

Looking — at — Locking

THE NEWSLETTER FOR OUR COMMUNITY





View from the Chair

Welcome to our Summer edition of Looking at Locking.

Many thanks to our editorial team, Kelly, Natalie and everyone who has contributed to this edition.

The Book Exchange and Pop-up Café continues to be well supported and is a place where parishioners are welcome to meet with Councillors, Parish Staff, Police and other parties whilst partaking of refreshments. It is held every Tuesday between 10am and 12 midday at the Nurse Thomas Suite, all are welcome.

Since the Spring edition of Looking @ Locking the Annual Parish Meeting was held in April at the Parish Hall. The meeting was well attended and the issue of planning applications was discussed. Councillor Mike Tremlett, Vice Chairman in my absence chaired the meeting and as I understand he was able to respond to the many questions that were raised by concerned parishioners.

Since that meeting Locking Parish Council has submitted its representations to North Somerset Council in respect of two Outline Planning Applications (Land South of Old Banwell Road and Land off Elm Tree Grove) that if granted would clearly impact on our community.

I am sorry to report that Mike Tremlett has resigned as councillor from Locking Parish Council. Mike will be missed as he was a pivotal and important member of Council, his professional knowledge, advice and common sense approach in conducting Council's business has been greatly appreciated. He clearly has had the interests of our community in mind. This is evidenced by his involvement and contributions in the many working groups that were set up to deliver our agreed projects and other works. Locking Parish Council respects and understands his decision to resign and thanks Mike for his time, energy and support whilst he was part of Locking Parish Council.

We are pleased to welcome Councillor Pete Lacey back to the Parish Council, bringing with him over 20 years of valuable experience and a strong commitment to serving the local community. The Council is delighted to welcome our new Parish Orderly Assistant, Richard to the team and we look forward to the contribution he will make to our community.

From reports received, there has recently been some important changes at Locking Parklands in that the developers St Modwen/Millar Homes are no longer involved on site. Homes England as landowners are now taking on an increasing hands-on role overseeing the future development which includes the High Street retail area, it is also hoped that the new Spine Road connecting the A370 to the A371 will be completed in March 2027.

There are currently 5 vacancies on the Parish Council. Being a Parish Councillor is a rewarding way to serve your community, please contact the Clerk at clerk@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk or any Councillor for more information. Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of each month, and at the start of each meeting there is an opportunity for members of the public to address Council about their concerns and they are also welcome to sit in at meetings to see how we work on behalf of our community.

Cllr Paul Jones - Chair

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Parish Council News

Despite the recent heatwaves, our Parish Orderly has been keeping busy, replacing rotten handrails in the village park, repainting the car park lines, and training our new Parish Orderly Assistant. Their hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated.

We are seeking residents' views on the future of this newsletter, electric gates at the Old Banwell Road car park, and the one-way system at Mendip Rise. Further information and surveys can be found later in this newsletter.



Our local PCSO held a bike marking and registration event at the village park in May. This initiative helps deter theft and increases the chances of recovering stolen bicycles. It was well attended, and we thank our PCSO for supporting residents in keeping their property safe.

Our Tiny Forest is continuing to thrive thanks to the care and dedication of local people. The Parish Council would like to extend a sincere thank you to our volunteers, whose efforts are helping the young trees establish and grow. Also to our parish orderly, Mike, for his ongoing hard work in maintaining the area.

If you'd like to get involved and help look after this valuable community space, please visit:
<https://tinyforest.earthwatch.org.uk/tiny-forest-sites/627-nws2-24>

Playground Carousel Restored Following Major Repair

The Parish Council is pleased to report that the carousel at the Grenville Avenue play area has been successfully repaired and returned to service following concerns that the platform was rocking during use.

An inspection found that the carousel's bearings were severely worn, with one having broken apart. Engineers replaced the damaged bearings and fixings, cleared debris from beneath the platform, lubricated the mechanism and tested the unit to ensure it was operating safely.

Installed more than 20 years ago, the Wicksteed Rota Rider has been a well-used and popular feature of the play area, enjoyed by generations of local children. The Parish Council remains committed to investing in the maintenance of its playground facilities to ensure they remain safe, reliable and enjoyable for all users.





Parish Hall Hosts MP Coffee Morning

We were pleased to welcome our local Member of Parliament, Dan Aldridge and his team to the Parish Hall in April, where they hosted an informal coffee morning. This provided a valuable opportunity for residents to meet face-to-face, ask questions, and share their views on local and national matters in a relaxed setting.

It was encouraging to see such a good turnout and lively discussion, reflecting the strong community spirit within our parish.

