

# **EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 10 04 24, 7.00 pm, Evercreech Village Hall**

**Cllrs present: Lesley Parham (Chair), Derek Sharp, Rob Reed, Roy Williams, Gail Wakeford, Murray Stewart, Bethan Stanley**  
**Residents from the Parish of Evercreech**  
**Lynn Crisp – Clerk**

### **1. Welcome from the Chairman of the Parish Council.**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

### **2. Confirm the Minutes of the 2023 Meeting.**

Proposed: GW

Seconded: RW

The minutes were signed as a true record.

### **3. Report by the Chairman.**

Welcomed new Cllr, Cllr Stanley. Long standing Cllrs who have served for 30 years are Cllrs Williams and Reed.

2 co-opted vacancies. Please see Cllrs after the meeting if you are interested in joining the Parish Council.

The Skate Park project is now complete, huge thanks to all the donors.

Village Cross – The cross needs expensive repairs; this is an ongoing project.

Highways/traffic management:

There are currently 2 outstanding projects: parking in Victoria Square and speed restrictions at Pecking Mill Corner. We are assured by Somerset Traffic Management that these are earmarked for 24/25.

Stoney Stratton speed signs project is complete.

The village has a company undertaking the important task of street cleaning.

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### **4. Parish Council Finance update.**

See appendix A

### **5. Report by Somerset Cllr Claire Sully.**

Will email the Clerk the notes.

See Appendix B

### **6. Invitation to representatives of local businesses, groups and volunteers to speak/receive written reports.**

**History Society** – Gill Lindsay

See appendix B

**Bus Champion** – Susan Enhman

See appendix B.

**The Old Stores Studio** – Nik Slade

See appendix B.

**Explorer Scouts** – Natalie Baker

See appendix B.

**Sports Club** – David Briars

See appendix B.

**Police Officers** - PCSOs Shepton Mallet:

Role should be within the community; this can sometimes be difficult. Becky is responsible for the town, Sheila rural areas. Police Officer numbers have been cut in the area. Recruiting now. Supporting at Gartons Mead. Not much time for community engagement – now responsive. The main cause of police activity is the ex-Greencore factory. Some anti-social behavior, pleasure to work in Evercreech.

Anti-social behavior at Millenium Gardens. Suggested emailing Avon & Somerset Police, enter this area and they can email Sheila directly. Or form online for 101.

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A monthly report will be given to the Clerk.

Resident mentioned a tipper lorry issue early in the morning going through Evercreech empty and coming back full.

Youth Club (YC) – Community engagement would be helpful when the YC re opens in its new building.

### **Bath and West (B&W) - Carol Paris**

The Bath & West is a charitable organisation.

Next event is field to food learning day. 1,400 children will be attending. The B&W pay for the buses/transport. The Duchess of Edinburgh will attend at 10.30.

NASS are not returning.

Q: Cycle paths – have the B&W spoken to Greenways re the Wells to Shepton to Evercreech route? Any news re this?

A: Will speak afterwards.

### **7. Items of business that concern the Parish of Evercreech may be raised by any Elector of the Parish.**

Development on B&W – contractor did a lot of soil moving on the site. He was asked to move the topsoil to their field in Prestleigh Road, this filled the drainage gully, at the time he said it would cause flooding on Prestleigh Road. An old stone drain used to take the water away, now it is blocked solid. Since the gully has been filled with soil the water runs across to other fields then enters the road causing permanent flooding. Several pipes are blocked solid. These are no longer unblocked. Cllr Sully is dealing with this. Carol Parish B&W offered their assistance re the developer.

### **Youth Club – Vikki O'Connor**

Using the sports club building as a base until the old cricket club is refurbished. The numbers attending are not too high. Sessions are currently

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an hour per group. A lot of young people are waiting for the move to the new building before joining in.

New building – needs cleaning and decorating, watch this space for the opening.

Thanks go to the sports club for free use of their hut.

### **Village Hall Nic Jefferis Chair**

Last year hirers were up, reliant on this for income. Grants were awarded for solar panels. Reserves are being built up. Good saving when the sun shines! Do run on the batteries.

Lot of good people on the committee. The secretary retired and they have not been replaced yet. 4 meetings per year.

Pleased to see the hall well used for a variety of uses. People say how good the hall is. 90 years old this year. Looking at long term vision now. Please send in ideas for this.

