

Hestercombe LCN AGM

12th June 2025 at North Petherton RFC and chaired by Norman Cavill

Attendance

- Norman Cavill (Vice Chair- Unitary Councillor, West Monkton)
- Bill Revans (Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Governance and Communications)
- Lily (SALC Health and Wellbeing)
- Andrew Williams (Creech St Michael)
- Rachel Crocker (Durstun)
- Lindsey Appleboom (Durstun)
- Linda Hyde (North Petherton)
- Paul Townsend (Kingston St Mary)
- David Stripp (Kingston St Mary)
- Amy Shepherd (West Monkton)
- Andrew Pritchard (MIND and Connect Somerset)
- Michelle Brooks (Somerset Council)
- Alex Mountain (Somerset Council)

Apologies

- Philip Spencer (Chair- North Petherton)
- David Fothergill (Unitary Councillor)
- Lee Baker (Unitary Councillor)
- Stuart Haskins (West Monkton)
- Doug Wilson (Broomfield)
- Andrew Veale (Durstun)
- Charlie Cudlipp (Creech St Michael)
- Alan Bradford (Unitary Councillor)

Documents Referenced:

- Hestercombe AGM Slides
- LCN Annual Report
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1. Introduction and Apologies

Norman Cavill chairs this meeting and explains that the Chair Philip Spencer has been in hospital and unwell, but it still interested in chairing the LCN.

The proposal was made to skip agenda points 1-3 and postpone them until the next meeting.

The group discussed and established that the attendance wasn't quorate to be able to conduct a vote too.

4. Review on the LCN year

The group reviewed slides that summarised the year. This included on going actions, such as the Agreed Chapter 8 Contractors list. When all submissions are received, it was agreed to put the list on the website.

The LCN Annual Report was discussed and copies of it were available on paper and attached to these notes. It includes a feature on Hestercombe's Children and Young People's Working Group.

Query to the group about any questions they would like to raise. A question about the Enhanced Highways Maintenance Scheme and if it was finished.

The Link Officers Michelle and Alex responded that they were not aware that the scheme had finished and that existing quotes stood. They stated that they would clarify and feedback to the LCN.

Post minute note: Since this meeting there has been clarification about the pilot scheme in a letter to parishes. This is attached to the email with these notes.

The meeting highlighted the importance of feedback and engagement from different areas, with a focus on sharing best practices and learning from other LCNs. Including Active Travel. There was discussion regarding the King Alfred Walk.

ACTION: Michelle agreed to send the information out regarding the King Alfred Walk

The Link Officer Review of the year stated that there was positive attendance and engagement, but it might be interesting to expand the attendance to include the fire service or a representative in education. Stated that their CYP group had built a lot of connections with organisations and the Highways Working Group had attendance from Children's Services. The Highways Working group had become a forum to share knowledge with each other.

The review clarified that there is currently no update on the Local Plan Engagement. It also stated that we had explored engagement and working with local businesses.

ACTION: Alex to enquire with planning colleagues about the Local Plan Engagement.

5. Mapping Our Priorities- Determining future priorities

To help support establishing future priorities, Alex presented the suggestion to map specific points/ areas that there may be issues or potential spots for a project to keep the local knowledge in one place. This would be a way to store data for future grant applications and engage with parishioners. Alex suggested making a leaflet to share this, so that it can be shared with parishes and parishioners.

This led to a discussion about Active Travel and 'Quiet Lanes'. This would mean that the roads are used for cycling, horse riding and walkers, as well as cars. It was clarified that you can apply for funding for this notices to be put up and designated.

The group spoke about the positives and the negative of quiet lanes, and how some villages don't want the signage, as it would spoil the look of the village.

Discussion about Thurloxtton and Broomfield in relation to horse riding and the difficulty of using country lanes, when people don't understand how to pass a rider on a horse.

Query raised regarding Ipsos Survey relating to travel and transport, and whether the outcomes will come down to an LCN level. Alex agreed to ask the questions and feedback to the group

ACTION: Michelle to send out guidance about 'Quiet Lanes'

ACTION: Alex to make contact with The British Horse Society regarding Quiet Lanes and Bridleways

ACTION: Andrew to send picture or more information about Ipsos survey to Alex

ACTION: Alex to raise with travel/ transport team internally for clarification about survey data.

The link to the map is here: [Hestercombe LCN- Mapping Our Priorities - Google Maps](#)

6. Discussion and Update on Working Groups

Norman Cavill, as co- chair of the Highways Working Group, provided an update on the group. He spoke about how Chapter 8, Volunteer Training had been discussed, alongside SID installation and movement.

Spoke about the Joint Highways Working Group, and the positive impact of having the meetings together and cutting down on travelling time. Found it's been helpful having the meetings in County Hall and with the dates and times agreed by the group.

Discussion about timings, was clarified that they are at 3-5pm to support with attendance of both attendees that might work and Highways Officers.

Discussion about having a meeting without officers just with parishes for an hour over teams, suggested in the format like Wellington and Wiveliscombe LCN.