Dan can be contacted by email on: daniel.aldridge.mp@parliament.uk



Anti-social behaviour

The Parish Council is disappointed that recent graffiti in the village park and other areas has resulted in unnecessary costs and diverted the Parish Orderly Team from other important maintenance work.

Residents are encouraged to report any incidents of graffiti, vandalism or antisocial behaviour directly to the police





Meet our new Parish Orderly Assistant

Hi. I'm Richard, the new Parish Orderly Assistant for Locking Parish Council. It may only be a few weeks since I joined but all the residents and councillors I have met while out and about have been friendly, welcoming and up for a bit of a natter - and that includes their pet dogs!

After 20 years working in secondary education, 15 of which were spent teaching GCSE and A-level maths in Somerset Schools, I needed a somewhat less stressful occupation and was delighted to be offered the position of Parish Orderly Assistant. It is lovely to be outside enjoying the fresh air while working to make the local area as good as can be. Who'd have thought there would be so much to do in such a small area.

My working hours also allow me to pursue my other interests which are taking up more and more of my spare time. I love to paint and draw and resurrected this hobby about 6 years ago after watching Grayson's Art Club on Channel 4 during 'the COVID years'. I work mostly in acrylics, sometimes watercolour, and will happily tackle most subjects from landscapes to urban scenes, portraits to seascapes, and have exhibited work in Clevedon, Congresbury and for the last 4 years in Clifton as part of the West Bristol Arts Trail. Despite living in Weston-super-Mare they seem to have adopted me as an honorary Bristolian.

I enjoy cycling although 'enjoy' is probably not the right word. It started as a necessary way to keep fit and de-stress after a week of teaching, but it evolved into a weekly challenge as to how far and how fast I could go. This often means post-ride exhaustion, jelly legs, lots of eating and sleeping only to do it all again the next week. I'm out on my bike most weeks so I'll try not to fall asleep among the strawberries in the allotment.

I currently do voluntary work at the Blakehay Theatre in Weston as well as at the Royal West of England Academy (RWA) in Bristol and, finally, I am teaching myself to play the piano. I like to think that it is going well but the fact that my wife only lets me practice when she is out the house says otherwise.

I hope to meet many more of you in the coming weeks and months and doing what I can to make the environment as nice as possible for the residents of Locking.





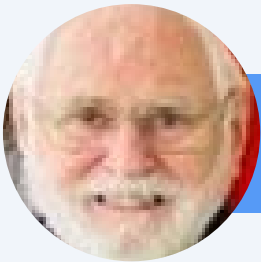
Tribute to Councillor Terry Porter

It is with sadness that we mark the passing of Terry Porter, a long-serving member of our local community who gave many years of dedicated service to Locking.

Terry was a passionate advocate for the parish and worked tirelessly to support local residents and community initiatives. His commitment to public service, practical approach and willingness to help others earned him the respect of colleagues, residents and community groups alike.

Throughout his years of service, Terry made a significant contribution to village life and played an important role in helping to shape and support our community.

The Parish Council extends its sincere condolences to Terry's family and friends at this difficult time.



Tribute to Derek Kraft

We were also saddened to hear of the passing of Derek Kraft who was a councillor for Locking Parish Council.

Rod and Heather from the u3a Locking Music Group said "Derek was a dedicated member of a few different Music groups over the last years and played guitar and sang very well!! He was a u3a member and joined a few different groups within u3a including The Locking Guitar Group and then later The Locking Music Group. He will be sadly missed by all members of the group and friends! He also attended many Open Mic sessions at various pubs and venues around the local area and will be missed at those events!"

Our sympathies and thoughts are with his family and friends.



LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL



Join Us as a Councillor

We are looking for passionate and dedicated individuals to represent the local community and help shape the future of Locking Parish.

WHY BECOME A COUNCILLOR?

- ✓ Represent your local community
- ✓ Help shape the future of Locking
- ✓ Support local initiatives
- ✓ Improve local facilities
- ✓ Make a lasting difference

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Full Council and Committee Meeting dates 2026/27

Date	Month	Year	Meeting
-	August	2026	Summer Recess
3	Sept	2026	Council
1	Oct	2026	Council
15	Oct	2026	Assets & Amenities Committee 7pm
15	Oct	2026	Finance Human Resources Committee 8pm
5	Nov	2026	Council
3	Dec	2026	Council
17	Dec	2026	Assets & Amenities Committee 7pm
17	Dec	2026	Finance & Human Resources Committee 8pm
7	Jan	2027	Council
4	Feb	2027	Council
4	March	2027	Council
18	March	2027	Assets & Amenities Committee 7pm
18	March	2027	Finance & Human Resources Committee 8pm
1	April	2027	Council
22	April	2027	Annual Parish Assembly

Members of the public are welcome to attend

Agendas, minutes and other useful information
can be found on the Parish Council website.

