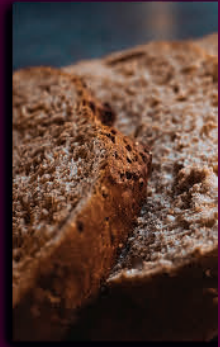


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# SOMERTON NEWS 2020

## Editors' Notes

Once again, we bring you Somerton News - the biennial booklet aiming to list the clubs, societies and organisations which may be of interest to residents and visitors to our lovely town - one of the very best small towns in the area. We have brought forward the production date this year, in order to be more evenly spaced with the Directory of Members from the Somerton Business & Trade Association.

So many people in our town give so much of their time and energy to help others and help the whole community and in this booklet, you will find a list of many of the groups that help to contribute to making Somerton such a great place to live. The people whose names you will find listed are just a few of the unsung heroes in our ancient hilltop town - but there are many others organising Christmas lights, litter picking, stapling, folding and delivering Viaduct, our monthly newsletter, putting up bunting and organising many other events, film shows etc etc.

Details published in Somerton News do change from time to time, but in Viaduct you will find monthly updates. If you or your organisation have any changes, please telephone the Town Clerk tel: 272236 or email [viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:viaduct@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk) and a notification or correction can easily be made in the next issue. Also in Viaduct, you will find a list of the regular weekly activities which take place in and around town from Archies Xtra to Zumba

Our special thanks, in particular, go to all the many people, organisations and companies in the town who have supported Somerton News through articles, advertisements and advice behind the scenes.

Mo Fletcher & Martyn Smith  
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Cover image: Artist's impression of the new Somerton primary school

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# County Councillor's Report

County Councillor for Somerton Dean Ruddle:

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As your elected representative for Somerton and the surrounding villages on Somerset County Council, I will try to help everyone in my area within the very difficult times we currently face.

In endeavouring to maintain current spending on education and welfare, we have focused on eliminating waste and bringing about efficiency savings. Unfortunately, due to government cuts in funding to local authorities, the County Council has had very little choice but to increase council tax to maintain much needed public services. We continue to lobby government for more rural funding. We have also been trying to reduce our debt liability. However, once again I have been a party to some very difficult decisions especially in respect of necessary but unfortunate cuts to public services.

The library services within Somerset have been reviewed and Somerset County Council said they needed to make savings of up to £500,000 from this service. Subsequently, some libraries were closed and some turned into trusts, Somerton being one of them. I am pleased to say that the library building was gifted to Somerton Town Council, who lease it to the Somerton Library Trust for a peppercorn rent.

I have secured funding for highway safety improvement schemes within Somerton and the surrounding areas. Hopefully, the West Street one-way scheme will get the go ahead in April 2020. Residents have been requesting this for a number of years.

Many people have requested that we alter the narrowing on Behind Berry, but unfortunately not everybody has the same view of what is best, but pedestrian safety is high on the list of priorities, and we are at present looking into what improvements could be done to make traffic flow more easily along this stretch of road.

Working in partnership with the town council, SCC has put a temporary road closure scheme together to try and resolve the highway safety concerns on Russet Road.

I am pleased to see the work has started on the new single-site primary school for Somerton. The school was originally planned to open in September 2020 but due to significant archaeological finds, the completion of the school will unfortunately most likely be delayed until spring 2021.

Thanks again for your support and if I can help in any way, do get in touch!

## **District Councillor's report**

District Councillor: Tim Kerley

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Following my election in May 2019 to both South Somerset District Council and Somerton Town Council, I have had the honour of representing the people of Somerton and Compton Dundon. The last few months have been a whirlwind of activity, with much to learn about my new roles. In addition to my two councillor roles, I have several other outside appointments including as a director at Huish Leisure as well as serving on several other committees. I continue in my role as Constituency Secretary for Somerton and Frome Liberal Democrats.

South Somerset District Council is unusual in that it has area planning committees, which means that new councillors find themselves having to get up to speed rapidly on this complex subject. This allows local councillors to really have an input into what is built in their communities and is a brilliantly responsive system, somewhat comprised by central government policies and SSDC's lack of a five year land supply. Working with my co-councillor Dean Ruddle, we have had some success in ensuring new roads in Somerton are fit for purpose and will continue to fight for better infrastructure for our ward. A strategic vision is needed for Somerton, rather than the mixture of developments to date and work is continuing both at town and district level to achieve this.

Perhaps the most pressing issue of our time is our environment. SSDC has recently declared a climate emergency and has engaged with many community and national groups in formulating these new policies. As a board member at Somerset Waste Partnership, I feel a deep responsibility in these matters and have been delighted to find that we are at the forefront of both recycling best practice and new technologies. As an ex-teacher of history, I also feel a deep affinity to our historic environment.

So far, it has been a busy but rewarding year. However, I fear that after the recent general election, the new government is unlikely to put the vulnerable at the top of the agenda, so it will fall to us locally to try and cushion the worst blows. It will be necessary for communities to come together for mutual support and I'm sure Somerton and Compton Dundon will rise to that challenge.

# District Councillor's Report

District Councillor: Dean Ruddle:

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I am pleased to be able to represent you in SSDC Wessex ward, which comprises Somerton and Compton Dundon. Because I am also a councillor on Somerset County Council, I have been able to bring together officers from the two authorities for the benefit of residents within my area.

South Somerset District Council has been through significant changes due to funding cuts from central government. This has resulted in different ways of working which has created many challenges, not all for the good. I enjoy attending meetings in the parishes around the ward to keep me up to date on the problems and challenges we all face in these difficult economic times.

Planning permission has been given for a significant number of new houses in Somerton. It is becoming increasingly difficult to challenge decisions because SSDC does not currently have a 5 year land supply and there is constant pressure from central government for more houses. However, there are still policies that can be used to try to limit massive developments. This creates real issues for councillors when looking at planning applications and there is a fine balance when supporting or not supporting larger developments within our local area. These include local housing need, sustainability and infrastructure issues. Some of those issues can be dealt with by conditions and legal agreements called 106 agreements which will include a balance of affordable houses for local residents, financial provisions such as payments towards schools and leisure facilities and road safety schemes.

SSDC also have a system in place which allows for a decision to be taken away from the local Area North Planning Committee and take it to a regulation committee in Yeovil. This generally happens when the local committee decides to go against recommendation of approval and is designed to try to avoid developers taking cases to appeal, which uses more of the council's scarce money resources.

On a happier note, through these 106 financial agreements, I have helped secure considerable funding to support Somerton Recreation Ground and the new school along with very generous grants from other sources.

I believe working together with the community is the best way of working. Everything I try to do as a councillor is about what's good for Somerton and the rest of the area I represent and I will continue to work with local people to try and help them achieve what they would like to see.



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## Accessibility & Highways Committee

Chairman: Fiona Richardson email: fiona.richardson@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Vice Chair: Brian Raybould email: brian.raybould@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

The Committee has a remit to

“ensure the easy, safe movement of each Somerton resident and visitor to the town every day.”

### COMPLETED PROJECTS

**Car Parks.** Three metal tree guards were erected around the trees in Cox’s Yard car park to protect the young trees planted there.

**Horsemill Lane.** For safety reasons and to prevent parking on the verge, twelve markers were put in place adjacent to the five wooden planters

**Behind Berry.** A priority traffic system was put in place to slow the traffic and for safer pedestrian use on this stretch of road past the cemetery.

**Dog Poo Bins/Refuse Bins.** There are 37 dog poo bins in and around Somerton. There are also black bins which can be used for dog poo if it is double bagged. Problem areas around Somerton are monitored by our volunteer Dog Warden to whom we offer our great thanks.

**Litter.** The Annual Litter Pick took place on 13/14<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The 2-Minute Litter Pick volunteers completed the main event. Over the two days 52 black bags plus large amounts of fly tip waste was collected. These bags and other rubbish were collected by SSDC to be sorted, recycled or destroyed. The 2-Minute Litter Pick team have placed an A-board close to the Parish Rooms where hand litter pick poles and black bags are provided for public use.

**Somerton in Bloom.** Heavy duty hanging brackets were attached to numerous buildings and properties in town. Large flowering baskets were hung for our Summer Floral Display.

**West Street.** The main drains in West Street were jetted and a camera used to check the pipes. and two broken pipes were found. Replacement work was done to alleviate the problem

**Church/Parish Rooms Cobbled Area.** Contractors were employed to remove and replace the cobbled Yorkshire stone setts using the original stones outside the Parish Rooms and Church.

The remaining rectification list of residual work has yet to be completed.

**Russet Road ETO.** An Experimental Traffic Order (ETO) was ordered by SCC on request from STC to close Russet Road at Bancombe Road. Diversion signs were put in place along with two large wooden planters across the road. County Highways will monitor the existing ETO.

**Half Moon Car Park.** The car park had drainage problems, this was resolved prior to a full resurfacing and white lining of bays. After consultation with residents and business owners further twelve-hour parking bays were installed.

### PROJECTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

The paving area outside Stationery House in the Market Square is to be re-laid and refurbished in the same style as the paving around the War Memorial and Buttercross. The large cherry tree will have a similar treatment as the Maidenhair tree in the Market Square car park.

The hedge along the Brunel Walk, that runs the full length of the path will be extensively cut back to maintain hedge growth and for safe pedestrian right of way.

New Signage will go up in all our Car Park areas with upgraded graphics and information.

### ONGOING ISSUES

We have a few issues with overgrown foliage due to growth spurts through the year. Residents hedges and shrubs often hang or grow over the footpaths and public rights of way.

The “Community Pay Back Team” come to Somerton on a regular basis. They complete various tasks in and around the town including clearing of footpaths, brushing, weeding & painting

Our Committee meetings are open to all, please see Viaduct for details. These meetings are held every other month on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Edgar Hall. You are most welcome to attend and will be given the opportunity to speak and ask questions during public questions in relation to items on the evening’s agenda and we welcome suggestions to improve our community and facilities.

# Land & Properties Committee

Chairman: Martyn Smith tel: 273058 email: martyn.smith@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Vice Chair: Cliff Bassett email: cliff.bassett@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

The committee has a remit to:

*'Ensure the Town Council owned land and property is improved, maintained and always made available for the benefit of the residents of Somerton'.*

The Committee includes the following areas within its areas of responsibilities:

- Edgar Hall offices and meeting and function rooms at Cary Court
- Cemetery
- Public toilets at Cox's Yard
- Recreation Areas (Etsome Terrace/Gassons Lane/Sutton Road/Parklands Way)
- Land at Horse Mill Lane
- The Buttercross.
- The buildings and structures on the Recreation Ground (in conjunction with RGT)

## Edgar Hall:

Edgar Hall is going from strength to strength. Bookings are increasing and as a venture, it is now showing a positive contribution to the council's finances. The Friends of Edgar Hall has contributed half of the cost of the new "Wedding Gazebo" which will hopefully attract more weekend functions.

Research is currently being undertaken for a refurbishment of the bar and main hall areas to take place early in 2020

We are also looking at methods to increase car parking, which is often almost full to capacity.

## Cemetery:

The standard of maintenance at the cemetery remains high and we receive many compliments. However, the space remaining is becoming limited, so in the next year, one of the tasks will be to consider possibilities for a new cemetery and a sum of money has been put aside in our budget for such research

## Recreation Areas

The entire Gassons Lane Recreation Ground has now been handed over to the Recreation Ground Trust (information can be found under "Sports"). However, the play facilities are still the responsibility of the L&P committee. These facilities are regularly inspected by STC volunteers and quarterly by the District Council. Replacement/refurbishment is ongoing. A review of the skate park has taken place and some changes will be coming soon, hopefully to include a "half-pipe" which many have requested following a user survey.

The other outlying play areas are also regularly inspected.

## Public toilets

We are very fortunate to have retained our public toilets and whilst it is at a cost to the council, it is felt that if we are to attract visitors and shoppers, this sort of facility is essential.

