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SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT
Mendip South, March, 2023**



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On April 1st, Somerset Council will assume responsibility for all council services in the county.

Housing, Social Care, Planning, Highways, Education, Public Health, Libraries, Recycling and much more besides – will all come under Somerset Council.

This has been a mammoth task for Somerset County Council, working with District Councils, leadership, officers and members, since Unitary Councillors were elected in May 2023.

Here is some key information for our Mendip South communities and Parish Councils.

This information will be updated as the transition to Somerset Council Progresses.

In the meanwhile here are [FAQs](https://newsomersetcouncil.org.uk/faqs/) about the new Unitary Council in Somerset.

Additional useful information will be added to this report and published here: [A simple guide to changes at Somerset Council for communities and Parish Councils in Mendip South. – Claire Sully (cllrclairesully.co.uk)](https://cllrclairesully.co.uk/a-simple-guide-to-changes-at-somerset-council-for-communities-and-parish-councils-in-mendip-south/)

**Single Point of information for Somerset Council**

Somerset Council will have a single number for all council services:

0300 123 2224

Phone lines will be open 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

A Single Somerset Website will be available at [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/)

**Local Community Networks (LCNs)**E-mail enquiries for LCNs: lcn@somerset.gov.uk

The LGR website: <https://newsomersetcouncil.org.uk/>

FAQs for LCNs: <https://newsomersetcouncil.org.uk/consultation-faqs/>

A presentation on LCNS: [Your Local Community Networks (newsomersetcouncil.org.uk)](https://newsomersetcouncil.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Local-Community-Networks-LCNs-_-Information-for-our-City-Town-and-Parish-Councils-_-Feb-2023-_-ISSUE_.pdf)

A Video on a pilot LCNs: [South East Somerset Pilot LCN - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxNxxka5HDc)

Terms of reference for LCNs: [Somerset LCNs Draft Terms of Reference](https://democracy.somerset.gov.uk/documents/s26188/Item%208%20-%20Appendix%201b%20-%20Somerset%20LCNs%20Terms%20of%20Reference.pdf)

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| **LCNS in Mendip South** |  |  |  |
| **Avalon and Poldens** | **Shepton Mallet** | **Frome** | **Wincanton** |
| Ashcott | Batcombe | Berkley |   |
| Baltonsborough | Chilcompton | Buckland Dinham | Alford |
| Barton St. David | Coleford | Frome TC | Ansford |
| Bawdrip | Cranmore | Great Elm CP | Babcary |
| Burtle | Croscombe | Hemington | Bratton Seymour |
| Butleigh | Ditcheat | Lullington | Brewham |
| Catcott | Doulting | Mells | Bruton |
| Chilton Polden | Downhead | Norton St. Philip | Castle Cary |
| Cossington | East Pennard | Nunney | Charlton Horethorne |
| Edington | Evercreech | Rode | Charlton Musgrove |
| Glastonbury | Holcombe | Selwood | Compton Pauncefoot |
| Greinton | Kilmersdon | Tellisford | Corton Denham |
| Keinton Mandeville | Leigh-on-Mendip | Trudoxhill | Cucklington |
| Kingweston | Milton Clevedon | Upton Noble | Henstridge |
| Meare & Westhay | Pilton | Wanstrow | Holton |
| Moorlinch | Pylle | Whatley | Horsington |
| Shapwick | Shepton Mallet | Witham Friary | Lamyatt |
| Sharpham | Stoke St Michael |  | Lovington |
| Stawell | Ston Easton |  | Lydford-on-Fosse |
| Street | Stratton on the Fosse |  | Maperton |
| Walton |  |  | Milborne Port |
| West Bradley |  |  | North Barrow |
| West Pennard |  |  | North Cadbury |
|   |  |  | North Cheriton |
|   |  |  | Pen Selwood |
|   |  |  | Pitcombe |
|   |  |  | Queen Camel |
|   |  |  | Shepton Montague |
|   |  |  | South Barrow |
|   |  |  | South Cadbury and Sutton |
|   |  |  | Montis |
|   |  |  | Sparkford |
|   |  |  | Stoke Trister |
|   |  |  | Wincanton |
|   |   |   | Yarlington |

**Planning and committees**

 Planning – one strategic planning committee, four area-based planning committees.

Communities in Mendip South will have an East Area Planning Committee.

Other committees include:

* Five overview and scrutiny committees
* a statutory Licensing and Regulatory Committee and sub-committees
* Executive

 **Useful Links**

Here is a reminder of the different areas of highways, where issues can be reported.

Problems on the Road e.g. Potholes, Overhanging Vegetation, Flooding, Blocked Drains and Gullies should all be reported online as you will receive a faster response as they are directly linked to our Highways Team
[https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/#problems-on-the-road](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.somerset.gov.uk%2Froads-and-transport%2F%23problems-on-the-road&data=05%7C01%7CAZFletcher%40somerset.gov.uk%7Cdfa16e0defb34cc089a108da7b9cd4d9%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637958211746911267%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=gTAZbhlJYV51JpL%2FUWE9lNJQloabXq%2BI0MIUFQ19%2FTU%3D&reserved=0)

Report a problem with a street light
[https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem-with-a-street-light/](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.somerset.gov.uk%2Froads-and-transport%2Freport-a-problem-with-a-street-light%2F&data=05%7C01%7CAZFletcher%40somerset.gov.uk%7Cdfa16e0defb34cc089a108da7b9cd4d9%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C637958211746911267%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9Ua%2FrV3tqNaAMnNKTou3IU4qfAqjcX37efMW23vcnv4%3D&reserved=0)

Road signs, bollards and road markings
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Speed limits
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Enquiries regarding the following issues have standard information to help guide your enquiry and exploration of the issue

Traffic lights
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 Weight limits and abnormal loads
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 Live travel information
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Road works and road closures
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