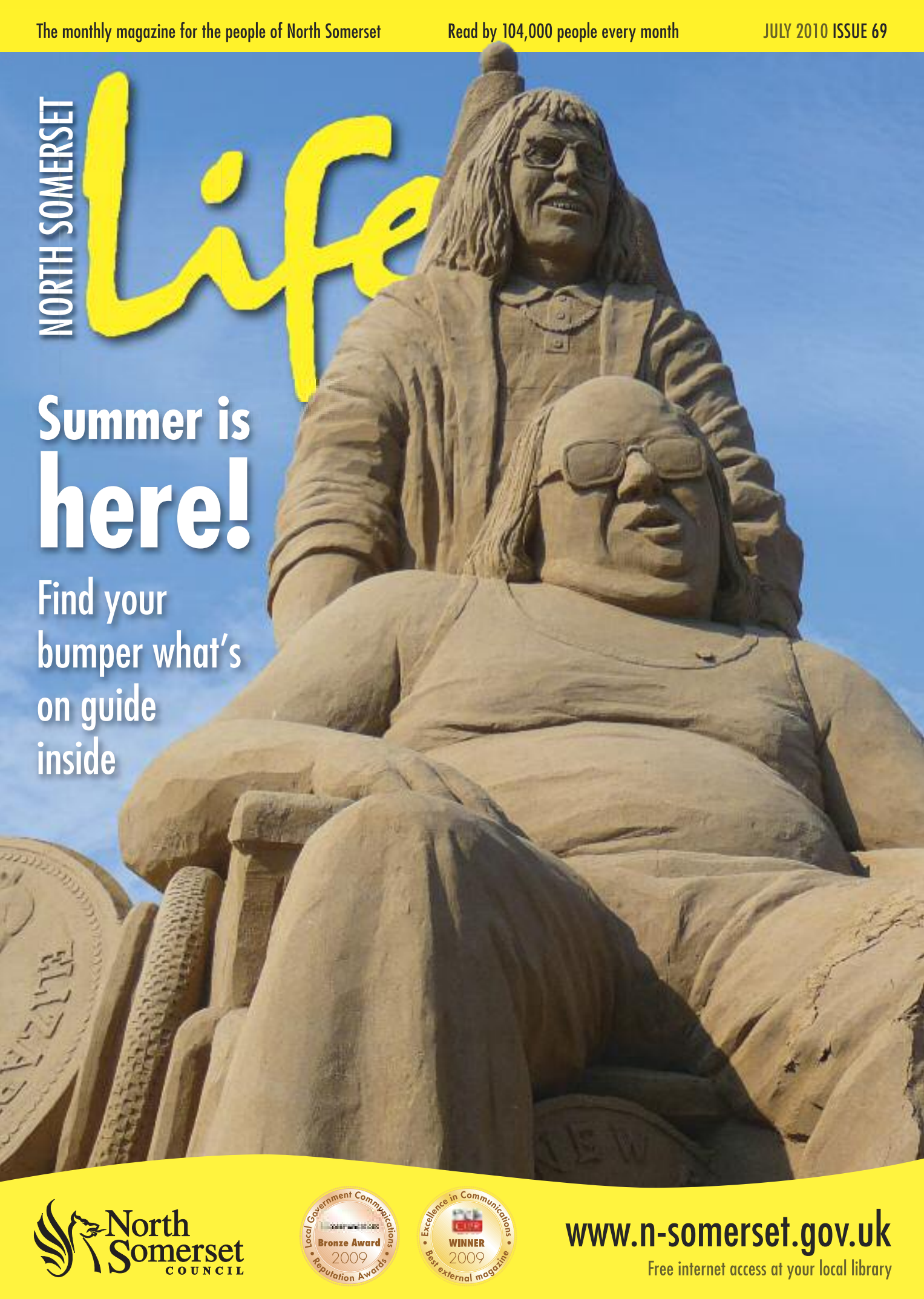


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Welcome

Dear resident,

After weeks of speculation, we have now been told about the first wave of funding reductions which the new government is going to impose. Within a few days of the election, they said the total would be £6.2bn but gave no details. Now we know North Somerset will get just over £4m less than expected in the current financial year.

We have always set tight budgets in order to keep council tax down so to get a reduction this year, after departments have already set their targets, will be difficult and senior officers are now trying to find additional savings. With a national deficit of £156bn a year, there will obviously be bigger reductions on the way.

One of the main problems North Somerset has faced in recent years is the rapid increase in population, all of whom require additional council services. Last month it was announced we are the fifth fastest-growing area in the country, expected to increase by 16 per cent by the year 2018 – meaning another 32,000 people.

There are two main reasons for this forecast of so many new residents. The previous government targeted North Somerset as a growth area and so imposed a building programme of 27,000 new homes during the next 15 years.

We always opposed that target because it would have destroyed

large areas of green belt land, clogged our roads even more as people looked for work in Bristol, and ruined some villages as we looked for places to put all the new homes.

The second reason is that we are seen as a popular area to retire, with thousands of people coming here for the wonderful place it is and the many retirement homes we have. We have one of the largest numbers of over 75s in the country. It is understandable why more people want to live here but so many at once is unsustainable.

The new government has promised to remove the house building target and leave it to local communities to decide how many new homes it will allow to be built. We are now re-evaluating our plans and basing them on the needs of existing families, investment available for better roads and transport, and demanding that any major development brings new jobs into the area.

More details of future additional cutbacks should be announced soon. We are continuing to talk to Central Government to make sure North Somerset gets its fair share of what funding is left.

Your council is one of the most efficient in the country and will continue to protect your services for as long as possible.

Councillor Nigel Ashton
Leader of North Somerset Council

Coming in next month's issue



- **12-page A-Z**
Your guide to council services
- **Countdown to seafront completion**
- **Exam results help**

Your next issue of *Life* will be delivered from 2 Aug

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www.visitsomerset.co.uk

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Key handover for new school



From left, Cllr Ian Parker, head teacher Adam Matthews, North Somerset Council senior project manager Justin Harvey-Bennett, building manager John Farragher and operations manager Andy Jones, from Willmott Dixon, hand over the keys to the new school.

Pupils in Weston-super-Mare are enjoying the final few weeks of the school year in brand new classrooms.

The new multi-million-pound Bournville Primary School, in Selworthy Road, opened up its doors to pupils last month after North Somerset Council was given the keys by contractors Willmott Dixon.

The £9.7m school now caters for up to 420 pupils, provides a pre-school nursery and offers facilities for the whole community.

Head teacher Adam Matthews said: "We have delivered an aspirational building that is a commitment and investment in the Bournville.

"It gives the children of our community fantastic facilities and

opportunities, and is designed for use by the whole community as a social and educational centre.

"I'm looking forward to making the most of the building and developing its use in future in partnership with our community."

An integrated children's services team will also be based at the school to provide services for children, young people and their families, including NHS North Somerset, Weston Area Health Trust, Connexions, and North Somerset Council.

Community facilities will include a computer suite, hall, a Sport England-standard football pitch available on a booking basis and multi-use games area.

Two former school buildings will be demolished later in the year.

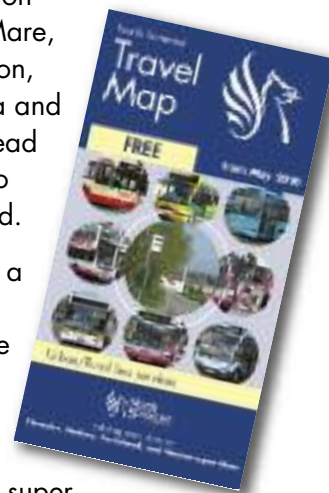
Pick up a new travel map

A comprehensive guide to bus travel in North Somerset is now available.

The North Somerset Travel Map has been updated to include changes to council-supported bus services and those run commercially by First Bus.

Town maps showing bus routes in Weston-super-Mare, Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead are also included.

Pick up a copy from the Town Hall, in Weston-super-Mare, local libraries, or call 01934 426 711.



Domestic abuse helpline correction

Last month's *Life* article about domestic abuse contained the wrong telephone number.

Please note, the freephone 24-hour national domestic violence helpline, run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge, is **0808 2000 247**. Apologies for the error.

Website workshop for businesses



Businesses in North Somerset can get website advice during a workshop this month.

