Herewith my Somerset Council report end of December/ early January 2024.

1:   Press  release  19th December 2023. SOMERSET COUNCIL SECURES PHOSPHATE MITIGATION FUNDING.

Somerset Council has secured £9.6m of Government funding to deliver phosphate  mitigation measures which will unlock the delivery of new homes

across  the area and provide for long term nature recover

2:    Press release 22nd December 2023.  SOMERSET WEST LOTTERY: HOLIDAY OR CASH TO BE WON.

Somerset West Lottery is taking part in a new bolt-on prize draw-the monthly Super Draw with a bumper £1.000 prize.

Everyone who signs up to buy one or more tickets between Sunday 24 December 2023 and Saturday 27th January 2024  will be in with a chance

To win a £1.000 getaway to the destination of their choice.

There is also the option for the lucky winner to choose a £1000 prize cash alternative, courtesy of the external lottery management company Gatherwell.

ALL TICKETS BOUGHT FROM 24 DECEMBER TO 27 JANUARY WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE ENTERED INTO THE BONUS PRIZE DRAW AS WELL AS BEING IN WITH A CHANCE

TO WIN UP TO £25.000 IN THE WEEEKLY LOTTERY RUN BY SOMERSET COUNCIL.

The Somerset West Lottery OFFERS REGISTERED GOOD CAUSES THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE INCOME FOR THEIR ORGANISATIONBY SELLING TICKETS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

It gives 50p from every £1 ticket sold to local registered good causes with 10p from every ticket sale go into a community grant fund for which good causes can apply.

Good cause wishing to rise funds  or would like to by a ticket contact SOMERSET WEST LOTTERY ON 0300 30 20 666; support@somersetwestlottery.co.uk  or visit

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

3: Press release 21st December 2023.  FUNDING MEANS NEXT PHASE OF A39 ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE COULD BE DELIVERED!!

Somerset Council has received £1.5m in external funding which could be used to deliver the next phase of a cycling and walking route on the A39  between Carhampton/Minehead.

The  ring-fenced grant is from Active Travel  could see the the route completed if the scheme can be feasibly delivered with minimal disruption.

The project would be a huge benefit for school pupils in Carhampton there is no dedicated cycling provision. The existing shared path has restricted width due to vegetation.

4:Press release 22nd December 2023.     END OF RECYCLING SITE CHARGES FOR SOME “DIY” WASTE.

SOMERSET RESIDENTS WILL SOON Press release BE ABLE TO DISPOSE OF SOME DIY WASTE  free of charge at Somerset recycling sites—BUT THEY NEED TO BOOK AHEAD.

Following a recent change of legislation,from 1st January 2024 ,current charges for disposing of construction and demolition

materials including : ASBESTOS,PLASTERBOARD, HARDCORE AND RUBBLE FROM HOUSHOLD DIY PROJECTS WILL BE REMOVED.

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5: Press release 22nd December 2023,  CHANGES TO WASTE COLLECTION DAYS ARE ON THE WAY.

Look out for your letter ‘  is the message from Somerset Council as recycling and  rubbish collection days change

For more than 120,000 households in WESTERN PARTS of the county in FEBRUARY 2024..

New collection routes are being introduced in the former Sedgemoor/ Somerset West  and Taunton areas and small

Part of South Somerset..

This means many homes in this areas  will have a change in collection day from the week beginning MONDAY 12/02/24.

Other changes for rest of County later in the year.

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6: Press release 4th January 2024.    STAGE COACH SOUTH WEST TO RUN TAUNTON’S PARK AND RIDE SERVICE FROM FEBRUARY 2024.

The South West -based operator will run buses Monday to Saturday from the Silk Mills and Gateway sites from 12th February 2024,

Taking over from First Bus South. Cost of the ticket will remain just £1 for any single journey , and whilst frequency will change slightly

to every 20 minutes, larger double-decker buses in striking new livery will service the routes from 6am to 8pm Monday to Friday, with

a slightly later start on Saturdays.

End of my report.

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