

NORTH SOMERSET

# Life

**Skills for the future**  
Residents get their  
careers on track



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# Welcome

Dear resident,

It's good to be back.

What an interesting and confusing two months. After the longest lead up to a general election and three well publicised TV debates, we still had no conclusive outcome. I thought the debates by the party leaders were more of a popularity contest based on how well they smiled rather than how they would run our country.

We do not have a presidential system here, we vote for a local MP. Of course many of us vote for a party but I know many MPs of all parties who win their seat because of the hard work they put in. I would hate communities to lose the right to elect someone respected locally or their power to get rid of someone who did not do a good job.

The TV debates attracted a lot of interest at the beginning and it is good to see more people involved but it seems that interest fell as viewers became frustrated that very little was being discussed in a meaningful way. I was very surprised at the national results but dismayed by what happened next. It cannot be good for democracy when the Government is decided by secret deals and a few people agreeing to drop election promises. In future, the public should be confident that they know what they are voting for, even if there is a hung parliament – it is not difficult.

You will now be aware that the council has completed the purchase of Castlewood, the office building in

Clevedon. People have asked how we can afford to buy this when we are looking to save money. It is a really good investment; we can get rid of leases on a number of smaller, more costly, and less efficient buildings around the area and those savings will pay the cost of buying the new building. By renting out some of the new office space to our partners, we will recover even more money and have much better working arrangements for staff and better access for all residents.

At the same time, we are working on plans for the Town Hall in Weston-super-Mare, which will remain the council's head office. Alterations to the interior mean we will be able to have more people working here than ever before, again saving costs and improving services.

With the election over, we will soon find out how severe the cutbacks will be as the country tries to reduce the debt. TV programmes and most national newspapers have started reporting examples of where councils are cutting services. At North Somerset we are expecting up to 20 per cent reduction in our funding over the next few years. Although we have made enormous savings during the last three years, it is inevitable that some services will be reduced. When we know the facts, we will let you know what our difficult options are.

**Councillor Nigel Ashton**  
Leader of North Somerset Council

## Coming in next month's issue



- **What's on**  
**Summer special**  
12-page bumper pull-out
- **Anti-social behaviour**  
Cracking down on nuisance crime
- **Supporting people**  
Ensuring vulnerable people get the right care

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## Fabulous local food

Discover fabulous local food on your doorstep with a new directory.

North Somerset Local Food Directory lists 54 local food and drink producers, including cheese, soft drinks, real ales, cider, cakes, smoked meats and fish, locally reared and butchered meat, fruit and vegetables, and confectionery.

The free leaflet, produced by North Somerset Council, aims to encourage more people to shop locally and is now available in council offices, libraries, GP surgeries and tourist attractions.

For a copy call 01934 426 341 or email your name and address to [economicdevelopment@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:economicdevelopment@n-somerset.gov.uk)



[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/food](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/food)



## New recycling and waste calendars

Distribution problems last month meant some areas in North Somerset did not receive their new recycling and waste collection calendars.

The council has worked hard with its contractor to solve the problems but if you are still unsure when your collection will be, log onto the council website or call Council Connect.

Council Connect: 01934 888 802  
[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/calendar](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/calendar)

## MPs retain seats

North Somerset's two Conservative MPs retained their seats in last month's general election.

John Penrose was elected MP for Weston-super-Mare, with a majority of 2,691 votes. The total turnout in that constituency was 67.24 per cent (52,771 votes, including 8,429 postal votes).

Liam Fox was elected MP for North Somerset (formerly Woodspring) with a majority of 7,862 votes. The total turnout was 75.09 per cent (58,051 votes, including 8,135 postal votes).

## Dig out the news archive

Discover the lives of Victorian people by reading the first draft of history – original newspapers from the era.

North Somerset library service has teamed up with the British Library to offer an online archive of 19th century newspapers from across England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

Search for ancestors mentioned in court reports, family messages and obituaries or read about the development of Weston-super-

Mare's pier in the Bristol Mercury.

Newspapers are available at libraries and from home using the online library and your membership card.

The collection also includes national titles such as The Times (1785-1985), The Guardian and Daily Mail.



01934 426 010 [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/onlinelibrary](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/onlinelibrary)

# Get cycle confident

Cycling is clean, green and cheap and it can easily become part of everyday life.

National Bike Week runs from Saturday 19 to Sunday 27 June and it aims to show people the social, health and environmental benefits of cycling.

Adults in North Somerset still have the chance to get a discounted one-to-one cycle lesson thanks to a partnership between North Somerset Council and the charity Life Cycle UK.

Training is tailored to riders' needs, whether it is being daunted by heavy traffic or negotiating a certain junction.

Anyone over the age of 16 with a roadworthy bike can have a one-to-one lesson for £5 instead of £30.



## June

Thursday 10 – Nailsea

Tuesday 22 – Portishead

Saturday 26 – Weston-super-Mare

## July

Tuesday 6 – Portishead

Saturday 10 – Weston-super-Mare

Tuesday 20 – Weston-super-Mare

Keeping  
traffic  
moving  
p20



Get vocal  
be heard

## Changes to mobile library service

Changes to North Somerset's mobile library service are set to be brought in at the end of July and comments are now welcomed from local residents.

Following a review of the service, the mobile library will visit communities for longer and in more central locations.

This aims to make it a focal point by stopping near facilities such as village halls or shops.

A free reservation service will also be offered to users who would like items which are not immediately available.

For full details of the new routes visit your local library or the council website.



## What faith are you?

Faith and belief groups in North Somerset are being invited to take part in a survey and help create a new directory.

The faiths and beliefs survey is organised by Faithnetsouthwest, an organisation which encourages faith groups to work together and with others to support the local community.

The survey is being completed by local representatives and will be sent out to all faith and belief groups in the area.

To take part contact Zena Brown.

## Support for carers

Unpaid carers who look after someone they love are being urged to get the help and support they need this month.

Carers Week runs from Monday 14 to Sunday 20 June and shows why supporting carers is crucial and how carers might miss out on things taken for granted, such as family occasions or going on holiday.

Various events will take place throughout North Somerset during the week.

To book call 0117 353 4580



01934 529 303

zena.brown@n-somerset.gov.uk



Crossroads Care:  
01934 411 855



www.n-somerset.gov.uk/  
mobilechange



## Kicking the carbon footprint

North Somerset Council has been recognised for its efforts in going green and kicking the carbon footprint.

The council has been awarded the Carbon Trust Standard mark of excellence in recognition of measuring, managing and reducing its carbon emissions.

The council's carbon footprint was measured over the last three years by calculating energy consumption from its buildings and street lighting, and fuel consumption from transport fleets and staff business travel.

During 2008/9 the council emitted about 22,500 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere and it is committed to reducing this by 30 per cent over the next five years.

The Carbon Management Plan outlines a number of ways this will be met, including projects in schools, offices, transport and with street lighting. The council has recently renewed its energy contract with Scottish and Southern for a five-year period so all electricity will be green and produced from renewable sources.



