

# Looking at Locking

Spring 2026



Welcome to Locking Parish Newsletter

## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR . . .



Welcome to the 'View from the Chair' and this our 'Spring edition of Looking @ Locking'. Many thanks to our editorial team, Dawn, Kelly and everyone who has contributed to the publication of this edition of 'Looking @ Locking'.

The Book Exchange and Community Living Room 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 12pm at the Nurse Thomas Suite, **all** are welcome.

Despite the heavy rain and storms that that we have all encountered over the past few months, the new growth of spring is evident all around us with many displays of daffodils and other spring flowers growing within the Parish. Spring is a time of change with new growth beckoning in the new season, as a Parish we are also facing changes and new challenges.



I would like to welcome Natalie Clapp to the Parish Team. Natalie is our newly appointed Parish Clerk's Assistant and will be supporting Kelly in her new role as Clerk/RFO of Locking Parish Council.

I would also like to welcome Councillor Joe Smith to Locking Parish Council; I am sure Joe will enjoy his time with us.

It is always sad to report that Councillors have left, especially long serving experienced Councillors. We will miss Peter Lacey and Elfan Ap Rees whose work and many contributions over the years have been appreciated by so many in our community.

Our current Clerk, Dawn is due to retire with effect from 31 March 2026. We wish Dawn a happy and well-deserved retirement and a huge thank you for all she has done for our community over the past years.

There are currently ten Locking Parish Councillors, we have five vacancies. If you have time to spare and are interested in representing your community, please contact the clerk for information on how to become a Locking Parish Councillor.

As many of you may know we are facing a number of issues concerning applications to North Somerset Council for new developments in the area south of the Old Banwell Road and at the land off Elm Grove in Locking Village. We are concerned about the impact these new developments might have on our roads with an increase of road traffic, the safety of pedestrians and even flooding in the Parish. To investigate and respond to these applications we have formed a 'Planning Development Working Group'. The Working Group would welcome the assistance of residents who wish to be involved in addressing these important issues which will affect our community.

The Clerk can be contacted on 01934 820786 or email [clerk@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk) if you would like to join the Planning Development Working Group and have your say or for information on how to be a Councillor.

Finally, I was disappointed to see the reappearance of potholes at the entrance to Locking Parklands and on Bowen Road. These have since been repaired.



I would urge residents to report any new potholes to the Community Liaison Team at Locking Parklands via email at [community@lockingparklands.co.uk](mailto:community@lockingparklands.co.uk) or on 07735 129469.

Paul Jones – Chairman

## WELCOME TO CLLR JOE SMITH



Cllr Joe Smith

Hello, my name is Joe Smith, my wife and I live in Locking Village.

My parents lived happily in Locking for more than 25 years, and throughout that time I developed a strong and lasting connection to the village.

Locking has always been an important part of my life, and I am committed to helping enhance the experiences and wellbeing of everyone in our community.

I value the exceptional quality of life here and welcome the opportunity to contribute positively to the village and Locking Parish's future.

## *Help shape Locking's future* **JOIN THE PARISH COUNCIL**



### **Are you looking for a new challenge?**

If you're passionate about where you live and want to make a difference, why not consider joining the Parish Council. We work to support and improve the quality of life for everyone in the parish of Locking

For more information email [admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015  
(Notice under article 15(4), 15(5) or 16 - application for planning permission)**

Proposed development at: Land At Elm Grove Nursery, Off, Elm Grove, Locking

**I give notice that** Gladman Developments Ltd is/are applying to **North Somerset Council** for planning permission for:

**Outline planning application for the erection of up to 117 dwellings (including affordable housing) with public open space, structural planting, landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS), demolition of 20 South Lawn and the creation of emergency access from South Lawn. All matters reserved except for means of access**

You can see the application on our website at [www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk) by using reference 26/P/0349/OUT. Please send your comments to us by 10 April 2026. Most people use our website as this is the most reliable way to send comments to us. Posting letters is less reliable since they take longer to be delivered and processed. If you decide to post a letter it should be sent to: Development Management, Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ quoting reference 26/P/0349/OUT.

Your comments will be posted on our website. You should not submit the personal details of other people. You must not submit any comments which are offensive or which might give rise to legal proceedings against you, for example, if they are racist, sexist, homophobic or defamatory. By sending us your comments you are confirming that you agree to this and that you accept legal responsibility for them.

We are registered with the Information Commissioner's Office for the purposes of processing personal data, which we do in accordance with EU and UK data protection law. For details of how we do this in the planning service please see <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/planningprivacystatement>. If you have any concerns about how your personal data is handled, please contact the Data Protection Officer at [DPO@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:DPO@n-somerset.gov.uk).

In the event that an appeal is made against a decision by the council to refuse to grant planning permission and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure any representations made by the owner or tenant to the council about this application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations. Any owner or tenant wishing to make representations should do so by the date given above.

Date: 18 March 2026

**Matt Lenny**  
Director of Healthy and Sustainable Communities

## A Personal Message from Dawn – Retiring Clerk/RFO



After much consideration, I retired from my role as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer at Locking Parish Council on 31 March 2026. Serving this community has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my life, and it has truly been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated colleagues and residents.

Working for Locking Parish Council has never felt like “just a job”—it has been a privilege, a purpose, and, in many ways, a second home. I have been fortunate to work alongside colleagues who genuinely care about our community, and to serve residents who continually inspire with their dedication and spirit.

I am proud of all we have achieved together - from strengthening financial processes to embracing more digital ways of working. I am especially proud of the community projects we brought to life:

- the thriving Community Living Room and Book Exchange
- the refurbishment of the Nurse Thomas Suite
- the transformation of the Old Banwell Road playing field
- the planting of the Community Orchard and Tiny Forest

These projects reflect the true spirit of Locking—forward-thinking, collaborative, and rooted in community pride.

What I will cherish most, however, are the relationships: the laughter during long meetings, the problem-solving during challenging moments, and the kindness shown every day. These memories will stay with me long after I leave the role.

Thank you—from the bottom of my heart—for your trust, support, and friendship. It has been an honour to serve this community, and I will carry these memories into the next chapter of my life.

