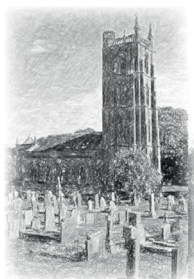


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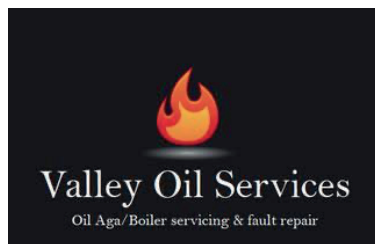
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Dear Friends and Neighbours,

For many, September brings change: a first day at school, moving-on to secondary school or university, starting a new job, or leaving home. Each time, this change affects not only the individual but everyone around them. For some, it brings excitement; for others, trepidation. For some, smiles; for others, tears.

On 6th September, we mark Ian's last service in our Benefice. After the service, we will share a buffet lunch, giving us all the opportunity to thank Ian for his ministry over the last five years and for bringing a unique Benefice of seven churches together. It is also a chance to thank him and Kelly-Ann for their friendship and support, especially for sharing Iris's first months with us—her baptism, her first smiles, and her first steps. We pray that God guides them on their coming journey of change in Bath and keeps them all safe.

Our Benefice also moves into a season of change. Lately, I have noticed the word 'vacancy' creeping into our vocabulary: "*we will be in a time of vacancy,*" or "*I wonder how long the vacancy will last.*" Although this is the standard term used when a Rector moves on, it can sometimes carry a negative feeling about the future.

Recently, Ian preached on the Feeding of the 5,000 with five loaves and two fish. He drew our attention to how the disciples could only see the small amount of food they had, but Jesus saw that gift, blessed it, and fed everyone—with 12 baskets left over! As human beings, we can tend to focus on what we lack rather than on what we have. We are the small army of volunteers who keep our parish churches functioning—the people Ian thanked in the last *Village Magazine*, and whom Jesus sees with all our individual gifts.

Another term often used is 'interregnum', which means a pause between kings or leaders. Yet we keep our **King of kings**, and we will continue worshipping Him and praying for His guidance, both individually and together across our churches.

Our churchwardens have agreed on an 8-week rota that enables each church to host one service each month, alternating between Eucharist/Holy Communion (BCP) with visiting priests, and Morning Worship or Evensong. Winford has an extra service to complete the 8-week cycle, and any 5th Sunday in a month will be held in Chew Stoke. This makes it straightforward for each church to remember 'their Sunday' of the month:

- **1st Sunday:** Chew Stoke (*Week 1*) / Regil (*Week 5*)
- **2nd Sunday:** Winford (*Week 2*) / Stowey (*Week 6*)
- **3rd Sunday:** Bishop Sutton (*Week 3*) / Nempnett Thrubwell (*Week 7*)
- **4th Sunday:** Felton (*Week 4*) / Winford (*Week 8*)

There will also be additional services whenever our churchwardens are able to arrange them, and these will be included in the monthly service list.

In this issue, the full 8-week rota is printed, with the additional services for September and October included to help make everything clear. If you have any questions, please do ask!

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

With my best wishes,
Sandra Edgerton, Lay Reader

Services in Our Churches in September & October 2026

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

10.30am CHEW STOKE, St Andrew

Trinity 14

Eucharist

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

8.30am STOWEY, St Nicholas & St Mary

11.00am WINFORD, St Mary & St Peter

Trinity 15

Holy Communion (BCP)

Eucharist

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

10.30am BISHOP SUTTON, Holy Trinity

4.00pm NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, St Mary

Trinity 16

Eucharist

Evensong

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

6.30pm REGIL, St James

Harvest Thanksgiving

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

9.00am WINFORD, St Mary & St Peter

11.00am FELTON, St Katharine

6.30pm STOWEY, St Nicholas & St Mary

6.30pm CHEW STOKE, St Andrew

Trinity 17

Morning Worship

Eucharist

Evensong

Evensong

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

8.30am REGIL, St James

11.00am FELTON, St Katharine

6.30pm CHEW STOKE, St Andrew

6.30pm STOWEY, St Nicholas & St Mary

Trinity 18

Holy Communion (BCP)

Harvest Thanksgiving

Evensong

Harvest Choral Evensong

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER

8.30am STOWEY, St Nicholas & St Mary

11.00am WINFORD, St Mary & St Peter

Trinity 19

Holy Communion (BCP)

