

Subject: **Holford Parish Council 24th August 2022 at Village Hall 7pm.**
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To: clerk@holford-pc.gov.uk <clerk@holford-pc.gov.uk>
Date: 24/08/2022 05:18 PM



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Dear Hema,

A very small County report.

1; Just a reminder of a few Press releases.

CUSTOMER PANEL LAUNCH.

To encourage members of the public to join in and help shape the future of the new council services in Somerset.

2; BUS IT NEW CAMPAIGN TO BOOST BUS PASSENGER NUMBERS.

SCC backed by the Somerset Bus Partnership is launching the BUS IT campaign to encourage people back on buses or to think about using them.

3; NEW BLUE ANCHOR TO WATCHET COAST PATH ROUTE AGREED,

SCC, in partnership with local landowners and managers , have agreed a new route for the England Coast Path between Watchet and Blue Anchor.

This section has been closed since a cliff fall in 2020, close to Warren Farm being lost to the sea, as well as smaller sections on the trail showing signs of coastal instability.

4; CLEEVE HILL CLIFFS. PROPOSED WORKS TO INSTALL GATES.

Commencing 5th September 2022, work is expected to last for 5 days. During the works the road at Cleeve Hill will be CLOSED to all through traffic

During the day, BUT OPEN OVERNIGHT..

5; Hinkley "B" closed finally down on the 1st August 2022, Had been operating for 46 years .

End of report.

Will see you later

Hugh

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Dear Hema,

Please receive my County report.

1; The new CEO of Somerset County Council Duncan Sharkey will be joining us on the 3rd October 2022. In his current role as CEO of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, he has been directing national arrangements for local government following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11.

2; Update on LGR Programme from Alyn Jones LGR Programme Director.

The LGR programme over all is currently rated at Amber. This means we remain on track overall, there are issues that we need to address to keep it that way.

The key issue remains resourcing. Our teams are creating the new council, maintaining services and now contending with the significant challenges very carefully and remain alert to the pressures on all our teams.

We are working very well together as five councils and while there are often difficulties when dealing with a complex programme like this, the large part of our work is progressing remarkably well.

South Somerset District Council will move onto the shared IT platform, the actual 'cutover' will be 6th October. Over district will change over in the coming months, we will all be working from the same system on 1st April 2023.

3;

Ofsted Inspection Result –Children's Social Care Services.

From a rating of INADEQUATE in 2017 to GOOD 2022, a splendid improvement. This was due to the commitment of our Children services and partners lead by Julian Wooster, director of Children's Services.

After learning this good news we receive a personal message from Julian Wooster that he has decided after 7 years with SCC, that this is the time to retire, leaving end of October.

He said "Although I am retiring from the role of director children's services, I will stay involved with supporting colleagues in other places to help them on a similar journey to what we have achieved together."

Plans are well progressed to appoint Claire Winter as Interim Director of children's Services.

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The Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Project.

There are online briefing session, Tuesday 18th October 2p.m. -4p.m
Join by entering a meeting ID Meeting ID 366 822 941 119 Passcode jjYziN

Or Thursday 10th November 5p.m.-7p.m.

Meeting ID 374 512 461 75

Passcode 25mrrX

More info Doug Bamsey, Sedgemoor District Council tel: 01278 435515

Doug.bamsey@Sedgemoor.gov.uk

Or Graham Quarrier, Environment Agency.

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End of report.

Looking forward to seeing you good people.

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Dear Hema,,

I missed to highlight several Press releases in my report, sorry;

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SCC Executive has confirmed that the council will seek to end its activities at Dillington House in Ilminster on 30th September 2023.

Operations in the building currently run at a substantial loss this decision will enable resources to be focused on its statutory duties.

A deficit has accumulated over the past 11 years of more than £1.8 million and in the current financial year a further deficit is predicted of approximately £500.000, reflecting increased energy and other costs.

The current lease has a break clause in March 2023 and the council is seeking to adjust the terms of the lease to enable it to continue activities until the end of September 2023, allowing it to deliver weddings already booked and to minimise disruption to academic courses and other events.

6;

Innovation Zone proposal could put Somerset" at the heart of the Green energy revolution " says Cllr Bill Revans, Leader of SCC.

The Chancellors announcement that the Gravity site ,just north of Bridgwater ,could be part of the first of the Government's new Investment Zones.

Many thanks

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