With warmest wishes,

*Dawn*

## [A new chapter in the Parish Office](#)



*Kelly (left) and Natalie (right)  
with trees in bloom at Locking Grove*

I'm **Kelly** and I have been the Clerk's Assistant for the past two years, supporting the Council and helping to keep Parish business running smoothly. In April I will be stepping into the role of Clerk and I am looking forward to this new and exciting chapter.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Dawn a happy and peaceful retirement.

I am pleased to welcome Natalie, the new Clerk's Assistant, who started with us in March. She brings with her valuable experience and enthusiasm, and I'm looking forward to working closely with her as we continue to serve the Council and the wider community.

We are in the process of appointing a Parish Orderly Assistant, and I look forward to introducing them in the next edition.

I'm **Natalie** and I joined Locking Parish Council at the start of March as Clerk's Assistant. I was brought up in Weston and continue to live here with my family, so I'm very pleased to be working within the local community.

Previously, I worked with the Grounds Team for another local council, where I gained valuable experience in supporting council services and helping to maintain community spaces. I'm looking forward to bringing that knowledge and experience into my new role and supporting the Council in its work for the parish and its residents.

Outside of work, you're most likely to find me relaxing with a good book or visiting a National Trust property with my family.

I'd also like to say a big thank you to Dawn, Kelly, Paul and everyone I have been able to meet so far for making me feel so welcome since I joined.

## [LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2026](#)

Unless otherwise stated the Full Council meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month and Committees meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, most meetings start at 7.30pm. Meetings are normally held at Locking Parish Hall but occasionally they have been held at The Radio Wing and Oaktree Park Community Hall – location details will be on the meeting Agenda.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend. Please check our notice boards and website [www.lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk) under Agenda & Minutes for further details.

### **Full Council & Committee Meeting dates 2026**

Date	Month	Year	Meeting
2nd	April	2026	Council
16th	April	2026	Assets & Amenities Committee
23rd	April	2026	Annual Parish Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup>	May	2026	Council
21 <sup>st</sup> TBC	May	2026	Assets & Amenities Committee 7pm Finance & Human Resources 8pm
4 <sup>th</sup> TBC	June	2026	Council
18 <sup>th</sup> TBC	June	2026	Council
18 <sup>th</sup> TBC	June	2026	Assets & Amenities Committee 7pm

### **LOCKING ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

#### **LOCKING PARISH HALL**

**Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm**











The Annual Parish Assembly is an opportunity for members of the public to learn what activities the various Organisations in Locking carry out during the year. It is also an opportunity to raise any issues with the Parish Council. Only Parishioners who are registered on the Electoral Roll can vote on any issues. Other members of the public can attend and speak but they cannot vote.



# Locking Parish Council

## COUNCIL BUDGET 2026-2027 What does this mean for you?

### How is your council tax spent?

<p><b>Old Banwell Road Playing Field</b> The Council are responsible for the maintenance of the pitches and the playgym equipment, changing rooms and park &amp; stride car park. We maintain the equipment, undergo regular inspections along with grass cutting, fences, tree, attenuation pond and swale maintenance, also the booking of the pitches</p> 	<p><b>Grenville Avenue Park</b> The Council are responsible for all the play equipment, picnic tables, benches and gym equipment. We inspect, manage and maintain the play and gym equipment, picnic tables, benches, safety surfacing, fencing, grass cutting and tree maintenance.</p> 
<p><b>Locking Parish Hall</b> The Parish Council are responsible for the bookings and maintenance of the hall and car park.</p> 	<p><b>Staff</b> The Council employ 4 members of staff: The Clerk, Clerk's Assistant and Parish Orderly, Parish Orderly Assistant</p> 
<p><b>Allotments</b> The Council are responsible allocation of plots and maintenance for the allotment site at the rear of Byron Road, Locking. Currently there is a waiting list for a plot.</p> 	<p><b>Trees/hedges and flower tubs</b> The Council have responsibility for trees and hedges at The Green and the along the Community Orchard, Tiny Forest, Coronation Garden and the flower planters at Locking Village, some at Flowerdown Park and Oaktree Park.</p> 
<p><b>Litter/Dog Bins</b> The Council employ a Parish Orderly, who collects litter and empties dog bins in the areas we are responsible for, which is currently all litter and dog bins situated within Locking Village.</p> 	<p><b>Street Lights</b> The Council are currently responsible for 22 street lights (LPC pay the electricity and maintenance) and 5 solar street lights in Locking village. The remaining lights come under the responsibility of North Somerset Council.</p> 
<p><b>Councillors</b> The Council employ a Clerk, and one area of responsibility is to ensure councillors operate within the parameters of the law. Your Councillors are all voluntary – only District and County Councillors receive an allowance.</p> 	<p><b>Grass Cutting</b> The council have a 3-year rolling contract for areas we are responsible for including the park and Old Banwell Road Playing Field. Our Parish Orderly cuts the small pockets of land and some of the Public Rights of Way within the parish and North Somerset Council do the rest.</p> 

The Precept is the element of your Council Tax that is paid to Locking Parish Council. Every year, the Parish Council draws up a budget and calculates how much money it needs for the next Financial Year. This is then submitted to North Somerset Council (NSC). NSC co-ordinates the other demands from the Police and themselves and come up with the rate to be paid from 1st April that year.

For the financial year 2026/27, Locking Parish Council have requested a Precept of £164,000.

This will give a Head Line Council Tax figure of £98.61 up by 1.2% (up by £1.18) on last year's Head Line Tax figure of £97.43.

Locking Parish Council must keep a minimum balance of 25% total administration expenses including salaries at all times.

## HALL HIRE

The main hall and Nurse Thomas Suite availability and enquiries can now be made via our website: [www.lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk) to make an appointment.