### **Wilfs Wood – Lynne Sergent Daryl Issit**

The position of the wood is Leighton Lane, right hand side as you head out. 14 acres owned by Suzie Peeler. Wants to give back to village.

Lynn Sergent will email the notes from Suzie Peeler.

See appendix B.

Used to be a wheat field, ploughed and sterile. Planted 1000+ trees, first year planted loads and still a wheat field! The next year ragwort, some didn't like it, but it is a rich food source for cinnabar moth. 3<sup>rd</sup> year thistles, lots of different wildlife now. This year, more grass and we are going to have teasels.

Ducks on pond.

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Thinking of building a human built beaver dam at the bottom of field away from industrial estate. Stream floods. Will slow the water down and spread across the field. Will investigate pros and cons.

Voles and mice. Buzzards, Kites, Kestrels, roe deer there. Evolving into a lovely nature area.

More volunteers would be great and more people to just enjoy it.

Q: Litter picking last year, Peter Green, are they keeping an eye on the litter.

A: The chair will remind them but has been much better recently.

Q: Do woodland trust advise? A: Yes, and other organisations.

### **Project Linus UK – Jaci Elliott**

Somerset Co Ordinator.

Run on a county basis. Evercreech group started 4/5 years ago. Collects 30/40 quilts from 10 people or so. They also fund raise.

Quilts for ill or vulnerable children to take home.

Demonstrated some quilts.

Fabric donations are welcome, please!

### **Food Saving Project – Jenny Newton**

Organises the project. Noted in EDIS and Parish Magazine.

Collects food which would be wasted that night from the Co Op and distributes to people on the distribution list. In 2020 the project was started outside the village hall, then during lockdown delivered to residents and have kept this model.

People join as they don't want food to be wasted as well as referrals.

31 households currently, up to 45 in the past. On a rota basis every night. A volunteer goes to the shop @ 8.00 then distributes. 2 admins organise the project. 6 deliverers and sorters. 7<sup>th</sup> night a group from St Peters work on a

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rota. No money involved at all, a couple of donations have been made in the past and used for vulnerable household support.

Thanks to Village Hall for their support with admin etc, food savers using it up and the volunteers.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending.

A resident thanked the Parish Council for replacing a broken dog waste bin.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.35 pm and invited all to enjoy the refreshments provided.

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## Appendix A

### EVERCREECH PARISH COUNCIL

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### FINANCIAL REPORT 2023/24

#### Summary:

Brought forward from 22/23: £85,216.59

Expenditure: £148,104.46

Income: £108,153.71

Carried forward to 24/25: £45,265.84

#### Expenditure between years:

In 2022-23 expenditure was £59,896 compared with this years £148,104.

The main reasons for the significant increase was the Skatepark (£91980 inc. VAT). Aside from this, the annual costs are very stable.

Loan repayments are regularly scheduled (for the Sports Field) in August and February, each being £4,403 totalling £8,806. The outstanding balance on the loan is £38583.28 as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

#### Other Areas of Expenditure:

- We contract out Village Ground Maintenance to Three Counties Landscaping
- We have carried out regular park area inspections to ensure our park equipment is safe for use.
- We employ a Clerk and RFO to maintain our Parish Council records and accounts
- We have many dog bins around the village and regularly check their upkeep and replace when necessary
- We pay for regular disposals of waste from the village
- We pay monthly for Parish Council storage of documents and payroll services

#### Main areas of income:

We brought forward £85,217 from 2022/23.

The precept request for 2023/24 was £50,963.

The cemetery has raised £14,217.

Grants received for the skatepark totalling £23,250, most significant from NASS (£6K),

Somerset Council (£14,250) and Clark Foundation (£2K).

VAT reclaimed totalling £19,158.

#### For 2024/25:

The precept request has increased this year by just over 23% to £63,000.

There is a carry forward of £45,266 to start the 2024-25 financial year. This means that you should have around £108K going into this financial year.

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## Appendix B

### **Cllr Sully report:**

#### **Somerset Council - an unprecedented year to manage budget gap and keep services.**

The Council declared a financial emergency, one of many councils facing significant pressures on its finances driven by inflation, spiralling costs - notably in social care - and a “broken” system for funding local government.

The authority’s ability to respond has been hampered by a historically low Council Tax rate – 49th lowest out of 63 for unitary councils and a six-year Council Tax freeze by the previous ruling group.

