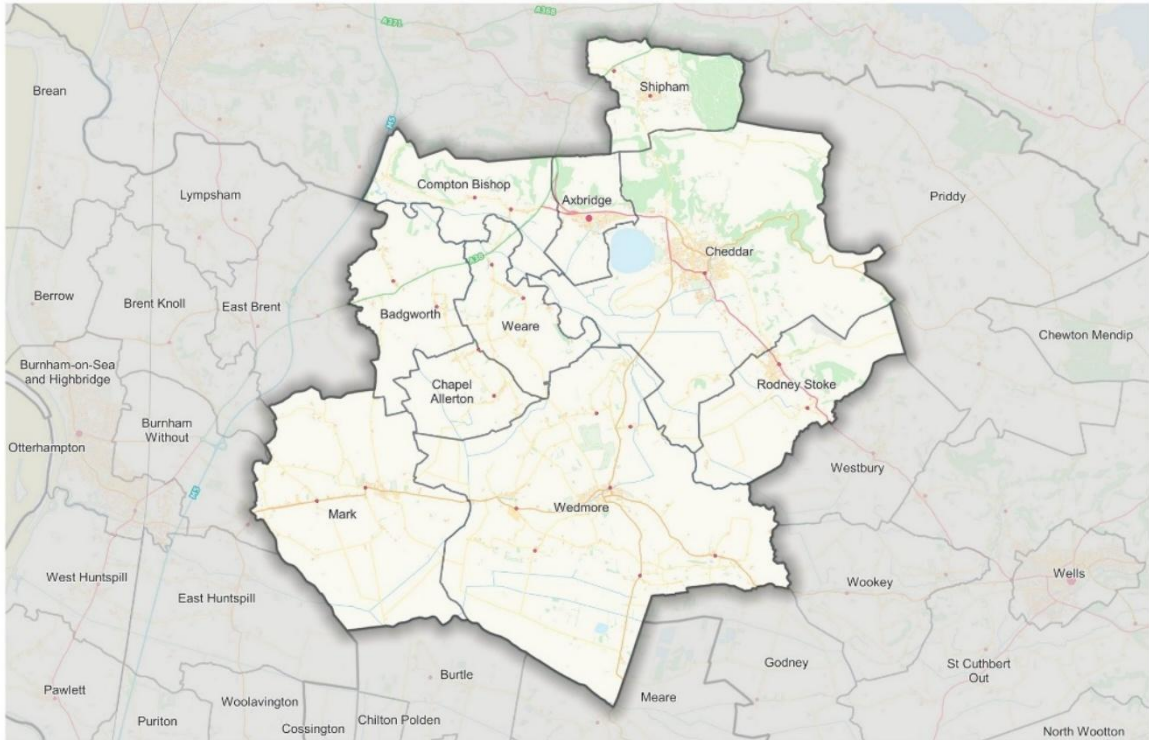




The latest news, views, and announcements



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Main Meetings

Diary Dates



18th June 2026 7pm-9pm

Local Plan mini-workshop

Draycott Memorial Hall
Latches Lane, Draycott
BS27 3UE



16th July 2026 7-9pm

Cheddar and Axbridge LCN AGM

Draycott Memorial Hall
Latches Lane, Draycott
BS27 3UE

Working Groups

Diary Dates

Hold the Date:



16th June 2026, 2pm-4pm

Highways Working Group Meeting

Venue TBC

Hold the Date:



8th July 2026, 2pm-4pm

Access to Services Working Group Meeting

Venue TBC

Avon and Somerset Police

For Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Updates and regular updates on events/campaigns and what is happening in your area, please keep an eye on:

[Sedgemoor Neighbourhood Policing Team](#)

and

[Mendip Neighbourhood Policing | Facebook](#)

To contact your local team and for latest events please follow relevant links:

[Sedgemoor North East | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

Axbridge, Badgworth, Chapel Allerton, Cheddar, Compton Bishop, Mark, Shipham, Weare, Wedmore

Priority: community SpeedWatch and ASB driving

[Wells Rural | Avon and Somerset Police](#)

Rodney Stoke

Priorities: poaching and fuel theft

Come and Chat with Your Neighbourhood Police Team

Got concerns, questions, or just fancy a friendly chat? Your local neighbourhood policing team will be available to talk about any issues or worries you may have — or simply pop by to say hello! We're here to listen, support, and connect with our community.