### Parish Hall



### Nurse Thomas Suite



Facilities Include:	Suitable for the following occasions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Performance stage</li> <li>★ Spot lights &amp; disco ball</li> <li>★ Sound system (<i>blue tooth enabled</i>) and microphone</li> <li>★ Induction loop</li> <li>★ Kitchen (fully equipped)</li> <li>★ Disabled toilet and baby changing facilities</li> <li>★ Wheelchair Access</li> <li>★ WIFI</li> <li>★ Parking</li> <li>★ Access to adjacent play park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Christenings/Blessings</li> <li>❖ Children's parties (<i>with or without a bouncy castle</i>)</li> <li>❖ Weddings/Anniversaries/Wakes</li> <li>❖ Pantomimes and Christmas parties</li> <li>❖ Musical Concerts, band or choir practice</li> <li>❖ School Events</li> <li>❖ Societies/Clubs</li> <li>❖ Training/Corporate events</li> <li>❖ Fitness Groups/Yoga/Karate</li> <li>❖ Dance Classes</li> <li>❖ Baby/Toddler groups</li> </ul>



## Locking Parish Hall – Scale of Hire Charges

Meetings/Charitable Organisations	Parish	Non-Parish	Apply Code at checkout
Adult Rate		£18.37	Apply code: M/CONon-Parish
Youth U14 Rate		£6.82	Apply code: M/CU14Mon-Parish
Adult Rate	£10.12		Apply code: M/CO-Parish
Youth U14 Rate	£4.73		Apply code: M/CO(U14)Parish

Parties/Dances etc.	Parish	Non-Parish	Apply Code at checkout
Adult Rate		£21.90	Apply code: P/D(Adult)Non-Parish
Youth U14 Rate		£14.74	Apply code: P/DU14Non-Parish
Adult Rate	£12.43		Apply code: P/DParish
Youth U14 Rate	£10.12		Apply code: P/DU14

Commercial Organisations	Parish	Non-Parish	Apply code at checkout
Adult Rate		£21.90	Apply code: COnonLP
Adult Rate	£12.43		Apply code: COLP

<b>Nurse Thomas Suite Meeting Room</b>	<b>£8.50 per hour</b>
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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 time you wish to hire the hall from and until.

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)

## Locking Parish Council Small Grant Scheme



Locking Parish Council's annual budget includes a sum of money for grant awards. The **Grant Awards Policy** has been drawn up to demonstrate a fair and transparent process and sets out the procedure the Council will follow when making its decision.

A grant is any payment made by the Council to an organisation for a specific purpose that will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish; and which is not directly controlled or administered by the Council. The Council awards grants, at its discretion, to organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to achieve an objective which will benefit the Parish by:

- Improving recreation/sports
- Enhancing the quality of life
- Providing a service
- Improving the environment

Locking Parish Council will not normally award grants to:

- Private individuals,
- Commercial organisations,
- Purposes for which there is a statutory duty upon other local or central government departments to fund or provide to "upward funders". (i.e. local groups where funding is redistributed by a remote HQ),
- Political parties,
- Religious organisations, unless for a purpose which does not discriminate on grounds of belief.

One application for a grant will normally be considered from an organisation in any one financial year.

The Parish Council will not make ongoing commitments to award grants in future years. A fresh application will be required each year. This will be at the discretion of the council.

Grants will not be made retrospectively.

For further details email [admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk)

# LOCKING COMMUNITY LIVING ROOM AND BOOK EXCHANGE

TUESDAYS 10AM TO 12 NOON

NURSE THOMAS SUITE, LOCKING PARISH HALL



A RELAXED SPACE TO GET  
TOGETHER, CHAT, ENJOY  
FREE HOT DRINKS,  
CAKE & BISCUITS AND USE  
THE BOOK EXCHANGE

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



REPRESENTATIVES FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING, ALLIANCE HOMES AND WERN  
OFTEN ATTEND ON TUESDAYS, KEEP AN EYE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES

## COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR AND BLEED KIT



**The defibrillator** (also known as an Automated External Defibrillator or AED) **and Bleed Kit to stop blood loss are located in secure boxes by the entrance to Locking Parish Hall, BS24 8AR.** What3Words: **retrieves. Packets. host.**

The AED and Bleed Kit are available for use 24/7 to anyone in the vicinity who requires it, meaning that more people benefit from the presence of this device and lives could be saved.

When you dial 999 the Ambulance Call Handler will ask a series of questions and should your patient require it, they will identify the nearest available defibrillator or bleed kit to you and give you access details.

If you'd like to become a Defibrillator Guardian, please contact [admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## SWALES

During the recent periods of heavy rain, the swales at the Old Banwell Road playing fields have effectively slowed and redirected surface water, helping to reduce pooling in the car park, on paths and easing pressure on nearby drains.

These natural drainage features are designed to manage water sustainably, allowing it to soak gradually into the ground. It's encouraging to see them making a positive difference to local flood resilience and overall drainage.



*Swales at Old Banwell Road playing field*

## CAR PARK BOLLARDS

Bollards have been installed around the Old Banwell Road car park to prevent vehicles from encroaching onto the surrounding grass areas and pedestrian paths.



*Car park bollards*



This improvement will help protect our valuable open green spaces from damage, particularly during wet weather when the ground is most vulnerable. It will also support the safety of children and families who use the paths, ensuring vehicles and pedestrians remain safely separated.

## MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREES



*Memorial Christmas Trees*

The memorial Christmas trees have now been planted in Locking village park.

These young trees have been given a permanent home where they can continue to grow and be enjoyed by the whole community.

Thank you to Cllrs Jones, Schofield and Tremlett who planted them.

## DOG BINS

Several of our dog waste bins have been fitted with brand new lids, replacing the old ones that had become rusty and worn over time. These improvements should help keep our public spaces tidier, easier to use, and more pleasant for everyone.

Thank you to our Parish Orderly, Mike, who removed the old fittings and installed the new lids. His hard work helps keep our Parish looking its best.



## PARK SLIDE

Mike has also installed new safety matting beneath the slide in the village park and put down grass seed which we're happy to see beginning to take root and grow.



*New slide matting*



*Without matting*

# A GUIDE TO WALKING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN LOCKING

## Points of interest:

Locking offers a glimpse into a rich past, with several points of interest that weave together tales of loyalty, rebellion, and ancient history.

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The Coach House Pub, once the stable block of the grand Manor House, now offers a modern respite imbued with historical charm.

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The Manor House itself carries a tragic legend: William Plomley, a participant in the Monmouth Rebellion, met his end after his loyal dog betrayed his hiding place. The sorrowful tale continues with his wife's devastating act and the subsequent haunting of the grounds, lending itself to the lore of a 'ghost walk' on the former Manor land. The property briefly passed to William's brother John before falling into the hands of the Merchant Ventures of Bristol.

