



CHURCHILL & LANGFORD

LOCAL NEWS

Churchill Parish Council serving the community
of Churchill and Langford villages

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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

Churchill and Langford Parish Council – Meeting Summary

Councillor Keating will liaise with the Banwell Bypass team, the Cabinet Member for Highways and the Chief Executive at North Somerset Council regarding the issues raised by residents regarding plans relating to the Banwell Bypass on Churchill Green.

Councillor Alleyne asked whether the Parish Council would consider funding the immediate implementation of the outstanding traffic management measures to reduce the speed limits on Ladymead Lane and Pudding Pie Lane from 30 mph to 20 mph (TROs ITO 0809 and ITO 0810). It was noted that these schemes had been assessed and scored but remained unfunded.

Members noted that the schemes may ultimately be delivered through Section 106 contributions associated with Planning Application 24/P/1901/OUT. However, given the urgency of the need for road safety management improvements, and rather than waiting for delivery through the development process, Councillor Alleyne proposed that Churchill Parish Council fund the implementation of the measures in the first instance. It was further proposed that, in due course, upon receipt by North Somerset Council of the relevant Section 106 contributions from the developer, the Parish Council should be reimbursed for the expenditure incurred.

Councillor Keating will liaise with North Somerset Council and report back to the Council. The Parish Council request a written agreement to confirm the plans if agreed.

Councillor Ronicle asked for an update of the repair to the wall on Langford Road/Blackmoor as the wall is part of the flood defence for the area.

It was resolved to create a standard letter to North Somerset Council to report access issues. Councillors will provide a map and the landowner's name and address with photos of the issue for the clerk to send a letter to clear areas and to report them to North Somerset Council. The Allotments and Open Spaces Committee will assist the clerk. Electric fences will be added to the letter and a template for reporting issues needing clearance to the clerk.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit plans for the Community Club to be extended. The Clerk shared with the Council the opportunity to create a Community Allotment with funding from the Impact Alliance. The Council would seek an established organisation to prepare a business plan to best suit the space and local people. This would be aimed at all residents who would like to get involved to meet other people and be part of a community project. The area needs clearance and a resident has offered a family member to help. Councillor Comley suggested an allotment day to ask tenants/parishioners to work together to clear the community plot and any other areas required. The area needs to be covered to prevent further weed growth.

Churchill and Langford Parish Council – Meeting Summary cont

Councillor Ronicle reported that the speed indicator devices had been moved around the parish. The recent heatwave had depleted the batteries. He has sent the data report to Councillors. A letter to the University at Langford is almost complete regarding speeding on Stock Lane and the crossing.

Councillor Alleyne has asked the Council to add the request to fund the traffic calming on Pudding Pie and Ladymead Lane and be reimbursed to the next agenda if North Somerset Council agree to the proposal.

Councillor Comely reported that the Speed Indicator Devices for the A38 would be ordered once the funding from Bristol Airport had been received.

Councillor Murray asked to place a banner at the car park area in Ladymead Lane for the Churchill Music event of the Kings Men at St Johns Church. The clerk will follow up with Churchill Academy regarding the dead tree on Church Lane.

Councillor Murray also thanked Councillor Bush for her speech at the Armed Forces Day. Councillor Bush asked the Parish Council for support of a young student who has already raised significant funds by holding a cake sale for the RSPCA.

The Parish Orderly, Michele, has repainted the lettering on the Diamond Jubilee plaque at the top of Ladymead Lane. That's impressive focus in the heat!





Churchill Parish Councillors Visit Great Western Air Ambulance

Councillors Jan Murray and Mimi Simpson visited the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity on Wednesday 22 July after Churchill Parish Council was kindly invited to tour its facilities following the council's recent donation. The visit gave the councillors an opportunity to see first hand how the charity operates and to learn more about the vital work carried out by its crews. They met members of the team, toured the facilities and gained an insight into the specialist equipment, training and rapid response needed to deliver lifesaving emergency care across the region.

The Great Western Air Ambulance Charity provides critical care to people with life threatening illnesses and injuries across Bristol, Bath, North East Somerset, Gloucestershire and parts of North Somerset. Its highly skilled crew of doctors, specialist paramedics and pilots can bring hospital level treatment directly to patients when every minute counts. As an independent charity, it relies heavily on donations from local communities, businesses and organisations to continue its lifesaving work.

Churchill Parish Council is pleased to support organisations that make such a valuable contribution to the community and would like to thank everyone at the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity for their warm welcome and the opportunity to learn more about their outstanding work.

