



**The Occasional
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We like to hear of your concerns and of any issues that you wish to bring to our notice. 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 Office on 01934 844257 or in writing at the Parish Council Office, Winscombe Community Hall, 11 Sandford Road, Winscombe, 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)

As you'll hopefully be aware, the Parish Council is trying to reduce its Carbon Footprint, with this in mind, they have taken the decision to reduce the delivery of the hard copy of the Occasional to 6 monthly.

However, fear not! The electronic version will still be quarterly, as long as there is enough content to justify this. When we have a large enough circulation list, we intend to stop delivering hard copies, but there will still be some hard copies available at points around the Community.

Council Meetings/Office

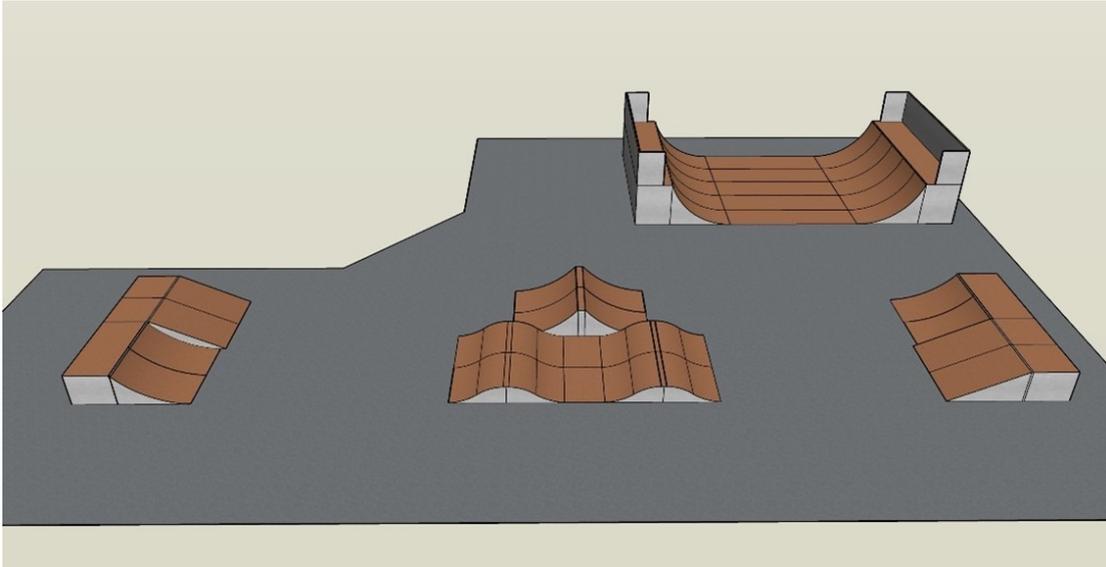
Even though most Covid-19 restrictions have lifted, on Government advice, the Parish Council Office is still operating appointment only access.

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).

Skate Park Improvements

With some money that has already been budgeted, along with hopefully some grant funding, the Parish Council are looking to replace an item within the Skate Park which is not very user friendly, and the below design has been suggested. We now need your input! Please let us know what you think by completing our survey (closing date 9th June 2022): -