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The Spinney, or old Coach Road, whispers stories of a private drive connecting the Manor House stables to routes towards Worle and Bristol. St. Augustine's Church, with its 13th-century tower and unique font, stands as a testament to the Locking village's enduring presence.

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Finally, the panoramic view south reveals Elborough Village, Hutton Hill, the Severn Estuary, and Brean Down.

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While the village name itself is believed to derive from the settlement of Locs people, anchoring Locking in a deep historical context.

Public rights of way, a uniquely British concept, originated as vital access routes for those without alternative means of transportation, primarily serving as pedestrian connectors. While some provided access to neighbouring villages, many historically linked communities to the focal point of village life – the church. Ironically, as personal transportation became more readily available, the original purpose of these paths diminished, leading to the loss or realignment of some routes. However, legally, a public right of way can only be extinguished through a formal statutory process.

To achieve public right of way status, a path must either be explicitly dedicated by the landowner or have been enjoyed by the public for a continuous period of twenty years or more without objection from the landowner. Maintenance of these routes is a collaborative effort, shared between landowners, the Public Rights of Way Scheme (PROWS), and dedicated volunteers.

When venturing onto these paths, sensible walking shoes are recommended.

The presence of stiles can unfortunately limit accessibility for wheelchairs and pushchairs.

# **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN LOCKING**

**No.20/1.  
From Byron Road  
To Bury Hill**

Starts at Byron Road and runs mainly south east to corner of Vicarage Wall, then east past south side of Church to the top of The Bury

**No.20/2.  
From Bury Hill  
To Hutton Parish  
Boundary**

Starts at the top of The Bury on the east side and proceeds south east across field to footbridge over rhyne at the Parish Boundary where it continues as Footpath 18/1 to Elborough

**No.20/3.  
From Manor Farm  
To By-pass A371**

Starts at B3368 at Manor Farm and proceeds around the north side of the farm, then north east to the A371, exit near Locking Parklands.

**No.20/4.  
From Manor Farm  
To By-pass A371**

Starts at Footpath 3 at Manor Farm and proceeds north to the A371

**No.20/5  
From Locking Farm  
Cottage  
To By-pass A371**

Starts at B3368 by Locking Farm Cottages and proceeds north along farm road to field gate, then across field to exit gate onto A371

**No.20.6  
From Moor Lane Drove  
To Parish Boundary  
at Railway Line**

Starts at Moor Lane Drove east of Locking Railway Bridge and runs north across field to main Bristol-Exeter Railway line at stile on the Parish Boundary. The footpath continues as 31/19 across the railway in Weston-super-Mare Parish.

**No.20/7  
From Moor Lane Drove  
To Parish Boundary at  
Railway Line**

Starts at field gate half a mile along Moor Lane Drove from main road to WSM and runs north across two field to Stile at main Bristol/Exeter railway line and onto the Parish Boundary. The path continues in Weston-super-Mare Parish as footpath 31/20

**No.20/8  
From Locking Head Drove  
To Locking Moor Drove**

Starts at the end of country road at the corner of Locking Head Drove and it proceeds westerly along the Drove to field gate opposite Locking Head Farm and then northwest across fields to join Moor Lane Drove 20 yards east of Hill Farm

- Public Rights of Way
- BOLT
  - Bridleway
  - Footpath
  - Restricted Byway
  - Land and property Infrastructure
  - Street lighting
  - 10K Vector Map Local



## Locking - Public Rights of Way (PROWs)



Scale: 1:5000  
 Drawn by: Locking Parish Council  
 Date: 04 March 2015  
 Drawn by: [Name]

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## PARKLANDS EDUCATE TOGETHER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Back in December Parklands Educate Together Primary School was proud to receive an Equal Access Trophy for the inclusive way football opportunities for girls are offered across the school.

Well done to all involved.



*1Trophy*

A big THANK YOU to everyone in the community who supported the school at the end of last year in the TESCO Stronger Starts programme.

**Stronger  
Starts**

In partnership with



We are eagerly awaiting to see how many blue tokens were posted in our slot, but we know that we are guaranteed at least £500 to spend on enhancements for the playground!

If you have been sorting your clothes after Christmas, please remember the PSA CLOTHES BANK. This is outside the children's entrance and clean clothes, bags, belts and even soft toys are accepted. All profits go to the Parent Staff Association to provide equipment for the children. Thank you.

Join us for a fun-filled EASTER TRAIL at Parklands Educate Together Primary School on

**Saturday 28 March**

Open to the whole community, this family-friendly event promises lots of Easter fun, refreshments and crafts. All money raised will go towards the PSA to support new school equipment. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for supporting our event!

Parklands Educate Together Primary School PSA Presents:

# EASTER TRAIL

Saturday  
28th March 2026  
11am - 3pm

£3.00  
per entry

Join us for a fun Easter trail,  
starting at Parklands  
Educate Together Primary School.

£3.00 per entry - Every  
completed trail sheet  
wins a prize!

Enjoy refreshments  
and crafts!

All money raised will go  
to the PSA for new school  
equipment.

Get in touch:

[parklandsetpsa@gmail.com](mailto:parklandsetpsa@gmail.com)

Parklands  
Educate Together

PSA 



## LOCKING PRIMARY SCHOOL

While the rain has continued to fall since the start of 2026, the Locking family remains a warm, busy and exciting place to be!

We were delighted to receive a letter from the Education Secretary Bridgette Philipson naming us as one of the top performing schools nationally for disadvantaged pupils in 2024-2025. We are extremely proud of this recognition of our wonderful pupils and hardworking, dedicated staff team.

We continue to be grateful for the generosity and support from our friends at St Augustine's Church. Early next term our Year 5 and 6 classes will have a special visit of our local church as part of a local study in RE. Later in the term, Year 5 have a visit to Wells Cathedral which has been generously subsidised by our friends at St Augustine's. This kindness, generosity and support is building important community links for our children – thank you to St Augustine's!

Our annual Easter Bonnet parade takes place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 2pm throughout village. We would love to see some of our local villagers out in their gardens or the park to support our children and Easter inspired creations!