Our committee meetings are open to you all. They are held four or five times a year usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Edgar Hall - see Viaduct for details. You are most welcome to join us and will be given the opportunity to speak during public question time in order to ask questions, make comments and suggestions to improve our community and its facilities.

# Planning Committee

Chairman: Brian Dobson tel: 272502 email: brian.dobson@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Vice Chair: Steve Boarder email: steve.boarder@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk

The Planning Committee established in 2015 is a busy committee, meeting fortnightly as planning applications dictate. At the elections in May 2019 we have seen two stalwarts and former chairmen of the Planning Committee leave the council. It would be remiss of me not to take this opportunity to thank Tim Bown and David Harrison for their dedicated work over the years in this increasingly complex committee.

I am ably supported by a dedicated team who take their role seriously, studying all aspects of the applications that come before us and determining whether or not to support an application, based on central government planning criteria. The sheer number of applications seems to have increased and each one takes time to study and research. In planning matters, Somerton Town Council is a consultee - it is not responsible for planning decisions. However as the planning authority, SSDC must consider the Town Council's views. The Planning Committee confines its attention to "planning issues" only. It certainly helps to have the meetings held in public and allocate time to hear from the applicant and members of the public who may object to the application. When we decide to support or not support a particular application, public objections put forward, either verbally at the planning meeting or by email/post are forwarded to the planning department within SSDC.

The last 18 months has seen Somerton grow in accordance with the SSDC Local Plan, with the on-going Bovis and Wilson developments and this is set to continue with the development of the Etsome terrace site (former Atkins yard), the new school in Northfield and the proposed Fairfax development off Bancombe Rd. Clearly, each of these brings its own challenges, particularly with regard to traffic management and pedestrian access. We are aware of the need for the whole community to have an input on planning matters, but at the same time the Council it must represent the interests of the whole community including younger people who sadly usually do not play a great part in meetings. The Committee has spent and continues to spend time with individuals with planning issues and also engage with concerned residents. Our aim is to try to separate what is practical from what some might think ideal and identify where objections are not planning issues.

The Terms of Reference for the Planning Councillors are:

- To present to councillors planning applications requiring decisions.
- To visit sites and liaise with interested parties (applicants and objectors) for significant applications.
- To provide support and training to all councillors on current and new planning legislation;
- To liaise with the relevant planning authority (usually SSDC) when required to do so.
- To manage the "Community Infrastructure Levy" payments priorities with the relevant SSDC officers and coordinating the STC priorities for this funding.

Finally a reminder that Planning Meetings are open to all and there is the opportunity to speak during public question time in order to ask questions and make comments or suggestions.

## **Promotion & Communication Committee**

Vice Chair: Sheila Taylor email: [sheila.taylor@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:sheila.taylor@somertontowncouncil.gov.uk)

The Promotion & Communication Committee was established in 2015. Its remit is to encourage and facilitate communication in the town, both between the council and the community and within the town as a whole. It is also charged with encouraging visitors to the town, both as shoppers and tourists.

Following on from Martyn's chairmanship, I'd like to personally thank him for his continued support on the P&C committee and the various initiatives he has helped to launch. A successful council information evening was put on before the council elections in May 2019 to promote STC to people interested in becoming councillors. This was well attended and informative, and the elections saw 16 people standing for 15 vacancies.

The committee is currently working to bring two electronic noticeboards to the town, to act as information points for local people and visitors. Currently, we're going through the planning process and we hope to see them in the town very soon – one by the Parish Rooms, and one in Cox's Yard.

P&C is also working to bring the Somerton Town Council website up to date, and has formed a media working party who will oversee the communication through social media, including Facebook.

We are hugely grateful to all the volunteers who work tirelessly to edit, construct, and deliver the Viaduct, which is produced monthly. We must thank Mo & Neal, for their editing skills, and the 'staple and fold' team who work hard for the operation, along with the delivery team who distribute to over 2000 homes. Also a special thanks to Mo and Martyn for, once again, organising the production of this issue of Somerton News

We also are very grateful to Love Somerton who put on community events for the whole town to enjoy, and which P&C fully supports.

Another event supported by P&C is the annual fireworks display, organised by the Recreation Ground Trust, which has proved incredibly popular, and it is booked again for 2020!

Our meetings are held tri-monthly at Edgar Hall and details are in Viaduct. It is customary for the chair to suspend "Standing Orders" and people attending the meetings are encouraged to contribute to the discussions about the items on the agenda.

Out going chair: Laura Briggs

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Ageing Well is managed by local independent charity, Age UK Somerset, dedicated to improving the health and well-being of older adults. It runs a variety of classes, activities and events in Somerton including falls-prevention sessions and classes designed to improve general fitness, flexibility, strength and balance. Most classes are held at Somerton Parish Rooms and are run on a “pay as you go” basis. There is no need to book. The falls prevention sessions, “Stay Strong Stay Steady”, are an evidence-based programme run in conjunction with SCC and participants will need to fill in a simple questionnaire to check that the class is right for them. For information on all classes visit [www.ageuksomerset.org.uk](http://www.ageuksomerset.org.uk) Call Michelle Purnell about falls prevention classes and Julie Bolton for other classes as above



### Central Somerset Outdoor Learning Partnership

Contact: Deb Millar mob: 07597 806 828 email: [deb@wilderwoods.org](mailto:deb@wilderwoods.org)

Hallr Wood, Charlton Mackrell is a small educational woodland project offering forest school, woodland conservation, rural crafts and other creative events. We have an annual Open Day, regular volunteer days, a monthly family group for parents/carers and young children and holiday playschemes. We also offer a community growing/ well being group at nearby Baltonsborough, partly aimed at young adults with additional needs. Volunteers for both projects are always needed. For more info see [www.wilderwoods.org](http://www.wilderwoods.org) or contact Deb.



### Citizens' Advice

Website: [www.citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvicesouthsomerset.org.uk)  
National advice line: 03444 111 444

Citizens Advice South Somerset is a local advice charity operating out of the main towns in the area. We offer drop-in advice at the Somerton outreach service on Tuesday mornings from 10.00am until 12 noon in Somerton Library. No appointment is necessary. We also offer access to advice by email, phone or Whatsapp and full details are on our website.

### Fevin Nature Reserve Burial Ground Westcombe

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At the top of Westcombe Hill lies a little oasis of calm - the Fevin Nature Reserve Burial Ground. Our small group of volunteers continues to be busy working to enhance the wildlife habitat and provide an environmentally harmonious alternative to conventional burial. More trees have been planted and some left to regenerate themselves. We have also started planting a traditional cider orchard - a historically important habitat that has been disappearing over recent years. Interest in the burial field continues to grow with the number of interments now around 130. We have several benches around the site and we are often told by bereaved relatives that to sit and contemplate, taking in the view of Glastonbury Tor or listening to the birds and insects provides comfort and a sense of peace. For info about the reserve or burials see [www.woodlandburials.org](http://www.woodlandburials.org)



## **Kirkham Street Field Community Trust**

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The trust gained charity status in Oct 2019 and has as its object to acquire Kirkham Street Field as a community green space for the people of Somerton and then to develop and manage it as a park for the public. The field is owned by Somerset County Council and the trust has an agreement with them that the field will not be put up for sale to anyone else provided that by the end of October 2020 the trust can raise £750,000 to buy it. The County Council would then transfer ownership of the field to the trust for a green space for the people of Somerton. The trust is now fund raising in earnest to achieve its objective.

See our website [www.kirkhamstreetfield.org.uk](http://www.kirkhamstreetfield.org.uk) to find out how you can donate.



## **Marmaduke Cradock Trust**

Chairman: Nancy Schooling tel: 273859  
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The Marmaduke Cradock Trust was founded in 1978 to acquire a picture by Marmaduke Cradock who was born in Somerton and became a well-known artist in London in the early 18th century. The picture is now displayed in the Parish Rooms. The Trust has also acquired a number of other items relating to Somerton's past and there is a permanent display in the Pinney Room which may be visited by prior arrangement.

In 2020 the Marmaduke Cradock Trust will be reminding people of events during World War II. You can get a window sticker of a Silent Soldier for your house from the library. We are collecting stories, photographs and other information about people who served and about their lives after 1945. Anyone living here in 2020 can contribute, regardless of where their family lived in 1939-45.

Several books about Somerton's past have been produced and these are available at the library.



## **Mind**

Contact: David Fields tel: 01935 474875  
email: david.fields@southsomersetmind.co.uk  
Website [www.mindinsomerset.org.uk](http://www.mindinsomerset.org.uk)

Mind in Somerset is here for you. We aim to promote good mental health and well-being across all age groups, encourage greater understanding of mental health issues and provide high standards of care. We provide one to one support, group sessions and training courses to help people better manage their lives and activities in local communities.

We have also launched a campaign for better mental health and well-being in the workplace. We are affiliated to national Mind but we receive no funding from them to support our services. You can access our services and support by phoning us and/or filling in a self-referral form.

For more info including courses and ways in which you can fundraise for us see the website.

Mindline: 8.00pm – 11.00pm daily except Monday and Thursday 01823 276892



**BritishRedCross**

## **Red Cross Langport & District Centre**

Leader: Chris Cox tel: 273085

email: [cox.cj@btinternet.com](mailto:cox.cj@btinternet.com)

Taunton Headquarters 01823 273700

Our Centre in Langport's Parrett Close Car Park is a much appreciated meeting place for companionship, refreshments, and the sale of donated items. We open 10 to 12-ish daily except Sundays and Bank Holidays. We welcome new volunteers to help at our openings, to train in First Aid, or for fund raising, especially door-to-door during Red Cross Week in early May. Charity Theatre Trips to Bristol Hippodrome help fund our Langport Centre. Contact Chris or see [www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk](http://www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk) for details

We regret that we can no longer provide first aid cover locally or provide certificated first aid training at Langport, but the Commercial Training section offers training in Taunton.

Contact Taunton Headquarters for short term loan of mobility aids, oncology hospital transport, and support for people on discharge from hospital.



## **RSPCA Southeast Somerset Branch**

Contact: Maggie Baker mob: 07885 295 208

email: [southeastssomerset.rspca@gmail.com](mailto:southeastssomerset.rspca@gmail.com)

National Cruelty Helpline: 0300 1234 999

We offer people within our branch area who are on low incomes (identified by being in receipt of Universal Credit) help with veterinary assistance. We can support towards a consultation with your vet, neutering and emergency care. For help in an emergency or with treatment, we must be notified of the need for financial help within 48 hours, otherwise we cannot help. Contact your vet initially or phone our Branch Welfare Advice Line 07971 175 491 for more information. Come and visit us in our shop at Unit 1 Half Moon, West Street, Somerton tel: 273129



## **Scott Gould House**

Clerk to the Trustees: Mrs Valerie Sangwine tel: 272049

email: [valsangwine@hotmail.com](mailto:valsangwine@hotmail.com)

Scott Gould House is a charitable trust for ladies, which is managed by a board of trustees. The building which is Grade II listed is situated on the corner of North Street and New Street and was originally known as "The New Street Homes". It was founded and endowed by Mrs Sophia Scott Gould of North Curry in July 1865. After a major restoration in 1981 the house now consists of six flats (three on the ground floor and three on the first floor) each with sitting room, kitchen, bedroom and bathroom, overlooking a small courtyard garden. Vacancies are advertised locally when they occur.



## Sir Edward Hext Almshouses

Clerk to the Trustees: Paula Fletcher, 22 Pinewood Drive  
email: [hextalmshouses@gmail.com](mailto:hextalmshouses@gmail.com)

The Sir Edward Hext Almshouses are situated in West Street and were built by Sir Edward and Lady Dionis Hext in 1626. A Charitable Trust was established by a scheme dated 22 May 1883, which (subsequently revised) is used as the basis for the regulation of the charity. Over the years the buildings have been modernised and in 1983 the Trust built three new dwellings to the rear of the existing almshouses, making a total of seven dwellings with a small communal garden. Historically the almshouses were intended for needy single men within the ancient parishes of Somerton, Langport and High Ham. Today, the trustees welcome enquiries from single or married men or women over the age of 55 with a housing need who live in or have a close connection with one of the three parishes. The trust does not keep a waiting list but publishes notices within each parish in the event of a vacancy.