Ask for attendees to feedback on any queries or questions for Highways colleagues. This led to a query regarding SIDs, and Michelle and Alex agreed to circulate the clarification about the changing of the battery of a SID that was given in the Crewkerne and Ilminster Highways Working Group.

ACTION: Alex and Michelle to circulate the Crewkerne and Ilminster Highways Working Group Notes regarding SIDs.

Michelle updated on the Aldi Crossing query that was raised, and that there is a stage four audit on it.

Discussion about the travel route from Kingston to Taunton and the Cross LCN Active Travel Group.

David Stripp (Chair of Children and Young People Working Group) provided an update on the working group. The Boom Box program as part of HYPE project. He updated on attendance at the events with the Boom Box. This included the engagement with Somerset Youth Theatre, linked here:

The slides show the full timeline and updates from the project, and area attached to these notes.

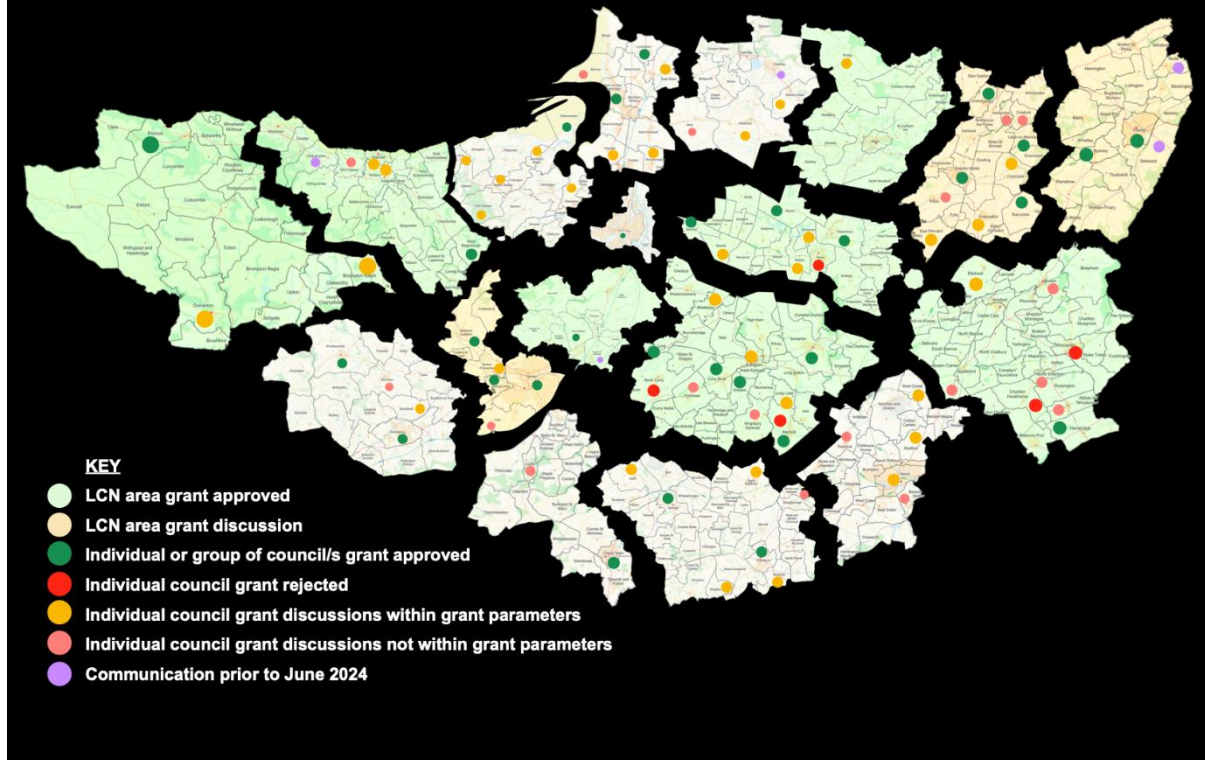
Health and Wellbeing- SALC- Lily

- Lily updated on the Health and Wellbeing grant and said that they had been mapping where the grant money has gone across all the LCNs
- They are relaunching the Health and Wellbeing grant for smaller grants of £1000 for smaller parishes.
- She states that they are trying to make the application accessible and that they are keen to discuss potential projects.

Further details and information are available here:

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

SALC - Community Health & Wellbeing Mapping May 2025



7. Agree the schedule of meetings for the next 12 months.

The dates proposed are:

Main meetings:

- 24th September 2025- 7pm- North Newton Village Hall
- 11th December- 7pm – West Monkton Village Hall
- 4th March 2026 7pm
- 10th June 2026- 7pm- Kingston St Mary Village Hall

Joint Highways Working Group

- 3rd July 3-5pm at County Hall
- 11th September 3-5pm at County Hall
- 13th November 3-5pm at County Hall

Cross LCN Active Travel Working Group

- 18th June from 6-7pm (online)
- 25th June from 4-5:30pm

