

If you are a resident in BS25 1 and require help with transport to medical appointments, please contact the Transport Co-ordinator, Mary Bendell on (07888) 812398.

If you are a resident in BS25 5 and require help with transport to medical appointments, please contact any of the following numbers - 01934 820300, 824071, 822174 or 822030. Please do not leave messages but keep trying until you get an answer.

In addition, the Sandford Helpline are looking for drivers: -

"Do you live in Sandford or nearby? Do you feel you would like to become involved in the local community? Maybe you have recently retired and are wondering what to do with your newly acquired leisure time? Perhaps you just want to help local people? SANDFORD HELPLINE has a pool of volunteer drivers who will take residents to any form of medical appointment in the area or collect prescription medicines if they are unable to do so.

We are always looking for drivers to join us or anyone who would be willing to join our small group of co-ordinators.

If you are interested, please telephone Sue Ball on 01934 820353 for more information."

"Long to Reign over Us"!

...Silver ...Golden ...Diamond ...

...and next year, **Platinum!**

Yes, the anniversary of Her Majesty the Queen's Accession to the Throne of the UK will be **70** years on, this coming February 6th, 2022.

Definitely something to celebrate!

That's why a local **Platinum Jubilee** celebrations group is encouraging us all, **now**, to get these key dates into our 2022 diaries:

Sunday 6th February and **Saturday 4th June**

~Special community events already in planning for those days~

Be a part of what's going to happen in Winscombe and Sandford!

(Want to know more?)

Contact William Du Croz via: [wducz@hotmai.co.uk](mailto:wducroz@hotmail.co.uk) or on 07960 697 874)



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

- Using the Contact Us form via our website: www.winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk/ContactUs
- Sending us a message on our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/winscombeandsandfordparishcouncil
- emailing: clerk@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk; or deputy@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk
- by telephoning the Parish Council Office on 01934 844257 or in writing at the Parish Office, Winscombe Community Centre, 11 Sandford Road, BS25 1JA

There are also a number of ways in which you can report an issue to North Somerset District Council (NSC) with regards to Public Rights of Way (PROWs), potholes, streetlights or weeds on the pavement/streets that you come across. The quickest and easiest way would be to report it on-line via the [North Somerset website](#)

There, you will see a 'Report It' section, but you will need the postcode of the area where the problem is, this also goes for many other things, like missed rubbish/recycling collections and overgrown verges/hedges.

You can also call NSC on (01934) 888888 and report it through Council Connect - Remember, the more people that report it, the more attention will be brought to the problem.

On-line version of The Occasional **(new electronic distributor for 2022 – Mailjet.com)**

The Parish Council is trying to reduce its Carbon Footprint and has started to implement things within their Office, but you can do your bit too! If you would like to receive your copy of The Occasional via email, please contact the Parish Council Office and let us know. When we have a large enough circulation list, we intend to stop delivering hard copies.

The Parish Precept and budgeting for 2022/2023

Most people are familiar with local taxation in the form of Council Tax but would not necessarily be so aware of 'The Precept'. This is a charge levied by each Town & Parish Council that is included in and collected from each household in the overall Council Tax Bill issued by North Somerset Council to you each year. The amount you pay that is passed onto the Parish Council is shown separately on the front of your Council Tax Bill.

The amount collected from each household depends upon the valuation band of the property. For example, if the home in which you live has been placed into a Band D category in this parish you will pay an annual amount of £73.33 (or £1.41 per week) to the Parish Council during 2021/22.

At this time of year, we are busy preparing budgets for our next budget year. We look at our assets and decide which, if any of these need replacing, projects requested through our committees and working groups such as 20mph schemes in the parish or extra cycle racks, and we receive grant application requests from community organisations. All of these will all feed into an outline budget that will be presented to the Employment, Finance and Policies Committee at their meeting on 17th January 2022 and then formally agreed by the full Parish Council a week later on 24th January 2022. As always, both these meetings are open to members of the public and a time set aside at the meeting for you to address the council or committee.



In our budget requests for 2022/2023, the Parish Council has been asked to financially contribute towards the building of a new community centre for the parish. This would

be through a loan to be repaid from income generated by the new centre as well as a grant or donation of £250,000. You will recall from the September edition of this newsletter that a parish wide survey was conducted and the result of this was overwhelming support for the Parish Council to loan and gift monies for the new centre (full results of the survey are available on our website or on request from our Parish Council Office). To grant an amount of £250,000, the Parish Council will need to raise a loan repayable over a 30-year period and this will result in a rise to the amount you pay to the Parish Council of around £6 per household per year (or 11½p per week). With the outcome of the planning application expected shortly, it is likely that repayments for this loan will be included in our precept calculation for

2022/2023. This will allow the WinSpace Group to progress their plans without delay if planning permission is granted and any conditions attached to this discharged.

If you would like more information about our budget proposals, or to examine Parish Council accounts in more detail, or to learn about our audit procedures and requirements please contact me at the Parish Council Office.

Parish Council Meetings/Office

Even though most Covid-19 restrictions have lifted, on Government advice, the Parish Council Office is still operating appointment only access.

Face to face Parish Council meetings have resumed but will also follow Covid-19 social distancing guidance (Committee and Working Group meetings shall be via Zoom until further notice).

Speed Survey Results

Following the Public Consultation earlier this year and the Parish Council instructing North Somerset Council to carry out Speed Surveys on Church Road, Woodborough Road, Sidcot Lane and Sandford Road, we can confirm that those results have now been received. If you wish to see them, please contact the Parish Council Office, unless you receive the Occasional via email and then the results will be listed on there.

Christmas Trees

It is with a heavy heart that the Parish Council have to inform the Community that the company we instructed to provide us with the large Christmas Tree within both Winscombe and Sandford can no longer provide that service, after this year, and with the increase in costs, and the insurance implications, it is not financially viable for the Parish Council to take over.

We thank the Christmas Tree Decorators for the trees over the last 3 years and hope the Community have enjoyed them as much as we have.

If you can think of an alternative way to supply the Parish with larges trees, please get in contact with the Parish Office.

Winscombe Contact Scheme and Sandford Helpline

Both groups of Volunteers are still up and running and we thank them for their continued support of the residents of the Parish of Winscombe and Sandford.