



Local Community Network

Chard & Blackdowns

Tuesday 21st April 2026, 2.30pm

HYBRID – Churchinford Village Hall, and Online

Churchinford, Taunton TA3 7QY

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Parish Updates and Local Priorities

Bring updates, priorities and concerns from your parish, share what's working, explore opportunities, and feedback to Somerset Council and partners.

3. Arts Engagement and Outreach

Katherine Beverley (Arts Engagement and Outreach Manager, Somerset Council) to present about the Octagon Theatre's Arts Engagement and Outreach Programme and opportunities to participate across the area.

4. Mount Hindrance Farm site north of Chard

Richard Harrison (Land and Planning Director, Taylor Wimpey) to speak about recent achievements and plans for this site ahead of a Reserved Matters Planning Application later this year.

5. Highways

John Nicholson (Assistant Highways Service Manager, Somerset Council) to speak about Area East Highways matters in lieu of a separate working group, as agreed.

6. Parish Preparedness Survey and Storm Choudra Flood Recovery

Dr Paul Elliston (Resilience & Adaptation Community Outreach, Somerset Rivers Authority) to present about the outcome of the parish preparedness survey and why it matters. Also, to update on the Storm Choudra Flood Recovery on behalf of Nicola Dawson (Emergency Planning, Somerset Council).

7. Flood Resilience

Emma Gifford (Flood Resilience Engagement Advisor, Environment Agency) to provide background information relevant to our area.

8. Future Agenda Items / Speakers

Bring suggestions for future discussion topics and suggest guest speakers to invite.

9. Anything else

10. Close and Networking

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