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## Students show their enterprising spirit



Young people put their business and enterprise creativity to the test during a Dragon's Den style challenge.

Students from Baytree, Priory Community, Westhaven and Worle Community schools recently took part in the Weston Schools' Enterprise 4 U Business Challenge, sponsored by the Weston Federation of Schools.

The event, now in its third year, showcases young peoples' business and enterprise skills.

Each school formed a company, produced a business plan, showcased their products or services on a trade stand, and presented their ideas.

Musicolour, by Worle Community School, won the challenge.

## Wonders of Weston

Readers are being invited to submit images of what makes Weston-super-Mare special to them.

Art commissioning and research organisation Situations is asking people to nominate their Seventh Wonder of Weston and all submitted photographs will be displayed in an online gallery –



whether it's of the pier, a park or your own back garden.

The nominated Seventh Wonder will be displayed alongside the Wonders of Weston, a new programme of six public artworks being commissioned for the town. This is one of a number of cultural projects being funded by the Sea Change initiative.

Upload images to [www.wondersofweston.org](http://www.wondersofweston.org) or send them to:

Wonders of Weston, Situations, Spike Island, 133 Cumberland Road, Bristol BS1 6UX. Include an SAE if you would like images returned.



# Pill bomb scare

Community spirit was alive and well in Pill last month when a bomb scare hit the village.

Residents reacted well when they were told a suspicious unidentified object might be an unexploded wartime bomb.

The object was found by the Environment Agency during routine maintenance work of the river bank and villagers were warned they could be evacuated by the police and council if it posed a risk.

The incident, named Operation Hangar, saw teams of staff from

the council, police, NHS North Somerset and NS Housing knock on 130 doors and drop almost 600 leaflets to give residents information about what was happening.

## harmless

The object was later identified as a harmless collection of corroded scrap metal, possibly from a boat and a larger cylindrical item.

Pill is seen as a medium risk area for unexploded bombs because the nearby docks at Portbury and Bristol were a regular target for German bombers during the war.

## Visitor attraction scoops another award

A popular Portbury visitor attraction is celebrating after picking up another gong.

Oakham Treasures was awarded a silver medal in the Best Small Visitor Attraction category at enjoyEngland's National Awards for Excellence ceremony.

The attraction opened in 2008 and features one of the largest collections of vintage farm machinery and retail items in the country. It also has a large on-site farm shop.

This national award follows the attraction's recent gold in the regional South West Excellence Awards.

[www.oakhamtreasures.co.uk](http://www.oakhamtreasures.co.uk)



## Seek out woodland sculptures

Unique sculptures from talented artists will be on show in Backwell next month.

More than 20 sculptures will be on show during the Woodland Garden Sculpture Trail, organised by North Somerset Arts.

It takes place in the garden of ceramicist Jane Blair and will include works in metal, ceramics, willow, glass and concrete. It runs 10am – 6pm from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 July.



North Somerset Arts co-ordinator Annie Taylor: 01934 627 809  
[www.northsomersetarts.org.uk](http://www.northsomersetarts.org.uk)



## Help people with memory loss

Adults with memory problems and dementia in North Somerset can now get help thanks to a free service.

Rethink Reconnect is funded by Supporting People and includes help with budgeting and setting up direct debits, advice on maintaining the home, information on activities to help avoid social exclusion, and access to other appropriate services.

01934 424 434





# Helping Weston back into work

Unemployment can be a demoralising experience but help is at hand to get people back on track.



In April official figures showed the unemployment total had reached 2.5 million, the highest in the UK for 16 years.

Here in North Somerset help is readily available for people needing a head start in the job market.

Last October a new skills and job shop opened in the South Ward of Weston-super-Mare to help local people reach their full potential.

Westonworks provides free and confidential advice about learning, training, volunteering, employment and self-employment and has helped more than 1,500 people so far.

The centre receives funding from the South Ward Neighbourhood Management Partnership, North Somerset Council, NSHousing and Working Links.

Manager Adrian Stone said: "What makes westonworks unique is that advisers from many different organisations are based at the shop, providing specialist advice and support."

*Life met some job-seekers...*

## Back on track

Builder Dominic Hingston had been out of work for two years after badly breaking and dislocating his arm in a horse-riding accident.

Dominic Hingston



## Help available

**Irene Branagan is a ready4work adviser based at westonworks. She said: "This is an ideal venue for us to meet people and support them back into work. The atmosphere is friendly, accommodating and inspirational."**

**Ready4work offers funding for employment-related training and job grants. In the past three years it has helped more than 260 people back into work.**

**Learning and work advice is available to anyone over the age of 18. Staff can help with careers advice, CVs, job applications, interview skills, finding courses or voluntary work.**

**Free internet access is available for job searches, as well as practice software for the Constructions Skills Certification Scheme. Free drop-in computer training takes place every Friday so just turn up to have a go.**

The 50-year-old had nine operations and is still a hospital out-patient but he desperately wanted to get back to work.

He said: "I was still getting up at 5am and going through the motions as if I was going to work. It was so hard. I couldn't even afford a postage stamp to send off applications."

The South Ward resident visited westonworks and now has four jobs, including cleaner, caretaker, and a painter on the new Grand Pier.

Dominic said: "My whole life has changed. Westonworks gave me the motivation I needed. I went every day and they gave me hints and tips about

interview techniques and re-writing my CV, as well as advice about the benefits I was entitled to.

"I've recommended it to lots of other people. This service is on people's doorsteps so they have no excuse not to go."

## A fresh start

Single mum Nikki Kingshott visited westonworks to talk through her career and training options. She had little work experience so was finding it very difficult to get a job but has now completed an NVQ course in mental health.

Nikki, aged 30, has been in recovery for the past six years after being a drug user and alcoholic. She said: "I wanted to wait until my daughter went to school before I started looking for work but I had no CV, no work experience, and a criminal record. I just felt like I was stuck in a rut and started to get really depressed.

"Westonworks were so supportive. Ready4Work funded me to go to college and explained to me how my criminal record will affect my job hunting."

Nikki now wants to get into care work and her future looks brighter. She has had interview preparation at westonworks and said: "It's given me confidence."

## Advice agencies based at Westonworks

- Community Learning Service
- CSV Avon Training
- Family Information Service
- Maximus
- nextstep
- ready4work
- Scout Enterprises
- Shaw Trust
- Tomorrow's People
- Voluntary Action North Somerset
- Weston College
- Working Links

**Westonworks is open 10am – 4pm Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary.**

01934 426 260

6a St Andrew's Parade,  
Weston-super-Mare

advice@westonworks.org.uk

www.westonworks.org.uk



*Nikki Kingshott with CSV adviser Adam Poole*

# Developing skills for the future

Young people are among the hardest hit during the recession and competition for jobs is fierce – so there's never been a better time to develop transferable skills and qualifications.



