

Your Local Community Network

**Chard and
Blackdowns LCN
AGM 2024/2025**

**Tuesday 15th July 2025 7.00pm
Holyrood Academy, Chard**



AGM Agenda



1. Welcome and apologies
2. Elect the Chair of the Chard and Blackdowns LCN
3. Elect the Vice-Chair of the Chard and Blackdowns LCN
4. Consider the Annual Report on LCN work for the last 12 months
5. Consider the priorities and areas of focus for the next 12 months
6. Review core membership and make recommendations
7. Agree the schedule of meetings for the next 12 months
8. Neighbourhood Policing Team, Avon and Somerset: General Report
9. Somerset Association of Councils: Grant Scheme Relaunch
10. Any other business

Elect Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson

- Only core members can be nominated.
- Only core members can nominate (must be seconded).
- Core members cannot be nominated in their absence, without consent.
- Only core members can vote for nominees, if necessary.
- Either Chair and/or Vice-Chair shall be a Somerset Council Councillor.



Annual General Report



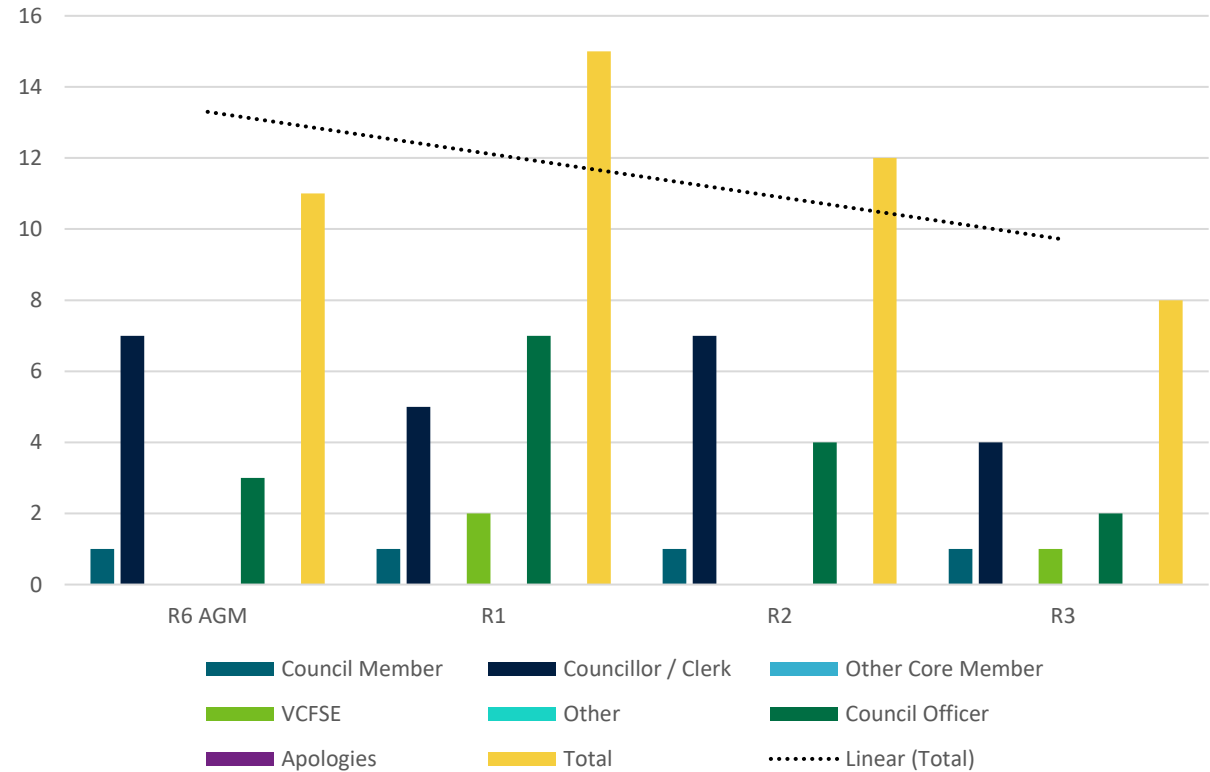
Chair: Keith Read & Vice Chair: Cllr Sarah Wakefield
 LCN Link Officer: Beth Poole (Fern Pearce temporarily)

Chard & Blackdowns LCN Priorities & Focus identified 2024

Environment

Highways

Quarterly Meeting Attendance



Core Members



Department
for Work &
Pensions



Agree Schedule of 2025/26 Meetings

Proposed meetings:

- Tuesday 7th October 2025
- Tuesday 6th January 2026
- Tuesday 21st April 2026
- Tuesday 7th July 2026 (AGM)

All venues to be confirmed
(suggestions welcome!)



Mon	Tue	Wed 1	Thurs 2	Fri
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SALC Community Health & Wellbeing Grants

29 grants totalling £380,000 awarded across Somerset LCNs in Spring 2025!

Relaunching from Monday 30th June for remaining, limited funding.

- Largest grants now £10,000 (previously £35,000) – may be exceptions for an LCN or collaborative project.
- Councils without Community Plans are encouraged to apply and work with CCS to deliver.
- Small grants up to £1000 available for parishes with a population of under 500.
- Grant parameters otherwise remain the same.

<https://mailchi.mp/215a0b5b3b37/salc-community-health-wellbeing-programme-newsletter-june-2025>






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Chard Library
10am-12pm and 1pm-2pm
19 August and 21 October

<https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/community-drop-ins>