We are working hard to redevelop our lunch time provision through OPAL play. We are looking for donations to help us! If you are having a spring clean, please consider bringing your unwanted items for us into school.

 Scooters	 Guttering	 Tarpaulin	 Water play toys	 Helmets
 Suitcases	 Action figures	 Buggies for children to ride in	 A greenhouse	 Balance bikes
 Toy cars	 Plastic trucks/diggers	 Buckets	 Spades	 Toy train tracks
 Crates	 PVC pipes	 Planks of wood	 Ground sheets	 Lego
 Pop up tents	 Duplo	 Toy animals/vea creatures	 Herb plants for potion making	 Slide

The word "EASTER" is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. Each letter is contained within a colorful Easter egg shape. The eggs are yellow, green, teal, pink, blue, and orange from left to right. Each egg has a small green stem and a white ribbon tied around its top.

**EASTER**

The title "EASTER BONNET PARADE" is written in large, bold, blue, sans-serif capital letters. The word "EASTER" is on the top line and "BONNET PARADE" is on the bottom line. Two white, fluffy clouds are positioned on either side of the text.


**EASTER  
BONNET PARADE**

**WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2026  
@2PM**

**JOIN US FOR AN EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA  
THROUGH THE VILLAGE**

**The parade will start at Meadow Drive entrance**

Every entry will receive an Easter egg donated by our  
fantastic FOLS team!

A decorative border at the bottom of the poster features several colorful Easter eggs with various patterns (checkered, zigzag, polka dots, stripes) and small flowers in blue, purple, orange, and yellow.

**ROUTE MAP will be shared in early Term 4**



# Weekly timetable

Boogie Beat Yatton, Weston, Taunton and Somerset



## MONDAY

Meadvale  
Mixed age Class  
9:30-10:15  
10:30-11:15

Baby Class  
11:30-12:15

## TUESDAY

Cheddar  
Mixed age Class  
10:15-11:00

Cheddar  
Baby Class  
11:15-12:00

## WEDNESDAY

Locking  
Mixed age class  
9:30-10:15  
10:40-11:25

## THURSDAY

East Brent  
Mixed age Class  
9:30-10:15

East Brent  
Baby Class  
10:45-11:30

## FRIDAY

Congresbury  
Mixed age Class  
9:00-9:45

Uphill  
Mixed age  
11:00-11:45

## WEEKENDS:

Available for birthday parties



## Contact:

Naomi on - 07899677770

email -

naomi.hansford@boogiebeat.

co.uk

## CRAFT CLUB

We are a friendly group 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](mailto:eileen@begent.org)



## PARKLANDS SINGERS

Do you enjoy singing? If so, 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.

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 - 4 March, 1 April, 6 May, 3 June

For more information, contact Christine Hall on 01934 827686 or [chris.rushall@gmail.com](mailto:chris.rushall@gmail.com)

## LOCKING SENIOR CLUB

We are a group of Ladies that meet fortnightly on a Wednesday afternoon, 2-4pm, in the main hall of St. Augustine's Church Centre. We enjoy friendship, with lots of chatting, quizzes and entertainment. If you would like to come along and try us out, you would receive a warm welcome.

Members pay just £3 on the door, which includes refreshments and a raffle ticket. Our next few sessions are:

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
May 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

We look forward to meeting you. For more information, contact Anthea on 01934 820255.



Carlea Theatre Arts provides a wide range of classes that welcome all abilities, from walking through to adults. Pupils from little stars upwards can perform in our regular shows we produce at the Playhouse Theatre. The next one is on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

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. Our current timetable at Locking Parish Hall is as follows:

**Monday:** 10.00-10.45am Little starlets, from walking-preschool.

**Tuesday:** from 6 years upwards  
4.30-5.00pm Body conditioning/flexibility  
5.00-5.45pm Acro

**Wednesday:** 6-11 year olds  
4.30-5.15pm Contemporary dance  
11 years upwards 5.15-6.00pm and  
6.00-6.45pm contemporary dance.

**Saturday:** 2.5 years and upwards.  
9.15-9.45am Little stars ballet  
9.50-10.20am Little stars Tap  
10.25-10.55am Little stars Ballet  
11.00-11.45am Pre Primary ballet  
11.50-12.20pm Pre Primary Tap  
12.30-1.15pm Primary Tap  
1.15-2.00pm Primary Ballet  
2.00-2.30pm Primary Modern



**At The Radio Wing (Locking Parklands):**

**Thursdays:** 5.00-5.45pm Grade 4 Modern  
5.45-6.30pm Grade 3 Ballet  
6.30-7.15pm Grade 3 Tap  
7.20-8.05pm Adult Tap  
8.05-8.50pm Adult Jazz

**Fridays:** From 6 years and upwards:  
4.30-5.15pm Junior Street Dance  
5.15-6.00pm Intermediate street dance  
6.00-6.45pm Senior street dance  
6.45-7.30pm Senior Contemporary Dance

**Saturdays:** 9.30-10.15am Grade 1 Tap  
10.15-11.00am Grade 1 Ballet  
11.00-11.45am Grade 2 Modern  
11.50-12.35pm Grade 2 Tap  
12.35-1.20pm Grade 3 Modern  
1.20-2.05pm Grade 2 Ballet



Full timetable of classes is on our website: [www.carleatheatrearts.co.uk](http://www.carleatheatrearts.co.uk)



## St AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH LOCKING

### News from your Parish Church



Rev Larissa Trust

Dear friends, I'm writing this whilst watching the final episode of *The Traitors* on the edge of my seat! You'll be reading this a couple of weeks into Lent, but if you are missing *The Traitors*, the baddies of Lent and Easter could offer you an alternative fix of lies and deception!

Lent begins with the Devil tempting Jesus in the desert, speaking with a smooth, convincing voice. Likewise, successful *Traitors* are often compelling storytellers who gain the trust of others, manipulating them to enhance their game.

On Palm Sunday elated crowds cheered for Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. The crowds seemed faithful, but when the tide turned against Jesus, they condemned him and banished him. There is a herd mentality around the Round Table, with players often deceived by persuasive voices or voting to protect themselves.