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SkateParkImprovements/>

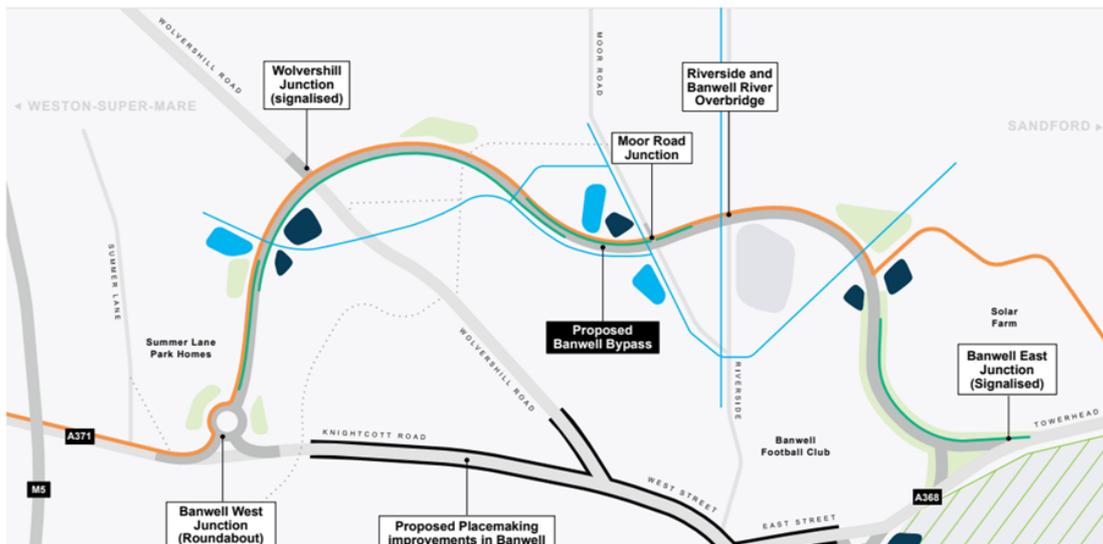


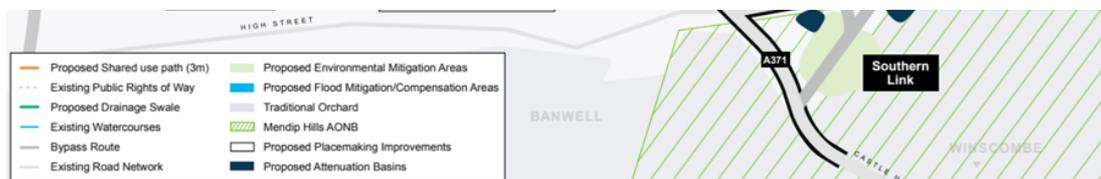
Banwell Bypass Consultation Update

In 2019 North Somerset Council (NSC) secured £97.1m of funding from the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) to build a new bypass around Banwell and to fund improvements to local roads (such as the Churchill Cross Roads), footpaths, and cycleways etc. The funding will also cover the expansion of the secondary school in Locking Parklands.

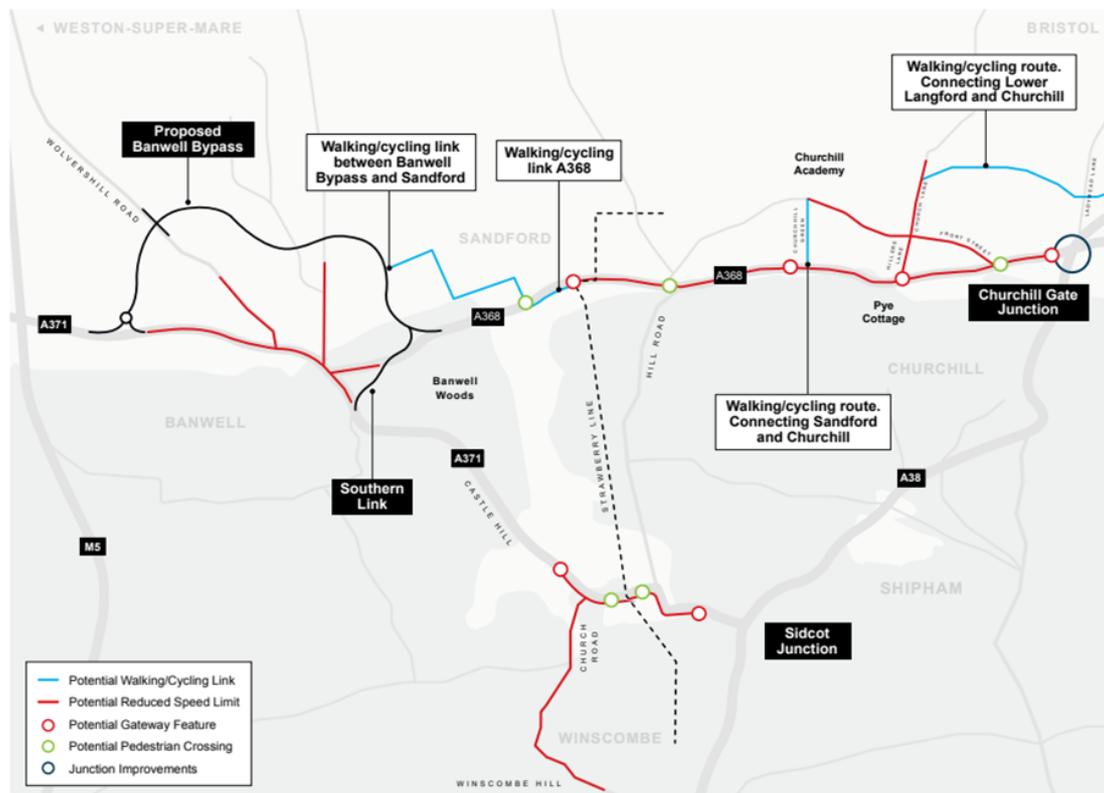
The bypass is intended primarily to enable the construction of a new village between Banwell and the M5/Locking Parkland development which is currently being called "Wolvershill Village".