Yatton and Clevedon-based Social Media Cider Café is hosting the workshop on Tuesday 20 July at Clevedon Hall for people to learn how to create and manage a free website using Google tools.

Social Media Cider Café aims to help local businesses and charities build an understanding of social media and provide a space for them to ask any questions.

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Contact Cider Café for more details: 07967 998 227
www.cidercafe.co.uk
cidercafe@googlemail.com



Searching for the right school

Secondary schools across North Somerset will be opening their doors to prospective pupils and parents later this year.

A series of open days and evenings has been arranged for people to see

inside, meet staff, and for children to decide where they would like to go to school.

Put these dates in your diary or call the schools direct for more information.

School	Open evening	Open days	Phone
Backwell School	Thurs 16 Sept, 6.30-9pm Hear a talk by the head teacher and have a guided tour. This meeting is for parents	Fri 17 Sept - Fri 22 Oct Opportunities for small groups of children and their parents to visit during the school day. Call school to book	01275 463 371
Broadoak Mathematics and Computing College	Thurs 30 Sept, from 7pm	Tues 5 Oct, 9.15-10am Wed 6 Oct, 9.15-10am Thurs 7 Oct, 9.15-10am	01934 422 000
Churchill Foundation School and Sixth Form Centre	Wed 29 Sept, 6-9pm	Wed 22 and Thurs 23 Sept 9.30am-12.30pm	01934 852 771
Clevedon School	Wed 22 Sept, 6.30-9pm Presentation at 7pm	Every Mon morning throughout school year. Book through school reception	01275 876 744
Gordano School	Wed 15 Sept, 6-8pm	Fri 24 Sept, 9.30am	01275 842 606
Nailsea School	Tues 21 Sept, 5-7pm Head teacher will give three presentations during the evening	Thurs 23 Sept. Tours will take place throughout the day from 9am. Contact the school for more information	01275 852 251
Priory Community School	Thurs 7 Oct Talks at 5pm and 6.30pm	None	01934 511 411
St Katherine's School	Thurs 23 Sept, 6-8pm. Presentations by the head teacher at 6.30pm and 7.30pm	Tues 28 Sept and Thurs 30 Sept 9-11am	01275 373 737
Worle Community School	Tues 28 Sept Talk from head teacher at 6pm and 7pm	Wed 29 Sept Parents who are unable to attend on these dates can call the school to arrange a tour.	01934 510 777
Wyvern Community School (Hans Price Academy from Sept)	Mon 20 Sept, 6.30pm A presentation by the principal will be made during the evening	Day tours by arrangement with the principal. Call school to book	01934 629 307

Celebrations at outstanding nursery

Celebrations were held at a Weston-super-Mare nursery after the centre received an outstanding Ofsted rating.

Ashcombe Children's Centre nursery, based at Ashcombe Primary School, was judged to give outstanding care and enable all children to be extremely well prepared for their future learning.

North Somerset Children's Centres provide access to childcare, information, family support and health services for under fives and their families.



Family Information Service:
01934 426 300
fis@n-somerset.gov.uk



New kiosks give more ways to pay

New kiosks have been installed in two libraries to enable residents to pay for services more easily.

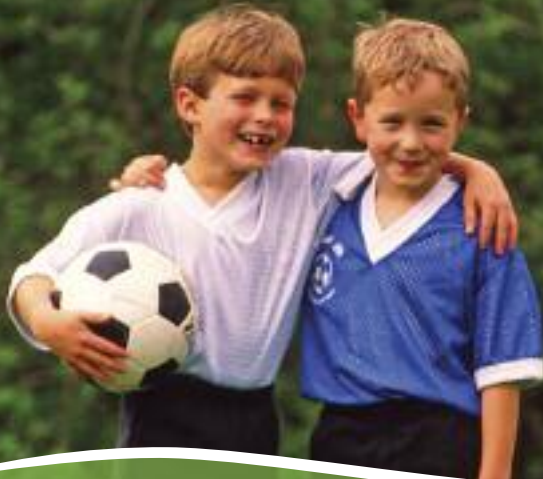
Payments can be made by cash, debit or credit card for a variety of services, including council tax, business rates, housing benefit overpayments, invoices, car park fines and school absence penalties.

Just bring along the reference number or payment card to the new kiosks based in Worle library and the Healthy Living Centre library, in Weston-super-Mare. Kiosks are available when libraries are open, including Saturdays. There is also a kiosk in the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, during office hours.

"Can you take my brother too?"

Help keep them together at a time when they need it most.

Fostering siblings is extremely rewarding and we will provide you with all the support, skills and training. All you need is room in your home and in your heart to make a difference.



01275 888 999

fostering@n-somerset.gov.uk
visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk



Chemists feedback needed

People in North Somerset are being invited to have their say on the way the district's community pharmacies are run.

NHS North Somerset has produced a draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment which looks at current pharmacy provision and how it could be improved and expanded in the future.

North Somerset currently has 37 pharmacies and ideas are now being explored to involve community pharmacies in providing other health care services.

To have your say visit
www.northsomerset.nhs.uk



Weston College receives champion status



A positive culture, continuous learning and a strong vision have helped Weston College achieve a prestigious Investors in People (IiP) accolade.

The college is now one of only 36 organisations nationwide to receive a 'champion' IiP status, making it one of the top one per cent in the country.

The champions programme aims to promote Investors in People through personal experience and recommendation, and Weston College is the first and only college in the South West to gain the status.

Carolyn Inger, IiP head of performance and development South West, said: "Champion status is only awarded to the most exceptional organisations who not

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only show the very best practices in people management and organisational development, but also are willing to share their practices with other organisations.

"Weston College sits within the top one per cent of all organisations who have achieved Investors in People since it started 17 years ago."

College principal and chief executive Dr Paul Phillips said: "This is superb news for Weston College and its dedicated staff. It confirms the exceptional progress of the college, the development of its workforce and that our reputation is of the highest calibre."

01934 411 411
www.weston.ac.uk



Advice for carers

Carers in North Somerset who need a little extra advice and support can find a wealth of information available.

Last year a survey was carried out to find out people's needs and it raised a few frequently asked questions.

The survey aimed to help people identify themselves as being a carer and to signpost them where to go for support.

North Somerset Crossroads provides help and information locally, including being able to request a carers needs assessment,

which may lead to further support and services. Contact Crossroads Care for more details.

Age Concern also runs a befriending service. Contact them directly to see what's available in your local area.

Anyone who needs help filling in forms can contact North Somerset Citizens' Advice Bureau for help.

Care Connect also provides community care assessments for people in a range of circumstances, such as those with Asperger's Syndrome. Contact the National Autistic Society for help or Care Connect, where advisers will identify people's needs and plan individual support.



Age Concern: 0845 643 4621

Care Connect: 01275 888 801

Citizens' Advice Bureau: 0844 826 9692 (Thursdays 10am-3pm, 24-hour voicemail at other times)

Crossroads Care: 01934 411 840

National Autistic Society:
0845 070 4004



Don't put up with

anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour takes many forms causing misery for local communities.



Any aggressive, intimidating or destructive activity can be classed as anti-social because it affects the quality of life for the people living there.

Problems could include vandalism, graffiti, intimidation or nuisance neighbours and now the council and police are tackling this jointly with partner organisations to make neighbourhoods safer.

The Safer and Stronger North Somerset partnership includes the council, Avon and Somerset Police, Avon Fire and Rescue, Avon and Somerset Probation Service, NHS North Somerset and Avon and Somerset Police Authority.

These organisations work together with the voluntary sector and other partners to address community safety and cohesion and make sure people know how to report anti-social behaviour.

What can be done?

Different methods and powers are in place to deal with anti-social behaviour but first and foremost the aim is to protect victims, witnesses and the community.

These include:

- **Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC)** – a voluntary agreement between local agencies to ensure the perpetrator behaves in a certain way.
- **Anti-social Behaviour Order (ASBO)** – a civil order used on anyone over the age of 10. Breaching it is a criminal offence.
- **Crack house closure** – police have the power to close for three months premises which they believe have been taken over by class A drug users or dealers.
- **Injunction** – civil orders which prohibit people engaging in anti-social behaviour, and can exclude them from certain places.
- **Family Intervention Project (FIP)** – working with troubled families and providing them with intensive support to reduce anti-social behaviour, improve school attendance, enhance parenting skills and reduce family breakdown.
- **Other intervention** – examples include verbal and written warnings, restorative justice, parenting contracts, or noise abatement notices.