Then there was the flaky player - Pontus Pilate - a cowardly traitor. He knew Jesus was innocent but didn't stick to his plan. He turned against Jesus under the pressure of the crowd's flawed, guilty, illogical preferential treatment of murderer Barabas.

Judas was the secret inside traitor, handing over Jesus, his friend, to their enemies for thirty pieces of silver. *The Traitors* shows how easily people are drawn to lying and betrayal for personal gain, whilst knowing what they are doing is wrong.

Then there was the pain of broken trust. Peter, Jesus's closest friend, deserted and betrayed him when he needed him the most. Peter was intimidated by the pressure; scared and emotionally flooded. When the truth is known, *The Traitors* players are often devastated at wrongly dismissing a faithful contestant.

In contrast to those around him Jesus was and is the ultimate faithful. Jesus overcame temptation and was never disloyal or untruthful. He put his trust in

God rather than "gut feelings". Jesus was not there to win the prize. He was not afraid of being the target for traitors. His gameplan was to offer us faithful friendship.

If you would like to discover more about Jesus and whether he is trustworthy, join us at one of our services this Easter season– we'd love to see you! Stay faithful, Larissa

10am Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Church in the Centre
10am Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday Morning Worship
10am Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday Reflective Service
10am Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday Holy Communion
10am Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning Worship
10am Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Morning Worship <u>in St Mary's Hutton</u>
10am Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Church in the Centre

### 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 Mon & Thurs 10.00am -2.00 pm)

Email: [huttonandlocking@gmail.com](mailto:huttonandlocking@gmail.com)

St Augustine's Locking church website: [www.staugustineslocking.org](http://www.staugustineslocking.org)  
for news, services and activities



## Community Cafe

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
and March 28<sup>th</sup>

10 - 12.30

St Augustine Church  
Centre

A warm welcome to all on what is always a happy morning. So please invite friends, neighbours and family to join us for a "cuppa", children's activities and a sales table for local charity.  
All enquiries to Hazel (tel: 707882)



## Community Lounge St Augustines Church Centre

Every Tuesday afternoon 2-4pm

You are warmly invited to come and meet  
others in the Green Lounge,

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.



## Volunteers Needed COMMUNITY SOUP BOWL

Starting Monday 9 February, we're launching a fortnightly  
Community Soup Bowl at Locking Church Centre.  
This is a community event, open to everyone, especially  
those living alone.

We need volunteers (fortnightly or monthly) to:

- Prepare and serve soup, bread, tea/coffee, and biscuits
- Set up and clear away
- Welcome guests



**Opening times:** 12pm - 2pm

**Cost:** No set charge. Donations welcomed and given to  
local charities/groups chosen by our guests.

If you'd like to help, please contact Sue: 07775 693801.  
Please spread the word to anyone who may enjoy  
coming.



come and join the

**crafty mares**

Mondays 6pm - 8pm

**The Nurse Thomas Suite,  
Locking Parish Hall SS24 8AR**

Please bring your own craft to start with.

The cost is £2 per session  
to include tea/coffee and biscuits.



Did you or anyone you  
know get married at St  
Mary's Church Hutton ?

On 25-28<sup>th</sup> June we will have on  
display in the church pictures,  
stories and artefacts from weddings  
of the past if you would like to  
contribute to this event please  
contact Jackie on 07855 789133 or  
email:

[eventsatstmaryshutton@gmail.com](mailto:eventsatstmaryshutton@gmail.com)



# 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'



## 1<sup>st</sup> Locking and Hutton scout group



A big thank you to all that came out to see the Santa float around the village. With over 100 young people out over the week with their leaders and group supporters and help from Mendip Activity Centre.

Squirrels and beavers have been out in the villages learning about how villages started. And cubs have grown 30 marrows, pumpkins and courgettes in Locking. Trying new food groups to learn how they grow, more to come this year.

Scouts is growing, with new faces to teach and learn new things and activities such as horse riding, climbing, shooting and just being outdoors with friends.

What a year for the scout group, with the group still growing each year and lots planned for the year ahead. If you would like to help or find out about spaces, please contact Gareth Coombes, Group Lead volunteer on 07494772223 or email [Gareth.combe@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Gareth.combe@yahoo.co.uk)



# Helicopter Museum

The new **Weston Aviation Heritage Hangar** will finally open to the public at The Helicopter Museum this Summer after several years of hard work and fundraising by the Museum Staff and Volunteers.



The Exhibition within will complement the current story told in the Weston Aviation Exhibition, housed in the former airfield Pilots Block building in the Museum grounds. It will include the airframes in the museums collection that have historic links to the site, including two Sycamore Helicopters, a Bristol Belvedere Helicopter and a Sedburgh Glider. With the story of aviation in Weston-super-Mare dating back to the Edwardian Era, visitors will be able to enjoy an old fashioned 'Punch and Judy' style introductory video presentation charting over 100 years of local aviation history before they get to explore the exhibits themselves.

The Helicopter Museum is a Registered Charity and is actively looking for new volunteers to join its front of house team and anyone interested should contact the museum on 01934 635227.

Upcoming fundraising events include the Annual Military History Weekend with live music and tank firing demonstrations on 25th & 26th April, and the Annual Dalek Invasion Day on Sunday 14th June.



## Banwell Bowls

Looking for something new this summer – come and try bowls at Banwell



*Bowling Balls*

Banwell bowling green started out as a pond and paper mill. In 1850, the mill had closed and the site was acquired by Weston-super-Mare Waterworks and the spring was tapped for water supply. In the 1920s the pond was drained and infilled to create the bowling green and the Bowling Club was formed in 1933. It is unique in that it is the only L shaped bowling green you will come across.

A lot has changed since then - bowls has become much more relaxed and inclusive. It can be very competitive but is also great fun and very sociable. So come along and give it a try!

The bowls season starts in April and from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** we will have open sessions from 5pm. Everyone is welcome to come and have a go. You just need to wear flat shoes and comfortable clothing – bowls and coaching are supplied and the bar will be open. If you like the game, membership of the club is cheap and simple. For more information, call Wendy (club secretary) on 07774 553145 or visit our website [banwellbowlingclub.co.uk](http://banwellbowlingclub.co.uk)

## Royal British Legion - Hutton, Oldmixon and Locking Branch

First an update on the Poppy Appeal in 2025. Our Branch collected £18,426, whilst Weston super Mare Branch collected £48,874, between us we collected £67,300.

