

Lydeard St Lawrence & Tolland Village Newsletter

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Date		Morning	Afternoon / Evening
Sat	1 st		
Sun	2 nd	Candlemas: LSL Morning Prayer at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	3 rd	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.00 am – 10.00 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	4 th	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection Mobile Library - LSL Old Post Office (TA4 3SB) 11.30 – 11.45	
Wed	5 th		
Thu	6 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm Beat Surgery, LSL VH, 10.30 to 11.30 am	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	7 th		
Sat	8 th		
Sun	9 th	CF Holy Communion at 9.30 am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	10 th	Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.00 am – 10.00 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	11 th	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	
Wed	12 th		
Thu	13 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	W.I., LSL Village Hall, Meeting Room. 7.30 – 10.00 pm Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	14 th		
Sat	15 th		
Sun	16 th	LSL Holy Communion at 11.15am	Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm
Mon	17 th	SCHOOL: Half term week Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.00 am – 10.00 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	18 th	Garden Waste (Green) and Recycling Collection	
Wed	19 th		
Thu	20 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm Village Craft Group, LSL VH, 10:00 – 1.00 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	21 st		
Sat	22 nd		
Sun	23 ^d		Scarr Chapel worship meeting 2.30 pm CF Benefice Evensong 4:00 pm
Mon	24 th	SCHOOL: Inset Day Pilates LSL Village Hall 9.00 am – 10.00 am Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Bell ringing, LSL Church tower, 7.30 - 9.00 pm
Tue	25 th	Household Waste (Black) & Recycling Collection	Over 60s Lunch, LSL Village Hall, 12.30 pm
Wed	26 th	ASH WEDNESDAY	
Thu	27 th	Post Office, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.45 pm Coffee Shop, LSL VH, 10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Table tennis, LSL Village Hall, 8.00 - 10.30 pm
Fri	28 th		
Sat	29 th		

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2020 at 7.30pm in Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall.

Councillors present: Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling (Vice Chair), Charles Cox, Mary Harding, Don Hobson, Maeve Vickery and Andrew Venner.

Also in attendance: Lorna Thorne, Parish Clerk, SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew and Liz McConnell.

20/01 **Apologies** were received from Cllrs Mark Peters and Tony Weir.

20/02 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Hobson declared a personal Interest in items 7.2 & 7.5 on the Agenda

Cllr Venner declared a personal Interest in item 7.3 on the Agenda

20/03 The **Minutes** of the meeting held on 2nd December 2019 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

20/04 **Matters Arising**

None.

20/05 **Route 60+**

Liz McConnell spoke to the Council about her visit to Dulverton on 3rd December for the Route 60+ session held by Somerset Road Safety. Aimed at the over 60's and raising awareness in this group of the effects that ageing can have on our driving skills. A mix of services were present for an open session followed by an interactive presentation. Services included Fire and Rescue, Age UK, Information on borrowing money, aneurisms and solicitors. Liz found the morning worthwhile and encouraged others to attend, although she felt that it would not be suitable to hold an event in Lydeard St Lawrence. Some events will be held nearby in Carhampton on the 26th February, Staplegrove on the 6th March and Wiveliscombe on 30th April. <http://somerseroadsafety.org/event/2020/04/route-60-/3456/>
(See more info further down. Ed)

20/06 **Planning**

06.1 *Applications received for comment from Somerset West and Taunton Council:*

None received

06.2 *Notification of any Somerset West and Taunton Council Decisions:*

22/19/0020 - Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of Muddyford Farm, Lydeard St Lawrence. **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**

20/07 **Financial**

7.1 The Accounts Statement was noted by the Council

7.2 Cllrs agreed to Pay 2019 LsL Village Hall Hire of £84

Proposed by Cllr Venner Seconded by Cllr Vickery

7.3 Cllrs agreed to Raise an Invoice to the Cricket Club for £5 rent for playing field

7.4 Cllrs agreed to pay Somerset County Council £385.98 for the new Tolland village signs, and that the funds would come from the CBF.

7.5 Cllrs agreed To Pay Liz McConnell for the renewal of the LSL Web page hosting £57.46.

Items 7.4 and 7.5 had previously been agreed.

20/08 **Budget and Precept**

After the Precept was set at the December meeting the Clerk has received notification from SW&T Council that the Tax Base has been amended due to changes in legislation. Therefore, the Parish Council has been asked to resubmit its request for the Precept figure.