*Apprentices hard at work*

Studies show that youth unemployment can blight a person for the rest of their life in terms of lower wages and poorer health.

Education is changing rapidly to cope and a raft of new incentives can give students longer to gain the skills they need – such as the Diploma or hands-on apprenticeship.

## Learning for longer

Great skills are always in demand but sometimes young people need longer to get them.

Over the next few years the education and training participation age in England will rise for the first time in 40 years to 17 in 2013 and 18 in 2015.

This means students can stay on full-time in school sixth forms or colleges, undertake part-time education or training, or join work-based learning with apprenticeships.

Locally, these are co-ordinated by North Somerset Council's 14 – 19 Partnership, which recently won a national Delivering Diplomas Award.

Apprenticeship opportunities are being developed by North Somerset Council, NHS North Somerset, Weston Area Health Trust, Avon and Somerset Constabulary and many

business and public sector organisations.

Continuing in learning for longer will bring benefits to individuals, the economy and society, and help prevent the most disadvantaged and vulnerable young people missing out.

## Earn while you learn

For young people leaving school this summer, apprenticeships could give students the chance to earn while they learn and gain recognised qualifications.

Apprentices can study for a work-based qualification while building valuable transferable skills such as team work, problem solving and communication.



*Natasha Budd: "The apprenticeship has changed my life."*

Former Priory Community School and Weston College student Natasha Budd, aged 19, is now a business administration apprentice with North Somerset Council.

Natasha said: "I'm so pleased to have found a job which has allowed me to gain practical experience, new



qualifications and also helped me to discover which direction I would like my career to go in.

"When I started work last year I was made to feel welcome straight away and really enjoyed my role as no two days were ever the same."

Natasha is now nine months through her apprenticeship and has recently completed the Business Administration Level 2 NVQ and is starting the Level 3 qualification.

She said: "The apprenticeship has changed my life."

There are about 20 young people currently working at the council doing business administration and accounting apprenticeships.

Those doing business administration create a portfolio of evidence towards NVQ level two or three, while accounting apprentices work towards the three-year Association of Accounting Technicians qualification with one day a week at Weston College.

Jill Cowles, who manages the apprenticeship scheme, said: "The council is rightly proud of its innovative apprenticeship scheme.

"Apprentices need time and effort to develop but it is rewarding to see not only the benefits they bring to the organisation but their tremendous progress and achievements."

Apprentices are encouraged to make the most of a wide range of learning and development opportunities, such as training courses, e-learning and work-shadowing visits to other departments and public sector organisations.

## Find out more

All vacancies at North Somerset Council are advertised online and apprentices are recruited all year round.

Visit [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/jobs) or call the recruitment team on **01934 634 532**.

For information contact Jill Cowles: **01275 884 270**  
[jill.cowles@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:jill.cowles@n-somerset.gov.uk)

For all apprentice vacancies visit [www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

Connexions: **01934 644 443**  
[www.connexionswest.org.uk](http://www.connexionswest.org.uk)

# Beach life near Brean Down



This short circular walk taking in views of Brean Down is a relaxing route away from the clamour of Weston-super-Mare

Start the walk on the beach at the end of the promenade in Weston-super-Mare, near Royal Sands. Walk south from Weston, towards Uphill, to enjoy the relative peace and quiet of this stretch of beach.

Continue on the beach past the Links Road turning and caravan park. You will be heading towards Brean Down and the mouth of the River Axe.

Brean Down is a continuation of the limestone Mendip Hills and extends for 1.5 miles into the Bristol Channel. It is now owned by the National Trust and is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, with rich wildlife, history and archaeology.

A fort there was built in 1870 and then re-armed in the Second World War.

Plans were drawn in the 1860s for a deep water harbour on the northern shore of Brean Down. Foundation stones of the pier were laid but the project was abandoned after a storm destroyed them. If proposals for a Severn Barrage for tidal electricity get the go-ahead, it could start at Brean Down.

Continue walking along the sand, past Weston Yacht Club. There is deep mud here on the river banks, so take care. **Never attempt to cross the river on foot.**



## Walk information

**Distance:** about 2.5 miles

**Difficulty:** easy – a level walk with no stiles

**Duration:** 1.5 hours at a leisurely pace

**Map:** OS Explorer 153

**Refreshments:** Pubs and shops in Uphill

**Public toilets:** Links Road

## Suggested walks for Life

Do you know the perfect place in North Somerset for a walk? Is there a beautiful vista waiting to be seen by more people?

Every month we publish walks of three to five miles and are always on the look-out for new route ideas. Email [editor@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:editor@n-somerset.gov.uk)

The sand soon becomes grass, so continue straight ahead on the path, along the edge of the river, which is on your right. Continue on the grassy path until you reach a fork in the River Axe and follow the path, which now veers round to the left. This follows the river, which is still on your right. You will now be heading towards Uphill Boat Centre.

You will eventually reach a wooden gate and a path leading to Links Road. Turn right here and follow the road until a left-hand turning into Old Church Road.

You are now in the picturesque village of Uphill. Early 19th century quarrying found flint tools and animal bones in a small cave which indicates the area was inhabited more than 40,000 years ago. It is also believed the Romans may have used Uphill as a port for moving

lead from their mines at Charterhouse. Mediaeval monks from Glastonbury constructed flood defence dykes and drainage ditches, turning the River Axe into an important inland waterway.

Continue along Old Church Road and then at the junction turn left on Uphill Road South. At the junction continue straight ahead along the A370, with the golf course on your left, back towards Weston-super-Mare.



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## How to get there

**Car** Public car park on the beach next to Royal Sands, at the end of the promenade – £4 for up to four hours. Check current road closures during the seafront works. Limited on-street parking available in nearby streets.

**Bus** Service 5 runs from Weston-super-Mare town centre to Uphill.

## Did you know?

Walks previously published in *Life* can be downloaded in PDF format from the council's website. Visit [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/lifewalks](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/lifewalks)





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# Summer in North Somerset

Summer is finally here and many events are taking place throughout North Somerset for people to get outdoors and enjoy the sunshine.

*Life* takes a look at what is happening around the district this month...

## Music and laughter

A varied programme for all ages and tastes is promised at the 22nd annual Barrow Gurney Festival.

This popular event kicks off on Thursday 10 June in the Great Hall at Barrow Court with an historical performance by actress Lesley Smith.

Throughout the weekend, until Sunday 13 June, visitors can also enjoy music from an international counter-tenor, a group of jazz playing medics, piano pieces and readings, and choral evensong.

Children of all ages can also enjoy traditional games on the village green on Saturday afternoon.

**Richard Burningham**  
01275 472 950



## Carnival comes to town

A long procession of floats and marching bands will wind through Portishead during the town's popular carnival.

This major events kicks off at noon on Saturday 19 June with a mile-long sprint organised by Portishead Running Club.