We are urgently looking for a Poppy Appeal Organiser. This organiser does not have to be a member of the Royal British Legion (RBL).

This year we plan to have a: Tombola Evening on Tues 12 May and Ploughmans Supper on Tues 8 Sept. Our Annual General Meeting will be on Tues 10 Nov. All will be in the Village Hall, Hutton, everyone will be welcome.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Branch or becoming our Poppy Appeal Organiser should contact our **Chair, Liz Brown, on 07508 114334 or [158lizbrown@gmail.com](mailto:158lizbrown@gmail.com)**

## [BANWELL GARDEN CLUB](#)

Looking back at 2025, Banwell Gardening Club had an exciting year, particularly helped by the lovely summer. All our meetings had interesting speakers and the last meeting was a social night of 70s / 80s music, with a bar, a quiz, a raffle and lots of dancing.

St. Andrew's Church in Banwell decided on a Christmas theme based on the Chronicles of Narnia. Lyn Ralph (Chair) and a friend, on behalf of the club took on the task of bringing The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe to life ready for the Banwell Primary School Carol Service.



On 23<sup>rd</sup> April our speaker is Les Cloutman - Somerset Butterflies and Day Flying Moths and on 28<sup>th</sup> May Matthew Symonds - Gardening in Small Spaces. Visitors are welcome, cost £3.00 with refreshments included.

Full membership is £10.00. Join on September 1st, enter the Horticultural Show and save money on our monthly meetings. We look forward to seeing you.

### New Mobile Library

The new North Somerset Council Mobile Library vehicle has been delivered, and the team have been working hard to get it stocked with books and ready to go on the road.

The team would like to say a massive heartfelt thank you for bearing with them and continuing to use the interim service. They know it hasn't been the same as being able to climb onboard and browse the shelves for yourself, so they really appreciate your continuing support by using the temporary vehicle.



Switching to an electric vehicle will dramatically reduce the Mobile Library's emissions and fuel costs, helping in our mission to protect the environment and build a green North Somerset.

The Mobile Library is officially out and about on the roads and in the villages of North Somerset, the team would love to welcome you on board and see what you think!

# Your Mobile Library



Visits **Wick St. Lawrence, Kewstoke/Sand Bay, Locking, Hutton, Bleadon and Uphill** fortnightly on **Fridays**:

2026	Friday
February	13, 27
March	13, 27
April	10, 24
May	8, 22
June	5, 19
July	3, 17, 31

H – public holiday = vehicle off road

M – maintenance = vehicle off road

## Stops at:

Wick St. Lawrence	Church	9:35 – 9:55am
Kewstoke/Sand Bay	Village Hall	10:25 – 10:45pm
Locking	Meadow Drive	11:15am – 12pm
Hutton	Holm Road	1:15 – 1:45pm
Bleadon	Parish Council Car park	2:05 – 2:50pm
Uphill	Uphill Way Car Park	3-4pm

Please note that stops and timings may be subject to change during the currency of this timetable.

Occasionally bad weather or breakdown may cause the service to be delayed or withdrawn. If you think you have been affected, please call 01275 888 864 or email [mobile.library@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:mobile.library@n-somerset.gov.uk)

For more information about mobile library services please visit [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/libraries).



North Somerset Libraries



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## Dedicated services for the Armed Forces community

<b>OpCOURAGE</b> Point of access for Veterans and Reservists needing mental health support.	North of England Call 0300 373 3332 or Email <a href="mailto:OpCourageNORTH@cntw.nhs.uk">OpCourageNORTH@cntw.nhs.uk</a>
	The Midlands Call 0300 323 0137 or Email <a href="mailto:mevs.mhm@nhs.net">mevs.mhm@nhs.net</a>
	The East of England Call 0300 034 9991 or Email <a href="mailto:mevs.mhm@nhs.net">mevs.mhm@nhs.net</a>
	London Call 020 3317 6818 or Email <a href="mailto:veteransservice@candi.nhs.uk">veteransservice@candi.nhs.uk</a>
	South East England Call 0300 365 2000 (opt 4) or Email <a href="mailto:gateway@berkshire.nhs.uk">gateway@berkshire.nhs.uk</a>
	South West England Call 0300 034 9986 or Email <a href="mailto:mevs.mhm@nhs.net">mevs.mhm@nhs.net</a>
<b>OpRESTORE</b> For Veterans who have a Service related physical condition that needs treatment.	GP Referral Only <a href="mailto:imperial.oprestore@nhs.net">imperial.oprestore@nhs.net</a>
<b>OpNOVA</b> Support for Veterans in contact with the Justice system	Tel: 0800 917 7299 <a href="mailto:opnova@forcesemployment.org.uk">opnova@forcesemployment.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.forcesemployment.org.uk/opnova">www.forcesemployment.org.uk/opnova</a>
<b>OpCOMMUNITY</b> Support for the Armed Forces community as a whole.	Tel: 01273 403693 <a href="mailto:afn.admin@nhs.net">afn.admin@nhs.net</a> <a href="http://www.armedforcesnetwork.org/armed-forces-community/families/single-point-of-contact/">www.armedforcesnetwork.org/armed-forces-community/families/single-point-of-contact/</a>
<b>OpSTERLING</b> Support for older LGBT+ veterans, service personnel and their families	Online form for requesting support <a href="https://www.fightingwithpride.org.uk/contact-fwp-for-age-uk-referral-support/">https://www.fightingwithpride.org.uk/contact-fwp-for-age-uk-referral-support/</a>
<b>OpFORTITUDE</b> A referral pathway into veteran supported housing	0800 952 0774 Online referrals via <a href="https://riv.org.uk/opfortitude">https://riv.org.uk/opfortitude</a>
<b>OpPROSPER</b> Employment help or advice for veterans	0121 262 3058 <a href="https://www.forcesemployment.org.uk/programmes/op-prosper/">https://www.forcesemployment.org.uk/programmes/op-prosper/</a>