A route for the bypass was selected in Summer 2021, the chosen route is known as "Northern Route 2", and at the same time North Somerset committed to building the "Southern Link Road" as part of the scheme. The routes are here:





Overall scheme design at second consultation:



Published Key Dates moving forwards are:

- Spring 2022 – Submission of Planning Application (potentially pushed back to June 2022)
- Summer 2022 – Land Acquisition
- Winter 2022/23 – Public Enquiry and Statutory Process
- 2023 – Start on Site
- 2024 – Open to Traffic

North Somerset Council have recently concluded the second round of the Banwell Bypass consultation. In order to prepare a response the Parish Council (PC) formed a working group of Councillors and consulted with parishioners and held a number of open-format workshops and other meetings with residents, businesses, and local groups in order to prepare a response.

The Parish Council has taken the view that we support the proposed bypass in principle but due to the impact on the parish of the new roads and additional traffic our support is conditional on there being adequate mitigation in place for our Parish.

The PC anticipates that there will be a significant impact of the bypass on our Parish. We feel that anyone who has lived in the area for any amount of time will understand the issues with traffic in Banwell and the general feeling from everyone we have spoken with is that Banwell is totally deserving of, and well overdue, a bypass (rumours are that a bypass was first discussed in the 1920s!). There is also a recognition that most residents and businesses in our Parish will benefit from improved road and cycle links West towards Weston-super-Mare and the M5.

However, there is also a strong sentiment that the increased traffic and environmental impact must be properly mitigated in order to avoid creating new problems in the villages of our Parish.

As part of the scheme NSC has proposed the introduction of a permanent 20mph limit in parts of Winscombe and Sandford. NSC has also proposed building new pedestrian crossings on Station Road, close to the crossing of Hill Road and Nye Road; and, a new pedestrian crossing on Woodborough Road outside the bakery.

Through the consultation a number of concerns were raised, including:

- Increase in traffic (24 to 28% increase projected when the bypass is open, no projections provided of traffic increases after 2024), leading to:

- o Safety issues, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists and children travelling to school.
- o Increased congestion in the centre of the villages, in particular in Winscombe.
- o Increased traffic on Hill Rd, South Croft & Winscombe Road – currently not considered by the NSC bypass team.
- o Difficulty crossing roads in the villages due to vehicle numbers.
- o Congestion at Sidcot lights and at Churchill Cross Roads
- Loss of habitat for protected species in the AONB, in particular due to the Southern Link Road.
- Potential speeding vehicles – NSC has proposed a 20mph limit in some parts of the Parish, the PC has asked that the 20mph limit be extended and enforced through cameras or engineered solutions.
- Potential pollution from increased emissions from vehicles, in particular outside Sandford School and in the centers of the villages.

In our response to the NSC consultation the Parish Council has asked for further mitigation to address these concerns, as well as for traffic data looking forwards to 2038 which would consider the proposed housing development in the area. Mitigation that we have requested includes (but is not limited to):

- Enforcement of proposed 20mph speed limits in Sandford and Winscombe.
- More coherent speed limits than are currently in the bypass design.
- Extension of proposed 20mph limit area to include Hill Rd, South Croft and Sandford Road.
- Various additional pedestrian crossings (including on Hill Road, Sidcot Lane, Dinghurst Road, and more).
- Low noise road surfaces.
- Consideration to protected species habitats in the AONB.
- Improvements for Sidcot Lane/A38 Junction.
- Improvements to “The Triangle” on Woodborough Road/Church Road.