The original request to keep the unit the same was 219.73, to keep the band D equivalent (unit) at £19.286 the same as this year the Council asked for £4237.71

The new tax base is 218.64, to keep the unit rate the same the Council would ask for £4216.69. To keep the original request this would be an increase of ½% per unit, bringing this figure to 19.382.

Cllrs agreed to keep the original request for the Precept amount.

20/09 **Correspondence and items for information**

The following items were noted by the Council:

- Crime Report
- Recycling Newsletter
- Temporary road closures
- Press Release: "9th January 2020. A £2.6m boost for the Quantocks."

- Message from David Fothergill, Leader Somerset County Council re. Future of Local Government in Somerset - Next Steps
- Tree Grant Information

20/10 **Letter from Wiveliscombe Area Partnership – Update**

Due to data protection WAP were unable to give any further information regarding Wivey Link users in the Parish. It was agreed that with the lack of information the Parish Council would not donate funds, keeping its support for the local Lydeard Lifts.

20/11 **Highways/Roads Report**

Cllr Marshall gave a report on some issues regarding the roads in the Parish.

The school have concerns over speeding vehicles outside the school building, some of the road markings and signs were not very visible. Cllr Marshall has cut back the vegetation to clear the signs but the road markings need repainting and Cllr Marshall has requested this. It is also thought that the church side sign is too close to the school and would be better located further back the road, together with a “SLOW” road marking to give vehicles a pre warning.

Gullies in both LSL and Tolland Villages are blocked, Nethercott Lane and East Town Lane have been reported. With freezing temperatures, the Tolland lanes are becoming icy with run off from blocked drains, some villagers have had cars slipping on the ice.

Nethercott Lane has issues with dips in the road, flooding and mud making the road tricky to navigate; subsidence is still an issue along the lane.

A slurry trailer has passed through the village and some has fallen off leaving a mess in in the road.

All of these issues will be reported to SCC Highways.

20/12 **SW&T Council Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation**

The consultation was noted by Cllrs and were invited to take part.

20/13 **Parish Clock**

Paul Yeomans has been maintaining the Parish Clock on behalf the Parish voluntarily. The Parish Council would like thank him for his work and agreed to pay any Invoice for parts he requires.

20/14 **“Awards for Service to the Community 2020”.**

Cllrs noted Awards and would all consider who they would like to nominate. This is open to all, so if any villagers would like to nominate someone please get in touch with the Chairman.

20/15 **Any other Business**

SWT Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellew gave his report. He advised the Council to look at the two Consultations that are currently being carried out by SW&T Council. The first is the local plan already discussed. (20/12) The second is the proposals to the Employment Local Development Order (LDO) for small scale industrial space. The Employment LDO is a proactive planning tool to enable increased delivery of small-scale industrial space in rural parts of SWT, and was developed in response to demand from small businesses to set up or expand their existing operations. Cllr Trollope-Bellew then answered questions regarding the possibilities of a Somerset Unitary Council.

Cllr Telling has reported some damage on some of the footpath railings and stiles, it is believed some have now been repaired.

Cllr Harding requested that the Parish Council support Tolland Church in its refurbishment of the Church Gates. Cllrs agreed they would consider a formal financial request for funds. They will require a complete proposal and three quotations.

Cllr Harding requested that the finger post restoration project volunteers look at the fingerpost at Tolland End.

Cllr Harding report that a planning application had been withdrawn in Tolland as the applicant would be liable for CIL, she requested further information on how CIL is worked out and how much the Parish Council would get. Details are on SW&T website. She also requested clarity on planning legislation which was given.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday 9th March 2020

CHURCH REPORTS AND NOTICES

LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE CHURCH SPRING CLEAN



On Saturday 21st March, the church and churchyard will be having their usual Spring Clean Up, starting at 10:00 am. There will be the usual refreshments available. Please do join us and bring as many tools and cleaning materials as you can. It's a great way to catch up with people, meet new people, eat together and have some fun!



LENT LUNCHESES

The annual benefice Lent Lunches start on Monday 2nd March and run weekly throughout Lent. The lunches are held in the Church Centre at St Mary's church in Bishops Lydeard. The first lunch will be hosted by Lydeard St Lawrence and is from 12 noon until 1:30 pm. There will be a selection of soups together with cheese and biscuits. Do go along and enjoy a social gathering while at the same time supporting a charity.

