



# CHURCHILL & LANGFORD

## LOCAL NEWS

Churchill Parish Council serving the community  
of Churchill and Langford villages

[www.churchillpc.org.uk](http://www.churchillpc.org.uk)

MARCH 2025





Welcome to our newsletter for the community of Churchill and Langford villages. Full Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Community Hall, Ladymead Lane, Churchill and you are welcome to attend these meetings.

Parish Clerk Sally Diaz

### **Notes from the full Parish Council meeting**

The current Electric Vehicle charging point supplier of the unit at the car park outside the Memorial Hall and Market Kitchen cafe is selling their business and in discussion with a new company to take over. The outcome will be made by 28th February.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet informally initially to discuss the feedback from the Community event, and the suggestions made. The Parish Council will discuss the most popular options with the community at the Annual Parish Meeting.

A driver had crashed into the millennium stone on the A38 in December 2024 and now have the details of the driver and their insurance company to contact for the work to mend the stone .

The Parish Council agreed to write to the Minister for Transport and Tessa Munt asking what would be achieved by adding the new roundabout at Churchill lights and to send us the cost benefit analysis. Current target data from North Somerset Council will be included to emphasize the insignificance of the scheme.

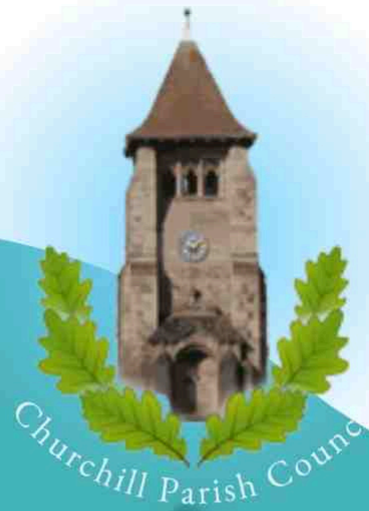
There are various overgrown hedges in Front St that require cutting back as it has been noted children are forced into the road because of this. The clerk will write to the owners to cut back their hedges.

Councillor M Baker reported a local footpath was blocked and the clerk will share with the PROW officer.

North Somerset Council are holding events to discuss the Local Plan, and the Parish Council will respond at the next meeting.

Councillor Bush advised that the road surface on Ladymead Lane/Jubilee Lane is deteriorating rapidly due to flooding and is causing damage to vehicles using the lane. The clerk will report this again to North Somerset Council.





## **TECH LEARNING & SUPPORT SESSIONS**

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**EVERYONE IS  
INVITED TO LEARN  
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'TECHY KNOW-HOW NIGGLE'**

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**EVERY THURSDAY  
10.00AM -11.30AM '  
MARKET KITCHEN' CHURCHILL'S  
NEW COMMUNITY CAFE  
NEXT TO THE  
VILLAGE HALL**



## GROWING CARE & FAITH IN COMMUNITY

Let's make a difference in 2025.  
Together we can make life better in  
our community.  
Check out our regular events - we'd  
love to meet you or hear your new  
ideas.

- ✓ SPECIAL EVENTS: BAPTISMS WEDDINGS THANKSGIVINGS
- ✓ 11AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
- ✓ 4PM FAITH & FUN FOR ALL
- ✓ HALL HIRE & FUNDRAISING



**Thursday** 2025  
**Lunches**

**3 Cs**  
Faith & Fun 4 All

**CREATE! Sunday**  
Exploring Faith &  
Nature Together

**CHURCHILL  
BABY &  
TODDLER  
GROUP**  
SING, CRAFT AND

Find Us:  
Front Street, Churchill,  
BS25 5NG

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# CHURCHILL BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Try us for FREE!