Harvest Thanksgiving

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

9.30am NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, St Mary

10.30am BISHOP SUTTON, Holy Trinity

Luke the Evangelist

Harvest Eucharist

Harvest Thanksgiving

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER

9.00am FELTON, St Katharine

11.00am WINFORD, St Mary & St Peter

6.30pm STOWEY, St Nicholas & St Mary

Last in Trinity

Morning Worship

Eucharist

Evensong

Midweek Holy Communion

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Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing is usually celebrated in our group of parishes on the
1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at **10.30am**

Wed **2nd Sept** - no service

Wed **16th Sept** - St Andrew's, Chew Stoke

Wed **7th Oct** - St Katharine's, Felton

Wed **21st Oct** - St Andrew's, Chew Stoke

Revd Ian's Final Service, Farewell & Installation

Revd Ian's final service in these parishes will be held on **Sunday 6th September at 10.30am** in **St Andrew's, Chew Stoke**. This will be followed by a buffet lunch in Felton Village Hall, giving us the opportunity to say our farewells to Ian, Kelly-Ann and Iris, and to express our heartfelt thanks for all they have been and done for us, our churches and community. As they prepare to move and embrace their new life in Bath, and Ian's important ministry as Rector of Bath Abbey, we will assure them of our ongoing prayers, and wish them every blessing through all God has in store for them.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION from Ian:

*"Bath Abbey have now confirmed some further details for my Installation on **Thursday 24th September at 7.00pm**.*

Numbers in the Abbey are limited to 800 with no standing permitted.** As there is some concern that the number wishing to attend may exceed capacity, **admission for members of the Abbey congregation and Chew Valley West will be by ticket only.

*Tickets are, of course, free, but **those wishing to attend need to email ChurchWardens@bathabbey.org** indicating which parish they are from, and how many tickets they require.*

I'm delighted that so many people want to come along. I simply want to make sure that nobody travels to Bath only to find that they cannot be admitted!"

Regil's Harvest Festival & Supper – will be held on **Friday 25th September**, with a service in St James' at **6.30pm** followed by a **Supper** in **Regil Village Hall** at **7.30pm**. Bring your own drinks. Adults £15; accompanied children 4-11, free. For tickets contact Morris **01275 472787** or Yvonne **01275 472648**.



Felton Harvest Festival Lunch

All are welcome to join us for our Harvest Festival Lunch – on **Sunday 4th October** in **Felton Village Hall at 1.00pm**.

If you fancy an 'earthy' lunch, jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings, complimented by fresh deserts, tea/coffee, cheese & biscuits, then do come along. Please bring your own drink; corked for cheese. There will be a surprise afterwards!

Tickets cost £18 from Lizzie **07714 376455** or call-in at **Hair Tree** in **Winford High Street**. Pay then or on the door.

Harvest has always been a real community event and we look forward to welcoming many of you to what promises to be an enjoyable and entertaining occasion.

Lizzie Patch

St James' Church, Regil – Cleaning & Flower Rota

September (Harvest) – Jane Keedwell and Wendy Garland

Mind & Spirit Carer's Café

Run by the churches of Chew Valley West, we meet every **2nd Wednesday** of the month at **Felton Village Hall** at **10.30am**.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 9th September**.

Enjoy refreshments and connect with others facing similar challenges. Free entry with plenty of parking. Contact Becky for more details **07780 734713**.



Felton & Winford Tuesday Group

Back in July our River Trip with Bristol Packet was a great success.

Perfect weather, an interesting commentary with a touch of humour, and a lovely cream tea as we sailed along in the sunshine 😊.

Our **Planning Meeting** at **Felton Village Hall** is on **Tuesday 15th September** at **7.15pm**. I would appreciate any suggestions to help put together an interesting programme for next year.

As always, anyone is welcome to join us.

Anne Cantwell

Felton Village Hall

A vacancy has arisen for a cleaner at the hall. Approximately 3-4 hours each week to suit yourself. For rate of pay and further information phone Angela Britton **07989 112150**.

100 Club winners for August were:

£50 Mr N Millhouse (number 171) and £25 Mr P Jones (number 276).

Friday 2nd October, Film Night, 'Mother's Pride'. Doors open **7.00pm** screening **7.30pm**.

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Friday 9th October, Bingo Evening. Doors open **7.00pm** ready for eyes down at **7.30pm**.

Free admission, but you pay for your book of five bingo tickets. It is cash prizes for each game. There will also be another game at the end – with a bumper cash prize. We will have a break in the middle when you can top-up your drinks at the bar, also filled rolls and crisps available to buy.

The hall committee have arranged a varied programme of events coming-up (details in next magazine). Your support is appreciated to help with the hall running costs, everyone is welcome.