CHURCH COCKEREL

An update on our wandering church cockerel. He has had his old paint stripped off and many of his previous patchings are in the process of being tidied up. Once these are all complete, a new pole will be found for him, together with a new flagpole, and he will be put back on top of the tower.

THE VACANCY

The ongoing vacancy for a Rector for the Benefice was advertised in the Church Times on Friday 10th January. The advert is also on the Benefice and Diocesan websites. The closing date for applications is 19th February and interviews are scheduled for 4th and 5th March. Watch this space.

LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE OPEN GARDENS

Lydeard St Lawrence is planning to hold an Open Gardens this year, the first time for many years. Gardens in the village will be open to the public on 6th and 7th June where an array of small, medium and large gardens will be open for the public to peruse.

If you would like to open your garden, would like to find out more information, or would like to help, please come along to a meeting on Tuesday 4th February at The Manor House, opposite the church gates, at 7.30 pm.

VILLAGE REPORTS AND NOTICES

BOTTLE TOPS NO MORE

For some years now people have been dropping off their plastic bottle tops in the Coffee Stop in the Village Hall where they have then been taken to the Conquest Disabled Riding Centre for recycling. Conquest have now stopped the recycling service so we can no longer recycle bottle tops via the Village Hall.

Compass Disability do recycle a large range of items. If you want to take any of their acceptable items to the village hall Coffee Stop, we will collect them and take them for recycling.

<http://www.compassdisability.org.uk/index.php?page=cash-not-trash>

DECEMBER WI MEETING

At our January meeting, eight people braved the appalling weather. After our correspondence, Rosie Hather from ARC was introduced to speak about the Association. ARC was formerly Taunton Association for the Homeless and was rebranded to reflect changes and growth in their services. After a lot of research and much thought it was changed to ARC. The charity works in Taunton, Bridgwater, West Somerset and Wellington and has many properties in these areas, fifteen altogether which accommodates 176 homeless individuals. Lindley House which is well known accommodates 57 people. Among this accommodation are moves to provide more independent living. The aim is to support the clients so that they eventually secure their own homes. She stressed that they were not a housing association. The word homeless often has a negative connotation and when clients are in their service, they are no longer homeless.

ARC's head office was converted into an 8 bed accommodation for the homeless service veterans who needed specialised support. This was launched in February 2018 as Victory House and Rosie said that so far it has been a success. The staff have noticed that the veterans look after each other as a family and this has helped with their welfare.

There is also an Outreach Team who walk around giving support to anyone who may be rough sleeping. They also respond to report of rough sleepers and ensure these individuals are safe, warm and have access to food and drink. They also offer them accommodation at the centres and refer them to other services which may be helpful.

ARC academy is a college which provides a variety of free courses for all the clients so that they have the opportunity to gain skills, qualifications and improve self-confidence. The courses are run by volunteers and include English, Gardening, First Aid, Swimming and much more. ARC are also doing a lot more transition work now to help clients through their journeys.

ARC work with a number of corporates to help clients get back to work and these include practice interviews, CV writing skills, work experience, apprenticeships and offering part time and full-time work to those who are ready.

To help clients secure their own accommodation there is a scheme which teaches individuals how to be a good tenant and this increased their chances of securing and maintaining a tenancy. There is also another scheme which enables people on a low income who cannot afford a deposit to access the private rented sector. It works as a loan to cover the fees associated with private rents such as deposit and rent in advance. ARC like to ensure their clients get off to a good start in their new homes so they provide a small grant to purchase furniture at the local charity Furnitrust.

Some of the clients have dogs or cats and the PAWS project ensures these companions are also looked after. These include responding to the needs and welfare of the pets. Providing foster accommodation for a family pet when their owners are housed in temporary accommodation, subsidising vet visits and healthcare and also advising them on providing nutrition for the pets.

ARC offer help to males and females aged between 16-65+, different backgrounds and homeless individuals with no dependents.

Rosie was thanked for her extremely interesting talk and we all agreed that it was worth supporting Furnitrust to help people set up their homes."