The procession will then travel from the Lake Grounds to the Show Field at the end of the High Street. Entertainment there will include bands, fairground rides, stalls, food and drink. Programmes cost £2.50 and enter a family of four into the show field.

**Wendy Watkins**  
07816 050 181



## Flowers in full bloom

A weekend of floral fun takes place near Clevedon later this month.

Kenn Flower Festival runs from Friday 25 to Sunday 27 June and will feature a host of events all weekend.

See floral displays in the church, follow a scarecrow trail through the village, see a display of Rolls Royce cars, or enjoy the Kenn Talent Show.

All money raised will go to Children's Hospice South West, Multiple Sclerosis Society and towards church funds.

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## Perfect plants

Congresbury and District Horticultural Society are hosting their 71st Annual Summer Show on Saturday 26 June 2010.

The event starts at 2pm in a marquee on the playing fields of St Andrews School in Congresbury and will include more than 90 classes, from roses to rhubarb and pot plants to photography.

The show is the focal point of Congresbury village fete taking place around the marquee.





[www.theplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.theplayhouse.co.uk)

High Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1HP

**June**

**Tue 8** 2.30pm and 7.30pm

**Invictus - The Film**

Cert 12A • 133 mins

Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon star in Clint Eastwood's film which tells the inspiring true story of how newly elected president Nelson Mandela joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team to help unite their country. Believing he can bring his people together through the universal language of sport, Mandela rallies the team on a mission to win the 1995 World Cup.

**Evening: £4.50 • Concessions £4 • Matinee £3.50 • Free Entry to Film Society Members**



**Fri 11** 7.30pm

**The Ultimate No.1 Hits Show**

Featuring an exceptionally strong cast of singers and musicians, complete with projected images and numerous costume changes, The No.1 Hits Show is jam packed with over two hours of sensational live renditions of your favourite UK and US No.1 hits from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Come and enjoy a great night of nostalgia featuring the chartoppers of Elvis, Cliff, The Beatles, T-Rex, Abba and many more.

**£16, £14 • Concessions / Groups 10+ £2 off**

**Thur 17 - Fri 18** 7.30pm

**Wessex Academy of Performing Arts present**

**Golden Dreams**

Weston College celebrates fifty golden years of performing arts training with a spectacular musical extravaganza. Featuring the exciting young talent of the Wessex Academy of Performing Arts, this is an evening of song, dance and comedy to uplift and entertain. Come and join us in paying tribute to students past and present and their Golden Dreams.

**£9 • Concessions £7**

**Wed 9** 7.30pm

**The Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular**

It's fun all the way as the 'purveyors of cool' come to town with a sensational show featuring the greatest music of the 20th century. It's totally live and every song is an absolute classic – *Come Fly With Me, Under My Skin, Mr Bojangles, Mack the Knife* and many more of your favourites. Interspersed with lots of hanky panky, this timeless soiree remains the hottest party around.

[www.ratpack.biz](http://www.ratpack.biz)  
**£18, £17**



**Sun 20** 7.30pm

**A Feast of Gilbert and Sullivan**

Featuring former soloists of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company: **Graham Stone, Jeremy Peaker, Nicholas Sales, Louise Crane and Jeni Bern.** Accompanied by David Smith (piano)

Former soloists of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company bring you a wonderful evening of Gilbert and Sullivan performed in a truly traditional style. Presented with fun by the singers themselves, this show will visit all of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas and include favourite numbers from *The Mikado, The Pirates of Penzance, The Gondoliers, Iolanthe* and *Ruddigore*, interspersed with short dialogue scenes and funny anecdotes.

**£15 • Concessions £14 • Children £10**



**Sun 27** 7.30pm

Red Triangle Players present

## Weston Super Showcase

Weston Super Showcase 2010 gives local dramatic and operatic societies the opportunity to debut their up-coming productions in this one-night-only talent extravaganza. With entries ranging from classic musicals, comedy and tragedy to funky street dance, this show guarantees value for money and a great evening's entertainment.

**£10 • Concessions/Students £7.50**

**Wed 30** 7.30pm

London Studio Centre's

## Jazz Dance Company

This exciting young company makes a welcome return, presenting a vibrant programme of works, ranging from the sensuality and lyricism of contemporary jazz to modern street dance, the rhythmic complexity of tap and the influence of jazz in musical theatre.

**£13.50 • Concessions £12.50**

**Children £9.50. Groups 10+ £9.50**

**School Groups 10+ £7 • Family Ticket £40**

**Thur 1** 7.30pm

## The Fureys and Davey Arthur

The Fureys have been entertaining people all over the world for 32 years with their music, songs and stories and their audiences have included former Australian Prime Minister John Howard and the late Pope John Paul. We are delighted to welcome back these legends of Irish Music to perform their hits.

[www.thefureys.com](http://www.thefureys.com)

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## In Dreams

Featuring the music of Roy Orbison, The Everly Brothers & Buddy Holly

Damien Edwards has played Roy Orbison in four tours of The Roy Orbison Story and sings classics like Only The Lonely, I Drove All Night and Pretty Woman. Combine that with the spine-tingling harmony vocals of the Everlys Experience as the Everly Brothers and the incredible Tim Harwood as Buddy Holly. A truly spectacular night's entertainment!

[www.in-dreams.biz](http://www.in-dreams.biz)

**£16 • Concessions £14.50**

WINTER GARDENS  
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[www.thewintergardens.com](http://www.thewintergardens.com)



## Special Events



**Saturday 5 June 7.30pm**

### CSF Superstar Wrestling

The annual Battle for The Belt contest. A 20 wrestler Royal Rumble match that happens just once a year. The winner of the Battle For The Belt will leave Weston the All Nations Champion!

Tickets: adults £10 Concessions £8.  
[www.csfwrestling.co.uk](http://www.csfwrestling.co.uk)

**Wednesdays 16 June 8pm**

(and every Wednesday until 22 September)

### Songs From The Shows

The West End hits Weston! All your favourites from the shows performed live in this 15th anniversary show. Tickets Adults £11 Concessions £10 Groups 10+ £9.50 1 free child (to 12 years per paying adult).

**Saturday 19 June 8 – 11.30pm**

### Sid Gateley Evening Social Dance

Sid returns to host this now legendary social dance in the beautiful surroundings of the Winter Gardens Ballroom. Bring friends and dance the night away. Tickets £7.50.

**Saturday 26 June 9am – 3pm**

### Made in Weston Art and Craft

The finest locally produced arts and crafts from in and around Weston. Meet the makers and bag some bargains. FREE admission.



**Wed 23 – Sat 26** 7.30pm (Saturday Matinee 2.30pm)

## Waiting for Gateaux

Mo-tivators is the worst health and fitness club in the country. Run by Maureen, a 'big-boned' fifty-something widow, from a small hall in the middle of nowhere, it's really just an excuse to meet friends, chat and eat cake. Jackie comes to get away from her philandering husband and brings her young sister Whitney along to keep her out of trouble. Donald comes because he secretly loves Maureen. The arrival of Sophie, a researcher for a reality TV programme, and a snowstorm lead to revelations which will change their lives forever.