If you would like further details on any of these events please contact: **Angela 07989 112150**

News from Winford Village Hall (written on 13th August)

Saturday 19th September, BINGO with Rik Frost & Denise Poole. Children are welcome.

For tickets, ring Denise **01275 472797**, or they will be on sale in the Community Shop.

Look-out for **Murder/Mystery Evening** on Saturday 21st November.

We are also looking into some other events which will be advertised on Facebook.

Denise Poole on behalf of the Village Hall

Winford Village Show will take place on **Saturday 5th September** in **Winford Village Hall** from **2.30pm**. Come and enjoy refreshments and the many submissions that will be on display – fruit & veg, floral, baking, photographic, arts & crafts, from adults and children. Door entry: £1 adults & children free.



Winford Coffee Mornings

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Welcome Wednesdays

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On behalf of our whole community



A New Look for Winford Community Shop – and we’d love you to be part of it!

Many of you will have seen our newly refurbished Community Shop. After two weeks of incredibly hard work during the July heatwave, our committee members, volunteers and local residents have transformed the building into a separate, self-contained shop with a modern, welcoming and practical interior.

It’s slightly smaller than before to make room for a new storeroom, staff kitchen and toilet, but careful reorganisation of the shelves means we can still stock almost everything we did previously. We are enormously grateful to everyone who gave their time, energy and skills to make the refurbishment happen.

This is the culmination of several years of planning and preparation, and we’re delighted that the future of our Shop and Post Office is now looking more secure.

Could you be part of the next chapter?

Our shop is run by a small team of salaried staff, a brilliant group of volunteers and a hardworking management committee. Together, we provide Shop and Post Office services for the benefit of the whole community.

But to keep our shop thriving, we need people from the community to get involved.

Volunteering is easier and more flexible than you might think! You don’t need to commit to the same shift every week. Most volunteers simply sign-up for a **three-hour shift when it suits them**. Some volunteers help once or twice a week, while others can only spare a few hours once a month. Every contribution makes a difference. And volunteering doesn’t necessarily mean serving behind the counter. There are plenty of other ways to help, including:

Tidying and organising the shop

Stock and paperwork

Helping behind the scenes

Getting involved with occasional projects and events

You'll be joining a friendly team, it's a great way of meeting people from across the village, and learning new skills — but, most importantly, you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to keep an important community service.

If you value having a Shop and Post Office in the village, why not consider giving a little of your time to help make sure it's here for years to come?

And there's another simple way to help...Please use the Shop as much as you can! Even if you're coming in simply to collect a parcel, why not pick-up something from the Shop while you're here? Take a look at our new shelves — you may be surprised by the range of things we stock. At present level of sales, the Shop only just breaks even, and the retail side effectively subsidises the Post Office. So, **every purchase and every hour of volunteer time helps strengthen the business and protect this valuable service for our community.**

Could you help shape the future of the shop? Several long-standing members of our management committee will be stepping-down this year, and **we'd love to welcome some new faces.**

You don't need any previous experience of running a retail business or Post Office. What matters most is your enthusiasm and willingness to contribute. The committee is a friendly group that meets monthly, with a shared aim of making the Shop successful and ensuring it continues to serve the community.

Different skills, ideas and life experiences are all valuable — so if you've ever thought *"I'd like to help, but I'm not sure what I could offer"*, please come and talk to us.

We also offer **work experience and Duke of Edinburgh Community Service opportunities for local teenagers**, and several young people who have volunteered with us in the past have gone on to paid work at the shop.

Interested? Come and have a chat! Speak to **Dawn in the shop**, have a word with any of our volunteers, call the Shop **01275 472222**, secretary Carol House **01275 472245** or email winfordcommunityshop@gmail.com

Our Community Shop belongs to all of us — and with your help, we can make sure it continues to be at the heart of village life for many years to come.

Carol House, on behalf of the Management Committee



Annual Members' Meeting

Tuesday 29th September in Winford Village Hall, 6.30 for 7.00pm.

Refreshments will be served.

You do not have to be a member to come to the meeting.

Whether you're interested in joining the committee, volunteering occasionally in the shop, or simply want to find out more — just come along.

New faces are always very welcome.