Gill Hartnell

LYDEARD ST LAWRENCE CRICKET CLUB

The cricket club AGM will take place on Tuesday 11th February at 7.30 pm in the New Inn, Halse. The club are looking to appoint a new chairman and secretary as Phil and Simon are stepping down after several years' service. If anyone feels that they could contribute in either role it would be great to see you on the 11th.

ROUTE 60+

This is a Road Safety initiative run by Somerset Road Safety aimed at raising awareness in the over 60's of the effects that aging can have on our driving skills. They are running a number of free morning sessions locally offering information on a range of different services together with a useful presentation about driving.

The following agencies are represented at the talks and offer information and goodies:

- Somerset Road Safety had Hi Vis jackets, key rings, torches and copies of highway code
- Advanced driving offering an assessed drive in your own car at a later date.
- Fire and rescue had information on Carbon monoxide, Home fire safety check and Thatches
- Age UK
- Aneurism's
- Pardoes solicitors

There were also a number of physical activities including blood pressure testing, eyesight tests and Driving skills test on a simulator.

The presentation, which was more interesting than this list suggests, covered:

- Assorted driving statistics on accidents
- Interactive – tests on road signs
- Emphasis on fact they were not there to take away driving licences
- Short video clips on safety
- Make people think about getting older

If you get a chance to attend one of these presentations, do go if only for the endless free coffee and biscuits.

Local future presentation dates are below. <http://www.somersetroadsafety.org/page/route-60-/92/>

- Wed 26th Feb Carhampton VH 10:00
- Fri 6th March Staplegrove VH 10:00
- Thu 30th April Silver Street, Wiveliscombe 10:00

LYDEARD ST. LAWRENCE HORTICULTURAL SHOW



Saturday 5th September 2020

More details in March



CRAFT GROUP



The next meeting of the Lydeard St. Lawrence Craft Group will be on Thursday 20th February from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in the Village Hall.

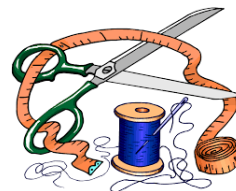
You are all invited to bring along whatever you are working on, hoping to start or can dig out from the back of the cupboard (those U.F.O.s).

We hope to inspire, learn from and encourage one another in our love of craft.

We might even set ourselves some new challenges too!

Everyone welcome.

£3 a session. Refreshments available.



SCHOOL REPORTS AND NOTICES

Bag2School

The school raised nearly £80 in their recent Bag2School initiative collecting unwanted textiles and recycling them for 40p a kg. Thank you to everyone who donated goods.

Tesco Blue Checkout Tokens

You know those blue tokens you get in Tesco at the checkout that you can then put in your charity of choice by the exit? Well one of the current choices is Lydeard St Lawrence primary school. So please, if you are shopping in Tesco, could you put your token in the School tube and hopefully at the end of March when the tokens are reckoned up, the school will benefit. Many thanks.



Lydeard St Lawrence Tree Planting Project 2020



The opening meeting for this project was attended by 25 adults and children in the School Hub on the 23/01/20. The proposal, brainchild of Andy Colman, is to plant 100 trees in the village and environs. Each school child will have a named tree and the project will have an educational project. The trees will bring natural beauty to the area and may be an inspiration to other villages.

At the meeting we looked at historical maps of Lydeard St. Lawrence's woods and orchards. An online pamphlet is being developed that will be added to as the project progresses. Minutes of the meeting are below and [here](#) on the parish website.

The next step is to start conversations about planting sites with relevant people and organisations. The aim is to have the saplings and maybe some larger specimens in the ground by next Autumn/winter.

There was a much wider and interesting discussion addressing climate change, biodiversity and how the community can work together regarding these issues. Other interested people, including children, are welcome at the next meeting, at the same place on Thursday 19th March at 7.30 pm.

Lydeard St. Lawrence Tree Project

Minutes from the Meeting

Thursday 23rd January 2020

Attending: Andy Coleman, Adrian Stannard, Paul Yeomans, Don Hobson, Liz McConnell, Hayley Slade, Mike Campbell, Kate Campbell, Justin Heyward, Gill Hartnell, Phil Tovey, Sarah Tickner, Bridget Carne, Michaela Greener, Stephen Griffiths, Iona, Miles, Rory, Fergus, Niamh, James, Marta

1. Welcome and Introductions

Andy Coleman welcomed all to the meeting and presented the idea of the project.