Top tips

When reporting anti-social behaviour try to record:

- What happened
- When and where it occurred
- Who was involved.

The Safer and Stronger partnership wants to help so concerns will be listened to, reports fully investigated, confidentiality will be respected at all times, and practical help, advice and information will be given.

Laying down the law

Anti-social behaviour is what 'causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to one or more people not in the same household' according to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

This could include, for example, graffiti, fly tipping, noise nuisance, rowdy behaviour, hoax calls, animal problems, drug misuse and dealing, vandalism, street drinking, begging, prostitution, abandoned vehicles, or littering.

Success stories

A crackdown on anti-social behaviour in recent months has seen real results in making North Somerset's neighbourhoods more pleasant.

In Clevedon and Portishead, Operation Jilt saw officers targeting known hotspots and individuals. This resulted in 250 reports being filed and all those caught were sent warning letters, with home visits for the more serious. In total, 11 acceptable behaviour contracts were drawn up and one ASBO was given.

Two dedicated police cars have also been patrolling streets in the north and south of the district to clamp down on nuisance behaviour. The cars, driven by neighbourhood policing teams, visit known hotspots when not responding to calls.

This summer police and partner organisations are working together on Ravewatch to prevent illegal raves and parties taking place and ensure communities can enjoy peace and quiet.

Local residents also complained after stones from a natural mound in a Weston-super-Mare park were being thrown into people's gardens.

Residents told the Neighbourhood Management Team and, as a result, the mound was fenced off and police patrolled the park for two weeks. They also distributed letters to householders to encourage them to report future problems and arranged for one neighbour's fence to be improved.

Some individuals were identified so the police and NSHousing made home visits to give warnings about behaviour, and police also visited schools to tell pupils about the potential consequences of getting involved with anti-social behaviour.

Report it!

- Police - for non-emergencies call 0845 456 7000 (999 in emergencies)
- Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111
- Council Connect - 01934 888 802 for anti-social behaviour such as noise nuisance, fly tipping, graffiti or litter
- NSHousing - 01275 398 100 (Portishead) or 01275 398 267 (South Weston)
- PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meetings - discuss local issues, meet key people working in your neighbourhood, and find out what advice and support is available. 0845 456 7000
www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/LocalPages/ssn/PACT.aspx



Getting arty in Winford

Enterprising students from Winford will be bringing some artistic flair to the village when they host a unique exhibition.

A-level art pupil Charlie Munday, aged 17, and his friend Stuart Rush are organising the whole event, from finding a venue and publicity to producing some of the artwork themselves.

The exhibition will run from Monday 26 to Friday 30 July in the village after Charlie secured £2,000 from the Youth Opportunity Fund.

Charlie said: "I was told about the fund so thought I'd apply. I'm doing A-level art so thought it would be a good idea to do an exhibition."

The money has paid for insurance, lighting, publicity and other costs. Now Charlie and Stuart are busy producing artwork themselves and getting friends and family to join in too.



Stuart Rush (left) and Charlie Munday get creative

Charlie, a Chew Valley School student, added: "We've got lots and lots of support.

"My teachers told me the most difficult thing would be to get the artists to produce the work but some of my classmates are helping out. Hopefully we'll have about 20 pieces, including paintings and sculpture."

Charlie is still unsure what career he'd eventually like to go into but likes animation. With Aardman Animations based in Bristol, the future could be bright.

For more information about the exhibition, which will be held at Winford Village Hall call Charlie on 01275 474 638.

Funding available for young people's projects

Young people throughout North Somerset are enjoying a host of new experiences after gaining cash boosts for their projects.

North Somerset Youth Opportunity Fund is distributing £97,000 of government funds to statutory or voluntary youth projects throughout the district.

A panel of young people makes the decisions about where the money should go and will only consider applications from teenagers aged 13-19 or projects that benefit that age group.

Applications for between £1,000 and £4,999 need supporting evidence such as photographs, video or audio presentations, while applicants for more than £5,000 may need to give a presentation.

For more information call senior youth support worker Sue Summers.

01934 427 657

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/yof



What's on summer '10

The sun is shining and excitement is in the air ready for a bumper fun-filled summer here in North Somerset.

Events are taking place across the district and there is plenty to cater for every taste, whether you want a relaxing break or an action-packed adventure.

Weston-super-Mare will be drawing in the crowds this year as the town celebrates 200 years of tourism and there has never been a better time to enjoy it. Visit the brand new Grand Pier, amble along the revamped promenade, or take in wide-ranging views from the Wheel of Weston.

Over the next 11 pages you'll find details of many events and attractions for all the family. For all up-to-the-minute listings with full details of activities, also visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk/events

Have a great summer!

Disclaimer: All information correct at time of going to print (June 2010). While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, North Somerset Council cannot accept responsibility or liability for any errors which have occurred. It is recommended that you always check details with providers to ensure their service meets your requirements. Furthermore, North Somerset Council cannot recommend or endorse any of the providers listed. We would always advise you to enquire with the relevant organisation first.

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For details of events call the numbers listed or **Weston-super-Mare Tourist Information Centre** on 01934 888 800 or westontouristinfo@n-somerset.gov.uk www.n-somerset.gov.uk/tic

Opening times: The TIC, located on the Beach Lawns, is open throughout the year and daily from 9.30am-5pm until the end of September.

Wonder of Weston

For 200 years generations of loyal visitors have descended upon Weston-super-Mare for its fresh air and glorious beaches.

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The Royal Hotel opened in May 1810 and it marked the start of the town's transition from small fishing village to top tourist destination.

New attractions and entertainment are set to bring the town to life this summer to celebrate its past – and show the world that Weston is the perfect holiday pick for the 21st century.



Perfect Pier

Determination and resilience swept through Weston when the devastating fire destroyed the Grand Pier pavilion in July 2008.

Just two years and a lot of hard work later, it will re-open bigger and better than ever before.

Visitors to the revamped year-round attraction can enjoy 16 new rides, including a 300-metre go-kart track and 12.5-metre helter skelter, along

with old favourites such as the ghost train and dodgems.

Or people could try their luck on one of 500 entertainment machines, or enjoy a new movie experience in the 4D cinema.

The Grand Pier will also house nearly 30 shops, bars and restaurants, including a traditional Victorian tea shop and ice cream parlour.

Conference and banqueting facilities will also be catered for, along with a wedding chapel for people to get hitched in style. Function rooms could also be used for children's parties, fashion shows, or corporate events.

Admission to the pier, open year-round, will be free.

www.grandpier.co.uk



Discover the decorated donkeys

Eagle-eyed people walking around Weston-super-Mare will spot a few decorated donkeys brightening up the streets.

Forty donkeys, made from fibreglass and resin, have been painted by artists from across the South West.

Worle-based artist Nick Sparks has designed a black and white donkey featuring a spider's web.

He said: "Painting a donkey is a unique experience. Everyone has their own view. The whole process has been an inspiration."

The donkey parade is being organised by the Grand Pier and businesses are sponsoring each one. Some donkeys will be auctioned for BBC Children in Need in November and one will be raffled off. Another will be turned into a moneybox for Weston Hospicecare.



Stroll along the stunning Prom

Strolling along Weston's promenade will now be a joy as the three-year £29m seafront enhancement scheme comes to an end.

The wait has certainly been worth it as the project has seen Marine Lake refurbished, sea defences installed below the sand, a new splash wall built and the promenade improved with new lighting and street furniture.

The scheme, run by North Somerset Council, will protect 4,500 properties in the resort from flooding but it has also given a much-needed make-over for the town and will provide a major tourism boost.

Not only that, the smart new Pier Square is being transformed into an area of lawns and public space between Carlton Street and the Grand Pier. When it opens in October it will make the area more pedestrian-friendly, create better leisure space, encourage people to walk between the seafront and town centre, and increase trade for local businesses.

The historic Coalbrookdale fountain, known as the Boy and Serpent, has also been refurbished and is due to be returned this month.

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/seafrontenhancements

Celebrating seaside history in style



Weston's first hotel, the Royal, will be hosting a series of outdoor concerts in August to celebrate its bi-centenary.