## **Avon and Somerset Police** **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

# Talk to us

### **Join your Neighbourhood Policing Team at**

Drop in and speak to PCSO Steve Hemmett, 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 12:00PM **Tuesdays**

**Date** 17/3/26 14/4/26 17/03/26 14/04/26





12/05/26 9/06/26 07/07/26 4/08/26

01/09/26 26/10/26 24/11/26 22/12/26

**Location:** Locking Village Hall, Grenville Ave,  
Locking, Weston-Super-Mare BS24 8AR.

For more information please visit:

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area)

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**Don't turn your home into a gold mine. Burglars are targeting households for gold, jewellery, cash and even stealing whole safes.**



- Keep high-value gold, jewellery and currency with your bank or a specialist secure storage company,
- If kept at home, ensure high-value items are stored in a suitable safe supplied and fitted by a company approved by the Master Locksmiths Association,
- Ensure your home is secure by locking doors and windows, installing an alarm, CCTV, security and a smart doorbell,
- Keep photographs and a description of items of sentimental value,
- Be wary of unexpected callers and if you're suspicious, tell the police by calling 101,
- Take care with what you share on social media, some posts may unintentionally reveal that your house may be empty,
- Register valuables on [www.imobilise.com](http://www.imobilise.com) so that if we recover your property, we can return it to you.

Further crime prevention advice can be found on the Avon and Somerset Police website by visiting: [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/)

To report information to Avon and Somerset Police directly, you can:

- Call 101
- Report [online](#) via the relevant web form
- Visit your local police enquiry office

To find out more about your local neighbourhood policing team and their priority areas, visit this webpage: [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/)

# **DOORSTEP CALLERS**

## **Crime prevention advice**

- Never open the door to an unexpected caller until you've checked their identification – use a door chain or viewer, intercom, or a 'smart' doorbell. Genuine callers expect it.
- Lock sheds / garages and any outbuildings, securing ladders, bikes, and any other property.
- If you're not sure, don't open the door.
- Consider outdoor lighting / CCTV / Doorbell Cameras.
- If asked for water, consider turning off the supply to any outside taps.
- Never agree to have work done or part with money on your doorstep and ideally get written quotes from at least two traders for any work. Always agree a start and finish date and agree a price before any work starts on your home.
- If you are suspicious of a caller, tell us straight away – ring 999 if you feel threatened or intimidated, otherwise call 101.
- Store any high value items such as jewellery, passports, and cash in a properly secured and hidden safe or bank vault, away from doors, letterboxes & cat flaps.
- Keep windows and doors secured if you're not in the room and never keep large sums of money in the house.
- If you see someone calling door-to-door, but only on frail or elderly neighbours, call 999 straight away.
- Ask a trusted neighbour to help you deal with unexpected callers.
- Look out for vulnerable and elderly neighbours and make sure they know what to do when they receive an unexpected caller.
- Join Neighbourhood Watch.

If you think you've been deceived, are concerned about a trader, or have any doubts call 101 or Citizens Advice consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133 or [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

# What is a Village Agent?

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.**

Your local Village Agent is **Sue Badger** 07974 983042 or [sue.badger@curo-group.co.uk](mailto:sue.badger@curo-group.co.uk)



# CONSULTATION: EXPANSION OF THE WEST OF ENGLAND COMBINED AUTHORITY

**We want to hear your views on the expansion of WECA to include North Somerset.**

For further information and to fill in the questionnaire, please scan the QR code on this poster to visit the website. Alternatively, you can pick up a leaflet which includes the questionnaire, from the counter. You can fill in and return this paper response for free using **"Freepost: West of England Combined Authority"** on the envelope.

If you require any information in an alternative language or format, please call 0117 428 6210 and leave a message with your requirements and your contact information. Please note, this is a voicemail box only and cannot be used for questionnaire responses to the consultation.



**Freepost:**  
West of England Combined Authority



**WEST** | MAYORAL  
OF ENGLAND | COMBINED  
AUTHORITY

The consultation is open until Friday 10 April 2026

# Locking Parish Council

## Children's play area



**No dogs allowed**

Polite reminder that there are no dogs allowed in Locking Village Park. There is a Public Space Protection Order on the park and it carries a £75 Fixed Penalty Fine.

Locking Allotments: For dog owners walking through the Allotments, please keep your dog on a lead at all times and also please keep them out of the water troughs

## REPORTING ANY INCIDENTS YOU WITNESS

### North Somerset Council

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/connect](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/connect) or 01275 888 802

- Dog Fouling
- Missing or stray dogs
- A dog attacking another dog

### RSPCA

[www.rspca.org.uk](http://www.rspca.org.uk) or 0300 1234 999

- Cruelty to an animal

### Avon and Somerset Police

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk) or 101 – 999 if an emergency

- A dog attacking a person or assistance dog
- A dog dangerously out of control
- A dog on a main road or motorway



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### Services I offer:

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- Pre-habilitation and Rehabilitation
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### Contact:

#### Email:

[fourpawsphysiotherapy@gmail.com](mailto:fourpawsphysiotherapy@gmail.com)

### Website:

<https://www.fourpawsphysio.co.uk/>



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# LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL

## ADVERTISE WITH US

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portrait/  
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For further information email: [admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## REPORTING ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?	WHO DEALS WITH IT?	CONTACT DETAILS
Fly tipping; flooding; pot holes; street lighting (other than the 26 pc-owned lamps); missed recycling; dog fouling, overgrown hedges	<b>NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL</b>	<a href="http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk">www.n-somerset.gov.uk</a> 01934 888 888
Anti-social behaviour, cold calling; scam; parking issues; speeding	<b>POLICE</b>	101 <i>999 (IN AN EMERGENCY)</i>
Locking Parklands Residents can also contact Preim Ltd for any of the following: fly tipping; flooding; potholes; overgrown hedges causing obstruction	<b>PREIM Ltd</b>	Regional Customer Support Team <a href="mailto:helpdesk@Preim.co.uk">helpdesk@Preim.co.uk</a> 24/7 Helpline: 01778 382210
Locking Village: 26 PC owned street lights, dog & litter bins, street furniture, parish hall, park allotments	<b>LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<a href="mailto:admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk">admin@lockingparishcouncil.gov.uk</a> 01934 820786



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