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**Mondays 09.00-11.30**  
**3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 March**  
@Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG

- ♥ Friendly group, easy parking
- ♥ Bright hall, lots of toys
- ♥ Yummy snacks; cuppa & cake

Churchill Methodist Church  
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**Welcome!**

**3 Cs**  
**Sunday 4-5 pm**  
**2, 9, 16, 23 & 30**  
**March**  
@Churchill Meth's Hall, BS25 5NG  
Family Fun - Songs - Story

Cartwheels, Cupcakes & Chis  
Relax with fresh coffee,  
tea & sweet treats

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# FREEWHEELERS\*

## CAFE

**Saturday 1 March**  
**10am-noon**  
@Churchill Methodist, BS25 5NG

**MEET BLOOD BIKER RUSS**

**Bacon Butties Refreshments Stalls**  
**10.30 - 11.00 Children's Bring**  
**& Show Bike Parade**  
**11.15 Ride for Life Slide Show**  
**All proceeds 50/50 Freewheelers &**

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## Mendip Hills Fund Awards £9,000 to Local Projects

The Mendip Hills Fund was able to make grants to nine projects this year, with a total of £9,125 awarded to projects that help the environment and community across the Mendip Hills.

Grants were awarded for restoring heritage fingerposts in Butcombe, helping vulnerable people volunteer and create new areas for wildlife, protecting a heritage trail exhibit in Axbridge, assisting people from diverse backgrounds enjoy the Mendip Hills, improving school grounds for wildlife and a contribution to energy efficient heating in the Cheddar Visitor Information Centre.

Jim Hardcastle, Manager of the Mendip Hills National Landscape, said: 'The panel of local people who make the decisions are thrilled to see the number of children and local people who will benefit from the grants. Visitors and local businesses are delighted to contribute to the Fund when they see how helpful a local grant scheme like this can be. It's been a difficult year raising money for the Mendip Hills Fund which is why we've only been able to distribute £9,125 this year despite having applications worth over £25,000.'

Kirsty Campbell, Programmes Manager at Somerset Community Foundation, said: "It's fantastic that the Mendip Hills Fund is able to support such great projects and organisations, helping both communities and the environment - which so often benefit each other."

Funds are raised thanks to gifts from businesses, events and visitors who wish to give something back to this very special area, helping to conserve and enhance the special qualities of the Mendip Hills, and benefit local communities.





**North Somerset**

# **TECH READY SERVICE**

Do you, or someone you know, need additional support with using or understanding technology - A mobile phone, tablet, laptop, etc?

Are you, or the person you know, aged over 50 and do you live in North Somerset?

If so, you are eligible for this **FREE** service.

**For further information contact:**

**Rural North Somerset**

☎ **07787 358982** ✉ **will@wern.org.uk**

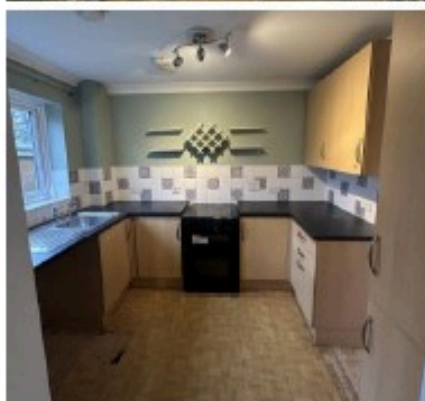
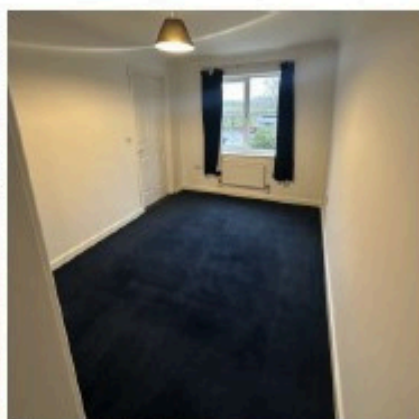
**Urban North Somerset**

☎ **01275 888803** ✉ **communityconnect@curo-group.co.uk**



# For Sale

**Shared Ownership**  
**One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat**  
**Available at Turnpike Close, Churchill**  
68% share for £97,308  
Monthly Charge of £81.54



This property comprises of kitchen, living room, one bedroom and bathroom. It also benefits from a garden and parking.