The aim is for the planting of 100 trees in the local area to happen next winter, which gives a year to put plans and arrangements in place. Every child in Lydeard St. Lawrence School will have the opportunity to plant a tree – a living legacy. The school will be able to use this project to study the environment, climate change and history of the area.

2. Where will this happen and what will be planted?

The project will identify areas where trees could be planted. This may be in hedgerows, fields, school grounds and existing woodland. This will require permission of landowners. Consideration needs to be given to position of power lines, road visibility, hedge cutting – may be necessary to consult with Highways.

Residents / landowners will be invited to identify areas or offer land for planting.

School – during Field School activities children will be encouraged to suggest areas for trees or hedging. The children can also be involved in seed collection and create a tree nursery, so they can increase their understanding of the process from seed to tree.

We will be planting native trees that are suitable to the area. Trees will need to be matched to the soil type and consideration given to ‘future-proofing’ keeping in mind climate change.

3. Where will the trees come from and how will this be funded?

Some of the trees will be sourced locally to support businesses in the area and buying locally grown trees will help prevent the introduction/spread of disease.

Funding would come from a variety of sources, for example: Woodland Trust, Tree Council, Quantock Hills.

It was suggested that some children may want to collect sponsorship in order to buy their tree.

4. Ongoing maintenance

After planting, there will need to be a small group of volunteers who check the trees, trim grass around them, remove tree guards when necessary etc.

It will be useful to have a core team in place prior to planting.

5. Research

Sarah Tickner presented the research she has completed so far regarding the history of trees in the local area. She showed the group a map from the 1830s which highlighted areas that were once conifer woods, orchards and where deciduous trees once grew. Interestingly, prior to the school being built the site was once an orchard. Glebelands was once the site of ancient woodland.

The 1880s map showed the presence of the school building, but still surrounded by an area of orchard. Bringing the maps up to date showed a significant decrease in trees and increase in buildings and farmland.

6. What are the next steps?

- Work needs to begin on identifying areas for planting and liaising with landowners.
- We need to start raising awareness of the project – using the Village Newsletter, social media and word of mouth.
- Mike Campbell will write an article introducing the project for the Village Newsletter.
- Phil Tovey will begin drafting an information leaflet.
- Kate Campbell will research the possibility of planting in Glebelands.
- Hayley Slade will ensure information is included in the school newsletter.
- The children attending suggested speaking to the Head Teacher about the project – Hayley Slade will work with the children to create a School Tree Council to promote and lead the activity within the school.

A question was raised regarding what the group is called. Do we need to find a name for the group? Possibly including 'tree' in the title might be limiting as to what the group can achieve. Nothing was decided upon at this meeting, so this is still open for discussion / suggestions.

7. Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th March at 7.30pm in The Hub (formerly pre-school room) at Lydeard St. Lawrence School.

LOCAL INTEREST NOTICES

SOMERSET ARCHAEOLOGICAL and NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY (SANHS)

John Periam of Milverton

John Periam was a major "mover and shaker" in this area around the turn of the 16th/17th centuries. Appointed Steward of Milverton by the King and as the attorney to many of the leading families, he became an important person in the area. One example of his career was to convert the Manor of Lydeard St Lawrence, which he had bought from the Duke of Somerset, into a trust for Roberts family. Subsequently, he acted as the prime trustee for over 30 years, following the early death of the other trustees. As a result, he became embroiled in a Chancery Law case, which led to him financing the trust for many years. Eventually, his heir sold the Manor to the Hancock family.

Periam died young, leaving many issues for his widow, Sarah, to sort out and she proved more than equal to that task. She brought up five children, ensuring that they had suitable marriage partners: Two intermarried with the Southey's of Fitzhead Court and two with the Lethbridges, later their heirs at Sandhill. In parallel, she solved a number of business issues left by his death.

David Victor is giving the talk on behalf of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society (SANHS) a 150-year-old local charity dedicated to the history of Somerset. Details as follows:

Time & Place: 2.30 pm on 14th February at the Victoria Rooms, Milverton

Tickets cost £4.00 and can be booked at www.sanhs/events or paid for on the door

Refreshments will be available

LOCAL COUNCIL NOTICES



Beware of computer support scams

Do you own a computer or any other type of digital device? If so, watch out for fraudsters who will try to steal your money or personal or financial information through computer support scams.