Wells Rural NPT

6th May 2026, 11am-12pm

This event is held every 4 weeks on Wednesday.

Wells Market Place

Market Place

Wells

BA5 2RA

Local information:

- [Neighbourhood Watch](#)
- [Police Stations](#)
- [StreetSafe - report feeling unsafe](#)

How to report anti-social behaviour

There are a few ways you can report behaviour to us:

Address

Anti-Social Behaviour Team
Bridgwater Police Centre, Express Park,
Bristol Road, Bridgwater, TA6 4RR

QR code to report anti-social behaviour



Email

asbsomerset@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Report road incidents and offences QR code to submit video/dashcam footage



www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/roads

Other ways to contact us

In an emergency, call 999.
For non-emergencies, call 101

Report online on the Avon and Somerset Police website -

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

Report anonymously on the Crimestoppers website – www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Cheddar Neighbourhood Policing Team webpage -

www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/sedgemoor-north-east/

Crisis and Resilience Fund

Somerset Council has formed a three-year partnership with Citizens Advice Somerset, awarding them a contract to help and support residents using the Government's Crisis and Resilience Fund.

The funding is designed to offer targeted help to people facing sudden financial difficulties. The support is provided in three ways: crisis payments, resilience services and community coordination.

As Alliance Lead, Citizens Advice Somerset will work with Somerset Council and other VCFSE partners such as Age UK Somerset, SASP, Somerset Community Foundation and Thrive, to deliver targeted support, strengthen community resilience, provide crisis intervention, and ensure access to wellbeing and financial assistance for vulnerable residents.

More information about all the support available can be found [on the Council's website](#), search 'cost of living support'. To apply for crisis payments only, visit Citizens Advice Somerset's [website](#).

There's also the Council's [#Help4All](#) scheme, [Community Hubs](#), the [Healthy Start – NHS – healthy food and milk](#) and [The Local Pantry Network in Somerset](#).

NHS Health Checks

Spring reset: a simple step towards a healthier you

The NHS Health Check is a national programme designed to assess the health of your heart and blood vessels (your cardiovascular health) and identify whether you may be at higher risk of developing serious conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease and stroke. For people aged over 65, the check also includes information on the early signs of dementia, as some risk factors overlap.

If you're aged 40 to 74, have no pre-diagnosed heart conditions, and have not had a check in the last five years, you can book your appointment at one of [Health Check locations](#), including

- The Victoria Club, Street
- Glastonbury Library, Glastonbury
- Wells Library, Wells
- Trowbridge Hall, Highbridge
- SHAPE Offices, Shepton Mallet



You can book here:

[Health Check bookings](#)

To find out more please visit [NHS Health Checks website](#).

Training and Events



12th May 2026 10am-11am

Meet the Funder: Somerset Community Foundation

This is for staff and volunteers from voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations only. In this online session you will learn about SCF's current funding programmes and social investment opportunities, with a focus on funding for groups supporting older people.

Book [here](#)



19th May 2026 6pm-8pm

Cuppa with a Carer

The friendly team from Fostering in Somerset will be on hand to talk through the different types of fostering, what support and payments are available, how the application process works, and the training they provide.

Book [here](#)

Structural Maintenance 2026/27

This is information on the programme of highway works scheduled for delivery during the 2026/27 financial year. These schemes form part of Somerset Council's ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving the condition, safety, and resilience of the highway network.

Below is a table of the currently planned carriageway and footway resurfacing, drainage and earthworks in your Local Community Network (LCN) area. You can find more precise locations on our Public Information Portal ([PIP](#)) under the heading 'Capital Structural Maintenance Project'. Currently showing under 'Year 1' but from 1 April these will change to current year.

HSPR Ref	Work Type	Road Name	LCN	Parish
EW001016	Earthworks	Kingsway	Cheddar & Axbridge	Mark
EW001018	Earthworks	Telham Moor Drove	Cheddar & Axbridge	Wedmore
FW001028	Footway	Station Road	Cheddar & Axbridge	Axbridge
DR005261	Drainage	The Street	Cheddar & Axbridge	Rodney Stoke and Draycott
DR001021	Drainage	Front Street, Stone Allerton	Cheddar & Axbridge	Chapel Allerton
EW001007	Earthworks	Northwick Road	Cheddar & Axbridge	Mark

These works are currently intended for delivery within the 2026/27 financial year, though please note that delivery is not guaranteed within this period. There can be many factors that impede or delay delivery of works. These can include but not limited to network coordination, future planned works that need to be undertaken prior, weather, drainage consents, ecology concerns such as nesting season and badger setts, and other operational factors. Works can also be added as the need arises.