## **Local connection criteria applies**

Please contact English Rural on 020 7820 7930 option 2 or email [allocations@englishrural.org.uk](mailto:allocations@englishrural.org.uk) to arrange a viewing and to apply.  
Alternatively, you can visit our website [www.englishrural.org.uk](http://www.englishrural.org.uk)

**Application Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**





Explore gardening topics with John Simmons

March is officially the first month of spring, and gardens will soon go into overdrive. There is much to be done.....

Gardening magazines will tell you that this is the month to start mowing. With winters as they are you may well have never stopped. Don't mow if it's wet or frosty, and keep the blades on a high setting.

Tidy up any remaining dead bits in the flower borders and deadhead bulbs, but don't tie your daff leaves into little knots – you might think they look cute but they really don't like it!

Buddleias can be pruned hard, cutting them back close to the ground. They'll re-grow very quickly. Colourful dogwoods can also be cut back. Trim last year's stems to short stubs; it is this year's growth that will be colourful next winter, not the older woody stems. The pruned stems can be used as plant supports, but you should remove the bark from the bottom few inches or they'll root themselves.

It is a sad fact of life that weeds get going quicker than the plants you want, so get your nicely sharpened hoe on them. Be careful not to slice through emerging growth of perennials.

Summer flowering perennials like hostas, phlox and daylilies can be divided and spread around your garden.

If you like big-bloomy tuberous begonias in your pots and hanging baskets then get them going now. Gently push the tubers into damp compost with the hollow side up, then leave them somewhere bright and warm. In similar fashion dahlias can also be started off now. Put them in a pot of damp peat-free compost somewhere free of frost.

In preparation for the coming months, when you'll soon need to feed plants, I thought I'd include an educational bit about fertilisers; you need to use the right stuff at the right time.

Fertilisers contain the three major plant nutrients, NPK:

- Nitrogen (N) boosts leafy growth and is most needed in spring and early summer. Used late in the season it will promote soft growth that is easily damaged by frost. High nitrogen feeders include lawn food.
- Phosphorus (P) promotes root development, so higher levels of phosphorus are required when planting, particularly in autumn. Bonemeal is a great source of phosphorus.
- Potassium (K) helps flowers and fruit to form and should be applied from late spring to the end of summer. Tomato feed is high in potassium, and promotes flower and fruit production in fruiting plants.

Product labels carry a detailed breakdown of the three major nutrients, always in the order NPK, and shown as a percentage.



If the numbers are the same or similar, this is a 'balanced' fertiliser. Where one number is higher than others (as pictured above), this means the proportion differs and the fertiliser is best used at a particular time of year. In this instance the fertiliser is high in potassium; it's primarily aimed at fruiting plants.

As well as what's in it also consider the formulation of the fertiliser. Liquid feeds act immediately whereas pelleted fertilisers take longer to release their nutrients. Granular or powdered fertiliser is quick and simple to apply and usually needs only one or two applications in a growing season. Liquid or concentrated fertilisers need diluting and watering on, and tend to need more frequent application.

Are you organic? Fertilisers can be artificially produced (inorganic or synthetic) or based on plant or animal products. The latter are considered 'organic' but if you want to garden as a vegetarian or vegan, bonemeal and blood, fish and bone are organic fertilisers might not be to your liking. Inorganic fertilisers tend to feed the plant in one application but offer no long-term benefits to the soil. Organic fertilisers not only feed the plant but the soil too, contributing to its long-term health. Fertiliser lesson over.

Remember that gardening is not all about hard work. Get out and about and visit some local gardens. Large gardens like Tyntesfield, Hestercombe and Yeo Valley look lovely on a sunny spring day. Alternatively, come on one of our minibus trips....