**Evening: £14.50, £13.50, £12 • Concessions £1 off**

**Children £8 • Matinee: £10 • Children £8**

To book tickets for any Playhouse or Winter Gardens event call the Box Office

# 01934 64 55 44

Cheques should be made payable to North Somerset Council. Bookings should be paid for within four working days.

Please mention *Life* when booking your tickets

# Local Events

## EVENTS

**Saturday 12**

**Weston Sea Cadets summer fair**

10.30am-3pm, Sea Cadets Unit (off Sunnyside Road, Weston-super-Mare). Stalls and games.

**Saturday 19**

**Portishead carnival**

**Friday 25 to Sunday 27**

**Kenn Flower Show**

## CLUBS

**Every Monday**

**West Hill Senior Citizens Club** 1.45-3.30pm, Avon Way Hall, Portishead. 01275 849 080

**Kewstoke Arts and Crafts Group** 2-4pm, Kewstoke Village Hall. 01934 628 309

**Every Tuesday**

**A1 Camera Club** 7.45pm, St Georges Community Centre, Willow Close, St Georges, Weston-super-Mare. 01934 521 780

**Every Wednesday**

**Good Companions Senior Citizens Club** 2.30pm-4pm, Jubilee Pavilion, Long Ashton Community Centre. 01275 393 617

**Wednesday 16**

**Portishead Senior Citizens Forum** 2.15-4pm, Folk Hall, Portishead. 01275 843 678

**Every Thursday**

**Over 50s coffee morning** 10-11.30am, Preatnes Green Resource Centre, 11 Feniton, Clovelly Road, Worle. 01934 529 733

**Last Thurs of month**

**Portishead Macular Disease Help Group** 2.30-4.30pm, Folk Hall. 01275 845 238

**Every Friday**

**Good Companions Senior Citizens Club** 9-11.30am, Somerset Hall, Portishead. 01275 848 059

**Partially Sighted and Blind Club** 10.30am-3pm, Pembroke Court, Clevedon. 01275 872 559

**Community cafe** (during term-time) 10.30am-12pm, Club Room, Long Ashton Community Centre. 01275 393 570

**Mead Vale Friendship Club** (for over 50s) 2-4pm, Community Hall, Worle. 01934 514 917

**Nailsea Theatre Club** 8pm, Nailsea Little Theatre, Union Street. 01275 852 275

**Clevedon Gilbert & Sullivan Society** 7.45pm, Crypt Hall, St Peter's Church, Alexandra Road. 01934 516 502

**Friday 11 and 25**

**Bereaved Parents Together** 6-8pm, Crossroads Carers Centre, Graham Road, Weston-super-Mare. For parents who have lost a child. 01934 429 865

## VILLAGE MARKETS

**Saturday 12** – Tickenham – 10am-noon, Abbots Leigh – 10am-noon, Yatton – 10am-noon, Village Hall.

**Saturday 26** – Kenn – 10am-noon, Village Hall

## MUSIC

**Every Monday**

**Clevedon Choral Society** 7.30-9.30pm, Church Hall, Christchurch, Chapel Hill. 01275 879 574

**Every Tuesday (term time only)**

**Cadbury Wind Band** 7.15-9.15pm, Clevedon School. 01275 792 300

**First Thurs of month**

**Weston Organ and Keyboard Club** 7.30pm, Somerset Suite, Weston-super-Mare Football Club. £5 members, £6 non-members. 01934 812 401

**Every Friday**

**North Somerset Community Brass Band** 7.30-9.30pm, Puxton and Hewish Village Hall. 01275 397 582

**Congresbury Brass Band** 7.30-9.30pm, Memorial Hall, Congresbury. 01275 849 611 / 07986 007 829

**Lions Brass 4 Youth. County youth brass band** 6.15-7.45pm. 1st Clevedon Scout Hall. 07815 733 886

**Wednesday 16**

**Jazz at the Orange Sunset Café Stompers**, 8-11pm, Prince of Orange Inn, Yatton. £7 or £8 on door. 01934 832 193

**Alternate Saturdays (term time only)**

**Cadbury Saxophone Band** Hangstones Pavilion, Yatton. 01934 830 072 [www.cadburysaxband.co.uk](http://www.cadburysaxband.co.uk)

## July

**Saturday 3**

**Village markets**

9.30am-1pm, Long Ashton Community Centre. 10am-noon, Kingston Seymour Village Hall

**Charity barn dance** 7.30, Kewstoke Village Hall. In aid of Weston Hospicecare. Tickets £10 in advance from Sonia Fox on 01934 517 725.

**Saturday 10 and Sunday 11**

**Music and Dance From Around the World** Grove Park, Weston-super-Mare. Free. Performances from local groups and professional acts. 01934 844 353

Visit [www.clearasmud.org.uk](http://www.clearasmud.org.uk) for links to more community clubs



# We're open for business!

Visit the popular attraction this summer to delve into local history, pick up a treat in the gift shop, or enjoy a cuppa in the courtyard café.

**North Somerset Museum, in Burlington Street, Weston-super-Mare, is open Monday to Saturday, 11am – 4pm.**



01934 621 028 [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/museum](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/museum)



# Saddle up for the Strawberry Line cycle hunt

Get in gear to travel the world during a family treasure hunt along the Strawberry Line this month.

Last year more than 1,000 people took part in the free event and organisers hope this year's will be even better.

The cycle hunt runs between Yatton and the former Winscombe station from 10am to 4pm (last start time at 2pm) on Sunday 20 June.

The theme is 'cycle around the world' and participants will have to find country-related clues along the way.

Cyclists can start from either Yatton or Winscombe station and choose to cycle seven miles one way or 14 miles return. If anyone fancies a longer ride they can continue all the way to Cheddar but the clues are only between Yatton and Winscombe.

The cycle hunt is not a race and riders can start anytime between 10am and 2pm to make sure they finish by 4pm.

Registration should be completed in advance at [www.go4life.org](http://www.go4life.org) and instructions, a route map and answer form will then be sent out by email or post. Cyclists need their own bikes on the day.

Everyone who registers and completes the hunt by 4pm will receive a free gift and certificate.

Walkers and joggers are welcome but watch out for all the cyclists on the route.



01275 810 995

[cyclehunt@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:cyclehunt@n-somerset.gov.uk) [www.go4life.org](http://www.go4life.org)





Travel better



# Keeping traffic moving



North Somerset's roads play a vital role for the area and are a major factor in supporting the local economy and keeping people, goods and services moving.

With the summer sun now shining, it is easy to forget the harsh winter weather earlier this year which brought parts of the UK to a standstill.

Like much of the country, North Somerset's 1,100km of roads suffered significant damage from snow and ice which resulted in a major increase in the number of potholes.