To bridge the financial gap, the council set out a plan to use reserves, significant savings, a Council Tax increase of 10%, and the sale of council assets to set a balanced budget.

There are a range of options to generate income by raising fees such as parking charges in line with inflation, and efficiency savings such as reviewing contracts and IT.

Where options are to stop services or greatly reduce funding, discussions with parish, town and city councils, and community groups around options for services to be picked up by others rather than stop completely.

Councils up and down the country are in a similar position and in Somerset we have been hit extra hard by cost inflation in care.

### **Road Safety**

Somerset Council is proposing 15 new speed limits in the county at the request of local communities. The changes would be funded by the communities as part of an initiative run by the Council.

The communities in Mendip South that have requested new speed limits (30 mph / 20 mph) include:

Ditchheat & Alhampton and Pilton.

Following local people’s concerns and my request for the police to monitor average speeds on the A371, the extended 40 mph speed limit from Bath and West Showground southwards through Pecking Mill and Southwood to the junction of Wyke Champflower is scheduled in the current financial year, likely to be in the second quarter. I have also requested a permanent Speed Indicator Device (S I D) to be installed by the Pecking Mill, this is subject to funding, but I am hopeful.

New signs were installed by the junction with Prestleigh Road on A371 to deter Lorries from driving along Prestleigh village. Works have also been carried out relating to footway and drainage, where the signs have been installed.

Working with Stoney Stratton community, Evercreech Parish Council and Highways Officers we have had signage upgraded and moved to improve road safety in this area.



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## **A greener more sustainable Somerset**

**The 1st of April was the first anniversary of Somerset Council. We pledged a greener more sustainable Somerset. Here is what we have done in our first year:**

### More active travel routes

More active travel routes have been opened for 'walking and wheeling' and a Government grant of £1.5 million has been secured for additional routes in Somerset.

### Recycling Somerset!

On recycling Somerset was ranked 28 out of 228 local authorities in the latest available figures, 2021/22. 97.2% was recycled in the UK into new products and packaging, and of the 5,771 tonnes of plastic collected, 99.4% was processed in the UK. Somerset's collection crews make more than 350,000 collections every week.

### De-carbonising Council Buildings

Many existing Council-owned buildings are being de-carbonised including Libraries and office buildings, helping us reduce energy consumption and therefore cost.

### Local Nature Recovery Strategy

A new Local Nature Recovery Strategy has been launched with full funding from Defra. This will map the locations of our most precious habitats and wildlife and identify places most suitable for nature restoration work. The survey is open until the end of April 2024, and can be found [here](#).

### Somerset Tree Strategy

We launched our ten-year Somerset Tree Strategy, again funded by Defra, aiming to increase our tree cover from current 8% to at least the national average of 13%.

### Biodiversity Net Gain rules in planning

We are also implementing the new Biodiversity Net Gain rules so that planning applications for new developments must leave nature better off than before and create new habitats and green spaces.

### Sustainable Public Transport

On public transport we have a new contractor for the Park & Ride in Taunton, we have saved many bus routes across Somerset using the BSIP funds, we have run a successful 'Bus It' campaign and we have recently seen a massive investment in Somerset by First Bus company to bring the first electric buses to the county.

### Fixybus celebrate its first anniversary.

Our focus on repair and reuse as well as recycling has seen the Fixybus celebrate its first anniversary and Community Action Groups launched in Shepton Mallet.

### Blue Anchor Coastal Defence work

The Blue Anchor Coastal Defence work has been delivered under budget using rock armour to protect this part of the 60+ mile coastline. The B3191 remains closed to vehicles following a landslip near Watchet but has recently opened again for pedestrians and will open for cyclists.

### Electric Vehicle Recharging Points

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Additional electric vehicle recharging points have been installed in Taunton and in Dunster to add to those installed by our predecessor councils.

## Strawberry Line

The work on the Strawberry Line has continued with paths built by local contractors joining communities, bringing health benefits and increased safety away from busy roads.

## 8,000 glass eels

We've worked with the Environment Agency to introduce an extra 8,000 glass eels into Chard reservoir to boost the reducing numbers of European eels.

## First Net Zero School

School building has moved into a new age of sustainability with the construction of our first net zero school, Orchard Grove near Taunton.