Common scams include:

- A cold caller claiming to be from a big company like Microsoft, saying there is a problem with your device and they need to access it to fix it.
- Unsolicited emails with attached security updates that are in fact viruses.
- Being asked for credit card details to validate your software.

Genuine computer companies won't call or email you out of the blue asking for personal or financial information or to fix your computer.

Follow this advice to stay safe:

- Delete suspicious emails without opening any attachments or replying to them.
- Hang up immediately on cold callers who claim there is a problem with your computer or ask you for personal or financial information.

If you are worried there may be a problem with your computer, you could:

- Contact the genuine company using the phone number on their paperwork or website.
- Ask for help at the shop where you bought it.
- Take it to a computer repair business that is member of the Buy With Confidence scheme. All Buy With Confidence businesses are vetted, approved and monitored by Trading Standards. Search at buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call 01392 383430.

If you are worried you have been scammed:

- Get advice from Citizens Advice on 03454 040506
- Report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

This article has been written by Devon, Somerset and Torbay Trading Standards Service
<https://www.devonsomersettradingstandards.gov.uk/>

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Somerset West and Taunton Council Local Plan Consultation - January 2020

The Somerset West and Taunton Council Strategy Team are currently working on the Issues and Options document for the newly formed Somerset West and Taunton Council (excluding the Exmoor National Park area). The consultation will take place from

Monday 13th January to Monday 16th March 2020.

The Strategy Team are also inviting comments on two documents which are needed to support and evidence the Local Plan: The Sustainability Appraisal; and the Habitats Regulations Assessment.

This is the first consultation stage in the Local Plan process. The document looks at the key issues and draft objectives for the Local Plan, particularly around climate change and development needs over the next 20 years. Views from local communities and businesses are important in helping to shape Somerset West and Taunton and we would really appreciate your help in engaging with your areas.

Whilst the consultation doesn't begin until January, we wanted to inform you of our intention as we are aware that Parish Council meetings are held at varying intervals. It would also be really helpful if you were able to share the contents of this email with your Parish Councillors and, if appropriate, mention in your Parish Magazine, website or newsletter.

We will have the consultation information on our website and will contact directly all those on our existing consultee database by email (or send letters to those without an email address). The documents will be available to view at the following inspection points:

- Deane House
- West Somerset House
- Bishops Lydeard Community Library
- Dulverton Library
- Minehead Library
- Nether Stowey Community Library
- North Petherton Community Library
- Porlock Community Library
- Priorswood Community Library
- Taunton Library
- Watchet Community Library
- Wellington Library
- Williton Library
- Wiveliscombe Community Library

We will also be visiting these venues, where you can find out more and ask questions:

- Wellington, Quaker Meeting House - 21 January, 10am to 3pm
- Williton, West Somerset House - 30 January, 2pm to 7pm
- Taunton, the Orchard Shopping Centre - 6 February, 10am to 3pm
- Minehead, Methodist Church - 10 February, 2pm to 7pm
- Watchet, The Sanctuary - 11 February, 10am to 3pm
- Wiveliscombe, Community Centre - 20 February, 10am to 3pm
- Taunton, Deane House - 27 February, 2pm to 7pm

Thank you in advance for any help you are able to give in publicising this consultation, as we work through the production of the Plan there will be further opportunities to engage at the different stages, which we will of course keep you up to date with.

The Somerset West and Taunton Local Plan will not cover any parishes within Exmoor National Park, however we welcome comments from everyone.

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Junior Cricket	Simon Broad	667739	simonbroad3@gmail.com
Lydeard Lifts	Liz McConnell	667375	liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com
Over 60s lunch	Barbara Vearncombe	667356	bvearncombe@talktalk.net
Parish Council	Jonathan Marshall	667323	jejm@hotmail.co.uk
Pilates	Laura Sinclair	07714 276447	pilatesbylaurachlotte@gmail.com
Post Office	Watchet Post Office	631223	
Table tennis	Mel Horner	667347	melhorner@btinternet.com
Village Agent	Cat Sweatman		Cat@Somersetrec.org.uk
Village Hall	Mel Horner	667347	melhorner@btinternet.com
Web Page	Liz McConnell	667375	liz.mcconnell50@gmail.com
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LSL Village Web Page	www.lydeard-st-l.co.uk
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