



# The Occasional Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council Newsletter Number 20 December 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.



## Future of Winscombe Library.



NSC's Community Action Review continues to look at two options for our Winscombe Library, which pleasingly do not include either removal or closure. The options are

- i) linking with a partner, such as the parish council, who will take over the day-to-day running of the service, and
- ii) remodelling the present system possibly to include increased self-service and longer opening hours.

At a recent parish council meeting councillors were much in favour of the second of these options. This one will probably mean the service being modelled on those already functioning successfully in the area, with a very secure system, without professional assistance, and either with or without volunteers.

While this system can work successfully without volunteers, it is clear that the use of trained, part-time volunteers will be a major improvement. But while there are already volunteers working very successfully in our present library the more that can be recruited to help out the better.

So, the parish council is looking to identify people willing to volunteer to assist in our future library. The hours and time of day a volunteer will provide will depend entirely on the wishes of that volunteer. Training will be made available.

If you presently work as a volunteer in our library or if you are interested in doing so but have little or no experience of such an activity we would like to know who you are.

**So, if interested, please contact Lynne, our parish clerk,  
on 01934 844927.**

## Rural Broadband in North Somerset and BANES

Our local council association has reported that the BT rollout of broadband, which covers 90% of households, is continuing and is nearing completion. The Local Authority consortium which is overseeing the broadband rollout in NS and BANES has recently announced the launch of a significant programme for improved rural broadband to cover the final 10%.



The programme is in two parts:

- In the longer term, up to 2020, a new superfast network will be rolled out on a universal service basis in all rural areas which are currently unable to receive superfast broadband. This will be provided by independent network providers using a range of technologies and should make broadband speeds available in rural areas comparable to those in cities.
- In the meantime, households and businesses which are currently unable to receive broadband speeds greater than 2Mb/sec are eligible to apply for a £500 subsidy voucher towards the installation of a fast broadband connection from one of a list of approved suppliers. The voucher scheme is now open.

Households wishing to take advantage of the voucher scheme are likely to find satellite service to be the best option. More information and voucher application are available as below: [www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-broadband-voucher-scheme/](http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-broadband-voucher-scheme/)

## Trading Standards need your help

The Police and Trading Standards work together to protect residents of North Somerset from being targeted by Rogue Traders. There are several ways you can help them to do this:

- Please report any leaflets/flyers you get through the door advertising for local services
- Let us know if there are any cold callers to your area by persons touting for work like gardening/house repair/driveway work
- If you have neighbours who are having work done, and you are worried about them let us know – we can make discreet enquiries to make sure they are okay
- If you co-ordinate a scheme that would like some window stickers or door stickers which promote our campaign contact the Trading Standards department at the council offices
- In addition, if you see the results of any fly tipping or other suspicious sightings please tell us.

This information needs to be emailed to Ben Hayes or Inspector Bennett who will be monitoring the details:

[Ben.Hayes@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:Ben.Hayes@n-somerset.gov.uk)  
[Sharon.Bennett@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Sharon.Bennett@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk)





Meet  
Father  
Christmas



Visit all the  
shops, stalls  
and  
businesses



Buy lots of  
presents

Ride on  
the  
carousel



Sing with the  
choirs



**Christmas at Winscombe  
Late Night Shopping  
Date  
Time  
Road will be closed  
5.00pm to 9.00pm**



Listen to the  
handbells

Chat with lots  
of friends



Dance to the  
music



Drink  
something nice



Meet our  
firemen

Eat  
something  
tasty

Buy a raffle  
ticket



## **Volunteering opportunity at St Monica Trust, Sandford, Winscombe.**

St Monica Trust invites you to volunteer in a new befriending project at our specialist dementia service in Sandford, Winscombe. You will help residents living with dementia to live fuller lives and improve mental and social well-being through regular companionship and activities.



This is a fun, enjoyable role that works to your strengths and helps you make use of skills and interests while making

a big positive impact within your community. You become a valued member of our friendly team, have the opportunity to develop new skills and to make a difference.

No experience is necessary as you will receive training and support, including valuing equality and diversity and the importance of confidentiality

### **About St Monica Trust.**

Providing accommodation and support for older people that enables older people to live independent, dignified and fulfilled lives. Website at:- [www.stmonicastrust.org.uk](http://www.stmonicastrust.org.uk).

### **What are St Monica Trust looking for?**

- Commitment and reliability - 2 hours per week on a Wednesday or Thursday morning between 10:00 and 12:00 for a minimum of 6 months. Routine and familiarity is very important for people living with dementia.
- Empathy, interest and adaptability to the needs of people living with dementia.

### **Closing date for applications 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Volunteers may use our subsidised pool, gym and restaurant and join our savings on shopping scheme. Agreed out-of-pocket expenses such as mileage are reimbursed.

### **How to get involved.**

For an informal chat please call Helen Mohan on 07875 406891 or email on [helen.mohan@stmonicastrust.org.uk](mailto:helen.mohan@stmonicastrust.org.uk).

## **Attention to all organised Groups within Winscombe and Sandford.**

Are you aware that the Parish Council will consider funding towards projects that your group wishes to undertake?

Applications for funding can be made via the completion of a Parish Council Grant Application, which can be obtained from the Parish Council office.

In the majority of cases, the Group will also be expected to contribute towards the project and will be asked, when returning the form, to provide a copy of the Group's constitution, or set of rules, the most recent copy of audited accounts, a recent bank statement and any quotations for work to be undertaken, (if applicable) and estimates for any capital items (if over £500).

An account of how the Group foresees it's operation over the next 12 month will be required for grants under £5,000 and for grants in excess of £5,000., the Parish Council would like to know how the Group views it's activity over a three year period.

The Parish Council will also consider grants where partnership funding is being sourced from elsewhere but they would wish to see evidence that such funding has been secured prior to awarding a grant.

If you are a Group Leader and feel that the Parish Council can benefit your Group's needs, apply in the first instance requesting a Grant Application to Lynne Rampton, the Clerk, Parish Council Office, 11 Sandford Road, Winscombe, North Somerset. BS25 1JA.