Community Minibus Trips



<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Departing</u>
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appointments for people who have no other way to get to them. There is no regular commitment – you simply offer to do a journey if you wish, when you see that one has been requested. Drivers use their own cars, with their mileage reimbursed by the passenger. Drivers are supported by a team of six volunteer coordinators who take the calls and liaise with passengers on their behalf. If you're interested in learning more about this enjoyable and completely flexible way to volunteer, please call **01275 333430** or email: **cvct.coordinator@gmail.com**

[CVCT was set-up as a Community Interest Company in 2010, under the auspices of WERN, the West of England Rural Network.] Mary Douglas-Jones

Chew Valley Gadget Busters – here to help with digital devices

Wednesday 9th Sept The Stoke Inn, Chew Stoke 12.30 – 2.30pm

Wednesday 14th Oct The Queens, Chew Magna 12.30 – 2.30pm

Having difficulty using your laptop, iPad, tablet, phone or digital camera?

Chew Valley Gadget Busters hold one, 2-hr face-to-face session monthly – with thanks to **The Queens pub in Chew Magna** and **The Stoke Inn in Chew Stoke**.

To book email **cvgadgetbusters@gmail.com** or just **turn-up**. Cost £3, all goes to charity.



Diary at a Glance – September 2026

Wed 2	Mobile Library	Winford, School	10.15 – 11.15am	
Fri 4	Craft Group	Regil, Regil Green	11.30 – 12.00pm	
Sat 5	Winford Village Show	Winford Village Hall	1.00 – 4.00pm	
		Winford Village Hall	2.30pm	See p5
Mon 7	Mobile Library	Felton, Stanshalls Lane	12.05 – 12.25pm	
		Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	12.35 – 12.55pm	
Tue 8	Winford Coffee Morning	Prince of Waterloo	11.00am	
Wed 9	Mind & Spirit Carer's Café	Felton Village Hall	10.30am	See p5
Thur 10	Community Minibus Trip	Swindon Outlet	9.00am	See p8
Tue 15	Felton & Winford Tue Group	Felton Village Hall	7.15pm	See p5
Wed 16	Mobile Library	Winford, School	10.15 – 11.15am	
		Regil, Regil Green	11.30 – 12.00pm	
Thur 17	Renew Coffee Morning	Winford Chapel	10.30am	
Fri 18	Craft Group	Winford Village Hall	1.00 – 4.00pm	
Sat 19	Bingo Night	Winford Village Hall	See p5	
Mon 21	Mobile Library	Felton, Stanshalls Lane	12.05 – 12.25pm	
		Lulsgate, Coombe Dale	12.35 – 12.55pm	
Mon 21	Winford Parish Council Meeting	Felton Village Hall	7.30pm	
Thur 24	Community Minibus Trip	Shepton Mallet, Garden Centre	9.00am	See p8
		and Fish & Chips		
Fri 25	Regil Harvest Supper	Regil Village Hall	7.30pm	See p4
Tue 29	Community Shop Annual Meeting	Winford Village Hall	6.30/ 7.00pm	See p7
Wed 30	Mobile Library	Winford, School	10.15 – 11.15am	
		Regil, Regil Green	11.30 – 12.00pm	
Wed 30	Final day for Compost Site Survey	Deliver to Winford PO	See p16	

Don't forget the weekly **Welcome Wednesdays** at the George & Dragon, Felton, see p6.



Mobile Library For their timetable, reservations or more information, ring **01275 888 864** or see the link: <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/leisure/libraries/bringing-the-library-to-you/mobile-library/>

- **Sat 5th Sept/ Harvest Home Hoedown Barn Dance, 7.30pm.**
Harvest Home Marquee, Chew Stoke BS40 8QB. Ages 7-107
- **Tues 8th Sept/ Jazz Jam, 8.00pm, The Pelican, Chew Magna BS40 8SL**
Just turn up. Ages 14+
- **Fri 18th Sept/ Pieces of My Life, 7.30pm, Chew Valley School Hall.**
An autobiographical story of love, loss and resilience. Ages 12+
- **Tues 28th Sept / Open Mic, 7.45pm, The Pelican, Chew Magna BS40 8SL.** Ages 14+.

For more info and tickets, see valley-arts.co.uk



Q. what are tentacles?

A. eyewear for campers 😊

Chew Valley Gardening Society

This friendly society meets on the **2nd Thursday** of the month at **7.30** for **8.00pm** at **Stanton Drew Village Hall**, where there is easy access and parking.

On **Thursday 10th September**, **Barry Hamblin** will talk on '*Lavender, the Forgotten Herb*', its history, uses, and his experience of farming lavender.

The competition will be for 3 dahlias.

If you would like to become a member please contact Graham Nicol, our Chairman on **01275 333456** or just come along. You are warmly invited. £5 a session. Cynthia Troup

Chew Valley U3A's next meeting will be on **Monday 21st September, 10.00** for **10.30am** at **Ubley Village Hall**. Our speaker will be **Jo Richardson** with a talk entitled '*Space Detectives*.' If that sparks your interest there will be tea/coffee & biscuits. £1 members; £2.50 non- members.