### **Churchill and Langford Minibus trips**

#### **Saturday 15th March**

Lower Shalford Farm & Forest Lodge, Wincanton

Minibus fare £9 (Garden entry £10)

Forest Lodge is a 3 acre mature garden with a lake, spring bulbs and flowering trees. Many camellias and rhododendrons flower from March till May. Interesting garden sculpture. Lower Shalford Farm is has extensive lawns and wooded surroundings, with drifts of daffodils in spring. Small stream running through with several stone bridges.

We will visit both gardens if we have time. Both are included in the £10 entry fee, and cake is available at both too.

#### **Sunday 13th April**

##### **Watcombe, Winscombe**

Minibus fare £2 (Garden entry £5)

A lovely garden, right on our doorstep. Edwardian garden with colour-themed, informally planted herbaceous borders. Strong framework separating several different areas; pergola with varied wisteria, unusual topiary, box hedging, lime walk, pleached hornbeams, cordon fruit trees, 2 small formal ponds and growing collection of clematis. Many unusual trees and shrubs. Small vegetable plot.

#### **Saturday 31 May**

##### **Little Bucklers, Brockley**

Minibus fare £2 (Garden entry £5)

A first-time opener for the National Garden Scheme this  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre garden has been developed gradually over the last 40 yrs. Mixed colour themed borders, herbaceous perennials, gravel gardens, 2 small ponds, path leading to small woodland area and onward to vegetable plot and greenhouse. Mature trees and lots of seating areas make the garden a delight to work and be in.

**For bookings, please email or call; [john.simmons3462@gmail.com](mailto:john.simmons3462@gmail.com) , 07855-944049.**





Young musicians had a chance to show off their skills and talents on Monday, in the 17th Edition of the Churchill Music Young Musician of the Year competition, hosted by Churchill Music in association with Churchill Academy and Sixth Form. The lucky audience heard a wide range of styles and instruments, from baroque violin music to Radiohead on piano, via songs by Schubert and Minchin. There was quite a brass band flavour too, with contrasting solos on trombone, tenor horn and euphonium. The standard of performance was high, and the audience's enjoyment of the music was spiced by the element of competition - which was the 'best' performance?

The distinguished panel of judges - Richard Crabtree, Julian Forbes and Holly Greenwood-Rogers - gave interesting feedback, with a couple of impromptu and fascinating masterclasses.

The Trophy winner this year was Wilfred Maitland-Round, whose euphonium pieces included a spectacular Concert Etude by Goedicke, and a mellow rendition of 'Stardust'. Toby Wilson, in his fifth and last appearance in the competition, won the audience prize. His performance on the violin of 'Romance' by Amy Beach was deeply expressive and personal. The Junior Trophy was won by Molly Blundell (Year 9). Her lively and bold playing of Telemann - unaccompanied - was especially memorable. We look forward to seeing all of these young musicians going from strength to strength.

The winners also have the opportunity to enter the District Final of the Rotary Young Musician of the Year competition on Sunday 2nd March held this year at Churchill Academy.



**Calling All Green-Fingered Enthusiasts and Budding Gardeners!**

**Have you dreamed of growing your own fruits, vegetables, and flowers? Picture yourself on sunny days, hands in the earth, surrounded by the bounty of your hard work!**

**Well, we've got exciting news for you!**

**Churchill Parish Council has allotment plots available!**

**Why join the allotment community?**

**Health and Wellbeing:** Gardening is a great form of exercise for the body and mind. It's your peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life!

**Sustainability:** Growing your own produce helps reduce your carbon footprint and gives you fresh, pesticide-free food.

**Community Spirit:** Allotments are a fantastic way to meet like-minded individuals, share tips, and be part of something special!

