

Local Community Network

Hestercombe

Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 6.30 pm

Brittons Ash Community Hub (Activity Room)
Bridgwater Road, Bathpool, Taunton TA2 8FT

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Apologies to date: C Brewer, J Knowles, L Spelman-Ives, W Levans

2. Brief local policing update – PCSO Lora Bray (10 mins)

3. West Monkton Parish Council Showcase (10 mins)

As agreed at the previous meeting, the host parish/town council will have an opportunity to showcase their council in whatever way they wish.

4. “Act to Adapt” plan – Hannah Phillips, Somerset Wildlife Trust. Climate change – what can we do; as an LCN, as a parish/town council or as an individual?

5. Practical preparedness – Nicola Dawson, Service Manager, Emergency Planning, SC

6. Discussion – what can the LCN do about climate change? What can the parish and town councils do?

7. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair. If the meeting is not quorate, we will have an indicative vote to lead future meetings. Please note that Phillip Spencer is stepping down from his role as Chair. Cllr Alan Bradford has agreed to stand in as possible Vice-Chair with Cllr Norman Cavil. Needs to be agreed by consensus as interim arrangements.

8. Agree the notes and actions from the AGM, July 2026

9. Future LCN meetings – format and topics

10. Any other business

11. Dates of Future Meetings

16th December 2026 – suggest online meeting by Teams

17th March 2027

16th June 2027

Please note:

1. Please bring your own papers if possible.
2. This meeting will be held in person only so that we can vote for the chair and vice chair. Please can I encourage all core members and PC/TC representatives to attend, even if only for part of the meeting.
3. We will probably take some photographs for use in next year's annual report and other documents. If you do not want to be photographed, please mention this to the SC staff present.

We want everybody to have the opportunity to take part in the LCN meeting - fully and comfortably - and have booked this venue with accessibility requirements in mind. If you've specific access needs, and are at all concerned, please contact us so we can provide reassurance, or seek solutions beforehand:

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