Free concerts on the lawn, weather permitting, with barbeque and drinks will be held from noon-4pm, on these dates:

Sunday 1 - music of Elvis

Sunday 8 - music of ZZ Top

Sunday 15 - Paul Foster

Sunday 22 - High Impact

Sunday 29 - Real World

01934 423 100

www.royalhotelweston.com

Sunday 8 August
Step back in history

Guided walk 2pm for 2.5 hours. Put your boots on and step back in history for a walking tour of Weston-super-Mare. Meet at Kew Road traffic island, Bristol Road Lower, Weston-super-Mare.
01934 888 800.

EVENTS

JULY

Now until Sunday 5 September

Sand Sculpture Festival

10am-6pm each day, Weston-super-Mare beach. £3.50 adults, £2.50 concs, £1.50 children. 01934 888 800



Sunday 11

BMW Owners Club Display

10am-4pm, Beach Lawns, Weston-super-Mare. Local BMW Owners Club display vehicles. 01934 516 022

Open Cockpit Day

10am-4.30pm, Helicopter Museum, Weston-super-Mare.

Climb into a helicopter cockpit and see the controls. 15-mile helicopter experience flights from 2pm. Usual museum admission applies (flights £34.45 per seat). Helicopter flights also available on 28 July. 01934 635 227

Portishead Raft Race

Lake Grounds, Portishead. Charity raft race. 01934 888 800

Wednesday 14

Ageing Safely Big Advice Day

1.30-3.30pm, Worle Baptist Church, Rawlins Avenue, Worle. Free. Find out about services for older people. 01934 529 335

Thursday 15 (and every Thurs until 26 August)

Weston Bike Nights

6-9pm, Marine Parade (south), Weston-super-Mare. Royal British Legion's Bike Nights return for a third season. 01934 888 800

Saturday 17 - Sunday 18

World War Two Weekend

11am-4pm, Tyntesfield, Wraxall. Celebrate the 1940s with talks, music, lindy-hopping and activities. 0844 249 1895

Sunday 18

Felton Open Gardens

11am-5pm. 10 large and small gardens open for viewing. Refreshments and raffle in village hall. £3.50 adults, children free.

Guided walk

2pm for 2½ hours. Winscombe Valley. Meet outside Woodborough Inn, off A371 in Winscombe. £3. Some steep gradients and rough ground. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing. No dogs. 01934 888 800

Thursday 22 - Sunday 25

Real Ale Festival

10am-9.30pm, Beach Lawns, Weston-super-Mare. 01934 888 800

Friday 23 - Sunday 25

Helidays

10am-6pm, Beach Lawns, Weston-super-Mare. Flying and static display of military and civil helicopters. 01934 635 227

Saturday 24

National Garden Scheme Day

10.30am-5.30pm, Tyntesfield, Wraxall. Normal admission applies (£2 donation for head gardener). 0844 249 1895

Wednesday 28 (and 25 August)

Hidden Treasure Tour

2-3pm, Tyntesfield, Wraxall. Behind-the-scenes tour of the house. £10. 0844 249 1895

Saturday 31 July - Wednesday 4 August

Archaeological summer dig noon

4pm, Tyntesfield, Wraxall. 0844 249 1895



SPACE HOP

ONE GIANT LEAP INTO LIBRARIES

A space-age summer will be taking place in North Somerset libraries this year.

The popular annual summer reading challenge returns with a space-age theme to invite children to go boldly into new worlds and discover a life-long love of books.

Parents or carers can register their children from 12 July and the challenge, for four to 12-year-olds, is to read six books before 19 September.

Once they've joined, children will receive a membership card, poster and stickers, a bookmark, glow-in-the-dark mobile spinner and pencil. Certificates and medals will be given to those who complete the challenge.

Last year 4,300 children joined the challenge in North Somerset, which is now in its 12th year.

One child said last year, "I thought it was excellent because you get a medal and I love reading the books."

www.spacehop.org.uk • www.n-somerset.gov.uk/libraries



**Saturday 31 July - Saturday
14 August**

Reptile Fortnight

Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, Wraxall.

Get up close to venomous snake and unusual reptiles. 08444 708 050

**Saturday 31 July - Monday
30 August**

Carters Steam Fair

11am-6pm (10pm at weekends),
Beach Lawns, Weston-super-Mare.

Traditional family steam fair.
01628 822 221

www.carterssteamfair.co.uk

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Sunday 1

Tree gazing

1-3pm, Tyntesfield, Wraxall. £10.
0844 249 1895

Tuesday 3

Archaeological talk

7-8pm, Tyntesfield, Wraxall. Free.
0844 249 1895

**Saturday 7 (also RNLI charity boat
pull on Sunday 29)**

RNLI Open Day

10am-5pm, Anchor
Head,
Weston-super-Mare.
Demonstrations
and fundraising
activities.
Email:
[preecey13@
yahoo.co.uk](mailto:preecey13@yahoo.co.uk)

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8

Nailsea Horticultural Show

Golden Valley field, Nailsea.
Horticulture, cookery, photography
and events for children. Opens
12.30pm Saturday and 10am
Sunday. 01275 855 342

Sunday 8

Open Cockpit Day

10am-4.30pm, Helicopter Museum,
Weston-super-Mare

Climb into a helicopter cockpit and
see the controls. 15-mile flights from
2pm. Usual museum admission
applies (flights £34.45 per seat).
Flights also available on 4, 11, 18,
25, 29 August. 01934 635 227

Friends of the Playhouse Open Day

Free guided tours
10am-3.30pm.
Go backstage to see props,
equipment and dressing rooms.
Groups of more than 10 can book
on 01934 612 313



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www.theplayhouse.co.uk

High Street, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1HP

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Thu 1 7.30pm

The Fureys and Davey Arthur

We are delighted to welcome back these legends of Irish music to perform their hits, including *When You Were Sweet Sixteen* and *The Green Fields of France*.

£16.50, £15.50, Concessions £1 off

Fri 2 7.30pm

In Dreams

Featuring the music of Roy Orbison, The Everley Brothers and Buddy Holly, backed by a superb live band, this really is a show not to be missed.

£16, Concessions £14.50

Sat 3 7pm

Cwmbach Male Choir

An ensemble at the peak of its form, the choir makes a welcome return to the Playhouse with their beautiful sound, thrilling technique and exhilarating close harmony talents.

£12.50, Concessions £10.50

Thu 8 7.30pm

Johnny Cash Roadshow

This energetic show will include songs from throughout Johnny Cash's career, from early hits *Walk The Line* to *Ring of Fire* and his final single release *Hurt*. Uncannily real – wind back the clock!

£15, Concessions £13

Fri 9 7.30pm

Jethro

The world's funniest Cornishman returns for a glorious night of comedy. If you want to laugh until it hurts, look no further! (contains adult material)

£18.50

Sat 10 7pm

A Silver Showcase

Tina Counsell Junior Showtime present their 25th anniversary show packed full of music and dance from the past 25 years. An evening of entertainment performed by local children aged four-19 years.

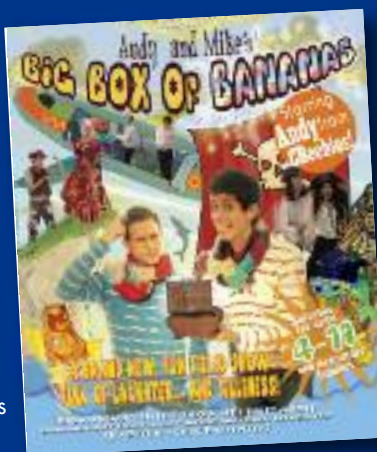
£11, Children £9

Sun 11 1.30pm

Andy and Mike's Big Box of Bananas

CBeebies presenter Andy Day and Mike James bring their much-loved humour to this slapstick comedy show for four-11-year-olds (and their entire families). A magical and mysterious box appears. Unable to open it, the boys take you on an exciting journey to find out what's inside! You'll meet confused pirates, musical sea life and extravagant all-singing, all-dancing air stewards! Oh... if you see Poppy the Pet Porpoise...will you tell us..?

£8.50 • Children £7.50



Fri 16 7.30pm

Bucks Fizz and Brotherhood of Man BACK 2 BACK

Famed for their Eurovision Song Contest winning performances, these two iconic bands of 70s and 80s return by popular demand with their new show for 2010. Collectively they have achieved six number one records, more than 30 chart hits and 40 million record sales and their hits include *Save Your Kisses for Me*, *Making Your Mind Up*, *The Land of Make Believe*, *Figaro* and many, many more.