FREE YOGA

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SUNDAYS

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I don't think that anyone can argue when I say that it has been a hot one so far! The June weekend when my wife and I opened our garden for the National Garden Scheme seems like a lifetime ago, and the green has long been replaced by brown. Having been away for a week during the worst of July's heat we came back to a mixed bag. Pots, with their watering system, had held up very well, and were green and lush. Some of the perennials in the various flower beds less so. A few hours spent spot watering perked up the worst wilters well. Removing the worst of the dried up bits actually improved the look of the garden dramatically. Spend some time removing weeds (which don't seem to be affected by drought), annuals that have finished, and dead-heading perennials and you'll be amazed at how much better the garden looks.

Don't worry about your brown and crispy lawn; it will soon recover when we do eventually get some rain, and few plants will have wilted beyond the point of recovery. Remember, you'll look back on these days fondly when cold, wet and miserable January comes around.

Take time to wander around your garden, ideally with a notepad (you'll have to put your wine glass down for this bit). Take note of what has done well in the heat; you may want to plant more of these if hot summers are to be the norm. Are there colour gaps now that the lushness of spring and early summer are long gone? Make a note to either plant perennials in these in the autumn, or annuals next spring.

With planning your garden can look good through to the first frosts, and beyond. Plants for late summer colour include dahlias, Japanese anemones, red hot pokers (kniphofias), asters, penstemons and, for shady areas the rather cute toad lily (*Tricyrtis*). Ginger lilies and cannas are also great for late summer colour, and foliage. They are not as tender as some would have you believe; I leave mine in the ground (along with my dahlias), covering them with a layer of garden compost. They've survived -10°C quite happily.

Some other jobs to do:

- Keep camellias and rhododendrons well-watered. Next year's flower buds are forming and need water to swell.
- Trim lavender once flowering is over to prevent it going leggy. However, DO NOT cut into old wood, as fresh growth will not grow from this.
- Keep pots and hanging baskets flowering by watering and deadheading regularly. Add tomato feed weekly.
- If you have a wildflower patch then let it set seed before you cut it down. That job can wait until September.
- Prune wisteria by shortening all long sideshoots to about 20cm. Like me you may have done this in July. Like me, you may have to do it again in August and September if it isn't to strip the tiles off my roof!
- Collect seeds for next year. Some, such as Calendula, Californian poppies, cornflowers and Nigella (love-in-a-mist) can be sown now, with the young plants kept indoors ready for planting out next spring. Alternatively, simply scatter the seed; you'll probably get more coming up than you need.
- Sow vegetables for the autumn. Salad leaves, salad onions and spinach can all be sown now, and it's great month to sow pak choi, as flea beetle activity is less of a problem. This common pest is the cause of the multitude of little holes in pak choi and rocket leaves earlier in the year.
- Plant well-rooted strawberry runners into new beds.
- Pinch out the tops of your tomatoes; new flowers are unlikely to produce fruit with enough time to ripen. Remove the lower leaves of tomato plants to let more light and air reach the fruit.
- If you have a grape-vine then cut back some of the leaves. This will help the fruit to ripen.



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Update from Tessa Munt, MP for Churchill and Langford

It's been another busy month both here and in Westminster.

David and I had a lovely time at 'Churchill and Langford in the Park' and on Armed Forces Day, it was good to recognise the service of those who've protected us all, both now and in the past. We enjoyed fantastic music from the Royal Marines Association Concert Band in a packed marquee on a beautiful sunny June afternoon! Thank you all for making us welcome.

In Westminster, I met Lord Timpson, the Prisons' Minister to discuss the case of a man who has been locked up for 38 years, 22 years more than his sentence - but hasn't been released because he maintains his innocence.

I've met Stephen Timms, Minister for Social Security & Disability about

problems with the Access to Work Scheme which supports those with a disability or health condition to start or stay in work; and I've met Polly Miller-Perkins, the first ever Armed Forces Commissioner.

In Parliament, I requested a debate about an extraordinary High Court decision which will allow building on flood plains, filed two amendments to the Health Bill relating to the new 'Single Patient Record', and to following NICE 2021 guidelines which the NHS has implemented inconsistently, leading to a 'postcode lottery' for patients with ME. In Committee, I voted for a 'minority report' on the Courts & Tribunals Bill as the Government is set to remove the centuries-old right to a Jury trial in many cases. I also spoke in the debate about Child Sexual Offender Data.