HALL HIRE

The main hall and Nurse Thomas Suite availability and enquiries can now be made via our website: www.lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk.

You can also find booking forms, terms and conditions and FAQs.



You are very welcome to view the venue,
please email admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk
to make an appointment.

PARISH HALL



NURSE THOMAS SUITE



FACILITIES INCLUDE:

- ★ Performance stage
- ★ Spot lights & disco ball
- ★ Sound system (blue tooth enabled) and microphone
- ★ Induction loop
- ★ Kitchen (fully equipped)
- ★ Disabled toilet and baby changing facilities
- ★ Wheelchair Access
- ★ WIFI
- ★ Parking
- ★ Access to adjacent play park

SUITABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING OCCASIONS:

- ❖ Christenings/Blessings
- ❖ Children's parties (with or without a bouncy castle)
- ❖ Weddings/Anniversaries/Wakes
- ❖ Pantomimes and Christmas parties
- ❖ Musical Concerts, band or choir practice
- ❖ School Events
- ❖ Societies/Clubs
- ❖ Training/Corporate events
- ❖ Fitness Groups/Yoga/Karate
- ❖ Dance Classes
- ❖ Baby/Toddler groups



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Email to arrange a viewing:
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Parish Hall Hire Charges

Main Hall

Parties/Dances/Meetings	Parish	Non-Parish
Adult Rate (per hour)	£13.05	£23.00
Youth U14 Rate (per hour)	£10.63	£15.48

Charitable Organisations/Community Groups	Parish	Non-Parish
Adult Rate (per hour)	£10.63	£19.29
Youth U14 Rate (per hour)	£4.97	£7.16

Nurse Thomas Suite

Meeting Room	£10.00 per hour
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All prices quoted are per hour and include use of a kitchen and toilets. Setting up and clearing away must be taken into consideration when working out the times you wish to hire.

The parish rate applies to residents of Locking Village, Locking Parklands, Locking Grove, Flowerdown and Oak Tree Park.

Please contact us should you wish to book the main hall and Nurse Thomas Suite together for your event.

Crockery hire: £7.15 per session. Refundable deposit payable in advance £10 (plus any breakages)

ALL WELCOME

Community Living Room

Books · Drinks · Cakes · Conversation

EVERY TUESDAY · 10am – 12pm

Nurse Thomas Suite, Locking Parish Hall

We will take a break during August and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.



1ST LOCKING & HUTTON SCOUTS

SUMMER FETE

Saturday July 18th
Locking Village Hall & Playground,
Locking Village

1-4pm

BBQ,
Drinks,
Stalls,
Bouncy
Castle and
much
more

for more information
and to book a stall
email Louise
pinkhippo_@hotmail.com





Winterstoke Hundred Academy

Looking for a Place to Play, Perform or Celebrate?

If you're looking for a local space to get active, run a sports session, put on a community show or even host a birthday party, Winterstoke Hundred Academy at Locking Parklands could be just what you're after.

Our modern, well-equipped site offers a great range of flexible spaces available to individuals as well as clubs, groups and organisations. Facilities available to hire include a school hall with theatre facilities, a large sports hall, activity and drama studios, classrooms, outdoor sports areas and a dining hall, which works really well for birthday parties and celebrations. Whether it's sport, fitness, dance, drama or something completely different, there's a space to suit.

The academy is easy to get to within the Locking Parklands development, with on-site parking and a welcoming, well-maintained setting. With availability in the evenings, at weekends and during school holidays.

All bookings are managed online through the SchoolHire system. Can't find exactly what you need on the booking website? Send us a message and we'll do our best to find the right space for you.

<https://lockingparklandswinterstokehundred.schoolhire.co.uk/>



Parklands Educate Together



The end of the school year is a busy time for all schools and there has been no exception here at Parklands Educate Together this term. The children (and their families in many cases) have enjoyed (or will shortly enjoy) sports week, which included the visit of an Olympian, performances, trips, transition days visits and visitors to name but a few of the many experiences shared in the final weeks of term.

In case of an emergency...

Did you know that there are school resources which can be used by the community in case of emergency? In the main atrium of the school there are two life saving pieces of equipment:

- **Defibrillator** - This is available for public use when the school is open. Other local defibrillators are available 24/7 (Medical Centre and on Russell Avenue).
- **Epi Pens** - Sets of adult and paediatric EpiPens are primarily there for children and adults within the school, but they are of course available for anyone in the vicinity having an allergic reaction.



Farewell and Welcome

We say goodbye to our Year 6 children at the end of their time with us and wish them all the best as they move on to the next stage of their education. We are looking forward to welcoming new children into our Early Years classes in September. The school will be at almost full capacity then, with most of our year groups completely full. Information about admissions can be found on our school website.