## Somerset Wildlife Trust Heart of the Levels Group

Contact: Roger Dickey tel: 273753  
email: [roger.dickey52@gmail.com](mailto:roger.dickey52@gmail.com)

The Heart of the Levels Group exists to bring nature closer to the residents of Somerton and Langport and surrounding parishes. As a regional branch of Somerset Wildlife Trust, we will, through talks and walks, show you the diversity of wildlife that not only exists in our surrounding woods and fields (and sometimes in your garden) but in Somerset's nature reserves and abroad. Our talks, given by very experienced speakers from the world of nature and conservation, are held in the Parish Rooms in the centre of Somerton. They begin at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month and there is always a chance to grill our speakers after the talk and over a cup of tea or coffee. Donations and entrance fees (£3 for SWT members, £4 for non-members) go direct to the Trust and help with the maintenance of their nature reserves for which we are always looking for volunteers.

Further information at [www.somersetwildlife.org](http://www.somersetwildlife.org) and Heart of the Levels Group Facebook page



## Somerton & District Branch of Guide Dogs

Branch Organiser: Liz Roddie tel: 272675  
email: [joseph.rodzie@btinternet.com](mailto:joseph.rodzie@btinternet.com)

Our aim as a branch of Guide Dogs is to help the public have a better understanding of both the work of the association and the role of a guide dog helping someone with sight problems. We are also a fundraising branch and have several street collections in Somerton throughout the year and attend a number of events in and around Somerton. In the branch, we have a number of walkers with puppies in training and also working dogs. Our branch members are all qualified speakers for Guide Dogs and are only too willing to speak at meetings, schools and groups in and around Somerton. If you would like a speaker or would like to join the branch please contact the branch organiser as above.



## Somerton & Langport Area Branch of RNLI

Secretary: Mary Mullineux tel: 251057

email: marybmullineux@gmail.com

The Somerton & Langport Area Branch of RNLI is a small team of local volunteers who arrange several fund raising events in the area during the year. Coffee mornings, concerts, open gardens, street collections and lectures are some events held to support our life-saving volunteers at RNLI. Last year, we held our very popular art lecture with Richard Kay from Lawrences and our usual street collections and Christmas coffee mornings. In total this small branch sent £5,988 to RNLI; £1300 more than the previous year -a fantastic result.

Our branch covers a large area, so we would love to have some more help - if there is anyone who would like to get involved we would be delighted to hear from you. The committee meets about 4 times a year. The RNLI relies on public donations & legacies. It is not government funded and costs £410,000 a day to run.

On average there are 24 call outs ("shouts") every day, 24hours a day, 365 days a year and 150 people drown. The lifeboat men & women and life guards on our beaches are entirely voluntary.



## St Margaret's Hospice Care

Manager: Catherine Senior tel: 274437

Deputy Manager: Judith Simpson

[www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk](http://www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk)

The St Margaret's Hospice Care shop in Somerton is one of 34 across the county raising vital funds to help care for people in Somerset affected by life-limiting illnesses. Selling a range of clothes and general goods, the well-stocked shop always welcomes good quality donations. We have a wonderful team of volunteers here and the shop is very well supported by the local community. We would like to thank all our customers for shopping with us and donating good quality items for sale. If you haven't visited us before, please pop in to see what our delightful little shop has to offer.

St Margaret's Hospice Care is a Somerset charity. Last year we supported more than 4,900 people across the county.



## Versus Arthritis

Contact: Sue Long tel: 274038 email: [long.susanne@gmail.com](mailto:long.susanne@gmail.com)

In September 2018, the recently amalgamated Arthritis Care and Arthritis Research UK charities were renamed Versus Arthritis. For more information about living well with Arthritis, visit the Versus Arthritis website at [www.versusarthritis.org](http://www.versusarthritis.org)

Meetings of the Somerton Branch are held 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the main hall of the Parish Rooms on the 1st Thursday of each month, the exception being January when we have no meeting. Full details are published in Viaduct. As ever, the programme for this coming year is very varied with talks and photo presentations on a wide variety of subjects. Visitors are very welcome to join us.

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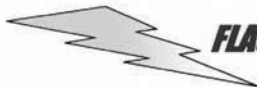
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# YOUNG SOMERTON

## ArchiesXtra

Contacts: Judith Hurley tel: 273079 email: judefroghurley@btinternet.com  
Alex Stannett tel: 272047 email: alexstannett@gmail.com

ArchiesXtra Somerton meets every Thursday, weather permitting, from 7.30pm-9.00pm and provides free refreshments to young people aged 11-18. The team of volunteers provides a listening ear and a safe space for young people as they use the Somerton Recreation Ground. The team is able to support young people and help with their social and emotional development through listening and discussion. See our facebook page

## Huish Episcopi Academy

Principal: Chris Wade

Contact: 250501 email: office@huishepiscopi.somerset.sch.uk

At Huish we strive to enable all our students to develop their potential to the full. We have high expectations of them and work hard to provide the support and opportunities they need in order to grow into confident and mature young people. Our academy is a safe and caring environment in which students are helped to develop individual responsibility and consideration for others, as they prepare for the opportunities and challenges of adult life.

As part of ensuring our students receive the best quality education possible we are continuing to invest in campus development; we have recently developed our swimming pool, converting it from a lido to an indoor facility ensuring all year usage for both our students and local users. Our record of success is impressive. We have maintained high levels of academic success for many years. Classed as 'Good' by OFSTED in December 2017 and recently receiving an endorsement of our safeguarding, behaviour and pastoral care, we demonstrate that we put our students first in everything we do. Amongst many other accolades we hold the full 'International School Award'. We are also one of very few academies in Somerset with a thriving and successful sixth form, with many students leaving us to enjoy university life at Oxbridge and other Russell Group universities, as well as going on to apprenticeships and employment. Our vision is that all our students will have the knowledge, skills and values to flourish in their lives beyond Huish and every day we strive to deliver the best learning opportunities in order to achieve this. Please contact us for a visit or more information or see [www.huishepiscopi.net](http://www.huishepiscopi.net)

## King Ina C of E Academy

Infants school tel: 272537 email: kinginainfants@educ.somerset.gov.uk  
Junior school tel: 272587 email: kinginajunior@educ.somerset.gov.uk

King Ina C of E Academy provides for children from aged 2 - 11 years. As the school goes from strength to strength we are also hopeful that in 2021 we will be able to move into a new school with all the children being educated on one site.

As always we are extremely proud of our children and staff and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making the school such a positive and enjoyable place to be. Thank you to everyone who has given support or attended events throughout the year. For more information, please see our website: [www.kingina.somerset.sch.uk](http://www.kingina.somerset.sch.uk)

## **Rainbow Rascals**

Contact: Pam White tel: 273512 email: [pamela.awhite@mypostoffice.co.uk](mailto:pamela.awhite@mypostoffice.co.uk)  
Val King tel: 273005 email: [rainbow@durotrige.e4ward.com](mailto:rainbow@durotrige.e4ward.com)

Every Thursday morning from 9.00am -11.30am during term time Rainbow Rascals meet in the hall at West Street Church. Mums, dads, grandparents, bumps and carers are welcome with under school age children. We offer a happy informal atmosphere where the children can play and the 'grown ups' chat with a cup of tea/coffee. There is no charge but we do have a donation pot for contributions towards tea/coffee. Please come along and see us - you will be most welcome.

NB: The NHS Baby Clinic operates in the New Room on the 3rd Thursday in the month  
For more info see <http://bit.ly/RainbowRascal>

## **Somerton Education Trust**

Chairman: Tim Bown tel. 272680 email: [tim\\_jenny@hotmail.com](mailto:tim_jenny@hotmail.com)

The education of children is one of the most important responsibilities and privileges of a community. Somerton Education Trust (SET) is a registered charity dedicated to supporting the education of the children of Somerton. The trust assists the governing body of King Ina Academy with respect to alteration, improvement and maintenance of school buildings. It also supports the purchase of educational equipment and helps children from low-income families to take part in school trips. It may also support educational needs of young people resident in Somerton attending secondary or further educational institutions. Please contact SET if you think we may be able to offer some financial assistance to help with education.

The trustees normally meet once a term to review the trust's investments and consider applications for grants financed from investment income. If you would like to donate money to SET, you can be certain that it will be used solely to meet the aims described above. There are no deductions for administration.

If you are interested in supporting the education of Somerton's children and you would be willing to donate a small amount of time to this cause by becoming a trustee, please contact Tim as above.

## **Somerton GirlGuiding**

Leader: Sally Snaddon tel: 250879 email: [sallysnaddon@gmail.com](mailto:sallysnaddon@gmail.com)

Why not join Girlguiding? We have rainbows (5-7years) brownies (7-10) and guides (10-14) in Somerton and Curry Rivel and rainbows and brownies in Keinton Mandeville.

Somerton Rainbows, Brownies and Guides for girls from age 5 - 14, learning life skills whilst having sleepovers, weekends away, lots of outdoor skills and loads of fun.

To register your daughter or to become involved as an adult, go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) or contact Sally.



## Somerton Scout Group

Contact: Fiona Bayles mob: 07580 863 392  
email: fiona.bayles@gmail.com

The Scout Group offers skills for life to the young people of Somerton and surrounding villages aged 6 - 18 and to both girls and boys. The Group consists of the following sections :-

**Beaver Scouts** (age 6 - 8) who meet on Wednesday 17.00 - 18.15

**Cub Scouts** (age 8 - 10 ½) who meet on Monday 18.30 - 20.00

Wednesday 18.30 - 20.00

**Scouts** (age 10 ½ - 14) who meet on Tuesday 19.00 - 20.30

Thursday 19.00 - 20.30

**Explorers** (age 14 - 18) who meet on Thursday 20:00 - 21:30

Scouting offers challenge and adventure to 400,000 young people and 100,000 adults across the UK. We believe in helping our members fulfil their potential by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. We give people of every background the chance to stretch themselves, learn new skills and make lifelong friends.

We are an active group where we go on lots of adventures from canoeing, axe throwing, climbing and lots more. All sections go camping from the Beavers going to a local farm feeding the animals and cooking on fires to our Explorers who spent 10 days at the Haarlem Jamborette. You can follow our adventures on Facebook and Twitter @1stSomerton or our website [www.somertonscoutgroup.org.uk](http://www.somertonscoutgroup.org.uk) where you can find a form to add your child directly to our waiting list on the "Join Us" tab.

## St Cleers Chapel Toddler Group

Contact: Lin Sambell tel: 272400 email: [hello@stcleers.org](mailto:hello@stcleers.org)

An informal group of parents/carers, pre-school children, babies and bumps meets 09.30am - 11.30am on Friday mornings for mutual support and company, giving children space to play and develop mentally, physically and spiritually in a safe, wholesome environment. We have a vast array of toys and extensive facilities, many 'ride-ons', large outdoor and indoor play areas, good security, modern kitchen, microwave for heating baby food, changing facilities, choice of potties(!), good disabled access and toilet (as well as the conventional one!)

Activities include mixing and free play, crafts, singing, stories, parachute games (strictly at ground level), a summer sports day and a 'Bright Sparks' service at Christmas, Easter and Harvest time. There is no charge, come along, make friends, call for details or visit the St Cleers Chapel website: [www.stcleers.org](http://www.stcleers.org)

## Wessex Junior Youth Club

Leaders: Clive & Sara Dyer tel: 273655 email: [sarad53@hotmail.com](mailto:sarad53@hotmail.com)

The youth club is open to all children from 7 years upwards in Somerton and the surrounding area and meets on Thursday evenings during term time. 6.00 pm-7.30 pm in the Wessex Rooms, Broad Street. The club workers are all volunteers who give up their time to help keep the youth club running. There are many activities the children can get involved with or they can just come and socialise with their friends and have fun.