I've asked questions about:

- * protecting agricultural land to ensure our food security into the future
- * speeding up free court transcripts for victims
- * contracting newly qualified dentists to work in the NHS for a period of at least three years
- * the lack of funds for the Music and Dance Scheme which benefits young people from less privileged backgrounds
- * Priddy Folk Festival's supply of water from Bristol Water and its contractor, Aquam
- * repayment of overpaid tax from HMRC which can't be cashed as they're in the wrong name
- * quashing convictions for victims of child sex abuse who have been coerced into criminal activity
- * the use of shell companies and flags to disguise Russian shadow fleet activities and evade sanctions
- * introducing a 'right to be forgotten' to ensure that children's data footprints are destroyed on request
- * a local company waiting months to be paid for defence and security work relating to submarine disposal
- * the lack of a special 'rural' mileage allowance for mobility vehicle users who travel great distances to access health and care facilities in rural areas

My next most local 'surgeries' are listed below. Please call me or visit my website for the full list.

Friday 7th August from 10:00 to 11:00 at **The Market Kitchen Café, Churchill**

Monday 10th August from 09:30 to 10:30 at **The Community Café, Congresbury**

Friday 14th August from 18:00 to 19:00 at **The Bell Inn, Banwell**

Saturday 15th August from 09:30 to 10:30 at **The Coffee Bank, Winscombe**

No appointment is necessary - it's first come, first served. If you can't come to meet me, I'll come to see you.

Thank you.

Tessa

You can contact me:

Call: 01934 440639 (answerphone outside office hours)

Email: tessa.munt.mp@parliament.uk

Post: Tessa Munt Freepost (you won't need a stamp!)

Website: www.tessamunt.co.uk

To keep updated on my work as your MP, find me on Facebook, Instagram, Bluesky and LinkedIn

You can also contact your North Somerset Councillor, Patrick Keating:

Call: 07584 674740

Email: patrick.keating@n-somerset.gov.uk

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**COMMUNITY
FUND**



Wroughton Vale Rotary Club donates £17200 to local Charities

Retiring President Nigel Oakley (R) passes the Chain of Office to incoming President Francis Montagu.



What a wonderful year of achievement Nigel has had! We have donated £17200 to local charities. Also sent six Vans as part of Pickups for Peace to Ukraine.

We thank you all for your contributions:

2025/2026 Highlights

Frog Racing £2300	Jazz In The Orchard	Dourden
Young Musician	Carol Singing Street Collection £1047	AdAstra Quiz Night £455
Junior Youth Speaks	Pines for Pounds	Mendip Festival £7000
Young Chef	Garden Party £4000	Kids Out
Pickups for Peace	Junior Young Musician	Young Carers Weekend
	Classic Car Big Breakfast £512	

Churchill, Langford and surrounding area

UP COMING EVENTS

COUNCIL MEETING

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

SING FOR FUN

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More info Jan Murray

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Winscombe District u3a

Monday 17th August.

Main Event Hall, Winscombe Community Centre BS25 1JA

Talk by Andy Wagstaff

"The Work of the Magistrates Court"

Refreshments from 2pm, Talk 2.30.

Members £2 - Visitors, very welcome £3

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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

Churchill and Langford Minibus visits

Saturday 8th August

[The Priest's House and Almonry Barn, Muchelney, nr Langport](#)

Minibus fare £6 (Garden entry £7 – covers both gardens)

The Priest's House is a National Trust property, but this is a National Garden Scheme day so there should be fewer visitors there today. The house is occupied so it is only the garden, not the house that we'll be going to. Please note that the National Trust website says that the pathway to the house from the road is 100 yards and is unevenly paved.

Almonry Barn is a 2-acre garden around a barn that was once part to Muchelney abbey. Tea and cake, and plant sales, will be available here.

For bookings, please email or call;

john.simmons3462@gmail.com , 07855-944049.



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

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

AUGUST



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Saturday
3rd Am Flowerdown* Maggie	4th Am Weston* Mavis	5th Am Monkton Elm* Hazel	6th Am Yatton + Churchill Community Lunches Angela	7th Am Wells Jennie	8th Am Almonry Barn & Priest House John
		Pm Worle* Jennie			
10th Am Cheddar Garden Centre* Ann	11th Pm Weston* Linda	12th Am Nailsea Jennie	13th Am Worle + Churchill Community Lunches Angela	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. 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 & Langford, Shipham, Winscombe and Sandford, Burrington and Banwell Parish Councils. <u>Find Us On Facebook.</u>	
17th Am Glastonbury Sharon	18th Am Worle* Kim	19th Am Wells Linda	20th Am Yatton + Churchill Community Lunches Angela		
24th Pm Flowerdown* Ann	25th Pm Weston* Linda	26th Am Coffee's* Hazel	27th Am Winscombe + Churchill Community Lunches Angela		
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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 C/O The Market Kitchen
Ladymead Ln, Langford, Bristol BS25 5NH

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 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



Contact us

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