The full PC response is available on our website or on request from our officers.

The Bypass project team have kindly offered to attend the Annual Meeting of the PC in May in order to present on the design development. We hope that this will include a discussion of our requested additional mitigation measures.

The next stage of the bypass project will be the submission of the Planning Application by the NSC project team. The submission is currently planned for June 2022 and at that time parishioners will be able to comment on the application directly to NSC. The submission will also come to the PC Planning Committee for consideration and a response.

More information is available on the NSC website and everyone is welcome to attend the PC meetings and planning committee meetings (dates and times published on our website and notified on village noticeboards).

We'd really love to hear from you at the full Parish Council meetings and the relevant Planning Committee meeting so please do come along to let us know your thoughts.



Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee in Winscombe and Sandford

Programme of Events



From Monday 23rd May 10am – Jubilee Exhibition in Winscombe Library

Sat 28th May 3pm Concert – Winscombe Community Singers
St Monica's Atrium Sandford - £10 – Tickets available from
Farrons and Winscombe Wine Shop

Monday 30th May 7.30pm – “Back in the Time – the 50's” - Community Centre

Tuesday 31st May – 10.30am - Jubilee Coffee Morning Church Centre

Entry by Ticket Free from Beth Cutmore 01834 844529

Thursday 2nd June - 3pm – Jubilee High Tea - for Retired Residents- All Saints

Tickets Only – Free from Llyn Callow 01934 823484

9.45pm Beacon Lighting Sandford (Thatcher's) & Winscombe Community Centre

Friday 3rd June 2pm - 4pm – Bowling Club Jubilee Open Day

7.30pm Winscombe Club – Live Band "Freeze" All welcome - Free Entry

Sat 4th June 1pm – 6pm **Jubilee Grand Festival**

Winscombe Recreation Ground

- Car Parking, Limited on-site parking & Blue Badge Holder
- Use Public Car Parks & Winscombe Community Centre
- Entry only with Wrist Bands - NO DOGS ALLOWED
- Tickets and Wrist Bands available from :-
Farrons, Wine Shop & Sandford Stores Sandford



Help Line Text 07776 235435

Sunday 5th June Services of Thanksgiving, St James's & All Saints

Big Lunch Street Parties

Saturday 11th June 7.30pm – Badgerset & High & Dry Concert (Folk/Shanties)

St James's Church Entry £10 Tickets available from Farrons, Wine Shop & Post Office

Website <https://winscombeandsandfordjubilee.org.uk>

Facebook "celebrating the jubilee in Winscombe and Sandford"

WAS THE MICHAELMAS FAIR

NOW THE WINSCOMBE VILLAGE SHOW

SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 1.30pm - 4pm

Our village wide leaflet drop announcing the change of name and relaunch as the Winscombe Village Show has proved to be a great success. Our plea for help has yielded a couple of new committee members and some interest in involvement. However, we still need extra help on the day, especially manning the gates during the show, and organising traffic during the morning when people are arriving with entries.

We shall shortly be delivering show programs. Please look to see if there are any classes you would like to enter. We have had to reduce the number of classes this year due to operational difficulties. All classes and sections, including horticultural, will be held in the main Centre building.

We appreciate donations of cakes and edibles on the day for our tea room. Beforehand, we welcome mugs, soft toys and good quality items/ unwanted gifts for our raffle and nearly new stalls.

We still have room on the field for groups and traders. We charge £15 per pitch. We recommend having gazebos, but are unable to supply either tables or chairs. Please contact me for further details.

Please come along on the day and have some fun. We look forward to seeing you.

Jackie Warren

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Winscombe and Sandford Contact Scheme

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.

The Citizens Advice Bureau

Now back to face to face meetings every other Tuesday.

You can book your appointment by emailing the Clerk, Lynne Rampton - clerk@winscombeandsandford-pc.gov.uk or by calling the Parish Council Office on (01934) 844257 Monday to Thursday.

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