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FOR 2-4 YEAR OLDS

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Working
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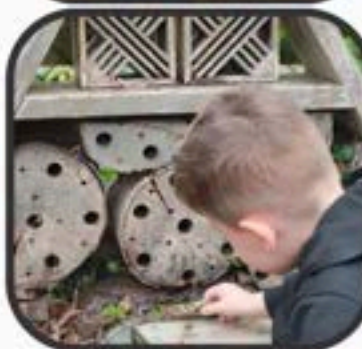
EXTRAORDINARY FUN AND LEARNING STARTS HERE

Where every child begins an extraordinary journey in an inclusive, modern, and nurturing environment.

So much to experience, including: Role play. Forest school. Snack café. Friends. Learning. Sand pit. All-weather outdoor play. School transition. Sensory garden. Huge school field. School dinners.

BE A PART OF SOMETHING AMAZING TODAY

FIND US AT LOCKING PRIMARY SCHOOL,
MEADOW DRIVE, LOCKING VILLAGE BS24 8BB



01934 822867



www.lockingprimaryschool.co.uk

SCAN ME





Parish Council Consultation: Looking at Locking Newsletter

The Parish Council is reviewing the future of the Looking at Locking newsletter due to increasing production and delivery costs and the environmental impact of producing paper editions. We would like your views on whether the newsletter is still needed and how you prefer to receive parish information.

1. Do you live or work in the parish of Locking?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Which area of the parish do you live in?

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ Flowerdown | ☐ Locking Grove |
| ☐ Locking Parklands | ☐ Locking Village |
| ☐ Oak Tree Park | ☐ Prefer not to say |

3. How often do you read the Looking at Locking newsletter?

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ☐ Every issue | ☐ Most issues | |
| ☐ Occasionally | ☐ Rarely | ☐ Never |

4. Do you feel the parish still needs a newsletter?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

5. Where do you usually get information about parish news and events?
(Select all that apply)

- ☐ Parish Council website
☐ Parish Council Facebook page
☐ Parish Council noticeboards
☐ Word of mouth
☐ Printed newsletter
☐ Other (please specify) _____

6. How do you usually access Looking at Locking newsletter?
(Select all that apply)

- ☐ Printed copy delivered to my home
☐ Printed copy collected from the Parish Hall or Nurse Thomas Suite
☐ Printed copy collected from a local business
☐ Digital version via the Parish Council website
☐ Digital version via the Parish Council Facebook page
☐ Other (please specify) _____

7. If home delivery stopped, would you still be likely to read Looking at Locking?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure



Parish Council Consultation: Looking at Locking Newsletter

8.If the Looking at Locking newsletter continues, what would be your preferred method of receiving it? (Select ONE option only)

- ☐ Printed copy delivered to my home
- ☐ Printed copy collected from the Parish Hall or Nurse Thomas Suite
- ☐ Printed copy collected from a local business
- ☐ Digital version via the Parish Council website
- ☐ Digital version via the Parish Council Facebook page
- ☐ Digital version by email
- ☐ Shared digitally via another organisation (e.g. school newsletter, PREIM portal)
- ☐ No preference
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

9.Would you feel happy if the Looking at Locking newsletter moved to a mainly digital format and was no longer delivered to homes?

- ☐ Yes, I'm happy with digital only
- ☐ Yes, as long as some printed copies remain available locally (e.g. at the Parish Hall, local businesses)
- ☐ No, I prefer printed copies delivered to homes

10.If the Looking at Locking newsletter was digital only, where would you prefer to access it? (Select ONE option only)

- ☐ Digital version via the Parish Council website
- ☐ Digital version via the Parish Council Facebook page
- ☐ Digital version by email
- ☐ Shared digitally via another organisation (e.g. school newsletter, PREIM portal)
- ☐ No preference
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

Please return your completed survey by
14 August 2026

to admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk or by
post to The Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue,
Locking, BS24 8AR

You can also contact the Parish Council office
on 01934 820786
to provide your responses by telephone.

Prefer to complete it online?

Scan the QR code or go to
<https://forms.office.com/e/N1TLTmxHi9>





Parish Council Consultation: Proposed Electric Gates

The Parish Council is considering the installation of electric gates at the Old Banwell Road car park.

At present, the car park is generally only open during school term times and school hours. The Council is exploring options that would allow the car park to be open and accessible more frequently for residents and visitors, while maintaining security and minimising misuse. Before any decision is made, we would like to hear the views of parishioners.

1.If you use the Old Banwell Road site which facilities do you use? (Tick all that apply)

- ☐ Car park
- ☐ Football pitches
- ☐ Field/Dog walking
- ☐ School
- ☐ Picnic benches
- ☐ Play/gym equipment
- ☐ Tiny Forest/Orchard
- ☐ Other (please specify):

2.To what extent do you support the installation of electric gates and believe the benefits justify the investment?