Every year the council spends about £1.8m on general road and path maintenance, including surfacing, drainage and reconstruction works as well as gully emptying and verge cutting.

## How are resources prioritised?

During a normal winter the council's maintenance contractor will deploy two or three teams of workers to respond to road damage, such as potholes.

Prolonged cold periods this winter, however, meant temperatures remained below freezing for days at a time, causing significant additional damage to the highways.

Extra funding and resources were allocated for urgent repairs and the council's contractor Balfour Beatty provided four extra teams to provide permanent repairs to potholes throughout March, April and May.

Repairs were prioritised with the most serious dealt with immediately and others planned in a co-ordinated, efficient and cost-effective way.

Where the winter damage was most severe, the long-term work programme was rearranged, including bringing forward £250,000 of resurfacing along the A370 at Flax Bourton.

In March the council also received a one-off grant of £306,000 from the Department for Transport to help repair winter damage.

## Where are the major works?

### ● A370 resurfacing at Flax Bourton

A £250,000 scheme to resurface more than a mile of road was brought forward to treat urgent repairs.

Temporary repairs along the A370 carriageway at Flax Bourton would not have been sufficient so the whole surface was replaced over eight days in April.

More work along the A370 Long Ashton bypass is planned for later in the year, which will also involve repair work to a bridge deck.

### ● A38 Langford

Major works are planned for the A38 at Langford to repair significant damage to the worn out surface.

Temporary patching has been completed on this stretch but because of the extent and severity of the damage, extensive resurfacing is needed.

Details of the scheme were still being planned when *Life* went to press.

## Solving the pothole problem

The council's highways teams were inundated with reports of potholes in the early part of this year.

The number of calls peaked at 420 in February, falling to 408 in March and 194 in April.

In responding to reports and results of inspectors, by April more than 2,000 potholes had been filled and the council continued to put in three times the normal level of resources to speed up the road improvements needed.



Highways maintenance team:  
01934 888 802  
[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/roads](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/roads)



# Centre celebrates decade of helping women

Hundreds of women have escaped and recovered from domestic abuse in North Somerset thanks to a support organisation now celebrating its tenth anniversary.

North Somerset Against Domestic Abuse (NADA) was set up in 2000 with joint funding from North Somerset Council and the former Avon Health Authority.

Since then, NADA has played a key role in working with other agencies across North Somerset to improve the response to domestic abuse.

Police, courts, health agencies and the council now all recognise just how common domestic abuse is and how difficult and dangerous it can be for someone to leave.

## What impact did domestic abuse have on you and your family?

*It split my family totally. I suffered domestic violence for seven years from my first marriage. There was a lot of mental torture as well as rape. In my second relationship the domestic violence was mainly physical, both to me and the children.*

*I just became totally withdrawn. I was so isolated by it. Now, some time down the line, I'm a very different person - a better person.*

*“ I had 18 years of being a nothing and a nobody. I couldn't make eye contact with anyone. I was ashamed, a sub-standard person. That's what I was told for 18 years and I believed it. ”*

Domestic abuse can be psychological, physical, emotional, sexual or financial and government figures show that on average two women are killed every week in England and Wales by their current or ex partner.

Here, women who have received help from NADA during the last decade share their experiences...

It had a terrible impact on the children, especially when they were teenagers. He'd turn on them and in the end it was that which gave me the courage to leave. My ex lost out in the end - he's lost his family, children, grandchildren. None of them want anything to do with him.

*I was all by myself with no-one to turn to. My family just thought I 'deserved it'. A lot of people think that way. I just kept trying to forget about it, living on my nerves. Things are different now. I've got my confidence back, met new people; even got a job.*

Domestic violence drove a wedge between my family and the impact on the children was huge. One of them started banging his head against walls every time there was an argument or raised voices. He would put his hands over his ears to shut it out. It was heartbreaking.

### How were you able to help yourself?

*I called the police, who referred me to NADA. My GP was really helpful and I got referred for counselling with the Women's Project.*

*I had no help at the start. Things were very different then. Everywhere I went I got followed, even to the refuges. Eventually I got stronger but the domestic abuse got worse. In the end something in me snapped. When NADA started they helped so much.*

### What advice would you give to a woman suffering domestic abuse now?

*Please ask for help. Tell people what's happening and call the police. NADA helped change things and I was able to talk to people who understood. The domestic abuse suddenly seemed less terrifying. I heard other people's experiences, some much worse than mine. I also saw that domestic abuse is like a sickness and it wasn't my fault.*



Domestic violence shouldn't be a secret. It's not a shame you have to live with. Don't be embarrassed by what is happening - reach out straight away.

No-one can give you any advice until you've reached rock bottom, and then there's only one way up. So reach your own personal rock bottom and then it's time to make the change. It's a state of mind and you just have to get out of it.

*You have to realise what is actually happening. When you're in it you can't see it.*

*When you have realised what's happening, ask for help. It is so difficult to break away on your own. Ask someone, anyone, but someone you trust.*

For information about support services, workshops, emergency accommodation or counselling call NADA on 01934 627 841.

For free advice and support: **0808 2000 274** (free 24-hour national domestic abuse helpline, run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge)

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/  
domesticabuse](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/domesticabuse)

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

# Hearing Traveller tales

Celebrations will take place this month to help create a better understanding and bridge the divide between the settled and travelling communities.

June is national Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month and it aims to celebrate the Traveller culture and history by tackling negative stereotypes and prejudices.

St Andrews primary school in Congresbury has developed good relations with the nearby Gypsy and Traveller community and projects have taken place for children to learn about the different culture.

All pupils took part in a poster competition and head teacher Neil

Tuttiert said: "We've worked hard to integrate the Traveller children into the school. By doing projects like this, pupils can find out more about these different life choices in a very positive way.

## Tradition

"There is such a long tradition of Gypsy and Traveller heritage in this country which has been sidelined. Children are curious, they're interested in learning new things, and most have

some experience of living a nomadic way of life when they go on holiday."

The school also works with the Avon Consortium Traveller Education Service (ACTES), a service which works in partnership with Traveller parents, mainstream schools and other professionals to provide children





with access to and a continuity of education.

There are a number of private and council-owned Gypsy and Traveller sites in North Somerset and the council and its partners are working hard to increase the level of provision in the district to meet needs.

In Weston-super-Mare there is a permanent Traveller site with both caravans and brick buildings which house the kitchens and bathrooms.

One resident, who has lived there since 1994, said: "I wouldn't change my way of life, even though when you're travelling you never know what's going to happen from one minute to the next.

"Now that we've settled here you can put down roots, go to work and the children can go to



school. But bricks and mortar aren't for me.

"It is important to pass on skills, such as learning to cook from scratch."

Another resident, who has lived on the site for 18 years, said: "It's pretty peaceful here, but since we've had

been part of British society for more than 500 years.