£15.50 • Concessions £14



Sun 11 1.30pm

Andy and Mike's Big Box of Bananas

Wed 14 7.30pm

The Drifters

One of the biggest selling and longest serving bands of all time. This dynamic non-stop show combines their classic songs with top-flight choreography and world class musicians.

£19.50, Concessions £18.50

Fri 16 7.30pm

Back 2 Back

Wed 21 - Sat 24 7.30pm

(Sat matinee 3pm)

Aladdin

This production heralds the eighth visit by this extremely talented company, BSP Arts. This is the only summer pantomime you're likely to see. Jump on your magic carpet and don't be late!

£15, £12.50, Concessions £1.50 off, Children £10, Groups 10+ £10

Tue 27 2.30pm and 7.30pm

A Single Man - The Film (Cert 12A) 101 mins

Colin Firth gives a BAFTA winning performance as George Falconer, an English professor living in Los Angeles who, having recently lost his partner in a car accident, has decided to get his affairs in order before committing suicide.

Evening £4.50, Concessions £4, Matinee £3.50.

Free entry to Film Society Members

Fri 30 7.30pm

West End Goes Ballroom

Sat 31 7.30pm

The Bootleg Shadows

For anyone who enjoys the sounds of the 60s and enjoys a few laughs on the way, this tribute act performs a unique show that leaves audiences humming the tunes long after they have left the theatre.

£14.50, Concessions £12.50

WINTER GARDENS
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www.thewintergardens.com



Special Events

7, 14, 21, 28 8pm Songs from The Shows - 15th Anniversary Special Adults £11, Concessions £10, Parties of 10+ in advance £9.50, One child up to 12 years FREE per paying adult.

Sat 3, Sun 4, Sat 31, Sun August 1 9.30am-4pm CD and Record Fair FREE admission. 01543 250 677

Sun 4 3-5pm Weston Light Orchestra £6, Concessions £5. 01275 462 826

Tue 6, 13, 20, 27 2-4pm Mark Helmore Social Tea Dance £4.50, includes tea/coffee: £4 parties 10+ paid in advance

Wed 7, 14, 21, 28 2-4pm and evening 8-11pm Sid Gateley Social Dances Afternoon Tea Dance £4.50 includes tea/coffee: £4 parties 10+ in advance. Evening Social Dance £5.50

Sat 10 9am-12.30pm Weston-super-Mare Farmers' Market Held in High Street. 01934 642 404 or www.wsmtcp.co.uk

Sat 17 8-11.30pm Weekend Evening Social Dance Hosted by Sid Gateley £7.50

Sun 18 11am-4.30pm Teddy and Dolls Fair £2.50, under 16s FREE

Fri 23 8-11pm Sue Burroughs Evening Sequence Dance £6

Sat 31 and Sun 1 August 10am-5pm Beatles Day FREE admission. 07801 56 46 22 www.beatlesday.com

Fri 30 7.30pm

West End Goes Ballroom

West End Goes Ballroom brings together two of the nation's favourite entertainment genres, the magic of the musicals and the beauty of the ballroom in one exciting extravaganza. Join experienced West-End singers, The WestEnders as they perform hits from the world's most popular musicals alongside jaw-dropping ballroom dances including the Moulin Rouge Tango, Samba, Paso Doble and scintillating Salsa, all accompanied by the WestEnders Showband.

£16 • Concessions £15



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

AUGUST EVENTS CONTINUED...

Sunday 8 (and Monday 30)

Lions Club Mile of Pennies

Fundraiser 10am-4pm, Promenade (near Winter Gardens), Weston-super-Mare.
01934 888 800

Wednesday 11

Bat walk

8-10pm, Tyntesfield, Wraxall.
Adult £11.50, children £6.
0844 249 1895



Thursday 12 - Sunday 15

International Balloon Fiesta

Ashton Court, Long Ashton.
Free entry. Car parking tickets available in advance.
www.bristolfiesta.co.uk

Saturday 14 - Saturday 28

Clevedon Art Club 54th Open Exhibition

Wednesday 18 - Saturday 13 November

Treasures from the Earth

Exploring the archaeology of the South West. North Somerset Museum, Burlington Street, Weston-super-Mare. 01934 621 028

Saturday 21

Scarecrow Festival Preenes Green

Worle, Weston-super-Mare. Fairy tales theme. 01934 620 006

Sunday 22

RSPCA Dog Show

10am-4pm. Beach Lawns, Weston-super-Mare. 01934 627 000

Nailsea coal mining walk

Meet at Scotch Horn Leisure Centre, Nailsea. £3. Some steep gradients and steps. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing, no dogs.
01934 888 800

Saturday 28 - Sunday 29

Scarecrow Festival Bleadon

Weston-super-Mare. Weird and wonderful theme. 01934 620 006

Sunday 29

RS Owners Club Rally

10am-5pm Beach Lawns, Weston-super-Mare
fordsportsouthwest1@hotmail.com



ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Children's Centres

For families and carers with children aged 0-5. Stay and play, outings and special events. Contact the Family Information Service for information or see local publicity.
01934 426 300

Play Pods

Free, open-access play sessions for 10-14s. 11-3pm during school holidays in various locations.
07780 957 277

Leisure Centres

Activities throughout the summer

Backwell Leisure Centre
(01275 463 726)

The Campus, Weston-super-Mare
(01934 427 427)

Churchill Sports Centre
(01934 852 303) Tigers Club holiday play scheme for four to eight-year-olds, and Cool Catz for eight to 12-year-olds.

Gordano Sports Centre, Portishead (01275 843 942)
Archery, dancing, Thai boxing or karate among others.

Hutton Moor, Weston-super-Mare
(01934 425 900)

Parish Wharf, Portishead
(01275 848 494)

Scotch Horn, Nailsea
(01275 856 965)

Strode Leisure Centre, Clevedon (01275 879 242)



Free family fun days in the parks

Monday 26 July - Sunday 22 August
noon-4pm

Mondays – Clarence Park,
Weston-super-Mare

Tuesdays – Salthouse Fields,
Clevedon

Wednesdays – Ashcombe Park,
Weston-super-Mare

Thursdays – Lake Grounds,
Portishead

Fridays – Castle Batch,
Weston-super-Mare

Sundays Scotch Horn Fields,
Nailsea (2-4pm)

01934 427 225

Activities at North Somerset Museum



Every Tuesday from 27 July to 24 August -

Seashore Treasures

11.30am-1pm. For under 5s, adult assistance essential.

Every Wednesday from 28 July to 25 August - Punch and Judy

11.30am and 2.30pm.

Every Thursday from 29 July to 26 August - Wish you were here

Creating postcards. 11.30am-1pm. For ages six to 11.

01934 621 028

Swiss Valley Sports Centre,
Clevedon (01275 877 182)
Fencing, Ju-Jitsu, or teen dance.

Wyvern Sports Centre,
Weston-super-Mare (01934 642 426) Wacky Wyvern Saturdays, trampoline club or indoor climbing.

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/leisure

Children's activities at Tyntesfield, Wraxall

Sunday 25 and Monday 26 July
Pottery painting 11am-4pm. £2.50 per item.

Tuesday 27 July (and every Tues during school holiday) - Children's fun day in the Sawmill 11am-3pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Normal admission charges apply. 08442 491 895

Summer Theatre School from AliCaT (Children and Theatre)

For any children in years 5 and 6 (unless already attending AliCaT)

Monday 26 - Friday 30 July or Monday 2 - Friday 6 August, 9am-4pm, Backwell Playhouse, Mariners Drive, Backwell. Workshops and classes in techniques, stage craft, vocal training, set design, make-up, props and a final showcase. Call Fiona on 01275 392 936 to register.

Summer fair to support Clevedon

A summer fair featuring music and entertainment takes place this month to boost community spirit in Clevedon.



The fair takes place from 10am-4pm in Queen's Square on Saturday 10 July and will include a range of activities for all the family, from bouncy castles and donkey rides to live music from local teen sensation Purple Nation.

The event is being formed by action group Clevedon Pride, which formed two years ago to help make the town a place for residents to be proud of.

Since then, volunteers have helped clean up the town by planting new flowers and protecting the fish that inhabit the pond in Queen's Square.

Money raised from the fair will go towards helping the organisation to continue their good work, including a stunning display of Christmas lights which will attract people from neighbouring towns to visit.

