENNARD	1
• TR - Tree Down on Highway	U2197/40	COCKMILL LANE - EAST PENNARD	1
• TR - Tree Down on Highway	U2197/50	COCKMILL LANE - EAST PENNARD	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2197/80	PYLLE HILL - PYLLE	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2253/20	GARTONS MEAD - EVERCREECH	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2256/10	WEYMOUTH ROAD TO HIGH STREET - EVERCREECH	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2258/10	VICTORIA LANE - EVERCREECH	1
• GY- Broken Grate\ Frame	U2261/20	PARADISE CRESCENT - EVERCREECH	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2298/10	CHESTERBLADE ROAD - CHESTERBLADE	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2665/100	TOP STREET - PILTON	1
• CW- Edge Loss	U2665/130	NEAT LANE - PILTON	1
• CW- Step in Level	U2665/90	BARROW LANE - PILTON	1
• CW- Step in Level	U2771/80	CASTLE LANE - STICKLYNCH	1
• CW- Edge Loss	U2773/11	SCOTTLES LANE - WEST PENNARD	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U2776/10	PARBROOK LANE - PARBROOK	1
• CW- Carriageway Pothole	U9209/10	WATER LANE - BUTLEIGH	1

Total: **126**

Somerset Council has launched the Regulation 20 Scoping Consultation for the Somerset Local Plan. The consultation will run from Friday 19 June to Friday 24 July.

We invite you to review the consultation materials and submit your comments via the following link:

[Somerset Local Plan Scoping Consultation](#)

Your feedback will help to shape the direction and content of the new Somerset Local Plan.

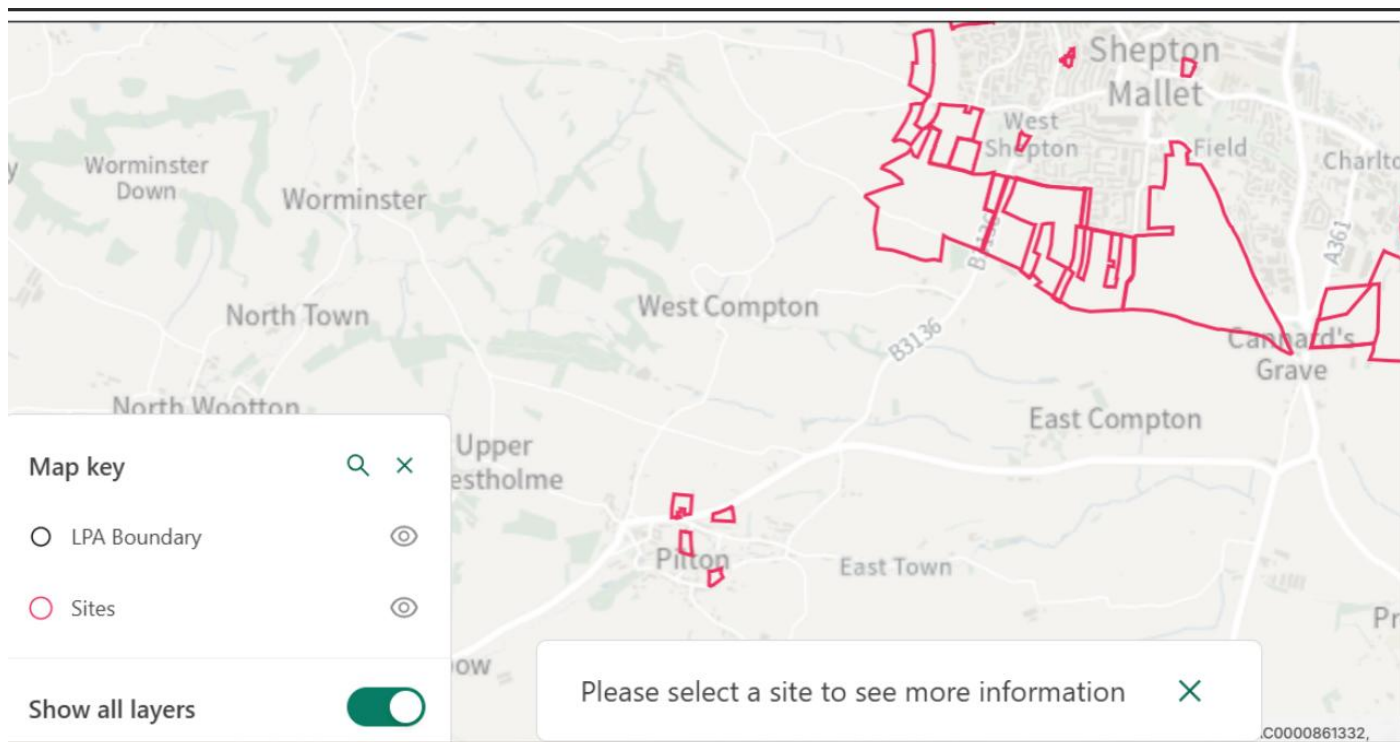
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