## **A Fairer, Ambitious Somerset**

**We know that we need to be more ambitious for the people of Somerset, and our Education for Life strategy is hugely important to us. We also know that many individuals and families are still seriously affected by the cost of living, and we know that decent housing is one of the main determinants of health and wellbeing. Striving to be a fairer and ambitious Somerset, here are some examples:**

Properly affordable housing is a very real ambition for the new Somerset Council, with both Somerset West and North retaining approx. 9,700 social homes for rent.

North Taunton Woolaway Project has delivered 47 new energy efficient and accessible homes, with another 53 homes now underway.

54 homes are being completed in Minehead, the first council homes in West Somerset for more than 30 years.

As the new Council has a Housing Revenue Account, there is greater opportunity for more homes for social rent, with greater security of tenure.

A successful competitive bid for funding an innovative project resulted in a £9.5million grant to deliver a range of nutrient mitigations. This will help unlock the paused developments, including social and affordable housing.

Homes and Horizons is a nationally recognised project to create homes for children in Somerset who are not able to live with their families. Working with the Shaw Trust and the NHS, we provide a safe living and learning environment which also saves on the extortionate costs of privately run placements elsewhere.

The Healthy Happy Holiday programme and the Household Support Fund have supported thousands of families including activities and school meal vouchers.

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We have supported food pantries across Somerset, many of them now celebrating their first years of helping lower income households.

We agreed a new Council Tax Reduction Scheme, and a further Exceptional Hardship Scheme to help those on the lowest incomes. The reduction for state pension age is mandated by the Government, yet like reductions for working age residents, it is funded by Somerset Council.

New school building is being spearheaded by Orchard Grove Primary School, near Taunton, which will be Somerset's first net zero school. Community Infrastructure Levy, from housing development, is a major part of the funding of the school.

Government grants have been received for leisure facilities including swimming pools and tennis courts that are operated for Somerset Council on contracts or are leased to leisure companies.

Devolution of assets and services was a major part of the One Somerset business case, and in the financially challenging times we are experiencing, has been brought forward so that Parish/Town/City Councils can take over running of open spaces, parks, playgrounds and facilities for local people.

18 Local Community Networks have been established, bringing together Somerset and Parish/Town/City councillors, the voluntary sector and partner organisations.

Somerset Council now has four separate Highways contracts giving greater flexibility, a commitment to reducing carbon and no minimum spend allowing for more local working.

Somerset's road network covers 4,172 miles, excluding the M5 and A303 which are maintained by National Highways. As the highway authority we are working with 15 villages and towns that have submitted valid requests for 20mph speed limit.

Utility companies working on the highways and pavements have been fined by Somerset Council for roadwork offences including not reinstating surfaces correctly, working without permit or failures of traffic management.

Somerset Council has been granted £3.5m to purchase properties to house refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine. These properties will become part of the Council's housing stock when no longer needed for the refugees.

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## A Flourishing and Resilient Somerset

**Economic Development and Investment brings Prosperity. We need to be well placed to maximise opportunities, including all the many schemes started under the predecessor Councils. We know that Somerset has an ageing demographic and that we are a 'net exporter' of young people. It is essential that we take every opportunity to change that through economic development and regeneration.**

The Agratas plans to build a gigafactory at the Gravity Smart Campus near Puriton made the national news. The £4billion investment from Tata and Government will employ 4,000 people and is to be supported by infrastructure funded by Somerset Council. Roads for site access, connectivity, skills and more will be funded and the borrowing paid for by business rates until 2052 (an extension of 10 years on other Enterprise Zones). Somerset Council successfully requested a non-repayable grant of £55million from Government to pay the cost of borrowing until income from business rates commences.

Town Deals in Bridgwater and Glastonbury are now making good progress with contracts signed and work underway. There are 10 projects in Bridgwater and 10 in Glastonbury.

Future High Streets funding in Yeovil is delivering greatly improved public realm projects throughout the town centre.

Future High Streets funding has also delivered access to the Firepool site in Taunton, and work will soon commence on the Boulevard that will link the railway station to the centre of town. The Centre for Digital Innovation is now complete and ready for business.

The architectural and public realm improvements in Chard High Street's Heritage Action Zone are nearing completion and the Grade1 Listed Old Courthouse saved.

Levelling Up funds have been awarded to Tone Works and Tonedale Mill projects in Wellington.

Levelling Up funds have also been awarded to convert the old hospital in Bridgwater to a social care academy and we are working with the NHS on the project.