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose

3.If electric gates were installed and the car park was available outside school hours, would you be more likely to use the site or car park and how often?

- ☐ Yes, regularly (daily or several times a week)
- ☐ Yes, occasionally
- ☐ No change to my current usage
- ☐ No, I would be unlikely to use it
- ☐ Not sure



Parish Council Consultation: Proposed Electric Gates

4. If electric gates were installed, what opening hours would you prefer?

- ☐ 24-hour access
- ☐ Early morning to evening (e.g. 7.30am–7.30pm)
- ☐ Daytime only
- ☐ Other (please specify):

5. Do you have any other comments you wish to make?

Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

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14 August 2026

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Parish Council Consultation:
Proposed Electric Gates





Parish Council Consultation: Mendip Rise One-Way System

The Parish Council would like to hear residents' views on the current one-way traffic system at Mendip Rise.

Following ongoing concerns regarding compliance with the one-way arrangement, the Parish Council is considering whether to recommend retaining the existing system or seeking a return to two-way traffic. Your feedback will help inform future discussions with North Somerset Council.

1. Do you believe the current one-way system is working effectively?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

Please explain your answer (optional) (Continue on separate sheet):

2. In your opinion, are violations of the one-way system on Mendip Rise:

- ☐ A significant problem
☐ A minor problem
☐ Not a problem
☐ No view / insufficient knowledge

3. Which option would you prefer?

- ☐ Retain the current one-way system
☐ Revert Mendip Rise to two-way traffic
☐ No preference

4. If Mendip Rise were to return to two-way traffic, do you have any concerns?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide details:

5. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions? (Continue on separate sheet)

Please return your completed survey by
14 August 2026

to admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk or by
post to The Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue,
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office on 01934 820786
to provide your responses by telephone.

Prefer to complete it online?

Scan the QR code or go to
<https://forms.office.com/e/bYeXYRfC7T>

Parish Council Consultation:
Mendip Rise One-Way System



Carlea Theatre Arts



info@carleatheatrearts.co.uk

Carlea Theatre Arts provides a wide range of classes that welcome all abilities, from walking through to adults. All pupils from little stars upwards can perform in our regular shows we produce at the Playhouse Theatre. Pupils also have the opportunity to take graded examinations with the ISTD as well as medal exams with the UKA. All teachers are highly qualified, DBS checked, first aid and safeguarding trained.



Classes at Locking Parish Hall: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.
Classes at The Radio Wing (Locking Parklands): Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Full timetable of classes is on our website:

www.carleatheatrearts.co.uk

Parkland Singers



If you are someone who enjoys singing, do come along to see us at Parklands Singers. We are a group of adults who enjoy singing together, having fun and making new friends. You do not need to be able to read music and we welcome all singing abilities. We also enjoy leading 'singalong sessions' for groups of people who want to join in and sing with us. Our twice yearly visits to Locking Seniors are particular favourites! Get in touch if you know of other groups who may like a singalong visit from us.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at Locking Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue, BS24 8AR from 7.30 – 9.15 pm. There is a small charge (£5) to cover costs, including light refreshments. Your first visit will be free, to give you a chance to come and see what we do with no obligation. We laugh a lot, talk together and make new friends. Do come along, we'd love to see you.

Our next few sessions are: Wednesdays - 5 August, 2 September, 7 October

For more information, contact Christine Hall on 07977 048273 or chris.rushall@gmail.com

Locking Senior Club

In May, Dawn from North Somerset branch of the RSPCA, came and spoke about the work and care at their centre at East Brent. We also enjoyed a return visit from Weston Ukulele Band. They are amazing!

We meet fortnightly on Wednesday afternoon, 2-4pm, in the main hall of St. Augustine's Church Centre. If you would like to come along and try us out, it's just £3 on the door, which includes refreshments. Dates of future meetings.

22nd July
5th and 19th August
2nd 16th and 30th September

If you would like more information, please contact Anthea Raines 01934 820255.

Boogie Beats



Weekly timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Movers Class 11-11.45 Mead Vale	Mover Class 10.45-11.30 Cheddar	Movers Class 9.30-10.15am Locking	Movers Class 9.30-10.15am East Brent	Movers Class 11-11.45 Uphill
	Mini's Class 11.45-12.30 Cheddar		Movers Class 11.15-12.00 Cheddar	

WEEKENDS Available for parties and events



Contact:
Naomi on:
07899 677770
www.boogiebeat.co.uk/weston-s-mare

Crafty Mares



ENJOY CRAFTING

come and join the
crafty mares
Mondays 6pm - 8pm

**The Nurse Thomas Suite,
Locking Parish Hall BS24 8AR**

Please bring your own craft to start with.
The cost is £2 per session
to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

St Augustine's Church



Dear friends,

The period between finishing exams and opening the results envelope can feel like one of the longest waits of our lives. The silence is often filled with overthinking, second-guessing, and the heavy pressure of what the future might hold.