Somerset Council Planning Policy team

Somerset Council

Annex 3 HELAA – Pilton



Annex 4: Grit Bins

Dear Parish/Town Council,

In advance of the coming winter season, it is time to consider preparedness for ice and snow this winter. I am writing to request your assistance.

Grit bins are purchased and maintained by Parish/Town Councils and sited at locations agreed by the Highways Team based in the Area Offices.

In previous years a map showing the agreed grit bin locations was provided and it proved useful to reference this for locations of the bins that required replenishing, if you have not retained this map record then you may request one for that purpose. We appreciate that parish and town councils may have purchased new grit bins whilst some have been moved and others removed completely. It would be helpful if you could check the accuracy of the map and notify us of any changes, this will allow validation of the locations and then allow us to update our mapping in readiness for the winter ahead.

Whilst checking the locations are accurate, we would be grateful if you could check the contents of the bins to see if they need refilling. Please send any information to us by **Friday 21st August**. This information will allow us to programme our grit bin filling operation.

Bin ref No.	Location accurate	Quantity remaining
xxx	Yes/No (provide map plan with new location/additions to be agreed)	Full, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ etc

It is also worth noting that existing grit within the bin may have become consolidated and will require loosening, grit within the bins will not be removed or agitated as part of the replenishment operation.

There have also been occasions of the bins having litter in them which the attending crews will not remove, therefore if you could remove any litter prior to filling that would be appreciated.

Any grit bins that have been severely damaged, deemed unsafe and/or unable to be accessed due to overgrown vegetation will also not be filled.

The accurate information you provide does assist with the continuing sustainability of this service by targeting visits by the road maintenance teams to only those locations in need.

Kind regards

Jeremy Fry

Highway Service Manager

Somerset Council

East Area Highways

Tel: 0300 123 2224

Email: Highways-East@Somerset.gov.uk

Clerk: 2025 list

Mount pleasant

East town lane

Chapel hill

Cumhill

Church Entrance

Shutwell lane

West Compton

Application submitted

Dear Helen Richardson,

The Events Team has received your application.

Application reference: **7cad3f92**

The Events Team has received your application and will be in touch soon to discuss your request.

Yours sincerely,

Somerset Council

Applicant details

Application type	
Which type of event closure are you applying for?	TPCA
Area	
Which area is the application for?	East
Your details	
First name	Helen
Last name	Richardson
Company name	Pilton Parish Council
Telephone number	07899970173
Advertising telephone number	07899970173
Email address	clerk@piltonparishcouncil.org
Address details	
Address	
CURRENTADDRESS1	
	250064150
Street	10 WATTS CORNER
Town	GLASTONBURY
Postcode	BA6 8FD
Country	United Kingdom

Event details

Event details

Event name	Remembrance Day Parade
Number of people attending the event	35
Purpose and nature of event:	To remember those in the parish who gave their lives to conflicts around the world
Start date	08/11/2026
End date	08/11/2026
Road closure times	10.30am - 11.30am
Roads to be closed including start and end points	The A361 from the junction with Parsons Batch to the Junction with Shutwell Lane to also include the junctions with Higher Westholme Road and Totterdown Lane.
Can pedestrian access through the site be maintained?	Yes
Can access for cyclists and equestrians be maintained through the site?	Yes
Can emergency services gain access through the site?	Yes
Can public / school busses gain access through the site	Yes
Previous events	
Has this event been held previously?	Yes
Previous event date	09/11/2025
Are there any changes to the previous event?	No
Consultation	
Have you consulted any other organisation regarding this event?	Yes
Which organisations have you consulted with?	ASC are always consulted regarding this event, as are SCCH re the way the operation has been run safely to date.
Please give details of any businesses, including bus	The Crown Public House opens after the service. Buses have not been affected in previous years. Local residents are all