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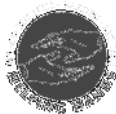
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## **Green Gardeners**

Secretary: Kay Williamson tel: 448694

Publicity Officer: Anita Thompson tel: 272333 email: [anita-thompson@btconnect.com](mailto:anita-thompson@btconnect.com)

We meet on the last Monday of each month. From October to April we invite speakers and hold our meetings in the Parish Rooms at 7.30pm. Refreshments are provided after the meeting; an opportunity for social time with this friendly group. During the months of May-August outings are organised to visit a variety of gardens. The AGM is in September when membership is renewed (currently £10 per year). However, visitors are welcome to attend a meeting at £3. Details are usually in the Viaduct Magazine, the Leveller and the Mendip Times. Look out for the posters around the town each month, on green paper giving details of the forthcoming events. Do come along and enjoy a variety of talks. For more info see [www.greengardeners.org.uk](http://www.greengardeners.org.uk)

## **Langport & District Angling Association**

Secretary: David Jolly mob: 07935 371 953 email: [langport@davidjolly.plus.com](mailto:langport@davidjolly.plus.com)

We are a coarse angling club with mixed fishing on our own club lake and on several miles of the River Parrett. Our match secretary organises both club matches and matches with other clubs in the area. For information see our website [www.langportaa.com](http://www.langportaa.com) or [www.facebook.com/langportaa](http://www.facebook.com/langportaa)

## **Mid Wessex Singers**

Secretary: Rowena Wallace tel: 272844 email: [info@midwessexsingers.co.uk](mailto:info@midwessexsingers.co.uk)

We are a friendly bunch of people who enjoy choral singing, and would love some more of you to try it! It's good for your health and well-being, and exercises your brain as well! As a registered charity, we also provide entertainment to people in local care homes and sheltered housing and make donations to other charities from the proceeds of our concerts. There are no auditions, just turn up at West Street Church Hall (round the side of the church) between 7.00pm and 7.15pm on a Tuesday, ready to rehearse between 7.30pm-9.00pm with our talented Musical Director, Graham Coatman. See our website [www.midwessexsingers.co.uk](http://www.midwessexsingers.co.uk)

## Mothers' Union

Secretary: Janet Hayter tel: 272002 email: janetrhayter@gmail.com

We normally meet on a monthly basis on the second Thursday of each month in the Holy Spirit Chapel in St Michael's Church, when we usually have an invited speaker to talk to us. Corporate Communion is held at St Michael's on the third Wednesday of each month at 10.00am. All are welcome to attend our meetings, details are on the MU notice board in the church porch.

## Rotary Club of Langport & Somerton

Contact: Jane Redfearn tel: 252813 email: janeredfearn@hotmail.com

Your local Rotary Club of Langport and Somerton and has just celebrated 70 years. We are an informal friendly club forward thinking and open to new ideas from all its members. Prospective members, including ladies, are always made welcome. Being part of an international organisation, the club fundraises for worldwide projects and to provide financial or practical support after disasters but concentrates on the local area, with every Rotarian determined to give something back to his or her own community. Rotary International, with more than 1.3 million members worldwide, is best summarised by its motto "Service above Self".

The Rotary Club has an active social and service programme and membership is by invitation. Why not come along and share dinner with us at the Langport Arms one Thursday at 6.30pm? For more info or to book in for a meal, contact Jane or see [www.langportandsomertonrotary.org](http://www.langportandsomertonrotary.org)

## Royal British Legion

President: Brian Parker tel: 272203

Chairman: John Milner tel: 274413 email: milnerjohn2@sky.com

The Somerton Branch of the RBL meets at 7:30pm on the third Wednesday of every month at the Somerton Sports Club, Gassons Lane. Our branch operates in three significant areas:

**Remembrance** - take a lead in ceremonies and services gratefully remembering our war dead;

**Welfare** - assist folk with armed services connection who are unwell, disabled or disadvantaged

**Social** - foster mutual support and sense of belonging in a programme of social events.

Membership stands at about 100 and is not exclusive to service and ex-service personnel.

Anyone with an interest in the aims and activities of the Legion may join.

## Somerton & District/Licciana Nardi Twinning Association (SADLINTA)

Membership Secretary/Treasurer: Chris Cox tel: 273085 email: cox.cj@btinternet.com

Sadlinta is the area's Italian twinning association, founded in 1996. We are twinned with the mountainous district of Licciana Nardi Italian village area of north-west Tuscany.

We socialise locally and exchange visit annually. Over the years we have learnt much about Italy and the Italians and made friends for life. There have also been individual visits, in both directions; as the Italians put it 'our home is your home'.

Fluent, or any, Italian is not essential, enthusiastic gesticulations being a good alternative, though we have close links with local Italian language classes.

Join us - experience Italian hospitality (and food - lots of wonderful food!) at its best.

## **Somerton & District Beekeepers Association**

President: Jackie Mosedale tel: 241146 email: jackiemosedale@gmail.com

Secretary: Alison Clewes email: pansypots@hotmail.com

We are a thriving group, willing to share our love of the honeybee with anyone who's interested! With over 100 members, we are rightly proud to have our own apiary at which we can all gain further experience and knowledge on honeybee husbandry, whilst at the same time, our bees are helping with the local pollination of crops, wildflowers and garden plants.

In the autumn, when we have taken our honey crop from the hives, we are carefully preparing it for sale in accordance with food regulations.

During the winter months, honeybees are not active and cluster within their hives to stay warm. As beekeepers, we use this time to increase our knowledge through our winter lecture series and consider and prepare for the next spring and have our equipment clean and ready for use.

In summer we hold a taster day at our apiary for those who think they may like to keep bees or learn more about them. We hold a beginners course of six evening sessions starting in January. Beekeeping is a fascinating craft, but we don't forget the other species of bees and pollinators, they are just as vital to the balance of nature. Please feel free to get in touch.

## **Somerton & District Motorcycle & Light Car Club**

Secretary: Emily Boulton tel: 01963 34833 email: emilyboulton87@gmail.com

We have many members and a friendly committee that arranges off-road motorcycle events. Throughout each year we organise multiple trials, catering for both modern and classic motorcycles with routes to suit adult and youth competitors of any ability and experience. Our aim is to offer a fun and satisfying day of riding, and we pride ourselves in our popularity and provision for beginner and youth riders. Every year we hold a fundraiser trial and support a local charity. Please come along and watch one of our events to see what we do. Our committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month, and new members are always welcome, whether or not you ride a motorcycle! For more information see [www.somerton-mc.co.uk](http://www.somerton-mc.co.uk) or our Facebook page.

## **Somerton & Frome Conservative Association**

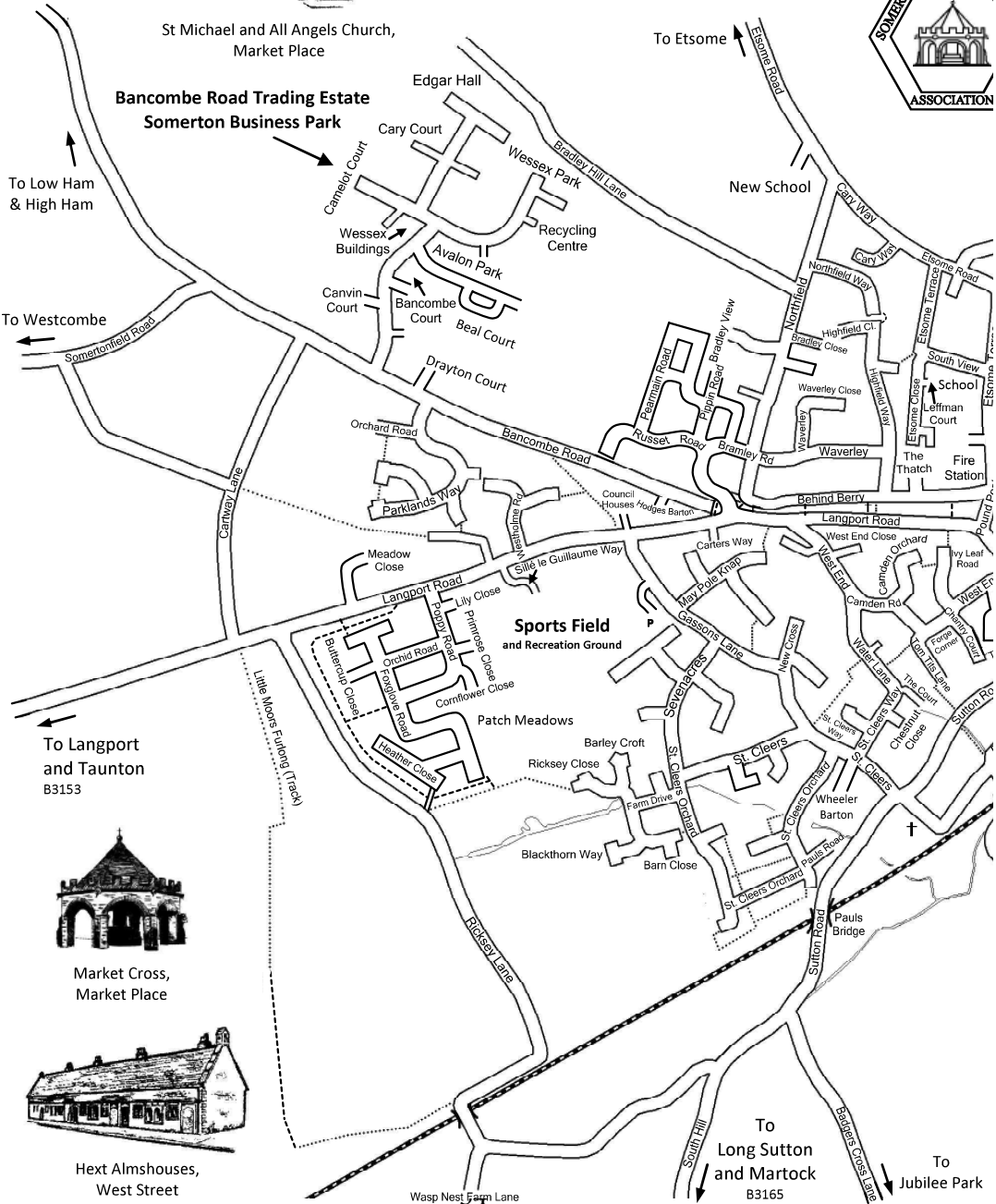
Chairman: Anne Yates tel: 274865 email: anne.yates@btinternet.com

Somerton & Frome is one of five parliamentary constituencies in Somerset. The aim of the Somerton Branch is to promote and support the Conservative cause in Somerton and the surrounding areas stretching from Compton Dundon to Long Sutton and the Charltons to Upton. At the General Election in 2019, David Warburton was overwhelmingly re-elected as our Conservative Member of Parliament, and makes himself available to address more wide-ranging issues, whether it be education, transport or health and welfare.

As a vibrant and active local association, we rely on volunteers to help campaign across the constituency and we welcome your views on local and national issues. Non-members are most welcome to join our functions.