## Did you know?

- Gypsies, Roma and Travellers are the largest ethnic minority community in the European Union with more than 12 million people. In the UK there are about 300,000.
- Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers are recognised ethnic minorities with their own culture, language and beliefs. They have

- In 2011 the national census will include a category for Gypsy or Irish Traveller for the first time.
- A Children's Society report said that nearly nine out of every 10 children and young people from a gypsy background have suffered racial abuse and nearly two thirds have also been bullied or physically attacked.

this site we haven't really travelled. "We do miss it, although we still go to horse fairs. It's exciting, going into the unknown.

"There is a generation of children now who have never travelled and it is sad that they've missed out."

Another resident, who has spent six years on the site, said: "The very core of our culture is about being green and living in harmony with nature.

"Society is quite destructive so we need to get nature back on track and respect it. It's something we all need to pass onto our children. We can't just dump all our problems in their hands with no solution."



## Celebrating history

- Gypsies, Roma and Travellers have lived, worked and travelled in Britain for more than 500 years but there is little in museums, libraries or schools about their history and culture.
- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month launched in 2008 and it aims to bring communities together and educate people about who Travellers are and where they come from.
- Somerset Racial Equality Council also acts as a link between local authorities and the Travelling community.

[www.grthm.co.uk](http://www.grthm.co.uk)

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/gypsytraveller](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/gypsytraveller)

ACTES: 01454 862 620

Somerset Racial Equality Council:  
01934 414 455



# Recycling revolution

The first stage of North Somerset Council's recycling revolution starts this month.



About half the district will start receiving their extra recycling box, food waste containers and wheeled bin or plastic sacks for non-recycling in June ready for the new and improved services to begin mid-July.

The second half of the district will receive their containers in August ready for their new services to start mid-September. Anyone in this second stage will continue their current services until September.

An information pack and collection calendar will be delivered with the new containers to let people know what materials go in each one and when collections will begin.

## Why are you rolling out the new services in two stages?

Due to the large number of properties in the district the council is rolling out the new services in two stages. It would not be logistically possible to roll the new services out across the whole district in one go due to resources, for example with the number of new lorries that are needed. Some larger towns and villages have to be split in two, as there needs to be an equal split within each zone (or collection day) and also between urban and rural areas.

Please see the boxes opposite to find out which stage you are in.

For more detailed information and maps of the areas that are in stages one and two, visit [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/stages](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/stages)

## Using your new containers

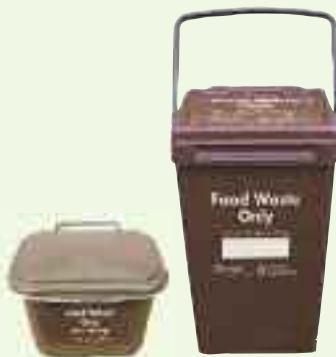
When your new containers arrive you will receive an information pack and new calendar which lets you know when your first collection will be.

Please do not use your new wheeled bin, plastic sacks or food waste containers before your first specified collection because they will not be picked up.

Additional materials, such as plastics and cartons, also won't be recycled until the new service starts.

For residents on the plastic sack scheme, a limited supply of sacks will be delivered. If these are used before your first collection date, you may run out before the next supply is delivered.

If you run out before your next delivery extra sacks will not be supplied, so any non-recyclable rubbish would have to be taken to your nearest Recycling Centre.



# Stage one

- **Abbots Leigh**
- **Backwell**
- **Banwell** – east
- **Blagdon**
- **Brockley**
- **Burrington**
- **Butcombe**
- **Churchill**
- **Clapton-in-Gordano**
- **Cleeve**
- **Clevedon** – north
- **Congresbury** – east
- **Easton-in-Gordano**
- **Failand**
- **Kenn**
- **Kingston Seymour**
- **Leigh Woods**
- **Locking** – north
- **Long Ashton** – central and north
- **Nailsea** – south and east
- **Pill**
- **Portbury**
- **Portishead** – east
- **Sandford**
- **Sand Bay**
- **Tickenham**
- **Walton-in-Gordano**
- **West Kewstoke**
- **Weston-in-Gordano**
- **Weston-super-Mare west and central** – including Ashcombe, Clarence, Coronation, Locking Camp, Maltlands, Milton, Potteries, Shrubbery, Town Centre, Weston Hillside and Worle Hillside.
- **Winscombe** – north and west
- **Worlebury**
- **Wrington**
- **Yatton** – North



# Stage two

- **Banwell** – north and west
- **Barrow Gurney**
- **Bleadon**
- **Clevedon** – south
- **Congresbury** – central and south
- **Dundry**
- **Flax Bourton**
- **Huish**
- **Hutton** – including Elborough and Woodside
- **Kewstoke** – east
- **Locking** – south
- **Long Ashton** – east and west
- **Loxton**
- **Mead Vale**
- **Nailsea** – north and west
- **North Worle**
- **Portishead** – north and west
- **Puxton**
- **St Georges**
- **Uphill**
- **Weston-super-Mare east and south** – including Bournville, Locking Castle, Oldmixon and Weston Village
- **West Wick**
- **Wick St Lawrence**
- **Winford**
- **Winscombe** – east and south
- **Worle**
- **Worle High Street**
- **Wraxall**
- **Yatton** – south

For more information about the changes to recycling and waste collections go to [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/revolution](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/revolution)

 **recycle**  
for North Somerset

# What happens next?

Recycling as much as possible means less waste is sent to landfill. Everything which is put in green boxes, recycling banks or taken to local recycling centres is recycled to its full potential. Here's what happens to it next...



## Glass – bottles and jars

Glass is sorted into different colours, crushed and used to produce new bottles and jars.



## Paper

Paper is sent to mills to be pulped and then pressed back into paper. Paper can be back on the shelves as newspapers in as little as one week.

## Metals – including food tins, drinks cans, metal takeaway containers, foil and aerosols

Metal is first separated by a magnet into steel and aluminium. It is then melted, impurities are removed, made in to blocks and rolled in to thin sheets.

Steel is used for tins, car parts, fridges and other domestic appliances.

Aluminium is made back into cans and can return to shelves in as little as six weeks.



## Cardboard

Cardboard is pulped before being recycled into boxes and other packaging.

**Remember!** When the new service starts (in July for stage one areas, and in September for stage two areas) all types of cardboard will be collected in green recycling boxes, and not the green waste bag.





### Green garden waste

All green waste is shredded and composted into soil enricher to be used for farming.



### Textiles – clothes, material and shoes

Clothes and shoes in good condition are re-used while low quality textiles are recycled into products such as furniture fillers, dusters and cloths.



### Plastics – bottles, tubs, containers

Plastics are optically sorted into different types and then melted down. They can be moulded into new products such as compost bins, fleece jackets, bin liners and food packaging.



### Cartons

Cartons are a mixture of paper, foil and plastic and are recycled into a variety of different products, from plasterboard to high-strength paper bags and envelopes.