AUGUST

Wednesday 4

Family Volunteering Day

Tyntesfield, Wraxall. Clearing overgrown woodland. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking essential.

08442 491 895

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/tyntesfield

MUSIC AND PERFORMANCE

JULY

Saturday 10 (noon-8.30pm) and

Sunday 11 (noon-6.30pm)

Music and Dance from Around the World

Grove Park, Weston-super-Mare

Annual free multicultural festival with music, dance, arts, crafts, stalls and refreshments. 01934 427 225



Saturday 10

Rainmaker the musical by AliCaT

(Children and Theatre), 2.30pm and 7.30pm, Backwell Playhouse, Mariners Drive, Backwell. £7 adults, £5 children. 01275 392 936

Nailsea Concert Orchestra

7.30, Nailsea Methodist Church. Raising funds for hospital in Zanzibar. www.nailseaconcertorchestra.org.uk

Sunday 18

Kew the Music

noon-5.30pm, Kewstoke Village Hall. Live bands to help raise money for young carers at Crossroads Care. Tickets £3. 01934 411 854

Wednesday 21

Jazz at the Orange

Dart Valley stompers, 8-11pm, Prince of Orange Inn, Yatton. £7 or £8 on door. 01934 832 193

AUGUST

Wednesday 18

Jazz at the Orange

Shades of Armstrong, 8-11pm, Prince of Orange Inn, Yatton. £7 or £8 on door. 01934 832 193

Saturday 24

The Tempest

7.30pm, Tyntesfield, Wraxall. Outdoor performance. Bring rugs or low back chairs and dress appropriately. Adult £14.50, children £8. 0844 249 1895

DANCE

Every Sunday

Social dancing

7.30-10.30pm, Hutton Moor leisure centre, Weston-super-Mare. £4.50. 01934 518 529

Ballroom and sequence

dance club 7.30pm, Kewstoke Village Hall. 01934 644 691

Every Monday

DB's Dance Club

Line dancing 10-11am, Clevedon Community Centre (not Mon 12 or 26 July). 01275 854 375

Line dancing

7-9pm, Clevedon Triangle Club, Old Church Road

Ballroom dancing

8-10pm Avonway Hall, Portishead. £4 per person. 01275 848 784

Every Tuesday

Nailsea Sequence Dance Club

1.30-4pm, Scotch Horn Leisure Centre. 01275 873 033

DB's Dance Club

Social tea dance 2.30-5pm, Clevedon Community Centre (not Tues 13 or 27 July). 01275 854 375

Easton-in-Gordano Dance Club

7.45-10.15pm, Church Hall. 01275 374 291





Every Thursday

Line dancing

9.15-11.15am, 1st Clevedon Scout Hall

DB's Dance Club

Line dancing 11am-1pm, Folk Hall, Portishead. 01275 854 375

Ballroom dancing

8-10pm, Avonway Hall, Portishead. £4 per person. 01275 848 784

Every Friday

T&A Burlesque

6-7pm, Victory Hall, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare. 01934 627 122 or 07732 799 918

Clevedon Sequence Dance Club

8-10.45pm, Walton St Mary's Church Hall, Clevedon. 01275 873 314

First Friday of month

Ballroom, Latin, sequence social dance 8-11.30pm, Somerset Hall, Portishead. £4. 01275 847 547

Last Friday of month

Social dance 8-11pm, St James Hall, Winscombe. £4.50. 01934 420 620

VILLAGE AND FARMERS' MARKETS

JULY

Saturday 3

Long Ashton 9.30am-1pm, Community Centre



Saturday 10

Yatton 10am-noon, Village Hall

Abbots Leigh 10am-noon

Tickenham 10am-noon

Portishead 9am-12.30pm, Waitrose Piazza. 01275 372 415

Weston-super-Mare

9am-12.30pm, High Street. 01934 642 404

Ballroom dancing

8-10pm Avonway Hall, Portishead. £4 per person. 01275 848 784

Ballroom and sequence

8-11pm, Town and Country Lodge, Bridgwater Road. 0117 9778 200

Weston Folk Dance Club

8-10pm, Corpus Christi Church Hall, Weston-super-Mare. 01934 514 226

Every Wednesday

DB's Dance Club

Line dancing 10.45-11.45am, Clevedon Community Centre (not Weds 14 or 28 July). 01275 854 375

Sequence Tea Dance

2-4pm, Somerset Hall, Portishead. 01275 848 059

Banwell Sequence Dance Club

8-10.30pm, Banwell Village Hall. 01275 873 033

Line dancing

7.15-8.15pm, 1st Clevedon Scout Hall

T&A Burlesque

8-9pm, Strode Leisure Centre, Clevedon. 01934 627 122 or 07732 799 918

Wednesday 12

Social and tea dance

Old Thyme and modern 2-4pm, Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Milton. £1.50 inc tea and biscuits. 01934 625 324



MARKETS CONTINUED...

Saturday 17

Bleadon 9am-12.30pm,
Coronation Halls. 01275 855 277

Claverham 10am-noon, Village
Hall. 01275 855 277

Nailsea 9am-12.30pm, Crown
Glass Place.

Saturday 24

Kenn 10am-noon, Village Hall

Clevedon 9am-12.30pm,
Queens Square. 01275 372 415

AUGUST

Saturday 7

Kingston Seymour
10am-noon, Village Hall

Saturday 14

Portishead
9am-12.30pm, Waitrose Piazza.
01275 372 415

Weston-super-Mare

9am-12.30pm, High Street.
01934 642 404

Saturday 21

Bleadon 9am-12.30pm,
Coronation Halls. 01275 855 277

Nailsea

9am-12.30pm, Crown Glass Place.
01275 855 277

Saturday 28

Clevedon
9am-12.30pm, Queens Square.
01275 372 415



COMMUNITY CAFES AND COFFEE MORNINGS

01934 529 320

JULY

Wednesday 14 – 10.30-11.30am,
Corpus Christi Church Hall, Weston-
super-Mare

Thursday 15 – 9.30-11am,
Winscombe Community Centre

Friday 16 – 10am-1pm, Wesley
Centre, High Street, Portishead

Saturday 17 – 10am-noon,
Claverham market, Village Hall,
Claverham

Monday 19 – 10am-1pm,
St Augustine's Church Hall, The
Green, Locking

Wednesday 28 – 10.15-11.30am,
Nightjar pub, Mead Vale, Worle

Summer fun at museum



Traditional family fun will be on offer at a popular local attraction this summer.

North Somerset Museum, in Weston-super-Mare, is hosting a series of workshops and activities for children during the school holidays, from making postcards to traditional Punch and Judy shows.

See the main What's On listings for more details.

For older members of the family, the museum has plenty of memorabilia and exhibits. In the shop, books, postcards, pictures, CDs, jewellery, bags, toys, games and souvenirs are all for sale.

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



Reducing the risk of falls

Help is at hand for elderly people to enable them to reduce the risk of falls and keep their independence for longer.



Albert Ball with support worker Hayley Bradley and Catherine Weylie, deputy manager of Rapid Response and Rehabilitation.

Last month the former National Falls Awareness Day was extended into a week-long series of events to promote the services available for people to reduce their risk of falling and encourage them to get more active in later life.

Falling down is the biggest cause of accidental death for elderly people and in North Somerset a range of services is on hand to help people get around more easily.

Weston-super-Mare pensioner Albert Ball, aged 88, fainted in church at the end of last year but luckily a district nurse was in the congregation to help.

Widower Albert said: "I decided I wouldn't attend church or go out at all if I was alone, but then I had a fall in the bathroom one night."

Albert's GP referred him to the Falls Prevention and Management Service, which is part of the Rapid Response and Rehabilitation team. Rapid Response and Rehab is a joint health

and social care team with staff from North Somerset Council and NHS North Somerset Community Service.

After an assessment, occupational therapists provided equipment including grab rails, toilet frame, zimmer frame and kitchen trolley. The Care and Repair handyvan team also widened his back door step and fitted a stool and rail in his shower.

Unfortunately Albert was then badly hurt in another fall and didn't recover for three weeks. A physiotherapist conducted another assessment and a generic support worker visited a few times a week for six weeks, for balance and strengthening exercises.

Albert said: "I almost failed myself as I was going into a care home. I said to myself, 'you're doing the most ridiculous thing you have ever done'.

