



# The Occasional Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council Newsletter Number 19 September 2016



Hopefully, this Newsletter will enable you to:

- find out what your PC is doing and planning to do;
- tell us what needs doing;
- find information about the parish;
- contact North Somerset Council - **01934 888 888**



We like to hear of your concerns and of any issues that you wish to bring to our notice. You can do so using any of these:

- calling at the Parish Office, Community Centre Building; (opening times Monday and Thursday 10am to noon)
- accessing our website: [www.winscombeandsandfordpc.org.uk](http://www.winscombeandsandfordpc.org.uk);
- telephoning: 01934 844 257;
- emailing: [winscombepc@btconnect.com](mailto:winscombepc@btconnect.com)
- writing to **Lynne Rampton**, the Parish Clerk.

## Have your say on children's centres and libraries

Residents in North Somerset will have the chance to influence the future of children's centres and libraries as part of a new consultation.

Consultation on the Community Access Review will have been taking place during the last two months and continue during the coming September. This review is looking at buildings and services run by North Somerset Council, with particular focus on its 14 children's centres and 12 libraries. It aims to make sure the buildings and services are fit for purpose, in the right place, cost effective, equipped to deal with new technology, and can meet the current and future needs of residents.

Residents are now being asked what they think of the proposals, what choices they believe to be the best, and if they have any other options.

The first areas being looked at are:

- Yatton
- Congresbury
- Winscombe
- Worle
- Long Ashton
- Pill
- Bournville and Oldmixon.



This is a three-year project so consultation about other areas which may see changes will be launched next year. People can give feedback online, at public and local organisations' meetings, as well as writing in.

To find out more about the options and give feedback, visit [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/car](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/car), or email [careview@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:careview@n-somerset.gov.uk) or call Council Connect: **01934 888 802**

**Public Meeting - Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 3-5pm and 7-9pm**  
**Function Room/Skittle Alley Woodborough Inn, Sandford Road.**

## Grand Litter Pick for Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Thanks to a number of new volunteers, we have expanded our list of litter pickers to about 27 - with partners and children it's more like 50! About 25 were



able to pick up litter on the day, and about 20 attended our buffet lunch, which was a pleasant social occasion. As part of the Parish Recycling Scheme we separated the recyclables from the non-recyclables using NSC skips. We filled two of these with recyclables.

In the **Parish Recycling Scheme** we are aiming to increase the proportion of our rubbish that is recycled – and earn a monetary reward for the Parish Council. We now have about 40 pledges from parishioners to recycle more. A preliminary survey of green bins has shown that many people are already enthusiastic recyclers of glass, plastic, metal and cardboard/paper.

We should all note that:

- all lids should be removed for recycling – even from plastic bottles as the type of plastic can differ,
- where possible, flatten plastic, cardboard and metal containers,
- waste food (if not meat) can be composted in your own bin, or (including meat) can be put in ordinary plastic bags in brown bins.

## 1st Winscombe Scout Group - a happy 50<sup>th</sup> birthday!

In the autumn of 1965, a meeting was held in the Primary School between officials of Axe District Scouts and local adults interested in forming a Scout Group in the village. From this meeting, a team of Leaders emerged, Mike Mason-Smith, Group Scout Leader, Maureen Faragher, Cub Leader, Brenda Fowler Assistant Cub Leader and Malcolm Fowler, Scout Leader. A number of parents also volunteered to form the Group Executive Committee.



On Saturday 22 January 1966, Maureen and Brenda met in the Lynch Chapel schoolroom with five boys to start Cub Scouting in Winscombe. At about the same time, Malcolm started the Scout Troop

In 1967, the Group Executive committee held their first Jumble Sale, which raised £75. The Troop assisted the catering team at the County Jamboree and the Group were granted a lease to the Woodborough Hall, of which they have had sole use and derived great benefit ever since. The Scout Headquarters was officially opened on 13 September 1969 by the County Commissioner, Gervas Clay and his wife, the Hon. Betty, the daughter of the Founder, Lord Baden-Powell.

From these beginnings the Group has continued to flourish, thanks to a changing team of adults, who have been willing to give their time, either as leaders or through the Group Executive.