For more information on how to reduce, reuse and recycle your waste visit [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/recycling) or call 01934 888 802



# I report things online whenever and wherever I want to!

- apply for a dropped kerb
- report litter
- report missed recycling or waste collection
- report missing recycling box or green waste bag
- apply for a disabled parking bay
- get a new recycling box or green waste bag
- report a road problem



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# Letters to the Editor

Send your letters to  
**Editor, North Somerset Life,**  
**North Somerset Council,**  
**Room 165, Town Hall,**  
**Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ** or  
 email [editor@n-somerset.gov.uk](mailto:editor@n-somerset.gov.uk)

Letters submitted without a valid name and address will not be considered for publication. Please tell us if you do not want your details published. Due to space restrictions, letters may be edited.

## Dear Editor,

I try to recycle as much as possible and feed my compost heap so find the contents of my waste bin are largely made up of non-recyclable plastic items, such as:

- Those which bear a number not acceptable for recycling
- Plastics not bearing any number or letter to indicate the type
- Plastic bags, film and magazine packing.

Far more of these should bear an easily-visible number or letters to indicate the type. There needs to be legislation for packaging manufacturers to make the identity of the plastic clear. There is also a need for international agreement.

In addition, several packaging plastics could be used as fuels for industrial heating or power generation, and why

aren't more made from biodegradable plastic?

*Brian Heaton, Pill*

## Lucy Elston waste minimisation officer:

Currently our contractor accepts plastic types 1, 2, 5 and 6 because it only has access to sell these four types. Kerbside collections of these will be introduced this summer.

We can't accept type 3 PVC (such as cling film, sandwich packs), type 4 LDPE (bag-for-life carrier bags, bin liners), or type 7 (all others such as plastic plates, biopolymers, and packaging made from a mixture of polymer types).

This is because there may be few end markets for them or because some plastics are very difficult to recycle and cause problems for reprocessing machinery.

To be economically viable, plastic processors need large quantities of recycled plastics which are manufactured to tight specifications at a competitive price.

The triangular logo is an industrial identification mark, not a recycling logo. Plastics come from all over the world and different countries have different standards for producing, collecting and recycling materials. Having a standard logo system for all international markets would be very difficult.

Some items may appear to have unnecessary packaging but we may be unaware of the demands of distribution and protection needed. For this reason there is no way of bringing in legislation about the use of different plastic types and packaging.

Using plastics from energy from waste (EFW) plants is viable but would have to be part of the disposal for general refuse (that cannot be recycled), and this is not presently common in the UK. Incineration is controversial for disposing waste and producing energy because of health fears about emissions. However, EU policy means there is a commitment to recycle 50 per cent and recover energy from 25 per cent of our municipal waste by 2020.

Biodegradable plastics are great if they are disposed of correctly but if they are landfilled the lack of oxygen when they break down could cause increased emissions of greenhouse gas, as methane is released when materials biodegrade anaerobically.

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/tic](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/tic)

## Tide times for Weston-super-Mare

### Tide Facts

	Date	High water		Low water		High water		Low water	
		Time	Height (M)	Time	Height (M)	Time	Height (M)	Time	Height (M)
Approximate high water times at:		<b>am</b>		<b>June 2010</b>				<b>pm</b>	
Clevedon: 10 min	1 Tue	10:17	10.47	03:33	1.71	22:34	10.45	15:44	1.96
Portishead: 18 min	2 Wed	10:52	10.01	04:07	1.94	23:10	9.98	16:17	2.17
later than Weston-super-Mare.	3 Thur	11:28	9.58	04:45	2.15	23:50	9.55	16:56	2.38
	4 Fri	-	-	05:31	2.37	12:10	9.20	17:47	2.60
	5 Sat	00:37	9.17	06:27	2.59	13:01	8.89	18:46	2.84
	6 Sun	01:37	8.93	07:32	2.79	14:06	8.76	19:55	3.01
Weather conditions which differ from the average will have an effect on the differences between predicted and actual tide times.	7 Mon	02:47	8.95	08:45	2.84	15:17	8.97	21:17	2.96
Strong winds can hold the tide in or push the tide out. Air pressure fluctuations in predicted levels.	8 Tue	03:52	9.30	10:01	2.59	16:18	9.48	22:29	2.55
	9 Wed	04:48	9.83	10:55	2.15	17:13	10.13	23:18	2.06
	10 Thur	05:40	10.40	11:40	1.73	18:03	10.75	-	-
	11 Fri	06:30	10.89	00:03	1.65	18:51	11.25	12:26	1.42
	12 Sat	07:18	11.28	00:49	1.36	19:38	11.62	13:11	1.21
	13 Sun	08:05	11.56	01:34	1.17	20:23	11.88	13:56	1.08
	14 Mon	08:52	11.75	02:21	1.04	21:09	12.02	14:42	1.02
	15 Tue	09:39	11.81	03:09	0.98	21:56	12.02	15:30	1.03
	16 Wed	10:26	11.70	03:58	1.00	22:45	11.84	16:20	1.12
	17 Thur	11:14	11.41	04:50	1.10	23:35	11.50	17:11	1.27
	18 Fri	-	-	05:43	1.28	12:05	10.99	18:06	1.47
	19 Sat	00:27	11.08	06:41	1.50	13:00	10.55	19:06	1.70
	20 Sun	01:25	10.64	07:40	1.76	14:00	10.17	20:09	1.95
	21 Mon	02:28	10.28	08:44	2.01	15:06	9.96	21:15	2.14
	22 Tue	03:35	10.09	09:47	2.18	16:13	9.99	22:18	2.18
Tidal predictions for Weston-super-Mare have been computed by the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory.	23 Wed	04:43	10.09	10:47	2.19	17:18	10.22	23:19	2.07
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	25 Fri	06:40	10.51	00:12	1.85	19:03	10.89	12:35	1.83
	26 Sat	07:28	10.75	00:56	1.66	19:47	11.13	13:15	1.67
	27 Sun	08:10	10.91	01:35	1.54	20:28	11.24	13:53	1.61
	28 Mon	08:49	10.95	02:12	1.52	21:06	11.21	14:28	1.63
	29 Tue	09:26	10.89	02:47	1.55	21:41	11.08	15:01	1.70
	30 Wed	09:58	10.75	03:22	1.61	22:14	10.88	15:33	1.78
<b>You can buy 2010/11 tide timetables from Weston-super-Mare Tourist Information Centre for £1.50.</b>		<b>am</b>		<b>July 2010</b>				<b>pm</b>	
	1 Thur	10:29	10.55	03:55	1.68	22:46	10.60	16:05	1.86
	2 Fri	11:02	10.27	04:29	1.78	23:20	10.23	16:38	1.98
	3 Sat	11:35	9.89	05:07	1.95	23:57	9.78	17:17	2.18
	4 Sun	-	-	05:48	2.19	12:14	9.47	18:02	2.44
	5 Mon	00:39	9.33	06:37	2.48	12:59	9.10	18:56	2.73

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