"If I went into a care home I would miss my own freedom because I would not have the ability to do the things I do."

Albert now feels confident walking in his garden and down the road without assistance.

If you've had a fall, ask for a referral to the Rapid Response and Rehab Team from your GP.



Albert Ball in his garden, where the back door step has been widened and a grab rail installed.

Care Connect: 01275 888 801
www.n-somerset.gov.uk/careconnect



Freedom for carers and relatives

Caring for someone you love can be hard work and sometimes a little helping hand is needed.

The answer could lie in the Carelink alarm system and associated Telecare products which give independence around the home for people who need a little extra support.

The 24-hour monitored alarm system provides help at the touch of a button, which also gives friends and relatives peace of mind to go out and enjoy their own activities.

Dementia sufferer Joan Nancholas, of Backwell, has a front door detector which calls Carelink if it is left open at unusual times or for a long period.

Her daughter Sarah lives in Weston-super-Mare and said: "Mum was wandering at night but now she triggers the sensor. She hears the voice of Carelink operators and will go back into the house.

"It gives me reassurance and means I don't have to stay overnight."

Mr Vaughan and his wife Anne, of Easton-in-Gordano, signed up for Carelink after Anne suffered a stroke.

Mr Vaughan wore the button around his wrist but still felt he couldn't leave his wife alone.

They looked at additional options and he said: "We now have a pressure pad on the chair and bed so if Anne gets up, it relays the message to me.

"Carelink will then ring and check we're okay. This is a huge advantage because I can go anywhere in the garden now and feel safer about leaving her. It's a first rate service."

Portishead resident Mr Smethurst suffers from falls but his partner Mr Robertson is now unable to pick him up on his own.

The couple signed up to Carelink and the falls team can spring into action.

Mr Robertson said: "The service gives me security. I'm amazed at how much help there is."

Help when you need it

Carelink connects the telephone line to a monitoring contact centre to provide 24-hour help when the alarm is activated.

The pendant works within the home and garden (up to about 70 metres). It is available to everyone who needs it and installation is free.

Innovative technologies are also available to make it easier for people to live at home independently.

Telecare products are triggered by unusual activity, such as the front door opened at night or taps running for too long. When sensors are triggered an emergency call is sent to Carelink.



Carelink. *Help at the touch of a button.*
Telecare. *Help to minimise risks at home.*

Supporting vulnerable people in need



Vulnerable people in North Somerset are getting the help they need to live independently thanks to support services in the district.



North Somerset Supporting People provides funding for charities, housing associations and private providers to give wide-ranging housing support to people in need.

This includes helping those with learning disabilities, mental illness, homeless families or young people at risk among others.

About 2,400 people are helped every week, and the council receives about £6m from the government annually to cover this.

Shaun Fitzpatrick, North Somerset Council's Supporting People Manager, said: "To live independently people need a safe, secure and manageable environment they can call home and have the skills to deal with everyday activities.

"This could involve helping people find new accommodation, dealing with rent and budgeting, or learning

how to shop, cook and clean. These services can help prevent people becoming homeless or needing higher cost services at a later date."

One user said: "When I was homeless, I went to the council and they gave me the number for my support service. Through them I learned how to budget and prioritise which debts to pay off first.

"I have done courses which have given me better understanding on everything, from tenancies to health and hygiene.

"I wish I'd have been told about this service earlier. Without them I would still be homeless."

Another person said: "We were going through bad times physically and mentally in many different ways for three years.

"But just at the darkest point of our life we were put in touch with one of the support officers. It was like a

door opening – suddenly someone was there to help us. He gave us the strength to go on and in time things got better and we had hope at last."

Some Supporting People services are short-term to enable people to develop the skills and confidence they need to live independently, while other support may be long-term for people who cannot be fully independent due to disabilities or mental health issues.

If on-going support is needed, the person could be referred to other agencies, such as social services, education or employment.

To find out more call Supporting People: 01275 888 440
www.n-somerset.gov.uk/supportingpeople

Stage one of the recycling revolution has started!



Last month North Somerset Council's recycling revolution began when half the district started to receive their new containers.

The council's new recycling and waste service is being rolled out in two stages because of the large number of properties, and stage one households will start their new collections from mid-July.

To find out which stage you are in visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk/calendar

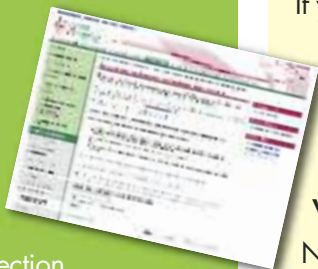
New!

Collection postcode calendar search

The postcode search on the council's website has been updated so you can find out easily when your collections will be.

Simply type in your address or postcode to find out about your current or new service, collection day and calendar. If you are trying to find out about the new recycling and waste service it will tell you which stage you are in and the date of your first collection.

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/calendar



Stage one

Households in stage one will receive their new containers from early June to 9 July.

This will include an extra green recycling box, food waste container and caddy, and either a wheeled bin or roll of plastic sacks.

An information pack will also be delivered to let you know which materials can go in which container, along with a new collection calendar.



Remember... do not use your new food waste containers, wheeled bin or plastic sacks before the date of your first collection because they will not be collected.



If you have been given plastic sacks for your non-recycling rubbish and run out before the next supply is delivered, the council cannot replenish them. Non-recycling waste would then need to be taken to the nearest Recycling Centre.

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/recyclingcentre

New recycling materials, such as plastics, cartons, corrugated cardboard, batteries, mobile phones or spectacles, will not be collected from your green box until the new service starts.



Stage two

Residents living in stage two areas will receive their new containers and information pack in August, ready for their services to start in mid-September.

Continue using your current service until then.

New use for an old bin...?

In May's issue, *Life* asked for your suggestions about what to do with your old rubbish bin when the new wheeled one arrives.

Here are some of the great suggestions...

I use one to store shredded hedge cuttings until mature to use as mulch, would also be good to grow potatoes or Jerusalem artichokes in, or with some good instructions, could be converted into a wormery.

Sarah Sparey

In spring, put it upside-down over a rhubarb plant for delicious, early, pink, forced, rhubarb. In winter, place it over a tender plant on frosty nights for extra protection

Alex Ballard

In the summer store your BBQ coals and in the winter firewood.

**Vanessa Boufidis,
Nailsea**

I scooped a dent in the lawn to make a bird bath with the upturned lid. Very rewarding as a great variety of birds use it!

Jean Mohide

A number of residents who are on the sack scheme asked if they could have a bin to store their rubbish in, instead of a wheeled bin. Why not see if one of your neighbours would like your old bin?

I cut in half old plastic dustbins and drilled holes in the bottom for drainage and then put them in my garden and grew flowers, bulbs and salad veg in them.

Mr Clout, Uphill

Use your old dustbin as a water butt

Dr Gavin Rider, Winscombe

And finally, AS-level design and technology student Tom Wyeth, from Backwell School, also made a chair out of a bin for his course...

Please continue to send your suggestions to streetsandopenspaces@n-somerset.gov.uk



For more information about the changes to recycling and waste collections go to www.n-somerset.gov.uk/revolution

 **recycle**
for North Somerset

Climbing Cadbury Hill

This circular walk up Cadbury Hill is part of a series of routes produced by Yatton Ramblers and Yatton Parish Council. It offers stunning views across the Mendips.

Walk information

Distance: about 3.5 miles

Difficulty: medium, some slopes.
No stiles

Duration: about 2.5 hrs

Map: OS Explorer 154

Refreshments: Pubs and restaurants in Yatton

Start in Mendip Road, opposite Rock Road, on the public footpath which runs alongside the allotments. Cross the field, past the allotments, towards the gate which is straight ahead of you.

Veer diagonally left across the next field, towards a kissing gate in the hedge. Several new kissing gates have been installed around Yatton and improvements to the paths have been funded by Yatton Ramblers, Yatton Parish Council and North Somerset Council.

Turn left into the lane and follow it until you reach the main road, Smallway, opposite the garden centre. Turn left and head towards Yatton.

At the junction with Woodhill, cross the road carefully and take the driveway uphill, signposted towards Cadbury Hill. It can get quite steep here.

Before the second property, the footpath continues on the right as a little grassy path. This leads into local nature reserve Cadbury Hill. The Iron Age fort here was built about 2,500 years ago. It went out of use during the Roman occupation of Britain but was resettled during the Dark Ages.