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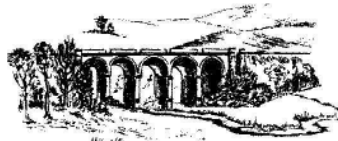
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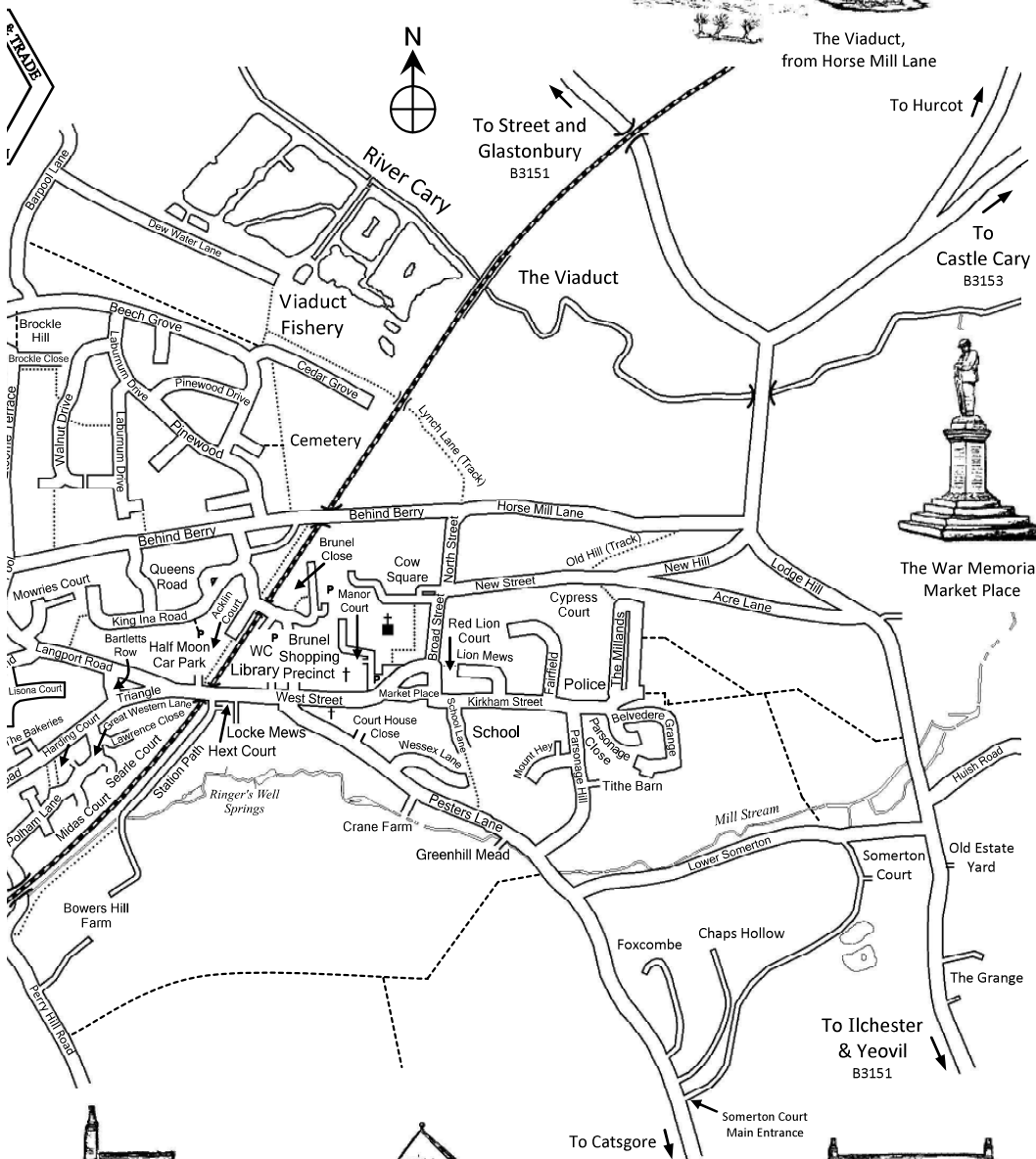
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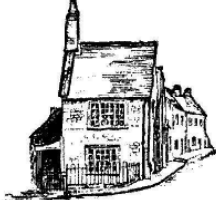
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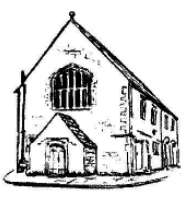
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## **Somerton & Frome Liberal Democrats**

Local contact: David Harrison tel: 273177 email: dandpharrison@btinternet.com

Somerton & Frome Parliamentary Constituency covers a vast area from the Wiltshire border to the approaches to Taunton. It was held with great distinction for the Liberal Democrats from 1997 to 2015 by David Heath. In 2019, Adam Boyden from Frome fared well in the December election increasing the share of the vote by five percentage points. The local party exists to campaign for the Liberal Democrats at all levels in the constituency area, where we are fortunate to build on a long radical and liberal tradition.

At District Council level the Liberal Democrats are the largest party and administration. Locally in Somerton, Tim Kerley was elected a District Councillor on South Somerset District Council in the May 2019 elections, and continues the work of his Liberal Democrat predecessors.

The party unites all who believe in an open society offering opportunity to all regardless of race, gender, orientation, background or creed. It believes government at all levels should be about all the people - including the poor and vulnerable. It is international in outlook and is the main local practical opponent of both recent local cuts in services and the current “first past the post” voting system. This means that in Somerset overall with councils there is no connection between votes cast and seats held by parties. So it’s no surprise that turnout at local elections can be low. Email is used to keep all in touch with campaigning and social events. If you would like to know more please let us know.

## **Somerton Bridge Club**

Contact: Joan Davies tel: 272418 email: joandavies15@rocketmail.com

We are a very small, friendly, not very competitive club. We meet every Thursday evening at 7.00pm in the West Street Church to play duplicate bridge. You would need to come with a partner, except on the first Thursday of every month when we draw for partners.

If you would like to know more, give Joan a call.

## **Somerton Business & Trade Association**

Chairman: Don Turner mob: 07976 533 356

Membership Secretary: Sherry Briggs email: sherry.briggs@me.com

Our association was formed in 1983 to promote the trading and commercial interests of Somerton’s business community; we now have over 120 members, several of whom we have been delighted to welcome as new to Somerton.

Meeting regularly, we undertake a wide variety of projects on an ongoing basis, all attracting business to our town and helping to keep it thriving. In 2021, we will be publishing and distributing over 12,000 copies of the 17th edition of our Shops & Services directory, in which each member has a free entry. Our notice board in Cox’s Yard has been replaced this year and will display all members’ business details as well as community notices.

We have an annual competition for the children of the town to walk round the shops with their parents to “spot the Christmas Object” which is an entertaining way for folks to peruse shop windows.

If you run a business in Somerton and would like to join us then visit Somerton’s community website [www.somerton.co.uk/sbta](http://www.somerton.co.uk/sbta) or contact the membership secretary.



## **Somerton Classic Motorcycle Club**

Chairman: Brian Ayres tel: 250925 email: [brian499ayres@btinternet.com](mailto:brian499ayres@btinternet.com)  
Secretary: Dave Fisher tel: 252667 email: [sweetbriarcottage@btinternet.com](mailto:sweetbriarcottage@btinternet.com)

The Somerton Classic Motorcycle Club organises off road observation trials for owners of British motorcycles and bikes of any worldwide manufacture up to approximately 1990 with 2 rear shock absorbers known as "twin shocks". Our events feature three routes, of varying difficulty, to give riders of all abilities the chance to have an enjoyable day out, without risk to man or machine. Past events include a trial at the end of 2018 at Long Sutton, which raised £500 for Smile Train, a charity that helps children worldwide with cleft palates.

Our main event of the year is a 2-day trial at Priddy in June for British bikes only, which attracts riders from all over England and Wales. Each year, over the last 5 years, we have raised a total of £8000 from this event, which has been donated to the cancer charity Clic Sargent.

We meet at the Quarry Inn, Keinton Mandeville at 8.00pm on the second Monday of each month and new members are welcome to come along.

Other details can be found on our website [www.somertonclassicmotorcycleclub.co.uk](http://www.somertonclassicmotorcycleclub.co.uk)

## **Somerton Concert Band**

Contact: Phil Lambton tel: 01963 362219 email: [philandsteph@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:philandsteph@hotmail.co.uk)

Somerton Concert Band comprises woodwind, brass and percussion. It was formed in 1995 under the baton of ex-Royal Marine John Stone, who conducted the band until 2003 when he decided he would rather become a playing member of the band and he passed the baton on to Geoff Gooderham who had previously conducted Kingsbury Episcopi Band.

The present director of the band is Phil Lambton, who retired in 2004 after 30 years service from the position of Bandmaster of HMS Heron Volunteer Band at RNAS Yeovilton.

The band plays a wide repertoire of music including classical, film music, novelty items, and music from Broadway & West-End Shows and performs at a variety of engagements throughout the year. See our facebook page for more information.

## **Somerton Dramatic Society**

Chair: Amanda Worsdale mob: 07826 907 747 email: [somertondramaticsociety@outlook.com](mailto:somertondramaticsociety@outlook.com)  
Membership Secretary: Josie Mitchell mob: 07964 209 103

We are an award winning amateur dramatics group based in Somerton. With an annual pantomime every February (oh yes, there is!) and varying shows and events throughout the year, there's always something going on. In 2019 our panto was Dick Whittington and in 2020 it will be Aladdin.

We would like to welcome all comers whether they wish to act, work backstage, paint scenery, have passion for costume and make up or simply make the tea.

We have lots of younger members and we try to organise several social events throughout the year. For more info see [www.somertondramaticsociety.co.uk](http://www.somertondramaticsociety.co.uk)

## **Somerton Embroidery Club**

Contacts: Grace Lister tel: 272176 email: [gracelister@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:gracelister@yahoo.co.uk) or  
Jeanette Stockel tel: 274198 email: [jwstockel@btinternet.com](mailto:jwstockel@btinternet.com)

We are a small friendly group of needlewomen who meet fortnightly on Mondays in Edgar Hall, from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Tuition is given by a qualified teacher on all types of embroidery apart from machine work. Our group meets in the autumn, winter and spring and during the summer months we sometimes have one-day workshops. We welcome all needlewomen, beginners or the more experienced and are open to both old and new ideas on what constitutes embroidery, so do come along and enjoy our company. It is a leisurely pursuit, which does not lead to any professional qualification, just a very pleasant way to pass the time in good company. If you would like to join us please contact one of the above.

## **Somerton Friendship Club**

Contact: Mo Fletcher tel: 274631 email: [fletcher080@btinternet.com](mailto:fletcher080@btinternet.com)

We meet at 10.30am on the second Thursday of the month at Somerton Sports Club on Gassons Lane - entry via the french doors facing the field. Our aim is to have fun and good company and our programme is easy going - sometimes we play Bingo, sometimes we have entertainment from local groups. Entry is 50p and tea is 20p and coffee is 30p. Biscuits and a draw are free. The group is organised by a team of 4 locals but everyone mucks in. Feel free to join us!

## **Somerton Gardeners' Club**

Chair: Linda Garrett tel: 274301 mob: 07900 055 884 email: [l.garrett902@btinternet.com](mailto:l.garrett902@btinternet.com)  
Treasurer: Sue Burton tel: 273668

The gardeners' club has been running for over 60 years and is still going strong. We meet on the first Monday of the month in the Parish Rooms. Cost of membership is £10 for the year or, if you just want to come occasionally, £2 a meeting. If you do become a member, discounts are available at Overt Locke, Brimsmore Nursery and Kelways Nursery. We are a friendly group and have lots of interesting speakers throughout the year, We also visit local gardens during the summer months. The club is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society which allows us one trip a year with free entry to any of its gardens. The club also hold a Garden Show once a year which has always been well supported and is now held at the Edgar Hall in Somerton. For more info see [www.somertongc.com](http://www.somertongc.com)





## **Somerton Group of Artists**

Chair: Lesley Cruickshank tel: 270233 email: colinlesleycruickshank@virgin.net

Membership Sec: Susan Frost tel: 272836 email: suehill53@hotmail.com

Website: www.somertonartists.co.uk

The Somerton Group of Artists was formed in 1992, has around 60 members and is open to anyone with an interest in art. The annual membership fee is £25. Evening meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in the Parish Rooms, Somerton. Guests are welcome (£5). There is a varied programme of events, with workshops, talks and demonstrations by professional artists. In the winter and autumn some members meet every Tuesday morning in Long Load Village Hall to paint and draw together. In the summer, sessions are held outdoors for sketching and painting in and around Somerton - usually near somewhere for lunch or tea! An exhibition of members' work is held each year. For programme and membership information please see our website or call Lesley or Susan.