Diana Elsmore



Chew Valley Choral Society

50th Anniversary Year

We still have some places left to sing in Handel's '*Messiah*' in **St John's Church, Keynsham** on **Saturday 28th November**. Lower voices are particularly welcome.

Rehearsals start on **Tuesday 8th September, 7.30pm** in **Bishop Sutton Village Hall BS39 5XQ**

To find out more visit: <https://www.chewvalleychoral.org.uk/sing-messiah>

Harptrees History Society – Oliver Cromwell

Professor Ronald Hutton returns to open the Autumn programme of talks, continuing his popular series of lectures on the **Tudor and Stuart eras** with a talk on Oliver Cromwell.

He has written an acclaimed biography of Cromwell, providing an important new interpretation of one of the major figures in our history. He untangles fact from fiction and traces Cromwell's path to supreme power in the wake of Charles I's capture after the first Civil War.

He is an engaging speaker and always popular. Book early!



Members benefit from free admission to all talks (apart from the winter supper) plus access to advance booking. They also receive a free copy of the Society's latest annual journal – '*The Harptreenian*' – which contains a variety of articles of local interest.

The membership year starts in September and people may join at the first meeting.

Visitors are also very welcome to this event, space permitting, with a donation of £3 a head.

Booking in advance is essential, although you can pay on the night.

Wednesday 30th September

West Harptree Memorial Hall, BS40 6EG Doors open at **7.15pm** for **7.30pm**.

Visitor booking opens on **Tue 15th Sept** and closes at **5.00pm** on **Tue 29th Sept**.

To book or request a membership form, please email: info@harptreeshistorysociety.org with subject line "**September 2026**"

'Save Felton Common' News – September 2026

What has happened to the Airport Application over the summer?

The deadline for comments on North Somerset Council's (NSC) planning portal was 28th June. However, the portal remains open, and objections can still be submitted. We would encourage anyone who has not yet commented to do so.

As of 14th August, there have been 6,584 comments on the application, with more than 75% opposing it. Many of the supportive submissions appear to come from organisations within the Airport's supply chain, pro-business lobbying groups, or Airport users.

The planning portal's documents section now contains more than 70 consultation responses, objections, and town & parish council submissions – the vast majority of which oppose the application. These include detailed responses from Save Felton Common (SFC) Bristol Airport Action Network (BAAN) Winford Parish Council (WPC) and the Parish Council's Airport Association, which represents 25 parish councils and two town councils covering approximately **97,000 residents**.

When combined with objections from Bath & North East Somerset Council, Bristol City Council, and South Gloucestershire Council, **it is clear that the overwhelming majority of local opinion is against the proposal**. Many of these detailed submissions, together with comments from organisations such as National Highways, **have identified significant errors, omissions, and inconsistencies** within the Airport's application.

Under a normal planning process, NSC planning officers would assess the application, make recommendations to the Planning Committee, which would then be required to make a decision, potentially subject to confirmation by Full Council, within six months. This would point to a decision by the end of October.

However, it is widely understood that such a timetable is unlikely in this case. Discussions are reportedly taking place between the Airport and NSC planners regarding the provision of additional and currently missing information. This could delay the process until 2027. Such a delay is important because, without it, the Airport may seek a non-determination appeal, as has recently occurred at Luton Airport.

The situation is further complicated by the NSC elections scheduled for 7th May 2027. The six-week pre-election period of "heightened sensitivity", beginning in mid-March, restricts major decision-making. In addition, NSC's membership of the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) may add further complexity and political considerations to the decision-making process.

Compulsory Purchase Update

The Airport's land agent, Dalcour Maclaren **LandReferencing@dalcourmaclaren.com** has placed notices around the Common. These include a small-scale map showing the Common and other land affected by the proposals. The purpose is to identify anyone with an "interest" in the land.

It could reasonably be argued that everyone who values and uses Felton Common has an interest in its future. **We therefore encourage anyone who shares this view to contact Dalcour Maclaren, quoting reference 118.**

Airport Closure

On 6th & 7th August, local communities experienced around 14 hours of peace when Airport operations were suspended, following an emergency caused by what was described as a "runway surface defect". The Airport has denied any connection between this incident and the ground stability concerns raised by some objectors.

In Conclusion

The situation remains complex and continually evolving. We encourage everyone to make their views known to national and local politicians, councils, and other relevant organisations.