Please be aware that this notification is intended as advance notice. Where appropriate, separate notifications will be sent for potentially disruptive schemes. If a temporary road closure or similar legal order is required these notifications will be sent as normal. For the most up to date information on works in your area and nationwide, please see One.network. This is a free, online service but you may need to register to view further than two weeks in advance. Works will show here when they have been programmed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either your local area team (highways-west@somerset.gov.uk or highways-east@somerset.gov.uk) or highwayprogramming@somerset.gov.uk.

Your local knowledge is always valued and helps us plan works in a way that minimises disruption wherever possible.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards

Chris Tucker
ECI Programme Manager
Somerset Council



VCFSE Somerset Dementia Partnership

On 19 March, Spark Somerset facilitated a **Somerset Dementia Conference**, showcasing the collaboration and innovation taking place within dementia care and services across the county and discussing best practice.

With over 70 organisations represented, the VCFSE Somerset Dementia Partnership strengthens collaboration and develops new ways of working with colleagues in the statutory sector.

Facilitated by Spark Somerset, they contribute to strategic discussions to improve dementia services and play a key role within the [Somerset Dementia Wellbeing Service](#).

Together, they help shape important areas such as hospital discharge, training and peer support, and work closely with health and social care professionals to review the dementia care pathway.

To find out more about the partnership and sign up to their newsletter, please visit [VCFSE Dementia Partnership Somerset | Community Collaboration](#)

Their next meeting is at Taunton Rugby Club, on 28 April 2026, 10.30am-2pm, with speakers from groups across the VCFSE, Health and Care sectors including [Compass Disability](#), [Home Instead Taunton](#) and [NHS Gloucester](#) will be giving an insight into integrated work they are doing.

For more information and booking [here](#)

LCN themes, topics and speakers

After our April meeting, we will be deciding on new priorities at our AGM on 16 July 2026.

Please also consider which themes, topics and/or speakers you would like to see at our future meetings.

- Would you like to have time for networking at the start or the end of the meeting?
- Would you consider having some of the quarterly meetings during the day? This may provide more opportunities for some of our colleagues and partners to attend due to time capacity.
- Would you like to have a separate networking meeting with your neighbouring town and parishes to share projects or look at joint funding applications where an opportunity may arise.

This is your Local Community Network, and we'll do our best to accommodate your requests.

We are already working on a number of initiatives across parishes with support from partner organisations, and there are still so many more topics we can explore to support your communities through collaborative work. Please forward any suggestions and requests to cheddarandaxbridgelcn@somerset.gov.uk

GRANTS and FUNDING



Somerset
Rivers Authority

SRA Community Flood Action Fund grants

The Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) Community Flood Action Fund (CFAF) provides small grants for works to reduce flooding in Somerset. Grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 may be awarded.

The next deadline for applications is Tuesday 26 May 2026.

For 2026-27, up to £240,000 has been approved by the SRA Board. After 26 May, deadlines for applications are on a rolling three-months-later basis: Tuesday 25 August, Tuesday 24 November, and then in 2027, Tuesday 23 February.

Who can apply? You can apply if you are a not-for-profit organisation. For example, a town or parish council, a parish meeting, a charity, a social enterprise or a community benefit society.

What are grants given for? The SRA's aim is to help people with good local knowledge of flooding problems take practical actions with obvious benefits that can be achieved quite quickly.

Why? Because one of the main themes in the SRA's [Strategy 2024-34](#) is working with communities across Somerset to reduce the risks and impacts of flooding.

How do I apply for a grant? To apply for a Community Flood Action Fund grant, fill in this online application form. It's on a system hosted for the SRA by Somerset Council:

<https://service.somerset.gov.uk/somerset-rivers-authority-community-flood-action-fund>



SPARK
SOMERSET
Inspiring communities

Navigating the ever-changing funding landscape can be challenging, but you are not alone! Spark's experienced team is here to support you and your organisation.