## **Somerton History Society**

Chairman: Nancy Schooling tel: 273859

email: nancy.langmaid1@binternet.com

Are you interested in history? Come and join the Somerton History Society. We offer monthly talks on fascinating subjects from archaeology to World War II; Dracula to local industries. There are sometimes outings, quizzes and celebrations. Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. at the Parish Rooms and details are listed in Viaduct. Visitors are welcome to come and meet the members and enjoy the activities.

## **Somerton Literary and Poetry Society (SLAPS)**

Contact: Jenny Jones tel. 273139 email: jenny34jones@gmail.com

We are a small friendly group, meeting in Somerton in one or other of our homes, at 2.00pm on the second Thursday of each month. We decide on a poet, or an author, or a topic for the next month, when we share our choices, plus maybe some opinions and background information. Our discussions may be serious or light-hearted, but always enjoyable. We welcome new friends.

## **Somerton Probus Club**

Secretary: Paul Muffett tel: 899773 email: paulmuffett@gmail.com

Treasurer: David Harrison tel: 273177 email: dandpharrison@btinternet.com

The club is for retired or semi retired professional or businessmen living in the local area. The club meets on the last Wednesday of every month (except December) at Somerton Sports Club on Gassons Lane at 12noon. Each meeting consists of a 30 minute business discussion and a one course lunch, followed by a visiting speaker. Events are normally concluded by 2.00pm. The club currently has 37 members (plus 3 prospective members) and our maximum is 50. Anyone interested in becoming a member should contact one of the above. Membership is subject to committee approval after 2 visits. There is a joining fee of £5 plus an annual subscription of £15 and a payment (currently £11) at each attendance to include lunch.

## Somerton Quilters

Contact: Margaret Ralph tel: 272492 email: margaretandian@gmail.com

We are a group of ladies who meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the Parish Rooms in the Market Place from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. We undertake our own projects, share ideas and help each other where needed. As a group we have quite a wide range of quilting and general sewing skills .and at times undertake group projects.

We are a very sociable group and always welcome new blood so why not come along one Monday for a cup of tea at least and maybe, if you like us, join our enthusiastic sewing circle?

## Somerton Twinning Association

Secretary: Colin Cruickshank tel: 270233 email: colinlesley.cruickshank@virgin.net

Membership Secretary: Tim Bown tel: 272680 email: tim\_jenny@hotmail.com

Somerton has been twinned with Sillé le Guillaume in France since 1987. Sillé lies in the Pays de la Loire region about 20 miles north west of Le Mans. Our twinning is marked by a charter which can be seen hanging on the wall in the Parish Rooms and also by 2 commemorative paving slabs near the War Memorial. Membership of the association is open to all from Somerton and the surrounding villages. We welcome new members, whether they speak French or not, who are interested in making new friends in Somerton and in our twin town. Our AGM is held in November and we arrange social or fundraising events during the year. There are exchange visits with our French friends every year, usually in May. We will once again welcome them to Somerton from 21 - 24 May 2020. In 2021 they will be our hosts in Sillé le Guillaume.

## Somerton U3A

President : Judi Powell tel: 250280

Secretary: Kay Williamson tel: 448694 email: kaywilliamson46@hotmail.com

Would you like to learn something new? Would you like to make new friends? If so, you might be interested in joining Somerton U3A, a social and leisure organisation open to people over 50 but who are not in full time employment. We have over 500 members and have over 50 interest groups including bird watching, Scottish country dancing, scrabble and Sunday lunch clubs.

The group is run by the members for the members so we are always interested if someone has a skill or a passion they would like to share.

Every 4th Friday of the month at the Edgar Hall there is a coffee morning followed by a guest speaker. Why not come along and find out about us. You will be given a warm welcome.

Details about Somerton U3A and activities available can be found at [u3asites.org.uk/somerton](http://u3asites.org.uk/somerton)

## Somerton WI

Secretary: Sue Long tel: 274038 email: long.susanne@googlemail.com

Fancy a **W**icked night out? **W**ith new and old friends, **W**ish you could do something different? **W**illing to keep an open mind, enjoy **W**itty speakers. Need to **W**ind down, **W**ishing for good company & a new interest? Somerton **W**I would like to invite you to a complimentary visit to one of our meetings at the Parish Rooms, 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm.

Details of our speakers can be found in the monthly edition of **W**iaduct.

# Street and Glastonbury Recorded Music Group

Secretary: Brendan Sadler tel: 442880 email: brendansadler@aol.com

If you enjoy listening to recorded music and would like to share your enthusiasm with others of like mind, the group can provide opportunities to increase your appreciation and broaden your musical horizons. Members have a wide range of musical interests, from pre-classical to present day composers; also from serious to light. Programmes are chosen and presented by various members and occasionally by invited guests.

We meet in members' homes, normally on the first Friday of each month. The atmosphere is informal and during the interval, when we share light refreshments, there is opportunity to chat about music and related matters of interest. If you are interested and would like to come along please contact the secretary - you will be most welcome.



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## **SPORTS**

### **Castle Cary Skittle League**

Secretary: Toby Strang tel: 272191 mob: 07783 134 498 email: toby.strang69@gmail.com

This league has many teams in Somerton and also covers Limington, Shepton Mallet, Castle Cary, Evercreech, Lydford, East Pennard and Charlton. Teams are made up of 8 players which can be all male, all ladies or mixed. Currently, we have 2 divisions but would like new teams to join us. If you can get a team together, give Toby a call

### **Huish Leisure Centre**

Contact tel: 251055 email: huishleisure@educ.somerset.gov.uk website: www.huishleisure.co.uk

Huish Leisure is a community leisure centre based in Langport on the same site as Huish Episcopi Academy. We are open to the public and community 7 days a week offering a wide range of activities including exercise classes, fitness suite, swimming and racquet court hire. Recent years have seen a lot of investment into the leisure centre including 16 new spinning bikes, full refurbishment of the fitness suite, installing a 3G astro turf pitch and most recently, transforming the seasonal outdoor swimming pool into an indoor year round swimming facility. This £1.2m project was funded by Sport England, South Somerset District Council and the Academy and has allowed us to offer greater swimming provision to all academy students and the community. For more information, please pop in, call or head to our website.

### **Huish & Langport Cricket Club**

Secretary: Toby Strang tel: 272191 mob: 07783 134 498 email: toby.strang69@gmail.com

In 2019, England managed yet another wretched batting performance against Australia, but Somerset ended the season as runners up in Division 1 of the County Championship. HLCC is already looking forward to the new season and want to encourage new talent from youth players to senior team members. We are blessed with an excellent ground on Field Road, Langport, with a vista which could not be more quintessentially English, and a playing surface for both matches and practice which is tended and prepared by club volunteers. We currently run two Saturday and one Sunday league teams (1.30pm) which cover players aged from 13 to 65. Youth matches are usually played mid-week - subject to members' availability. We are always searching for budding players looking to join the club and play the great game and we are open to new members of all ages to join this most active club. We encourage youth players and volunteers to come forward as we look to boost youth teams at varied ages. Please come and join our club!

## **Mid Somerset Riding Club**

Secretary: Marian Draper mob: 07885 301 898 email: mariandraper737@btinternet.com

Mid Somerset Riding Club is an affiliated British Riding Club catering for members over 18 years of age. The club organises competitions and training on a regular basis throughout the year with top class trainers in all disciplines. We currently use facilities at Lovington, Kingsdon, Greylake, Sparkford Hall and Wincanton Racecourse. We also organise non riding events and an annual supper night with a guest speaker, The club sends teams to area qualifiers for the National Championships - and over the years. Mid Somerset has won many national titles. We are pleased to welcome non-riding members who would like to help and be involved at our events. The annual subscription is currently £30. More details at: [www.msrc-online.co.uk](http://www.msrc-online.co.uk)

## **Somerton Recreation Ground Trust**

Chairman: David Osmond mob: 07876 563 411 email: donnyosmond1@outlook.com

Somerton Recreation Ground Trust is a registered charity which owns, manages and maintains the Gassons Lane playing fields. The Trust is manned by volunteers and is made up of community members, user group nominees and a town council nominee. Our aim is to provide a fantastic sports and recreation facility for the inhabitants of Somerton.

The recreation ground is recognised as one of the best sports facilities in the area and has won many awards, due in no small part to the hard work and attention to detail from our groundsmen. We have also hosted numerous non-sporting, recreational events such as the Festival's Funday and SomerStock, the fireworks display, the fair and the circus, and we are always open to new ideas about all forms of recreation.

The RGT generates revenue from pitch fees, a lease agreement with the Sports Club and a contribution from Somerton Town Council. We would also like to thank the many local businesses and trades people for their generosity in the sponsoring pitches each year. These combined revenues enable us to deliver a great facility for the benefit of the entire community. Our Operations Team meet on the second Monday of each month at 6.30pm in the Sports Club. The first 15 minutes are an open session where members of the community are welcome to raise any questions, ideas or problems

We are always happy to receive suggestions on how to improve the facilities that we provide and you can contact David by phone or email as above. We are about to start feasibility work on some significant new projects and would welcome any offers of support of any kind.

## **Somerton & District Bowls Club**

Secretary: Peter Jones tel: 224212 email: [pjwfield@gmail.com](mailto:pjwfield@gmail.com)

The club comprises a mixed group of friendly people who find enjoyment from the sport of lawn bowls, irrespective of ability. Our bowling season extends from mid-April to mid-September, with activities ranging from simple roll ups, where coaching can be given, to friendly and competitive matches. Throughout the year, the club also organises a number of fun days and social occasions. Situated on the Somerton Recreation Ground off Gassons Lane, the club is particularly welcoming of anyone wishing to try the sport. Without obligation anyone interested is invited to attend our roll-up sessions that take place on Tuesday evenings and Friday afternoons. Equipment will be provided and all we ask is flat soled shoes be worn. The club is a section of the Somerton Sports Club and membership of this is included with subscriptions. For more details please visit our website: [www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.somertonbowlsclub.co.uk)

## **Somerton & District Darts League**

Secretary: Toby Strang tel: 272191 mob: 07783 134 498 email: toby.strang69@gmail.com

We currently run a league consisting of just 7 teams (maybe 8 we hope this season) and our headquarters are at the Somerton Sports Club

We have teams representing Crown (Fivehead), Dolphin (Ilchester), Royal Oak, Somerton Sports Club and Black Swan (Langport).

If you can get a team together, give Toby a call

## **Somerton Rugby Football Club**

Chairman: Paul Farmer email: chairman@somertonrfc.co.uk

Secretary: Chris Palmer email: secretary@somertonrfc.co.uk

Somerton RFC continues to grow and contribute to the wider Somerton community through its support of local events and positive engagement with local groups.

The club is developing with great expectations for the future. Playing at Somerton Recreation Ground, the first XV play in the 'Tribute' Somerset Two South league with training on Tuesday and Thursday evenings throughout the season. The player base has grown significantly enabling a second team to be introduced 'Somerton Saxons' who will be playing friendly games to ensure all senior players enjoy regular playing opportunities.

A youth section consisting of 'Somerton Saxons Juniors' enables boys and girls in two age categories, 4-10 and 11-12, to experience all rugby union has to offer.

These sessions take place on Sunday mornings.

If you are interested in playing at any level for the club, want to get involved or become a sponsor, please contact the chairman or secretary or visit our website [www.somertonrfc.co.uk](http://www.somertonrfc.co.uk)

## **Somerton Snooker Club**

Contact: John Milner tel: 273808 email: milnerjohn2@sky.com

Situated in purpose-built premises adjoining the Sports Club, the club room is one of the best equipped private members' clubs in the district. The facilities include four well maintained tables in a pleasantly heated room with direct access to the Sports Club bar. The standard of play varies from the best in the district to beginners and those who just enjoy a friendly game.

Membership categories: Juniors (aged 11-15), Probationers: (aged 16-17), Seniors (aged 18-65) and Senior Citizens (at reduced rates). Membership fees include full membership of the Sports Club and a refundable deposit on a key fob to access the snooker room from 10 am to closing time seven days a week. Meter fees start at just 50p.

If you would like to try a free trial session give John a call.