If you have not already done so, please send your email address to **savefeltoncommon@gmail.com** so that we can add you to our mailing list and keep you informed of future developments.

Simon Martin on behalf of Save Felton Common, savefeltoncommon.org

A Summer of Change

The past few weeks have reminded me just how quickly life can change.

I've just returned from the Netherlands after saying goodbye to a close family member. It was the most profound change, the last of the generation that went before me, and the severing of the link to my ancestors. It's one of those moments that makes you stop, take stock and think about what really matters.

Coming home, I was struck by another kind of change. As I write this, we're in the fifth heatwave of the summer. Five. A few years ago, that would have seemed remarkable. Now it feels as though we're quietly adjusting our expectations. Perhaps that's what we do as human beings. We adapt.

Our gardens adapt too. The grass turns brown, but it isn't dead. The trees conserve water. The first good rainfall transforms everything again. Nature has a remarkable ability to recover if we give it the chance.

The challenge for us humans is learning to adapt just as thoughtfully and in any small way we can. Collecting rainwater because summers are becoming drier. Planting trees that will provide shade for future generations. Looking-out for neighbours who find the heat difficult. Finding ways to keep our homes cool without wasting energy. None of these things are dramatic, but together they help us become a little more resilient. And perhaps resilience is the key word. As our climate changes, we are likely to face more frequent heatwaves, heavier downpours, greater pressure on water supplies and, in time, wider challenges affecting food production and the way we live. We can't prevent all of that locally, but we can prepare for it, both as individuals and as communities.

People often ask me why I choose to travel by train when I go to Europe. In fact, by the time you read this, I'll be somewhere on the rail network with another Interrail pass. I choose not to fly anymore. For me, that's one small way of responding to the changes we're seeing. It won't suit everyone, and that's absolutely fine. We all have different opportunities, different priorities and different circumstances. The important thing isn't that we all make the same choices, but that each of us asks, "*What can I do?*". And for me, the next logical question is: "*What can we do, as a community?*"

National Emergency Briefing.

That question is also at the heart of the *National Emergency Briefing*, a thought-provoking film that is being shown in villages and towns across the country, including here in North Somerset. One of its central messages is that resilience isn't something that governments can simply deliver to us. The strongest communities are those that prepare together, know their neighbours and are ready to support one another when times become difficult. Rather than dwelling on the risks we face, the film explores the many practical things that individuals, families and communities can do to prepare for the future. If you have the opportunity to see it, I would thoroughly recommend it. I came away feeling not fearful, but hopeful about how much we can achieve when we work together. Change is inevitable. How we respond to it is something we can still choose. I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer, whatever the weather decides to do.

Annemieke Waite, Ward Councillor for Winford, Felton and Dundry.

Email: annemieke.waite@n-somerset.gov.uk

Winford Parish Council Meeting – held on Monday 22nd June 2026

Open Forum. Two members of the public attended. One member of the public raised concerns about the state of disrepair of the track on Felton Common, at the top of Felton Street leading to Big Bullock Farm. It was explained by the Chair that whilst the Parish Council understood these concerns, this was an unauthorised and unadopted track, and the maintenance of the track was the responsibility of the property owners who used it. The Parish Council had offered to facilitate maintenance work to the smaller track along the Northern side of the Common, however because not all property owners were in agreement, the offer was withdrawn. The member of the public also raised concerns about cattle entering the front garden of a property boarding Felton Common. The Parish Council would ask the Commoner grazing the cattle to restrict the GPS boundary to the grass areas only.

Felton Common. Unfortunately damage was caused to an address on Felton Common caused by vehicles driving in circles on the Common. 35 boulders had been sourced and were due to be delivered to the Common imminently. The boulders would be placed along the North-Western side of the Common to prevent vehicle access onto the Common. The Parish Council would continue to source additional boulders with a view to placing them on the Northern side of the Common when resources allowed.

The Clerk had received reports that scrambler bikes had been riding on the Common. Details of the associated registration numbers had been passed to the police. The Clerk would also liaise with District Councillor Waite and North Somerset Council (NSC) regarding the matter.

The Clerk had received information that cattle grazing on the Common had caused damage to the burrows. The Parish Council would request that the Commoner exclude the burrows from their geo fencing.

In the event that Bristol Airport were successful in their planning application to erect landing lights on the Common, an Archaeological Survey of the area would be commissioned.

Following concerns that were raised regarding a tree on Felton Common, a contractor had attended the location and did not have any concerns regarding the tree. No further action would be taken by the Parish Council.