It is easy to tie our self-esteem and identity to our academic achievements, especially in a culture that places so much emphasis on results. However, God's love for you is unconditional. Pass or fail, nothing can change His affection for you. Your worth is rooted in being fearfully and wonderfully made in His image, not in a set of letters or numbers on a page.

Sometimes, results do not go the way we hope. While this can be deeply disappointing, a setback is rarely the end of the story. In life, closed doors often lead to unexpected and better opportunities. God has a way of using all our experiences - the triumphs and the disappointments - to shape our character and guide us toward where we are truly meant to be.

A Bible verse that can help those waiting for exam results is: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" . Proverbs 3:5-6:

A prayer for those awaiting exam results this Summer which you may like to use: Dear Lord, We pray for all those awaiting exam results. May they be able to enjoy the Summer without worry, knowing that you are with them regardless of what the results may be. Whatever the outcomes, give peace, wisdom, and the strength to move forward well. Amen

To all those waiting for exam results - Good Luck! God bless, Larissa - Vicar of Locking

You are warmly invited to come and meet others in the
COMMUNITY LOUNGE
in the Green Room at the
Church Centre, Lychgate Park, Locking
Every Tuesday afternoon 2pm-4pm



Cuppa - Chat - Books - Puzzles - Games

Make new friends, have a friendly chat, be yourself and relax. Ideal for carers to bring your loved ones too.

St. Augustine's Church

ST AUGUSTINE'S LOCKING CHURCH OFFICE

Contact the Church Office if you would like help, would like a visit or need some prayer or if you would like to receive our monthly 'Stay Connected' newsletter.

The Church Office is by the Church Centre opposite the church
Tel : 01934 822857 (Open Mondays and Thursdays 10.00am - 2.00pm)
Email: huttonandlocking@gmail.com

St Augustine's Locking church website: www.staugustineslocking.org.uk
for news, services, activities and Church Centre hall bookings

St Augustine's Locking Church Services June – Sept 2026

June Services	July Services
Sunday 7th Jun - 10am Morning Service Sunday 14th Jun - 10am Holy Communion Sunday 21st Jun - 10am Morning Service in Hutton Sunday 28th Jun - 10am 'Church in the Centre'	Sunday 5th Jul - 10am Morning Service Sunday 12th Jul - 10am Holy Communion Sunday 19th Jul - 10am Morning Service in Hutton Sunday 26th Jul - 10am 'Church the Centre'
August Services	September Services
Sunday 2nd Aug - 10am Morning Service Sunday 9th Aug - 10am Holy Communion Sunday 16th Aug - 10am Morning Service in Hutton Sunday 23rd Aug - 10am 'Church in the Centre' Sunday 30th Aug - 10am Morning Service	Sunday 6th Sep - 10am Tent Service at Hutton Parish Festival, St Mary's Field, (next to the scout hut in Hutton) Sunday 6th Sep - 4pm Healing & Wholeness Service Sunday 13th Sep - 10am Holy Communion Sunday 20th Sep - 10am Morning Service Sunday 27th Sep - 10am 'Church in the Centre'

'Church in the Centre' are informal café style services held in the Church Centre opposite the church.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ



**Locking Church Centre,
10am – 12.30pm
Saturday 23rd May
Saturday 27th June
Saturday 25th July
Saturday 26th Sept**

***Meet - Chat - Charity Stalls - Cakes - Teas
with Children's activities***

For details tel: 01934 822857 or email huttonandlocking@gmail.com
Contact us if you would like a stall for your chosen charity

St. Augustine's Church



LITTLE ARK TODDLERS

We are a very friendly group of parents, grandparents and carers who meet every Wednesday at 10.30am to 12.30pm during term time in Locking Church Centre.

All children are welcome from birth to school age.

We have a large variety of toys including: a slide, Happy Land, Play Dough, kitchen and much more, as well as an area for the very young children.

Each week we have a different craft activity.

The cost is £2 per family, which includes tea, coffee, squash and biscuits.

So why not give us a try and join in the fun?

Please contact Gail 07818 677635 for more information or see our Facebook page 'Little Ark Toddlers'



CRAFT CLUB



We are a friendly group of ladies who enjoy a natter while crafting. We meet on Monday mornings during term-time from 10.00am – 12 noon in St Augustine's Church Centre.

We do various crafts including card making, pergamano, knitting, embroidery, and also have regular craft demonstrations which could introduce you to new crafts.