**Whether you're a seasoned pro or a complete newbie, we'd love to have you join our community.**

**Interested in renting a plot?**

**Simply contact the Parish Clerk at [clerk@churchillpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@churchillpc.org.uk) to add your name to the waiting list.**

**Let's grow together!**

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Churchill, Langford and surrounding area

# UP COMING EVENTS

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## COUNCIL MEETING

Full Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Community Hall, Ladymead Lane, Churchill.

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## HELP WITH TECH

Every Thursday 10-11.30pm at the Market Kitchen Community cafe.

## SING FOR FUN

Every Friday 1.30 to 2.30

St Marys Church Langford

For everyone who simply wants to feel better through singing.

More info Jan Murry

[info@churchillmusic.org.uk](mailto:info@churchillmusic.org.uk)

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## CHURCHILL 2000 LADIES GROUP

Join a small group of about 14 members called the Churchill 2000 formed after the closure of the Churchill W.I. in 2000

Meeting 11 times a year at 7.30pm in the Reading Room opposite the Methodist church on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Enjoy a speaker, a meal out, visit a garden or have in house entertainment.

Open to new members to join a very relaxed group who enjoy an evening together along with a cup of tea and biscuits.

Email [katieandshelagh@btinternet.com](mailto:katieandshelagh@btinternet.com)

### Churchill and Langford Ladies Lunch Club

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month

at The Churchill Inn, Churchill at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm

£17 per head for a 2-course lunch with coffee

Pre-booking is essential

Contact Margaret Avery on 07725 056051 for further details

Please note that the lunch is limited to residents of the two villages or those that have moved away but wish to stay in contact with friends



# Live music concert



## Carducci String Quartet

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**Haydn: Sunrise**  
**Mendelssohn: No.3 Op44 No 1**  
**Dvorak: American**

**Sat 1 March 7pm**  
**All Saints Church**  
**Wrington**

Tickets: £15.50; £19.50; U 18's £1  
From: Ticketsource; holly@churchillmusic.org.uk;  
07442672805 or 'Pot luck' on the door  
More info: 01934 853518  
Churchill & Langford minibus 01934 852589

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# for

# everyone





# The Minibus Society

The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society is now running a scheme to assist people in getting to their hospital appointments.

This scheme aims to connect volunteer drivers from the Churchill and Langford community with patients to provide convenient transport to the region's medical centres.

The service will be provided using local drivers' personal vehicles, or, alternatively, a community minibus.

All drivers will be DBS cleared, and, as part of the process, all drivers will be enrolled as a member of the minibus society.

The costs for hospital transport:

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY £20

SOUTHMEAD HOSPITAL £20

BATH Royal United Hospital £25

CONGRESBURY £10

YATTON £10

WESTON HOSPITAL £10

WINSCOMBE £10

WRINGTON £10

CHURCHILL SURGERY £10

For other journeys, not specified, the donation will be agreed before the trip by the organiser.

If you need help ring Trevor on 01934 852589 or 07836600019

The Churchill and Langford Minibus Society also runs two minibuses and operates a schedule of trips every month to shops in Wells, Nailsea, Clevedon, Worle and Weston. In addition, it also provides transport for members to their healthcare appointments and subject to availability runs non scheduled trips for its members. In the past, these have included Churchill Music, Theatres, Cinema, pub lunches, trips to the coast and social events etc. To see the current schedule of trips please visit [www.churchillpc.org.uk/local-services/mutual-aid-minibus-society](http://www.churchillpc.org.uk/local-services/mutual-aid-minibus-society).

To become a Society member of the Community transport scheme please contact one of the organisers listed on the schedule of trips who will explain about the trips and how to enroll as a member. The Society is always looking to recruit new organisers and drivers so if you have some spare time then we would love to hear from you. The Chairman's details are on the journey schedule. The Society also provides the opportunity to make new friends and help you reduce your carbon footprint.