services and residents which may be affected	aware through advertisement in the parish magazine; this event is to enable them to respect those who gave their lives for them.
Supporting documents	
Event management plan	Rem-Parade-Procedure 2026.pdf
Traffic management plan	Pilton Parish Council Remembrance Gathering.pdf
Risk assessment	Remembrance-Sunday-Wreath-Laying-Risk-Assessment.pdf
Public liability insurance	public_liability_certificate.pdf
Label	
	Yes
Label	
	7cad3f92

Pilton Parish Council

10 Watts Corner

Glastonbury

BA6 8FD

Clerk@piltonparishcouncil.org

Dear Resident,

Keeping Our Roads and Footways Safe – Request to Cut Back Overgrown Vegetation

Pilton Parish Council is asking all residents to help keep our village safe and accessible by checking any trees, hedges, shrubs or other vegetation growing on their property that borders a road, footpath or public highway.

In several areas of the parish, vegetation has become overgrown and is encroaching onto roads and pavements. This can obstruct visibility for drivers, force pedestrians into the road, restrict access for larger vehicles, and make it difficult for highway maintenance and emergency services to carry out their work safely.

If vegetation from your property extends beyond your boundary, we would be grateful if you could arrange for it to be cut back as soon as possible. Regular maintenance throughout the growing season helps to prevent these issues from arising.

By working together, we can help ensure that Pilton remains a safe, attractive and welcoming place for everyone.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Clerk, Helen Richardson on the contact details above.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours faithfully,

Pilton Parish Council

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List of Overgrown vegetation in Pilton village centre with proposed actions

Street	Location	Description of issue	Land owner	Proposed Next steps	
<i>Parsons Batch</i>	Section opposite churchyard	Narrowing of highway		Engage with landowner	
	Section next to Manor	Narrowing of highway		Engage with landowner	
	Short section opposite Manor	Narrowing of highway		Engage with landowner	
<i>A361</i>	Wall of Old School House	Saplings growing on verge over 20m	Somerset Council	Report to SC	
<i>Shop Lane</i>	West side at top – Old Vicarage	Narrowing of highway		Engage with landowner	
	West side at bottom	Narrowing of highway		Engage with landowner	
<i>St Mary's Lane</i>	Opposite car park entrance	Metal tubs	Somerset Council	Request SC to remove them.	
	Opposite village hall top entrance	Narrowing of highway		Engage with landowner	
	Opposite Abbot's Way junction	Narrowing of highway		Engage with landowner	
	Left hand side coming up to A361	Narrowing of highway		Engage with landowner	
	Large tree on Right hand side coming up to junction	Needs Review		Engage with landowner	
<i>Shutwell Lane</i>	Two sections of Lavender	Light trim required		Engage with landowner	
	Opposite Church House	Narrowing of highway		Engage with landowner	
<i>Top Street</i>	Opposite Coffee Shop entrance	Yew Tree etc – needs review		Engage with landowner	
<i>Barrow Lane</i>	Both sides	Narrowing of highway		Engage with landowner	
	Brambles	Maple Tree		Engage with landowner	
	Cedar cottage	Yew		Engage with landowner	
	[Corner property]	Laurel		Engage with landowner	
	The Gable?	Tree next to wall		Engage with landowner	