UK Prosperity Funding (post-EU funding) has been agreed by the Government and plans are well advanced to use the £7million+ to fund further investment and regeneration in Somerset. Somerset has also been successful in gaining £3.4million from the Rural England Prosperity Fund. More details on both funds will follow.

An options appraisal for the upgrading of Yeovil's Octagon Theatre has been completed following huge, unforeseen increases in construction costs and interest rates. Funding from the Department for Culture, Media & Sport is essential to complete the project, and the theatre will then be devolved to Yeovil Town Council.

Enterprise Centre at Chard is now offering quality workspace on an 'easy in, easy out' basis for fledgling and growing companies.

Mentoring and grants are offered to the business community of Somerset, including many that are environmental in nature including 'Go Green' grants.

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The Heart of the South West (Devon & Somerset) Local Enterprise Partnership ends in April 2024, as mandated by Government, and the responsibilities will be taken on by Somerset

## **A Healthy and Caring Somerset**

**We will play our part in closer working with the NHS through the Integrated Care Partnership. Ensuring that every resident can lead their best life, at home for as long as possible, together with public health initiatives that can improve our quality of life. Closer Working with the NHS and all Partners. Here is what we are currently doing to help our mission for a healthy and caring Somerset:**

Somerset Council's work with Newton Europe is a programme of reablement. The programme is aimed at facilitating and improving re-ablement and so allowing more residents to return from hospital to their own homes, where that is their preferred option and with appropriate support.

The Council appreciates the huge contribution of unpaid carers, and we have reaffirmed our commitment to carers with a refreshed strategy. We estimate that there are at least 50,000 unpaid carers and young carers in Somerset and we have a duty and determination to support them.

Foster carers play a vital role in changing a child's story, whether it is a child from a Somerset family, or an unaccompanied asylum seeking child. Somerset Council supports foster carers in many ways and offers financial packages to make it possible to devote the time necessary to take care of a child or children.

Somerset Council has received a £5million grant over five years from the National Institute for Health and Care Research to improve health and reduce inequalities.

Micro providers are self employed carers in many parts of Somerset, enabling people to stay in their own homes. As a Council we support this approach and have seen initiatives such as Wiveliscombe's 'Wivey Cares' grow into a remarkable local resource for the community in the west of Somerset.

Connect Somerset is a network of 12 Champions, all experienced leaders in their communities, working to join up public services with the voluntary sector.

Somerset Council receives an annual Public Health grant which funds specific work and focusses on such important themes as HIV testing, blood pressure monitoring, use of Naxolene to combat overdoses, reusable period products and the Purple Chair initiative in Libraries as safe spaces for women and girls.

Pride events in Somerset are an important day in the Council's calendar, demonstrating inclusivity, and the LGBTQ+ flag flies proudly from our Council flagpoles.

Somerset Council reaffirmed its commitment by signing the Armed Forces Covenant, recognising our debt to our Armed Forces community.

We have also supported the Walk for a Life event in Taunton, to raise awareness of suicide prevention. Officers of the Council, and elected members, wear the 'Orange Button' to show they have completed quality assured training in mental health or suicide prevention.

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The Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Nursing Service in Somerset has won the prestigious NHS Parliamentary Award in the NHS 75th anniversary year.

The Council has agreed multiple year funding agreements with both Citizens Advice and Spark Somerset, recognising the importance of the organisations in the health and wellbeing of Somerset's people.

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## History Society

I would be grateful if you could present my apologies at the meeting as I regret I won't be there. Perhaps you would be kind enough to report that I appeared at the Greencore Enquiry, along with Gail Wakeford. I spoke on behalf of the history society to refute the claim that all the Creamery buildings are nineteenth century. With the help of old maps, of which the inspector and both sides had copies, I was able to prove that the building nearest to Batts Farm, (now the pharmacy) is at least eighteenth century if not older.

## Bus Champion

The Parish Council recently nominated me as the Local Bus Champion. This month Evercreech became the newest member of Somerset Bus Partnership's cross-county groups. SBP's remit is to promote and improve bus usage in our area.

Last weekend I set up a stall outside the hall which was very successful and will run a second one next Saturday, 10.00 to 12.30.

These events are to publicise the No.1 service, distribute copies of the new timetable and also to encourage villagers to hop on the bus rather than always jump in their cars.

As a community we cannot contemplate any further reductions to this service. Consider those who rely on the Yeovil/Shepton service to access education and work, or for shopping and socialising.