[Funding - Spark Somerset](#)

[Funding available for community research - Spark Somerset](#)



Somerset
Community
Foundation

[Grants & Funding For Groups - Somerset Community Foundation](#)

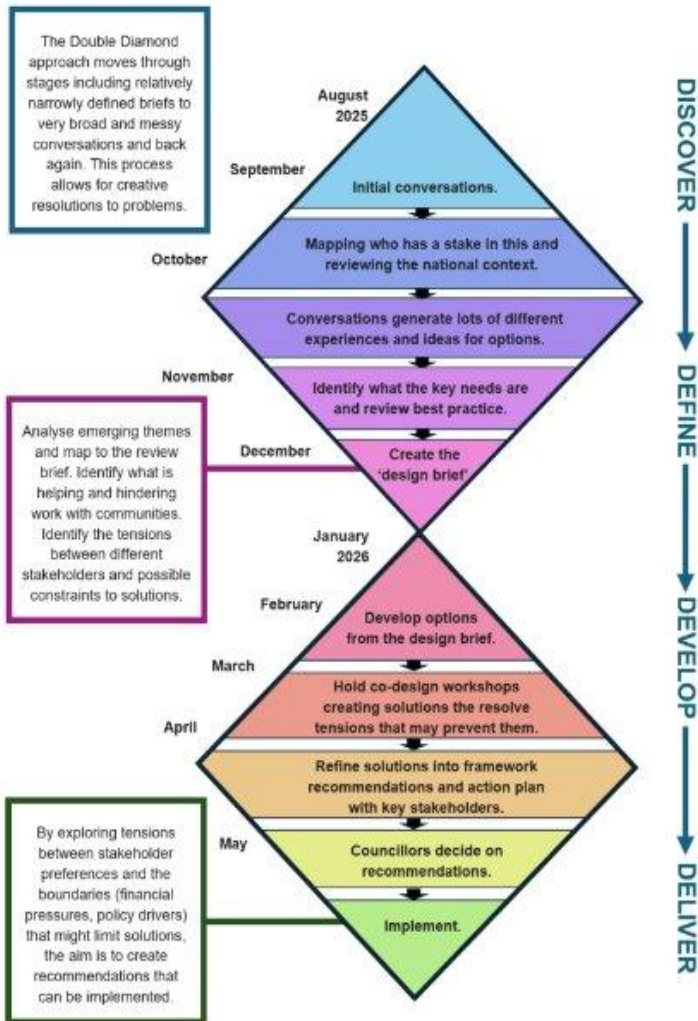
[Grants & Funding For Individuals - Somerset Community Foundation](#)



COMMUNITY
FUND

Funding for community projects that help people connect, grow and build a better future. Focussing on supporting people facing poverty, disadvantage or discrimination.

[Funding programmes | The National Lottery Community Fund](#)



Community Working Review

Citizen Network has been working with Somerset Council on a review to improve how the council supports and involves local communities. The aim is simple: make it easier for people to be heard, help shape decisions, and build on what already works well locally.

The review also looks at how Local Community Networks (LCNs) and Link Officers can better connect residents, parishes, community groups and partner services—especially at a time of tight budgets and growing demand, and with possible new national rules for neighbourhood decision-making on the way.

The outcomes and recommendations will be known by Autumn 2026.

More Information



As LCN Link Officers, we receive a high number of press releases about all sorts of things across the Council. They may not always affect you personally but may be useful to your communities, friends and family. Rather than forward all of these on to you – and fill up your inbox very quickly, I will forward only urgent releases and those from partner organisations that may be relevant to your area and encourage you to subscribe at [Newsroom Sign-Up](#) for general news & updates from Somerset Council.

You can decide which press releases are of most interest, and receive them straight into your own inbox. Town and parish councils will also get regular updates from our colleague Emma.

However, if you'd prefer me to forward these to you, rather than signing up yourself, please let me know and I'll start a separate mailing list for you.



For more information on Cheddar and Axbridge LCN, please contact Nataliya Wills, LCN Link Officer on cheddarandaxbridgelcn@somerset.gov.uk



For more information about LCNs, visit our website: [Cheddar and Axbridge Local Community Network](#)