# Churchill & Langford Minibus Society

## March



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>3rd</u> <b>AM</b>  <b>Flowerdown*</b>  <u>Maggie</u>	<u>4th</u> <b>AM</b> <b>Weston*</b> <u>Mavis</u>  <u>AM</u> <b>Taunton*</b> <u>Sharon</u>	<u>5th</u> <b>PM</b>  <b>Worle*</b>  <u>Jennie</u>	<u>6th</u> <b>AM</b> <b>Yatton</b> <u>Angela</u> <b>PM</b> <b>Community Lunches</b> <u>Angela</u>	<u>7th</u> <b>AM</b>  <b>Wells</b>  <u>Jennie</u>	
<u>10th</u> <b>AM</b> <b>Cheddar Garden Center*</b>  <u>Ann</u>	<u>11th</u> <b>PM</b> <b>Weston*</b>  <u>Linda</u>	<u>12th</u> <b>AM</b>  <b>Nailsea</b>  <u>Jennie</u>	<u>13th</u> <b>AM</b> <b>Worle</b> <b>PM</b> <b>Community Lunches</b> <u>Angela</u>		<u>15th</u> <b>AM</b>  <b>Forest Lodge Gardens*</b>  <u>John</u>
	<u>18th</u> <b>AM</b>  <b>Worle*</b>  <u>Kim</u>	<u>19th</u> <b>AM</b>  <b>Wells</b>  <u>Linda</u>	<u>20th</u> <b>AM</b> <b>Yatton</b> <b>PM</b> <b>Community Lunches</b> <u>Angela</u>		
<u>24th</u> <b>PM</b>  <b>Flowerdown*</b>  <u>Ann</u>	<u>25th</u> <b>AM</b> <b>Nailsea*</b> <u>Kim</u> <b>PM</b> <b>Weston*</b> <u>Linda</u>		<u>27th</u> <b>AM</b> <b>Winscombe</b> <b>PM</b> <b>Community Lunches</b> <u>Angela</u>		

**Our area covers Churchill, Langford, Burrington, Shipham, Winscombe, Sandford and Banwell.**

Membership is free and we ask for a small donation for each journey. If you are interested in any of these trips please phone the organiser, whose names & numbers are shown below.

Maggie 07516 172683, Angela 01934 707115, Mavis 07739 608691  
Kim 07880 254722, Jennie 01934 843758, Ann 01934 822441,

Linda 01934 853755 07871 478229, John 07855 944049, Sharon 07981 064586.

They will let you know if seats are available. We will pick you up close to where you live.

The Society is grateful for the support of

Churchill, Shipham, Winscombe, Sandford, Burrington and Banwell Parish Councils.

For any queries please ring - **Trevor on 01934 852589**

**\* Can also pick up in the Banwell Area**



# Noticeboards



Churchill Parish Council updates six noticeboards for the community of Churchill and Langford. Residents can advertise an event on the notice board but not regular group or a business.

If you would like your posters displayed in the noticeboards, please send physical copies to:

The Parish Clerk 17 Sealey Close, Draycott, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3UA

Please note, that we cannot print posters for the noticeboards on your behalf.

## Do you own a local business?

Churchill & Langford Parish Council Newsletter is making advertising space available for local businesses to promote their wares and services.

Businesses can buy a spot in this newsletter to advertise. Prices will be £60 for 12 months, and £35 for six months. The advertisement can consist of one line, the name of the business, the type of business, and contact details.

These advertising spaces will be aimed at businesses in and around the local area of Churchill & Langford.

If you are interested in advertising with us, or if you would simply like more information, please contact our Clerk, Sally Diaz, on [clerk@churchillpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@churchillpc.org.uk) or on 07399 523 961

Got a local event to share?

We love to know what's on and spread the word. Please send information about your event to Becky - [comms@churchillpc.org.uk](mailto:comms@churchillpc.org.uk)



## Contact us

If you have any questions or comments, you can get in touch with us by emailing [clerk@churchillpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@churchillpc.org.uk)

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