How would you cope if you were unable to drive for any reason?

We need to keep our bus service - so please use it or risk losing it.

The new timetable from 15 April, runs a regular 2-hourly service Monday to Friday and on Saturdays operates at 4-hourly intervals. A single fare is £2 until 31 December 2024.

Please come and talk to me at the Plant Sale in the hall on Saturday 18 May, and on 7 September at Evercreech Show where I will be joined by fellow volunteers from other SBP groups.

Do check out the SBP website to find out more.

email [Somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com](mailto:Somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com)

Website <https://www.somersetbuspartnership.co.uk/>

## Old Stores Studios

*We have had one of the largest contracts to deliver adult learning in the county through our partnership with Somerset Skills & Learning. We have had a particular focus on creative, practical Maths and numeracy skills through funding from the Department of Education, which has meant we can offer a great deal of FREE learning for local people of all ages. Part of this was used for our workshops to create designs for the Evercreech Skate Park. We are also using this funding to deliver inclusive art, craft, Fashion, Textiles and Stained Glass courses and workshops.*

*Over the past year, we are really pleased to have been able to offer volunteering opportunities and internships and work experience at the studio through our partnerships with Strode College, City of Bristol College and Bath Spa University.*

*We have worked with local primary schools, many local organisations and businesses and delivered creative workshops at Glastonbury Festival. We have also worked with a wide range of professional artists, makers and creative practitioners to support their practice and share their skills as part of our learning and participation programme too and had a successful Printmaking Pop Up before Christmas.*

*This year we didn't link up with the Evercreech Community Christmas Tree event as we would usually do and we are running our Jack in the Green event slightly differently due to the building work on the stone cross outside the studio.*

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*We are continuing with our regular weekly term time art and craft groups; Bring Your Baby on Tuesdays, Woolly Wednesday on Wednesdays, Project Linus Quilting Group on the 2nd Thursday of the month and Meet & Make on the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month. All of our studio activities are nonprofit and donation only and we have many more participatory creative learning opportunities coming up over the next year too!*

Thanks and all the best,

## Explorer Scouts

Apologies that I won't be able to make it later so please see our short report below:

Last April we took our first ever team to the London Monopoly Run joining 200 teams in a race around London. We came a respectable 83rd and aim to beat that this coming weekend.

We took part in our annual Summer Camp building Flintstone Karts, Abseiling and taking part in lots of other adventurous activities. We have supported our community at Evercreech Jack in the Green and at campsites connected to Glastonbury Festival.

Although faced with closure at Christmas due to low numbers we came back fighting in January with 6 new young people (2 that had never been in Scouting before) which has given us a real boost as we come into 2024. Some of our members joined the Somerset Scouts Ski Trip over the February half term and we have been able to award four top awards to our members.

Next year we celebrate our 10 year anniversary so look out for special events to celebrate with us.

Many thanks,

Natalie Baker (Gunner)

Sports Club

## Evercreech Sports Club Report to the Parish Meeting 2024

Not a great deal to report

Sports includes, Evercreech Rovers FC – two teams, Rounders Club and the Rugby who recently stopped. Interest is also been shown by local junior teams who may be included for the coming season. We hire out to Shepton and Bruton

In addition we also have regular users of the facilities.

One major user will be the Horticulture Club Show which will be expanded this coming year if all goes well

Again we have tried to tackle the pot holes in the access road and will continue to do so but this is a matter of timing and availability and as you might guess requires money which is always in short supply. We recently relaid road and car park.

Finance - In general our finances are adequate for this year and every effort is being made to improve the situation. As with all clubs, fund raising is very difficult

We are pleased to report that damage to all parts of the facilities is at a low level at present. In addition we thank the local people who have avoided dog walking in the field area – much safer for all users. Vital for people with cuts and bruises



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We are pleased to report that a number of private functions have been held at the pavilion and perhaps this is something that will increase in the future. A darts marathon was successful – A chess club is being progressed – Plus temporary use by the Youth Club.

The trim trail seems dead and any units still in existence will be removed as they become dangerous

BMX track is rarely used but the Skate Park has been a resounding success and is full of activity. Congratulations to the organisers

Finally: We would welcome with open arms any new members who would like to join the club and hopefully inject some new ideas. Existing members are getting older and perhaps struggling with new ideas. This is important for the long term future.

David Briars, Chair  
Evercreech Sports Club  
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