<i>John Beales Hill</i>	Up towards Top Street	Light trim required		Engage with landowner	
	'Triangle'	Narrowing of highways	???	ASBOs?	
<i>Top Street</i>	Gables?	Narrowing of highways		Engage with landowner	
	South side past stream	Light trim required		Engage with landowner	
<i>East Town Lane</i>	Opposite Chantry House	Narrowing of highways		Engage with landowner	
<i>Lower Street</i>	Right hand side after turning off Neat Lane	Narrowing of highways			
	Pilton House? Cottage	Yew Tree			
<i>Mount Pleasant</i>	Right hand side going up	Drains covered over		Work party?	
<i>Bread Street</i>	Opposite Vicar's cottage	Narrowing of highways		Engage with landowner	
	Box Tree house	Narrowing of highways		Engage with landowner	
	Right hand side into Cumhill	Narrowing of highways		Engage with landowner	
<i>Ford Lane</i>	Mulberry Cottage side	Narrowing of highways		Engage with landowner	
<i>Cumhill</i>	Right hand side past Bier House	Visibility		Engage with landowner	
	Triangle of land below footpath to Tithe Barn	Needs review – state, parking, raised drain covers		PPC discussion	
	Verge outside Church	Light trim required			
<i>Pylle Road</i>	Both sides from postbox up to Orchard House	Narrowing of highways		Engage with landowners	

July 22nd 2026

27	Staff Costs	22/07/2026 Month 4	H Richardson	Pilton parish Council	X	736.72		736.72	
28	Staff Costs	22/07/2026 Month 4	R England	Pilton parish Council	X	67.62		67.72	
29	Office Costs	22/07/2026 INV19664	Scribe	Starboard Systems Ltd t/a	S	31.00	6.20	37.20	PAID DD
30	Burial Ground Mainte	22/07/2026 inv859	Moving & removing Trees	H Bailey Garden Maintenan	X	260.00		260.00	
31	Office Costs	22/07/2026 inv78	Room Hire	Pilton Stage	X	70.00		70.00	
32	Grant	22/07/2026	Pilton Walks(Walkers are welcom	Access Insurance	X	166.57		166..57	If approve
33	Working from Home A	22/07/2026 Month4	H Richardson	Pilton parish Council	X	26.00		26.00	
34	Office Costs	22/07/2026 Nov25 - July 26	Mileage	H Richardson	X	118.40		118.40	

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 Walks
2.	Name, Address and Status of Contact	Edward Moon [REDACTED]ry, [REDACTED]
3.	Telephone Number of Contact	[REDACTED]
4.	Is the Organisation a Registered Charity?	No
5.	Amount of grant requested	Enough to cover cost of insurance, public liability and Walkers are Welcome membership.
5.	For what purpose or project is the grant requested?	Pilton Walks will be a volunteer lead community group to encourage all villagers and people from outside of the Parish to use our public footpaths via guided walks. Pilton will become a Walkers are Welcome [1] village. Inspired by Shepton Mallet, Bradford on Avon and Frome who all have this status. There are multiple benefits of this group: a) Economic development of the village. More people will use PWMC, The Crown and the Co-op. b) Physical health. Although strenuous walks are not planned encouraging villagers to get walking is great for the overall health of our parish. c) Mental health. Walking in groups

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		is proven to be a huge help for mental health, Pilton walks will encourage new friendships to be formed. [1] https://walkersarewelcome.org.uk/
6.	What will be the total cost of the above project?	Cost of Insurance & Public Liability £50 per year for Walkers are Welcome membership
7.	If the total cost of the project is more than the grant, how will the residue be financed?	Funded by the volunteers or by offering some walks for a small donation
8.	Have you applied for grant for the same project to another organisation? If so, which organisation and how much?	No
9.	Who will benefit from the project?	Parishioners Health Local Businesses
10.	Approximately how many of those who will benefit are parishioners?	100% will benefit from joining walks and indirectly from making sure our local businesses like the club, pub and shop get extra customers.
11.	Bank Details (if successful) Name of account: Account number: Sort Code:	

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

Signed: EJMoon

Date: 16/07/2026

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CLUBS, GROUPS AND SOCIETIES AMENDMENT QUOTATION

	Select	Excess
General covers		
Public and Products Liability	£2,000,000	£100
Employers' Liability	£10,000,000	
Trustees' and Directors' Indemnity	£100,000	£250
Premium	£88.15	
Insurance Premium Tax (IPT)	£10.58	
Total Premium	£98.73	

Endorsements applicable

General endorsements

215 Activities

340 Territorial Exclusion (Property)General Exclusions

567 Work Abroad Exclusion