We welcome new members. Please bring your own craft to start with. The cost is £2 per session to include tea/coffee and biscuits.



For more information please call Eileen Begent on 01934 822050 or email eileen@begent.org

Community Soup Bowl

A warm welcome and friendly atmosphere await you at this fortnightly venture (dates adjusted for Bank Holidays) which is being enjoyed by lots of new friends – regularly 25 to 30 guests. Through local social media and posters we made a “shout out” for volunteers back in the spring and four talented ladies have come forward to join the team. In the winter months we offer a choice of 3 delicious soups each Monday session from 12 till 2pm, followed by a cuppa and biscuit.

For the summer we have switched to either Ploughman's Lunches or Cream Tea Lunches although we always offer one type of soup as an alternative. Lunches are served free of charge but donations are welcomed, supporting local charities. We are just about to make our first presentation to Weston Hospicecare as voted for by our team and guests.

Come and join us at St Augustine's Locking Church Centre, The Green, BS24 8DA or e-mail Sue at suetony65@gmail.com for more info.



Summer Soup Bowl Dates

Mondays 12pm to 2pm
Locking Church Centre

27 July
10 and 24 August
7 and 21 September
5 and 19 October
2, 16 and 30 November
14 December

Full Soup Menu will return in Autumn

THE COACH HOUSE PUB

LOCKING VILLAGE



Welcome to your local hub for great food and entertainment! Savor our tasty restaurant menu and don't miss our hearty Sunday lunch, perfect for a relaxing end to your weekend. Join us for regular live music. If you're feeling brave, showcase your skills at our open mic night on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, or belt out your favourite tunes during karaoke night on the last Friday of every month. There's always something happening at The Coach House, where good times and great company come together!

OPENING HOURS

Monday -Thursday
11:00am - 11:00pm

Sunday
11:00am - 11:00pm

Friday - Saturday
11:00am - 12:00am

SERVING FOOD

Monday - Friday
12:00pm - 3:00pm

Saturday
12:00pm - 9:00pm

5:00pm - 9:00pm

Sunday
12:00am - 4:00pm

ADDRESS

**Manor Gardens, Locking
Village, Weston Super
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Helicopter Museum



After years of fundraising, planning, building, fitting out and in recent weeks, moving aircraft, the much awaited 'Weston Aviation Heritage Hangar' is now open at The Helicopter Museum, Locking.

The Exhibition within showcases the aircraft in the museums collection that have local ties, including two Sycamores, a Sedbergh Glider and the impressive Belvedere Helicopter, whilst an Edwardian themed 'Punch and Judy' Cinema charts the history of aviation in the Seaside Town from the early 1900's to the present day. Touchscreen displays and exclusive model dioramas complete the visitor experience.

With the aircraft displayed in front of large artistic backdrops that transport them back to individual moments from their history, the new exhibition demonstrates just how the museum has always wanted to present its exhibits to the public.

The Heritage Hangar forms an extension of the work started in The Weston Aviation Exhibition which opened in the restored WWII Pilots Block on site back in 2016 and continues to demonstrate the Museums desire to highlight the importance of its local aviation history.

The entire project has been self-funded from events organised by the small team of Museum Staff and was completed in stages over the course of six years.

Fundraising events taking place at the museum this Summer include a Hovercraft Day in June, The North Somerset Scale Model Show in July and a special day to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the World Speed Record in August.

The Helicopter Museum is a Registered Charity and houses the Worlds largest collection of Helicopters.



Banwell Gardening Club

Daffodils and home made macaroons were centre stage at the BANWELL GARDENING CLUB Spring Show on Saturday March 7th.

The many different varieties of daffodils were a seasonal highlight filling the room with their scent and colour. It was lovely to welcome the new residents of Banwell (who had ventured in to see what was going on) and we hope they will return for the Horticultural Show in September.

There was fierce but friendly competition in the MEN'S ONLY section as they were challenged to make 6 macaroons.

The trophy presentation saw a new approach this year with winners receiving trophies which were kept by the club but they took home wooden plaques (see photo) in the shape of leaves, flowers or stars crafted by the Weston Autistic Society.

Banwell Beavers and Cubs were awarded the village cup and 4 children aged 9 and under were awarded trophies and wooden plaques



The HORTICULTURAL SHOW takes place in Banwell village hall on SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER.

Our first meeting after the summer is on THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24th with Steve Lindsey talking about. Blending Wild Flowers into the garden.

Membership renewal takes place on 1st September - £10 for the year giving access to talks and (on production of a membership card), discounts at some local outlets.