## Somerton Sports Club

Secretary: John Milner tel: 274413 email: milnerjohn2@sky.com Club tel: 273808

Somerton Town Council is the “custodian trustee” and the whole ground is overseen and managed by the Recreation Ground Trust, to which the club pays an annual lease.

We are always looking for new members and helpers to assist in any way. Whist drives, bingo, dances, quiz nights, darts and skittles are all events on our social calendar.

The sports field is the biggest public green area in town and provides a home for football, rugby, cricket, bowls, tennis and rounders - all at senior and junior levels. We now coach most sports weekly for 6 to 60 year olds! Sports Club membership is just £7 a year, but feel free to use the outside facilities. We are fortunate to have a superb play area and skate park alongside a multi-use games area, which is available for hire in the winter with floodlights.

## Somerton Tennis Club

Chairman: Bridget Hodsmen tel: 272986

Membership Secretary: Alan Wharton tel: 445139

Head Coach: Neil Driver tel: 270131 email: neilrdriver@gmail.com

Somerton Tennis Club is a club with over 80 years standing within the town and welcomes members of all ages and abilities. We are affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), and whether you want to take part in league tennis matches, summer and/or winter, or just enjoy playing social tennis, you are assured of a warm welcome.

We are able to offer coaching opportunities for all ages and all standards, including beginners.

We are LTA accredited for Mini Tennis (for children between 3 and 10 years old). Please contact Neil Driver for details of coaching.

**For adults**, if you fancy a game of tennis, why not come along to one of our social sessions on Wednesdays from 6.30pm or Sundays from 10.30am or contact Neil.

**For junior tennis**, please call or email Neil to find out the best session for you or your child, and to arrange to have a go.

**Non-members** can hire a court for £6 per hour by contacting Wendy Driver tel: 270131.

For more details, please give us a ring or look at our website [www.somertontennisclub.co.uk](http://www.somertontennisclub.co.uk)

## Somerton Town FC

Contact: Jason Burton mob: 07825 180 506 email: jasonb52s@yahoo.com

Somerton Town FC is a Charter Standard club which has two Adult teams as well as a youth set up, known as Somerton Town Youth, The adult section consist of two teams - first team and reserves, The first team play in the Somerset County League Division 1 and the reserves in the Somerset County League Division 3

We are always on the look out for new players and supporters as well as committee members.

If you are interested in playing for Somerton Town FC, or joining the club in any capacity contact Jason as above.



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# CHURCHES

## Churches Together In Somerton

Co-ordinator: Justyn Maynard tel: 273403 email: juma321@aol.com

Churches Together in Somerton (CTIS) brings together all of the four different denominations in Somerton. Members of the individual churches are automatically members of CTIS. We are run by an executive - comprising elected members from each church - and they are responsible for organising our joint events.

Over the last year we have held Lent groups and lunches and raised money for WaterAid, CLYP (christian worker in Huish Academy), Barnabas Housing Association for the homeless and the Salvation Army.

We run a lunch club and hold special services for those with learning difficulties (Just4U) and an Alpha course. In June, we offer prayers for this community from St. Michael's Anglican church, the church is open for prayer until 9.00pm each evening and people are welcome to drop in for as little or as long as they wish.

Every year, we will be on the streets with carol singing at Christmas, the "Walk of Witness" on Good Friday and a dawn service on Easter Sunday - so do look out for us.

You can make contact through any of the church leaders in the town, whose numbers can be found elsewhere in Somerton News.

## Just4U

Contact: Pam Dixon tel: 250603 email: info@just-4u.org.uk or visit [www.just-4u.org.uk](http://www.just-4u.org.uk).

**Just4u** runs an all-ability worship service on Sunday afternoons at St Cleers Chapel every couple of months. Dates vary, so look out for posters on West Street Church notice board, Viaduct or contact us.

The service uses simple language and familiar songs. It is friendly, informal, sometimes noisy, but always joyous! Some of our regulars live in the Somerton community, others are in residential care in the area and we have a number of people in wheelchairs, who come with their carers. We are now extending our reach to those living with dementia. The service itself lasts about 45mins and followed by refreshments. There is plenty of parking and excellent access and facilities at St Cleers. Come and join us! We're open to everyone, not just those with a disability.

## Life Church

Pastor: Conrad Lucas tel: 273568 (Mon/Weds mornings) mob: 07891 665 938  
e-mail: [admin@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk](mailto:admin@lifechurchsomerton.co.uk).

We meet each Sunday at Edgar Hall, Bancombe Business Park, Somerton, from 10.30am and are part of the Assemblies of God denomination. Everyone is welcome to come along to Life Church whether you are on your own or part of a family - we would love to meet you. We also have a creche/Sunday School for the children.

You can also see our website [www.lifechurchsomerton.co.uk](http://www.lifechurchsomerton.co.uk) or find our Facebook page (Life Church Somerton) which is updated weekly.

## **Parish Church of St Michael and All Angels**

Priest in charge: Rev Alan Symonds tel: 272029 email: [somerton.benefice@btinternet.com](mailto:somerton.benefice@btinternet.com)

St Michael and All Angels Church is the Anglican Parish Church in the centre of the town. It is normally open through the day, every day for quiet reflection and prayer.

We meet as a group to worship on Wednesday mornings for communion at 10.00am and on Sundays at 8.00am and 11.00am. On Saturday mornings at 9.30am we meet for prayer. On the first Saturday of each month we hold a coffee morning in church between 10.00am-12noon.

We host a number of concerts throughout the year with a variety of musical styles. Everyone is welcome at any or all of these events - please check the noticeboard or Viaduct.

We also offer ministry through baptisms, weddings, funerals and pastoral care of all in the area. If you would like to avail yourself to any of these services or for any other reason, please contact the Rev Alan Symonds.

## **Religious Society of Friends - Quakers**

Contact: Annette Price tel: 447367 email: [annette\\_leighprice@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annette_leighprice@yahoo.co.uk)

Our faith is based on Christianity and we try to live our lives in truth, peace, simplicity and equality, finding God in ourselves and those around us. Our meetings offer a welcoming opportunity for spiritual exploration. We believe our faith is lived in action and we act with others to build a more just and peaceful world. We work and worship together, without traditional structures or paid clergy. There are Quaker meetings at Long Sutton, Sherborne, Street and Wincanton and you can find out more about us on line at [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk)

## **St Cleers Chapel**

Contact: Richard Coles tel: 272716 email: [rgcoles@mac.com](mailto:rgcoles@mac.com)

St. Cleers Chapel is a friendly and welcoming Evangelical Church that meets regularly on Sunday mornings at 10.30am and Sunday evening at 6.30pm. Our varied programme includes worship and bible teaching mornings, communion services, testimony services and café church. We enjoy a mix of modern and traditional worship styles, bible teaching from our Teaching Pastor as well as guest speakers and the warm friendship and fellowship that comes from church life. On Sunday evening a smaller group meet for communion.

We regularly run Alpha, as well as post Alpha, courses, which usually take place in the evening during the week, although day-time Alpha do occasionally run. Alpha includes a supper, a short talk and some time for discussion in groups. Look out for more information about our next course, or use the contacts page to get in touch. A number of home groups run at St. Cleers. The groups meet at different times of the day and evening and in different homes. Whenever or wherever home groups meet, they are an important part of our fellowship. Home groups give opportunity to develop deeper relationships as we encourage one another in our Christian faith.



## St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church

Parochial Administrator: Father Jan Bak tel: 274008

email: somerton.stdunstan@cliftodiocese.co.uk

Mass at Somerton: Saturday 6:00pm and Sunday 10:30am.

There is coffee after Sunday Mass.

Weekday Masses: please see notice in church porch.

Holy Days of Obligation: Somerton 10:30 and 7:00pm (Vigil Mass)

All newcomers and visitors are most welcome.

## West Street Church

Contact: Pam White tel: 273512 email: pamela.awhite@mypostoffice.co.uk

Ministers: Rev Craig Manley (Methodist) tel: 01963 351598 Rev Tim Richards (URC) tel: 252799

Since September 2015, the congregations of the URC and the Methodist Church have been worshipping together in the former Methodist building with the new name of West Street Church. The congregations formally became one church as a Local Ecumenical Partnership in May 2016. Everyone is welcome to become part of our family where we support and encourage each other in our daily lives, to grow and develop in the Christian way of life.

Do join us for our morning service, followed by a cup of coffee or tea on any Sunday.

Sunday Services: 10.30am and occasionally 6.00pm

Singing for Fun: 11.00am to 12noon on 2nd and 4th Mondays (as advertised)

Women's Fellowship: 2.45pm once a month 2nd Wednesdays (details on notice board)

Rainbow Rascals: 9.00am to 11.30am Thursdays (during term time)

Opportunities - Coffee & more 10.00am to 12noon on 2nd and 4th Fridays

Carers Group 10.30am 2nd Friday only

There is also a range of group meetings and the building is home to many different organisations.

Details are on the notice board, in Viaduct and on the website [www.weststreetchurch.org.uk](http://www.weststreetchurch.org.uk)



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# COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

## **2minutelitterpick**

Contact: Gregory & Rachel Mason mob: 07811 491 153 email somerton.2minutelitterpick@gmail.com

We are individuals who love Somerton and are passionate about keeping Somerton litter free. We go out in our own time rather than as a regular group but often arrange to meet up and have coffee after a pick. Some people do a whole or half day or just carry a bag in their pocket to pick up anything they see whilst walking their dog or taking a stroll. You can all make a difference by picking up plastic, cans and general litter that ruins the beauty of our town and surrounding lanes. We have a #2minutelitterpick board in the Market Place where people can collect a picker and bags for a 'spontaneous clear up' or we can offer you a hiviz vest, gloves and picker to start you off. We give you a safety guide and talk you through anything you want to know about picking safely, but we ask you to sign a disclaimer as we are all doing this at our own risk.

## **Friends of Edgar Community Hall (FoSECH)**

Secretary: Sherry Briggs tel: 273476 email: sherry.briggs@lineone.net

The Friends have now disbanded as a group, having helped our “baby” to walk; it is now running very successfully without our support. Our remaining funds were spent on the new gazebo which will make a beautiful background for event photographs.

## **Friends of the Parish Rooms**

Chairman: Vic Medley tel: 273475 email: jandvmedley@aol.com

Treasurer: Martyn Smith tel: 273058 email: martynandsue@hotmail.com

The Friends of the Parish Rooms is a registered charity and was formed in late 2010 with the stated purpose of “To maintain and improve the Parish Rooms for the communal benefit of the inhabitants of Somerton and its surroundings”. The LSMI management committee is responsible for “things that need to be done”, but FotPR provides the “things that would be nice to have”. We hold a monthly afternoon of Rummikub, occasional lunches/suppers and the very popular monthly Moviola cinema. Look out for notices around the town and in Viaduct for details. Funds raised have been put to good use including new chairs for the Pinney Room and a rapid commercial dishwasher. Regular updates are provided in Viaduct and occasional newsletters.

## **Friends of Somerton Library**

Chair: Nina Sturrock tel: 224607 email: ninasturrock@gmail.com

Most Somerton residents are relieved that the campaign against the closure of Somerton Library in 2018 was successful. Since April 2019, the library has been run as a Community Library Partnership between Somerton Library Trust and Somerset County Council. FoSL supports the Library Trust through providing consumables such as stationery, craft materials, small pieces of furniture and supporting nationwide events such as the Summer Reading Challenge. Membership is free and everyone who is interested in supporting the library is welcome to join.

## **Laburnum Drive Residents Committee**

Secretary: Audrey Cole tel: 272620 email: kins.c@hotmail.com

We are a committee whose purpose it is to provide social events to all, both in Laburnum Drive and the wider public. Our supporters come from Somerton, Charlton Mackrell, Martock & Yeovil. Every year we give to charity and raise money for local needs,.

