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Outdoor Gym Equipment Success

The grant application for funding to Sedgemoor District Council's RLT3 fund was successful and the Town Council hope to be able to install the runner, snowboarder and stepper on the Furlong in time for Easter. A big thank you to Axbridge Parochial Charities and Axbridge Sports and Social Club for their donations!

Roundabout

By the time you read this, the new roundabout should be installed on the Furlong. This provides a replacement for the well loved, but worn, roundabout and will entertain children for years to come.

Christmas in the Square

Thank you to all who made the Father Christmas evening in the Square such a success. This event is organised by the Sports and Social Club with lots of volunteers helping out and putting up and taking down the Christmas Trees—which provided a very festive setting. The Council made a donation of £1,200 towards the cost of the trees.

Community Awards!

Thank you to all who made nominations for the community awards. The Council has selected three very deserving and popular residents to receive these awards (we will tell you who next month when we know they have accepted!) Come along to the Celebration of Axbridge Community on Sunday 26th February at 3pm in St John the Baptist Church and enjoy the service, presentation of the awards, followed by tea and cake in the Town Hall.

Cheddar is preferred site for new reservoir

The latest information can be found at = <http://www.bristol-water.co.uk/news/mainNews.asp?>

Dog Mess!

This is a serious problem within Axbridge and whilst the majority of dog owners do pick up their dog's mess, some are clearly not—with dog mess even being found next to dog bins!! The dog warden and Police Community Support Officer have been made aware of these concerns and prosecutions will take place.



Severe weather

Up to date details as to when refuse/recycling will be collected is posted on the website at www.somersetwaste.gov.uk or can be followed on twitter @somersetwaste. Any severe weather related issues can be reported via Somerset County Council's call centre on 0845 345 9155.

The Town Council has a limited supply of grit which it can distribute to residents, for use on public roads and pavements (not private drives!) in bad weather. Contact the Town Clerk on 07884 264033 if required.

Volunteer Task at Axbridge Lay-by Saturday 4th February

Do you fancy getting involved with looking after a local site or doing a bit of exercise? The Mendip Hills AONB Unit will be running a volunteer task on Saturday 4th February 2012. The task will involve helping to clear vegetation from the Axbridge lay-by with all tools and equipment provided. The day will start at 10am running through to 3pm. If you'd like to join in for an hour or more, please get in touch with Owen Jones on 07770 646 161 or email: mendipvolunteer@gmail.com

Reduction in Bus Subsidies

The Town Council has supported residents concerns by objecting to the proposed withdrawal of the 490 bus service, which runs from Cheddar to Bristol on a Tuesday. This is a valuable service and must not be lost.

Speed Watch Volunteers

Speed watch campaigns are back! If you have been trained or would like to be—please contact the Town Clerk in the first instance. It really provides a reminder to all to watch their speed and saves lives! If you have a little spare time (just half an hour a week!) please volunteer.

Somerset Showcase

This will take place on Saturday 5th May—put the date in your diary!! Road Closures will be in place in the Square and surrounding roads and these do effect residents of these streets as well as visitors—please don't arrange to move, or have large deliveries this day!!

Police Contact Number—101

The new number for non emergency police matters is 101.

Church Report

The Clock will be fixed following re-wiring and lighting works. It is intended that a service will be held in June to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee

Diamond Jubilee

Axbridge Sports and Social Club and Axbridge C of E Primary School will be meeting to arrange an event to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee in June. Watch this space!

Town Maintenance Contractor

The Town Maintenance Contractor has worked 7 hours in total - on the Furlong, Starrs Close and in the car park.

Race Night

The next Chamber of Commerce event is the Race Night on Saturday 18th February—contact a member of the Chamber for further details.

Community Allotment, Hillside

The Council supported proposals of the Community Allotment Association to create a forest garden on the three plots it lets at the Hillside Allotments. Restrictions would apply and no further trees would be allowed on any allotment plot without prior approval of the council. An open day will be held in the future - new members will be welcome. Contact the Town Clerk in the first instance.

Axbridge Parochial Charities

The Council elected Mrs Priscilla Chard and Mr Jim Lukins as Parochial Charities Trustees.

Annual Assembly—30th April 2012

This meeting of residents will be held on 30th April 2012. This meeting will receive a report from the Town Council and local organisations. All residents are invited to attend and have the opportunity to raise any matters with their local

councillors and the police.

Footpath Upgrade

The Council withdrew its objection to a proposed order to upgrade footpath AX29/37 (part of which runs through Axbridge to Shipham) to a bridleway. Objections could only be made on issues concerning the existence and status of the route.

RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND MEETINGS (3RD MONDAY EACH MONTH), TO RAISE ISSUES OR JUST TO LISTEN. MATTERS MAY BE BROUGHT TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION VIA THE TOWN CLERK MRS VICKY BRICE
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