Airport. Winford Parish Council strongly objected to Bristol Airport's 15 MPPA (26/P/0686/OU2) and a detailed response to the application was agreed. The Chair thanked the Clerk for preparing such a detailed response. The Parish Council's response would be submitted to NSC and a full copy would be made available on the Parish Council's website following the submission deadline of 28th June 2026. The Clerk would inform residents of this via social media platforms and via the Village Magazine.

The Clerk had received a request from Bristol Airport's Land Agents, CBRE, to complete a 'Land Interest Questionnaire'. Advice from the Parish Council's Legal Team had been obtained. The Clerk would complete the questionnaire in due course.

The Clerk had contacted MP Al-Hassan to seek an update regarding a meeting he had with the Civil Aviation Authority discussing the Airport's expansion proposals. The Clerk had not yet received a reply. The Clerk would continue to seek a response regarding the matter.

Footpaths & Highways. The Clerk would seek to confirm whether vehicles were permitted along a track accessed via Pinchay Lane, Winford.

There had been no updates from NSC regarding the road safety improvements in Winford. The Parish Council were still concerned about the inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside the School during school drop-off and pick-up times. The Clerk would continue to seek an update from NSC regarding the road safety improvements and would request that the local PCSO conduct patrols at drop-off and pick-up times.

Following two recent instances of fly tipping in Whitting Street, Regil, concerns were raised regarding the inadequate removal of the waste by NSC. The Clerk would liaise with District Councillor Waite in order to address the issue with NSC

NSC had informed the Clerk that it was the responsibility of the owner to maintain a boundary hedge in Winford, where the High Street meets Chew Road. The owner had previously informed the Clerk that he was not able to due to safety concerns. The Parish Council would discuss alternative options with the owner.

The Clerk would report a broken drain cover on Barrow Lane and a collapsed drain on High Street Winford again.

The Clerk would report fly tipping at the bottom of Redding Pit Lane, Winford.

Planning. The Clerk would write to MP Al-Hassan and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, requesting a change to the 28 day permitted development rule to prevent unauthorised car parking in fields.

Parish Property. A quotation to clean the monument at Higher Winford had been obtained. The Parish Council agreed to the quotation and the Clerk would instruct the contractor to complete the necessary work. The notice board at Higher Winford required maintenance. A contractor would be instructed to complete the necessary work.

The Clerk had received a complaint regarding trees on Kingston Lane overhanging the highway. A contractor had attended the location and provided a quotation for immediate remedial work, noting that there were currently no birds nesting at the location. The quotation was **agreed**. Due to the trees being the subject of a Tree Preservation Order, the Clerk would instruct the contractor to complete the necessary work once the approval of NSC had been obtained.

Finance. A proposal that the Council approve the Accounting Statements on the AGAR was agreed unanimously. The records would be made available for inspection by any person interested on reasonable notice by application to the Clerk, between 1st July 2026 and 11th August 2026

Winford Parish Council Meeting – held on Monday 27th July 2026

Open Forum. Five members of the public attended. One member of the public provided an update regarding a proposal to open a Community Compost Scheme at the Compost Site and handed a written proposal to the Clerk. They were thanked for their efforts and were asked to submit a more detailed proposal ahead of the next Parish Council meeting in September to allow the Parish Council time to consider the proposal. The Chair explained the Parish Council were supportive of the idea, subject to reviewing a detailed proposal. The member of the public would conduct a survey to gauge local interest and support in the meantime. [See enclosure.]

A representative from the Campaign Group, Save Felton Common (SFC) provided an update on their activity, including details of a bat data survey. The next meeting for SFC was due to take place on 12th August 7.00pm in the Prince of Waterloo, and they requested that a member of the Parish Council attend.

One member of the public shared their concerns regarding a live planning application to build a Bakery which was accessed via a dangerous section of the A38. They also had concerns that the police had failed to record all accidents that had taken place at the location. The Chair explained that the Parish Council also shared their safety concerns and they had previously objected to the planning application on the grounds that the access was dangerous. It was explained that unless a road traffic collision resulted in an injury, the Home Office did not require police to report collisions. To obtain a more accurate figure, a Freedom of Information request could be submitted, something the Clerk had previously done in relation to a separate matter. The Clerk would review the data obtained, in case it would be beneficial to the Parish Council's response to the planning re-consultation. They provided the Clerk with a detailed explanation of their concerns and was thanked by the Chair. The Chair explained that this information would be considered as part of the Parish Council's response to the re-consultation to the planning application (25/P/1518/FUL).

Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO). Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer at North Somerset Council (NSC) Matthew Hawkins, explained to the Parish Council that he was in the early stages of reviewing how NSC could increase PSPO enforcement. This included a proposal to increase the number of Enforcement Officers with a financial contribution from Parish Councils, with part of the revenue generated from the PSPOs going to the Parish Council. As this could assist with the issue of motorbikes driving on the Common and nuisance parking

in the area, the Parish Council were keen to understand more about the proposal as it developed. Matthew would provide more details to the Clerk for further consideration by the Parish Council. It was agreed that Matthew could arrange for a PSPO notice to be placed on the Common.

NSC had issued a PSPO warning letter to the registered keeper of a vehicle associated with scrambler bikes on the Common.

Following a review of PSPO's, NSC had requested the removal of the PSPOs at Vee Lane Play Park and Ragland field, which prohibited dogs at the location. The Parish Council agreed to this request provided they be re-instated if complaints regarding dogs were received at the location. The Clerk would inform NSC accordingly.

Compost Site. It was resolved that the Parish Council would consider detailed proposals for the Compost Site once they had been received.

Felton Common. A Commoner who was currently grazing cattle at the location would amend their geo fence boundary to exclude the top of Felton Street. It was noted that the owners of the properties bordering the Common were responsible for maintaining their boundary hedges to prevent the cattle from entering. It was noted that a member of the Felton Common Working Party felt that damage caused by the cattle to the Barrows was getting worse.

It was noted that the grass would not be cut due to the lack of growth but that the bracken was due to be cut shortly.

It was resolved that the Parish Council has considered the risk of a wildfire as a result of recent dry weather, but does not have resources available to monitor the Common through 24 hrs.

It was noted that additional boulders were in the process of being sourced.

Airport. The Parish Council received an update regarding the recent Environmental Effects and Airport Consultative Committee meetings that has been attended by a member of the Parish Council.

It was noted that the Clerk had not received any further correspondence from the Airport regarding Felton Common.

Footpaths & Highways. It was resolved that Councillor Reed would remove the overgrown brambles covering the steps to the footpath next to the Compost Site.

It was noted that NSC were actively consulting members of the public for road safety improvements in Winford. The suggested design for bollards at the location were approved by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Headteacher of the School reminding parents not to park on the Zig Zag lines outside the School.

It was noted that the Parish Council would speak with the potential new owner of a boundary hedge in Winford, where the High Street meets Chew Road and request they cut this back.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to NSC requesting they re-instate the red lines on the A38 near to the Airport which had been worn away in places.

Allotments. It was agreed that a contractor would be instructed to cut the brambles along the Northern boundary of Felton Allotments. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to tenants who were not adequately maintaining their plots. It was noted that the working party would consider options for Felton Allotments moving forward.

Parish Property. It was noted that NSC have the necessary approval in place to proceed with the transfer of Vee Lane Play Park to the Parish Council and this was now going through the conveyancing process.

Any other business. It was noted that a meeting was in the process of being arranged between the Parish Council and the management of Winford Manor.

Next meeting: Monday 21st September, 7:30pm at Felton Village Hall.

Louise Burgess, Clerk

Could You Help Bring Community Composting Back to Winford?

Earlier this year, the green waste Composting Site at Winford Heights closed when funding from North Somerset Council came to an end. Since then, a small group of local residents has been exploring whether the site could be brought back into use as a Community-run Composting Scheme.

The idea is simple: green waste would be composted on site and returned to members as high-quality compost. Similar schemes elsewhere in the South West have shown that this approach can reduce waste, cut transport, lower costs and create a valuable community resource.

To find out how this works, we've visited two successful community composting projects. We came away inspired. What impressed us most was that they were about much more than composting. They bring people together, support wildlife, provide opportunities to learn new skills and create a shared sense of pride in the local environment. One encouraging discovery was that the former Winford Composting Site is actually larger than both of the successful sites we visited, giving us confidence that the space is well suited to a community scheme.

What do you think?

Before taking the idea any further, we need to know whether there is enough local support.

A short survey is being delivered to households across the parish (see enclosure). It should only take a few minutes to complete, and your response will help us understand how many people might use the scheme, become members or volunteer. Completing the survey doesn't commit you to anything, but it will help shape the next steps.

If the project goes ahead, we'll also need people with all sorts of interests and skills. You might enjoy gardening or composting, have experience with administration or fundraising, be happy to help with publicity, or simply have a few hours to spare from time to time. No previous experience is needed, just a willingness to get involved.

Let us know!

If you'd like to see Community Composting return to Winford, please **complete the survey and return it to the Post Office by Wednesday 30th September.**

Together, we can decide whether this is a project that has a future in Winford Parish.

Amy Charlton-Bates



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