

## ARTICLE FOR MAGAZINE December 2019

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

### **RECREATION GROUND**

Western Power Distribution have confirmed that they will be removing the electric supply at the beginning of December so hopefully the huts will be demolished soon after.

We are happy to say that the National Trust have approved the designs we sent them of ready-made pavilions, and we are in the process of preparing a new planning application.

### **COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH**

The parish council have been trying to set up a new Community Speedwatch team as many of you are still voicing your concerns about the speed of the traffic going through the village. We would like to thank the few residents who have agreed to give up their time to help to assist us, but we still need more people to help. We were hoping that we could join forces with the team at Chilthorne Domer but unfortunately this has not been possible. However, we are looking into other possibilities and will give an update in our next report.

### **ALLOTMENTS**

A huge thank you to Ann Gihon and Kaye and Terry Harper for all the hard work they have been doing in the allotments. They have been clearing out the rubbish from the vacant plots and generally making the site more appealing. We would also like to thank David Fox for ploughing the vacant plots. As a result of all this hard work, the allotment gardens have become very productive and there are very few vacant plots.

In order to make the parking easier on the site the parish council have agreed to set aside funds in next year's budget to make a parking area just inside the entrance to the allotments.

A note for allotment holders – we will be holding an allotment holders meeting on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 10am in the village hall. The annual rents will be collected and there will be an opportunity to discuss any ideas or issues.

### **CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

**For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime then it is imperative that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.**

### **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL**

Go the extra mile and help others.

If you're above the age of 18, have a clean full driver licence and own a four-door car, why not volunteer for Somerset County Council to help others get to vital medical appointments? By committing as little as one day per week, you could greatly help a person who otherwise wouldn't be able to make appointments. Alternatively commit to more if that is what you choose!

Volunteer drivers provide a crucial transport service for non-emergency NHS patients and social care users enabling them to get to various locations across the county and further afield. You could also help transport children to college or to school, providing a crucial service to a young person's academic career. Each journey connects people with services they would otherwise miss out on. As a volunteer driver, you would be providing a vital lifeline to people in your community.

This is a rewarding opportunity to provide a valuable, practical support for people within your community and your mileage expenses will be reimbursed at up to 50p per mile. You will also be supported by a Transporting Officer from Somerset County Council's Transporting Somerset team. Not only will you be helping the community, it's an excellent way of meeting new people.

To find out more visit <https://volunteering.somerset.gov.uk/opportunities/volunteer-driver/> or call 0300 123 2224.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Parish Council meetings are held on the third Monday of every month in the Village Hall except for August and December. Parish Council meetings are open to the press and public so residents are welcome to come along and listen to what we have to say. There is also a short public session at the beginning of every meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.15pm.

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