Information boards are here for you to find out more.

Follow the woodland path uphill, go through a wooden kissing gate and you will come out into the open on the brow of the hill. The path continues straight ahead but look over to your right for stunning views across the Mendips.

Carry straight ahead on the main path. The path then forks at a tree so take the right-hand route downhill, towards a big oak tree which used to mark the boundary between Yatton and Congresbury parishes. Turn right at the oak tree, still heading downhill towards the wooden kissing gate to exit the nature reserve.



How to get there

Car From the A370 take Wood Hill or Smallway into Yatton, and turn into Mendip Road. On-street parking.

Bus Services **351**, **352** and **353** through Yatton; **X1** along the **A370**; and **660** to Claverham.



Go through two gates and continue straight ahead across the next field, keeping to the left. Go through the kissing gate at the end, down the steps, and then turn left into the footpath which runs alongside the drive.

Continue downhill along the tarmac lane. At the sharp right-hand bend, turn left into the stony bridgeway.

At the end of the bridgeway, go through the wooden gate and continue straight along Chapel Lane. Continue on here until you reach a T-junction with the main road, opposite High Street.

Cross with care and continue ahead along High Street until a sharp bend near the Withymead development. Turn left here and take the path which runs alongside the scout hut.

Go through the metal gate at the end and continue along the field, keeping to the right-hand edge. At the end, continue through a wooden gate and kissing gate next to the pond.

Continue straight ahead across three fields. In the final field veer diagonally to your left, towards a gate in the far corner near the houses.

Go through the wooden kissing gate and continue straight ahead, along the left edge of the field. Go through a metal kissing gate to leave the field and join the road. Turn right, past Hangstones playing field, and then left into Beech Road. At the end turn left into an alleyway which leads into Wells Lane.

Turn left onto High Street, cross safely, and walk up the Causeway towards the church. Veer left around the church, follow the winding path through the churchyard, and turn left into the path which runs between the terraced houses in Church Close.

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



Continue along Rectory Way and at the end turn into Rock Road, which leads back to Mendip Road.



Watch out for ticks!

When walking through woodland or bracken in early summer, wear long trousers and long sleeved shirts to avoid being bitten by ticks. Ticks can carry infections, the most serious is Lyme disease.



Go through the wooden kissing gate at the end and head diagonally left across the next field, towards a little wooden bridge and kissing gate.

Continue straight ahead across the next field and then go through another kissing gate. Turn right onto the lane and shortly ahead on your left is a metal gate next to a farmhouse. Go through here and continue ahead across the field.



Getting transport moving

Transport affects everyone — whether you are driving on a busy road, riding on a bus, or cycling through a town centre.



Get vocal -
be heard



www.transportmatters.org



Funding for transport projects could be significantly reduced during the next few years so people are now being invited to have their say about what the priorities should be.

North Somerset Council is working with the three other West of England councils to update the Joint Local Transport Plan, which was first published in 2006.

This follow-up will set out the transport-related goals for 2011 to 2026 and how they can be achieved – and a questionnaire launches this month at

www.transportmatters.org to ask people what they think.

The original plan featured a range of integrated strategies to tackle congestion, improve road safety, air quality and accessibility, and enhance the overall quality of life for people living and working in the region.

So far the proposals include the Weston Package, to create better bus and cycle links and improvements to Worle Train station. Also the South Bristol Link, connecting the A370 and A38 with a rapid transit route, and a new single carriage road improving

access and supporting economic development for the area.

As a result, more people are using public transport and cycling, and traffic delays and casualties have been reduced.

More improvements are still needed though and your comments are wanted about what should be tackled first.

Public consultation starts mid-July. Fill in the online questionnaire or pick up a paper copy from the Town Hall in Weston-super-Mare or local libraries. Deadline for responses is Thursday 30 September 2010.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

Just a note to say I enjoy your published walks, with maps and directions. I took some friends on the 'Lingering Looks over Long Ashton' walk [Dec 09] and we all really enjoyed it.

I then did the same walk reversed some days later. The walk and views were fantastic. It was our first walk out of your mag and I'm now looking to organise another one very soon.

Mr. I Barker, Nailsea

Nicola Clarke Life Editor:

Many thanks for your letter Mr. Barker and I'm really pleased you enjoyed the walk. We try to vary the walks in length, difficulty and throughout the district so hopefully there is something for everyone.

Don't forget, all previous walks can be downloaded in pdf format from the council's website, at

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/lifewalks

I hope you continue to enjoy them!

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:		July 2010							
		am				pm			
1 Thur		10:29	10.55	03:55	1.68	22:46	10.60	16:05	1.86
Clevedon: 10 min	2 Fri	11:02	10.27	04:29	1.78	23:20	10.23	16:38	1.98
Portishead: 18 min	3 Sat	11:35	9.89	05:07	1.95	23:57	9.78	17:17	2.18
later than Weston-super-Mare.	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
	6 Tue	01:32	9.00	07:35	2.75	14:02	8.89	20:03	2.97
Weather conditions which differ from the average will have an effect on the differences between predicted and actual tide times.	7 Wed	02:48	8.94	08:53	2.88	15:24	9.08	21:37	2.93
	8 Thur	04:04	9.32	10:18	2.55	16:34	9.70	22:47	2.39
Strong winds can hold the tide in or push the tide out. Air pressure fluctuations in predicted levels.	9 Fri	05:07	9.97	11:13	2.00	17:36	10.46	23:38	1.83
	10 Sat	06:08	10.66	-	-	18:32	11.17	12:04	1.55
Tidal predictions for Weston-super-Mare have been computed by the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory. Copyright reserved.	11 Sun	07:03	11.27	00:31	1.43	19:25	11.74	12:56	1.22
	12 Mon	07:55	11.76	01:24	1.10	20:13	12.18	13:48	0.95
	13 Tue	08:43	12.13	02:15	0.80	21:00	12.49	14:37	0.71
	14 Wed	09:29	12.33	03:05	0.57	21:46	12.61	15:26	0.58
	15 Thur	10:14	12.31	03:55	0.50	22:31	12.48	16:13	0.61
	16 Fri	10:58	12.00	04:43	0.62	23:17	12.06	17:00	0.81
	17 Sat	11:43	11.44	05:27	0.93	-	-	17:45	1.16
	18 Sun	00:04	11.41	06:13	1.35	12:30	10.75	18:33	1.60
	19 Mon	00:53	10.66	07:01	1.84	13:22	10.05	19:26	2.10
	20 Tue	01:50	9.94	07:57	2.34	14:26	9.51	20:33	2.56
	21 Wed	02:57	9.42	09:09	2.71	15:39	9.31	21:51	2.72
	22 Thur	04:15	9.29	10:23	2.69	16:56	9.58	22:58	2.48
	23 Fri	05:30	9.62	11:26	2.36	18:00	10.15	23:54	2.06
	24 Sat	06:29	10.16	-	-	18:51	10.71	12:18	1.95
	25 Sun	07:16	10.62	00:40	1.71	19:35	11.09	13:00	1.66
	26 Mon	07:56	10.90	01:20	1.51	20:13	11.29	13:37	1.53
	27 Tue	08:32	11.05	01:56	1.43	20:47	11.36	14:11	1.50
	28 Wed	09:04	11.12	02:31	1.40	21:18	11.38	14:44	1.49
	29 Thur	09:34	11.14	03:02	1.38	21:48	11.32	15:15	1.50
	30 Fri	10:02	11.08	03:34	1.39	22:18	11.13	15:44	1.54
	31 Sat	10:31	10.83	04:06	1.48	22:49	10.73	16:13	1.68
You can buy 2010/11 tide timetables from Weston-super-Mare Tourist Information Centre for £1.50.		am				pm			
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Dear Editor,

Thank you for an article you featured last year about the Volunteer Feeders Scheme at Weston General Hospital.

Interest was so high that, as a result, we needed to move to a bigger venue for the planned volunteers' training session to accommodate everyone who came forward.

The weather on the morning of the training day was awful, and we feared not everyone would be able to turn up, but they all did!

Consequently, we have been able to considerably increase the number of volunteers helping patients at mealtimes and incorporate an additional ward within our feeders' rota.

Thank you again for publishing our article.

*Sue Tarpey, Volunteer Manager,
 Weston Area Health NHS Trust*

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