## Note from Churchill & Langford Minibus Society (CLMS)

Churchill and Langford Minibus Society was established 41 years ago. In March 2015 CLMS was informed that we would be awarded a Community Minibus Grant through the Department for Transport. This would enable us to buy a new minibus. The grant was awarded on the basis that we cover a much larger community than the Parishes of Churchill and Langford. So, we are now able to cover the Parishes of Winscombe/Sandford, Burrington, Shipham and Banwell and will also be able to aid other organisations and charities that need help with transport.



After much hard work we took delivery of this additional new bus in May, 2016 and after conversion it now includes 12 seats for passengers as well as disabled access. Both our existing 10 seater and the new bus will continue to be available for all age ranges.

The new bus has been on display at the Winscombe weekly community market and has been fully supported by Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council. In order for the Society to ensure that the residents in this Parish receive a range of services we now need to recruit some volunteers from Winscombe and Sandford to take on the role of trip organisers. The role of the organiser is to take the names of people wanting to travel on scheduled trips, liaising with the central booking secretary and providing non-driving assistance to the driver. The Society will provide full training for volunteers.

In addition we are still looking to recruit new drivers (Age 30-75 and preferably with a D1 category on their Driving Licence) to operate the buses. The buses will provide a continuation of the existing services, including helping those socially isolated through our 'Good Companion Scheme' (sponsored by several local companies), but are available for everyone e.g. community groups, societies, clubs and other organisations within the communities that we cover.

For further information, contact Alan Purcell, our Chairman, on [01934 862250](tel:01934862250).

### Parish Council Dates - all parishioners are welcome - meeting at 7.30pm

	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Meet in Community Centre unless as shown			
Main Parish Council	26 Sidcot School Art Cent.	24 Sandford Vill. Hall	28 Sandford Vill. Hall		Sep.	Oct.	Nov.
Cemetery/ Allotments	5 2.00pm	Ilex Lane Cemetery		Planning.	19	17	14
Employment/ Finance/ Policies	-	-	7	Neighbour. Development	29	27	24
Environment	-	3	-	War Memorial	-	31	Winscombe Cricket Club

## Policing in the parish.

In reply to a letter from the Parish Council regarding the limited police presence in the parish and police representation at main PC meetings, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner included in a written response - 'I am sorry that Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council feel that the Police service in the Parishes has deteriorated. I acknowledge that the Beat team try very hard to attend meetings in various Parishes. However, by way of background information for you, last Autumn I was informed by the Somerset Police Area Commander that as a general rule the Police will attend PACT (Partnership and Communities Together) meetings as a matter of course but will not necessarily attend Parish Council meetings unless there is a capacity to do so and a police issue is to be discussed.

Parishioners and Parish Councillors may like to access crime information via the website at: <https://www.police.uk/avon-and-somerset/AN010/>. This website is typically 4 weeks behind by design. However, again, if Parish Councillors and Parishioners require more timely content about crime patterns then I am pleased to give you advance notice that Avon and Somerset Constabulary plan to launch a new report. The report will also be published on Neighbourhood web-pages on Avon and Somerset Constabulary's website.

During my second term as PCC as Police & Crime Commissioner I will look to build stronger local Police teams, increase resources in tackling child exploitation, crimes against our most vulnerable and internet crime. These are all things the public tell me matter to them. I will find savings by sharing back offices with other police forces, ensuring public money is spent efficiently and effectively. I will work hard to keep the local public safe and feeling safe.

I hope that this response is of interest to Parish Councillors and Parishioners. I am not complacent and I know that policing is by public consent. I greatly value positive partnership working, such as with Parish Councillors, in complementing the daily work of Police Officers, PCSOs and staff, for the benefit of the community. Sue Mountstevens, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, Valley Road, Portishead, Bristol BS20 8JJ Tel. **01275 816377.**



## Anyone can be scammed, any time, any age!

The thing about a con man is:

- they are professional; it is their living after all!
- they don't seem aggressive or overly persuasive to start with...why? because it wouldn't work
- they use stealth, areas of common interest and our fears to encourage us to drop our guard and make a 'snap decision'.



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