In 2019 we raised almost £120 for Macmillan at our coffee morning. Our programme is coffee mornings, breakfasts, lunches, bacon butties, bingo, tea parties, supper parties, (mostly with entertainment) and games, including our knit and natter (of course!). Our annual BBQ is well worth a visit. We also offer our supporters a variety of coach trips. Unfortunately, our Christmas party has to be by invitation only, owing to seating availability.

All welcome to all our events, which are listed in Viaduct, and we look forward to seeing you.

## **Lady Smith Memorial Institute (Charity No: 304629)**

Chairman of the Trustees: Vic Medley tel:273475 email: jandvmedley@aol.com

Secretary: Denise Clarke tel: 272625 email: deecclarke2910@gmail.com

Bookings: Nancy Schooling tel: 273859 email: nancy.langmaid1@btinternet.com

The Lady Smith Memorial Institute (LSMI), commonly known as the “Parish Rooms”, stands in the Market Place and has served as a meeting place for Somerton for over a hundred years.

Frances Lady Smith spent her whole adult life helping other people, especially in Somerton.

When she died in 1896 the Parish Rooms were built in her memory and paid for by contributions from her wealthy London friends and by pennies and halfpennies collected from the Somerton people she had helped. Nowadays, the building consists of two meeting rooms - the Lady Smith Hall seating 100 and the Pinney Room seating 30.

The facility is run for the community by a committee of Charity Management Trustees, consisting of representatives of the user groups and two representatives from the town council.

Day to day income comes from hire fees, but for capital improvement works we are supported by the Friends of the Parish Rooms and Somerton Town Council with substantial help from Somerton Community Association who have just financed the refurbishment of the toilets.

On average we have 75 bookings every month, so we are indebted to our long-standing and conscientious caretaker, Cheryl Tuttiatt, who keeps us up to scratch.

## **Local Information Centre**

Organiser: Anne Yates tel: 274865 email: anne.yates@btinternet.com

The local information centre in Somerton library is manned solely by volunteers who give friendly advice, information and help to visitors and local residents alike. The LiC is open March to October 10am - 4pm coinciding with library opening days and there is a huge selection of leaflets and books available together with local bus time-tables. A free “where to eat and stay” booklet featuring our area is also available. We can also provide guided tours of the town.

We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you can spare a few hours please contact Anne. A final thanks to all the volunteers and Somerton Town Council for their continuing support.

## Love Somerton

Contact: Mary Hossack, Life Interiors, New Street. email: lovesomerton@outlook.com

Love Somerton is a local community association run by a group of Somerton residents. We are an all-inclusive group with the town's best interests at heart.

For the past few years we've organised the May Fayre and the increasingly popular Christmas Lights Switch On, plus horse and cart rides around the town. These are not only full of great activities for local people and their children, but also help to put our town firmly on the map. All money raised from our events goes straight back into the town and our mission is support this vibrant town by bringing people together.

If you wish to offer your support for an event, we are always looking out for volunteers. Please follow our Facebook page for updates about what is in the pipeline or keep your eyes peeled for our posters.

## Somerton Area Dementia Action Alliance (SADAA)

Contact: Shirley Chapman tel: 274920 email: finance@acearts.co.uk

We aim to raise awareness of dementia and its impact, and to support action which will transform the quality of life of people with dementia and those who care for them in the Somerton area.

In short, we seek to make Somerton a place where those living with dementia can feel welcome, safe, well-supported and valued.

We encourage the development of a dementia-friendly community in Somerton, supported by voluntary and statutory services, businesses and the wider community. We ensure that people living with dementia and their carers and families have a platform, so their voice can be heard.

We promote the work of the national Dementia Action Alliance, including encouraging individuals to become "Dementia Friends", an initiative of Alzheimer's Society.

If there are any groups or businesses who would like a dementia friends awareness session, please contact Shirley as above. More info at [www.somertondaa.blogspot.com](http://www.somertondaa.blogspot.com)



## Somerton Community Association

Chairman: Sherry Briggs tel: 273476

email: [sherry.briggs@lineone.net](mailto:sherry.briggs@lineone.net)

We are grateful to McCarthy Marland Ltd for continuing the previous work of the Ruddle Group to support local projects by donating their Landfill Tax Credits to Somerton. We appreciate that this comes at a cost to themselves and also some onerous administration.

Since our last Somerton News report, we have channelled a grand total of £68712.20 made up of: Hearing loop & microphone system Edgar Hall: £6057.32

Recreation ground "Access for All" £7,110.48

Refurbishment of the MUGA: £37,146.00

Parish Rooms toilets refurbishment: £15,398.40

Somerton Library lighting upgrade: £3,000.00

Future projects in the pipeline are further facility improvements on the recreation ground and assisting St Cleers building project.

## Somerton Health Walks

Contact: Mo Fletcher tel: 274631 email: fletcher080@btinternet.com

The walks are organised by South Somerset District Council as part of a nationwide scheme. On the first and third Thursday of each month we meet in Somerton Library at 11.30am and walk for about an hour locally for exercise and good company, socialising as we go. The leaders are county trained volunteers. We look after the tail-enders so no one gets left behind! At the end of the walk those that wish to, go to a local pub for refreshments and a chat. Ensure you wear clothing suitable for the conditions as we may cross fields. Full details in Viaduct each month.

## Somerton Library Trust

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Somerton Library is situated in Cox's Yard opposite the Co-op supermarket. It is run as a community partnership between the Somerton Library Trust and Somerset County Council. The building is leased to the trust by Somerton Town Council. The County Council is responsible for delivering the 'library service' e.g. books, DVDs, talking books, PC access and wifi. In addition to providing a 'library service', the library hosts a number of community activities and organisations such as Citizens Advice and the Local Information Centre.

The trust pays SCC for the services of professional librarians and it recruits and manages volunteers to support the librarian. The library cannot operate without the support of volunteers and prospective volunteers are invited to contact one of the Volunteer Coordinators.

The library is open 23 hours a week: -

Monday	Closed am	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Tuesday	Closed all day	
Wednesday	10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Closed pm
Thursday	10.00 am - 5.00 pm	
Friday	10.00 am - 5.00 pm	
Saturday	10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Closed pm

Although the trust is paid an annual 'consideration' by the County Council and is supported by a generous grant from the Town Council, it is heavily dependent on donations. Prospective donors are invited to contact the Fund Raising Coordinator. The library is supported by Friends of Somerton Library (listed in this publication) whose nominated trustee also coordinates bookings of the library for non-library community activities.

## **Somerton Music and Arts Festival**

Chairman: Cliff Bassett mob: 07923 869 976 email: fredbassett01@gmail.com

The Somerton Music and Arts Festival is an annual event held in July and is organised by a group of volunteers with the aim "To provide affordable entertainment for the people of Somerton and the surrounding area". Events include an art & photography exhibition in May, a free family fun day on the first Sunday in July, followed by workshops for local schools, talks and a wide variety of musical styles from tribute bands to the more original. In town events take place in the Parish Rooms, St Michael's Church and local pubs and finally a 12hr music festival called "Somerstock" which is held on the second Saturday in July. There are other events throughout the year including Octoberfest to help sustain the festival.

The committee meets approximately once a month from September onwards to plan the next year's events and is always on the lookout for new ideas and new committee members.

See our website: [www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk)

## **Somerton Opportunities/Somerton Carers**

Contact: Ivor or Pam Dixon tel: 250603 email: levelopps@gmail.com.

We open for **Coffee...and more** from 10.00am-12noon at West Street Church on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. We're a friendly, informal group of mostly older people who get together for coffee (or tea) and a chat, with no fixed agenda. Sometimes we play table games, or someone tells us about an activity or project we could be interested in, or we help each other with day to day problems. We may develop other appropriate activities as the group grows. New members are always welcome, with or without carers. We aim to be disabled and dementia friendly. Drop in, or contact us as above.

**Somerton Carers** is a peer support group for family and unpaid carers, sharing experiences. Many activities or facilities are specific to a particular group, or not as well publicised as they could be. Finding out when and where they take place or who to ask if they are appropriate is often a problem. We meet at West Street Church on 2nd Friday of the month at 10.30am running alongside 'Coffee... and more'. Any carer who wants to attend may, subject to care needs, leave their cared-for one in a safe and friendly environment to attend the meeting. Please tell other carers you know about us, and encourage them to come along. The more people that participate, the more likely we can help anyone just starting on a caring pathway

## **Somerton SpeedWatch**

Co-ordinator: David Cundle tel: 897224 email: davidcundle@gmail.com

Somerton SpeedWatch started in July and as volunteers we have carried out many watches. It is well supported and the majority of local drivers are now beginning to be more aware that the speed limit is 20mph on a great deal of Somerton roads and those who have been caught speeding have received letters of varying severity depending on the speed they were travelling. Some people have also had a visit from the police. The police support us and do not tolerate speeding and we hope that by monitoring traffic speed most drivers will respect our town and environment and SLOW DOWN. Why not join us - if you aren't sure about volunteering why not come along, observe and see for yourself why we do it. Give David a call!

## **St Cleers Chapel Coffee and Company**

Contact: Richard Coles tel: 272716 email: rgcoles@mac.com

COFFEE and COMPANY is simply a group of people of all ages and from all backgrounds who get together at 10.00am on Mondays to enjoy each other's company and drink quality coffee! If you feel lonely or isolated then please come along. Or if you know someone who feels that way then perhaps bring them to join us.

COFFEE and COMPANY is very relaxed. You are always welcome to take part in reminiscence, craft, cooking, sensory activities, go for a stroll with the walking group, or just relax with friends. We offer support, sign posting, friendship, a cooked lunch and most importantly Gods love! Come and join us.

## **St Cleers Chapel Knit and Knatter**

Contact: Richard Coles tel: 272716 email: rgcoles@mac.com

Knit & Natter was originally formed for those ladies who wanted to make things for the various charities with which St. Cleers was involved in a friendly, informal group. It has now gone way beyond that in that any craft is now worked and the group has grown to encompass all people (male and female) and all stages of competence.

We are still very friendly and informal and there is a lot of "natter" as needles are plied, stitches are set and work is passed round. Not everyone works for the charities now - a lot of knitting is personal or for the family - but that doesn't matter. Our aim is to meet together and enjoy one another's company. We help one another with problems (both regarding our work and also personal) and the camaradie is very evident. There is also a lot of laughter!

We meet once a month on the second Tuesday of the month - usually in someone's house, preferably, but if all else fails then in the bottom barn at the Chapel - from 10.00am where coffee and biscuits are demolished and work, nattering and fun commences. We all bring a contribution for a shared lunch and this takes place around 12noon. The afternoon usually finishes around 1.30pm when we go our separate ways with the work we have done (or not as the case may be!), a full stomach, perhaps some words of wisdom passed on, and definitely with a lighter spirit. All are welcome to come and join with us. We have non-church members as well as members from other churches. There is no pre-requisite that you are creative or even want to be. If you like good company and a good natter, you will fit in fine!

## **Wessex Rooms**

Secretary: Steph Plowman tel: 272224

Bookings: Sara Dyer tel: 273655 email: sarad53@hotmail.com

These premises in Broad Street can be hired for use by the community and other groups. Tables and chairs are available and there is a small kitchen area with some crockery and cutlery. There is a sports court to the rear of the property with ramp access. Both the main hall and lounge area are fully accessible for the disabled. For more info see [www.wessexrooms.co.uk](http://www.wessexrooms.co.uk)



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Parish Church of St Michael	272029
St Cleers Chapel, Polham Lane	270267
Globe Inn, Market Place	273545
Unicorn Hotel, West Street	272888
Wessex Rooms, Broad Street	273655

## **USEFUL CONTACTS**

For general information about

All activities in Somerton	<a href="http://www.somerton.co.uk">www.somerton.co.uk</a>
Somerton Town Council	<a href="http://www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk">www.somertontowncouncil.gov.uk</a>
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Somerton Music & Arts Festival	<a href="http://www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk">www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk</a>
Bus timetables	<a href="http://www.firstgroup.com/somerset">www.firstgroup.com/somerset</a>
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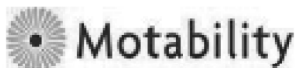
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