For more details go to www.banwellgardeningclub.org.uk

Village Agent



Your local Village Agent is
Sue Badger
07974 983042 or
sue.badger@curo-group.co.uk

Village Agents are a friendly, local lifeline for people aged 50+ living in the rural communities of North Somerset. We're here to help you stay independent, connected, and confident in your daily life — completely **free of charge**.

Think of us as your go-to point of contact for reliable advice, practical support, and someone who genuinely cares. Whether you're facing a small challenge or need a bit of extra guidance, we're here to make things easier.

How We Can Help

We offer a confidential, personal service that can support you with a wide range of issues, including:

- Staying independent at home – connecting you with social support or services you may be eligible for
- Understanding domiciliary care options
- Finding local groups, clubs, and social activities
- Support if you're feeling isolated or lonely
- Help with transport, including getting to medical appointments
- Guidance on money matters and financial concerns
- Assistance with forms, such as Attendance Allowance or Blue Badge applications
- Advice on scams, unwanted callers, and staying safe
- Support for general health and wellbeing

We can chat over the phone, arrange a face-to-face home visit, or help you access other organisations when needed.

And most importantly — **your personal information is always kept confidential and securely protected, as required by law.**





Avon and Somerset Police **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

Talk to us

Join your Neighbourhood Policing Team at

Drop in and speak to PCSO whether you want advice on how to protect your belongings, arrange for free bike security marking, more information about the work we are doing in your area, or you want to raise a concern about an issue in your community.

Time: 10:00 to 12:00

Date: 29/09/26 27/10/26 24/11/26

No attendance for December 2026

19/01/27 16/02/27 16/03/27 13/04/27 11/05/27

Location: Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue, Locking, BS24 8AR

For more information please visit:

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH



How does it work?

- A group of local residents volunteer to monitor traffic speeds.
- Vehicles travelling at excess speed will be recorded and reported to the police.
- Police issue a letter to the registered keeper.
- Repeat offenders are targeted by the police.

Find out more: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/csw

Get involved

Make contact with your local Neighbourhood Policing Team

Visit: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area or call 101

Useful Contacts

Emergency and urgent help

Who to contact	When to use	Contact details
Emergency services	When there is an immediate risk to life, serious injury, a crime in progress, fire or another emergency	999
Police non-emergency	To report non-urgent crime or antisocial behaviour, or to speak to the police when it is not an emergency	101 Neighbourhood Policing Team: https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/weston-villages/
NHS 111	For urgent medical help or advice when it is not life-threatening	111 or use NHS 111 online
Weston General Hospital	For hospital enquiries	01934 636363
Defibrillator	Find the location of your nearest defibrillator	https://www.heartsafe.org.uk/AED-Locations/
Bleed kit	Find the location of your nearest bleed kit	https://www.heartsafe.org.uk/bleed-kit-map/
Wales and West Utilities	Gas Leak	0800 111 999 https://www.wuutilities.co.uk/
National Grid	Power cut	105 https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk
Wessex Water Bristol Water	Water or sewage issue	0345 600 4600 0345 702 3797
RSPCA	Report cruelty or neglect to an animal. Find help with a trapped, sick or injured animal	https://www.rspca.org.uk/reportaconcern 0300 1234 999

Useful Contacts

Council contacts

Organisation	What they can help with	Contact details
Locking Parish Council	Parish Hall enquiries, 26 Locking Parish Council owned lights, dog bins, litter bins, street furniture, park, allotments, Old Banwell Road playing field.	01934 820786 admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk
North Somerset Council	Bins and recycling, roads and parking, planning, council tax, housing, environmental health, reporting potholes, fly-tipping, dog related issues, overgrown hedges and other local authority services.	01934 888 888 www.n-somerset.gov.uk Report or request online: https://n-somerset.gov.uk/do-it-online/report-or-request-services
Safer Stronger North Somerset	Community safety enquiries and safer communities support.	Tel: 01934 426752. For crime or incidents, contact Avon and Somerset Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Health, wellbeing and advice

Service	What they can help with	Contact details
Citizens Advice North Somerset	Free, independent and confidential advice on money, benefits, debt, housing, employment, consumer issues and more.	0808 278 7973 Unit 27, The Sovereign Centre, BS23 1HL https://nscab.org.uk/
North Somerset Council Care Connect	Adult social care and support enquiries.	01275 888801
WERN Village Agents	Advice and support services for independent living, confidential service for age 50+, signposting to professionals, promoting health and wellbeing.	07974 983 042 01278 888 803 Sue.Badger@curo-group.co.uk www.wern.org/village-agents

Locking Parklands residents

Service	What they can help with	Contact details
PREIM	Water supply, drainage, roads and streetlights, trees/hedges, play areas, estate	01178 382210 Helpdesk@preim.co.uk Community@lockingparklands.co.uk



Contact your Councillors

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