

# Looking at Locking



Summer 2025

Welcome to Locking Parish Newsletter



## VIEW FROM THE CHAIR . . .

Welcome to my continuing 'View from the Chair' and this our 'Summer Edition of Looking at Locking'. A big thank you to the Parish Editorial Team, Dawn, Kelly and all who have contributed to the publication of this edition.

Our Book Exchange and Pop-up Café continues to grow, and Parishioners are welcome to meet and partake of refreshments on Tuesdays between 10am and 12 midday at the Nurse Thomas Suite.

Works to complete the drainage and surface areas will be commencing shortly at the Old Banwell Playing Field Car Park, hopefully during school holidays to minimise disruption to car park users. It is also hoped, finances allowing, that electric gates will be installed later this year so that the car park can be used in daylight hours throughout the year.

We are pleased to note that planning applications have finally been submitted for the long-awaited Main Street at Locking Parklands. It is understood that plans are moving forward for the construction of this area will include shops and other retail outlets. Your Parish Council is very mindful of the need for such and have been making many representations on residents' behalf for information on when these developments will take place. So, it was good news to hear that things were moving in a positive direction.

On behalf of the Parish Council I wish to commend Justine Carter and Lisa Clark for their support and contributions whilst they served as Locking Parish Councillors. They will be missed but we hope that they will continue to play a role in our community. We also would like to welcome Councillor Tom Sizer to Locking Parish Council.

There are currently 12 Councillors on the Parish Council with 3 vacancies. If you have time to give and want to be involved in making a difference in our community, please contact the Clerk at [LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk) for further information on how to be a Parish Councillor.

Councillor Paul Jones

# Meet Councillor Tom



**Hi, I'm Tom and I'm happy to be a new member of our Parish Council.**

I was inspired to join the council to do my best to look after our existing green spaces, and to reduce our environmental impact. I am from South Devon, but now live in Locking Parklands, with my wife and two dogs. I am a keen cyclist and work full time at our local bike shop; I am also training for my first triathlon and you will probably see me running, limping and cycling around the area.

My passion for the environment has stemmed from my background in sports and my environmental science degree, which I obtained in Australia, and has developed my career in roles abroad and here in the UK. These roles have stressed to me that environmental change is driven from home; from recycling, to providing habitats for our local wildlife; and that small changes are essential in influencing wider decisions that are key to a more sustainable future.

## **LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2025**

Unless otherwise stated the Full Council meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month and Committees meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, most meetings start at 7.30pm. Meetings are normally held at Locking Parish Hall but occasionally they have been held at The Radio Wing and Oaktree Park Community Hall – location details will be on the meeting Agenda.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend. Please check our notice boards and website [www.lockingpc.co.uk](http://www.lockingpc.co.uk) under Agenda & Minutes for further details.

### **Full Council & Committee Meeting dates 2025/26**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Annual Parish Council</b>
<b>15th</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Assets &amp; Amenities (first meeting) 7pm</b>
<b>15th</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Human Resources (first meeting) 8pm</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Council</b>
19th	June	2025	<b>Council (AGAR Approval) 7pm</b>
<b>19th</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>2025</b>	Assets & Amenities Committee 7.30pm
<b>3rd</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>17th</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Assets &amp; Amenities Committee 7pm</b>
<b>17th</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Finance Human Resources Committee 8pm</b>
	<b>August</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Summer Recess</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Assets &amp; Amenities Committee 7pm</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Human Resources 8pm</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Council</b>
16th	Oct	2025	Assets & Amenities Committee
<b>6th</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Council</b>
20th	Nov	2025	Finance & Human Resources
<b>4th</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Assets &amp; Amenities Committee 7pm</b>
<b>18th</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Human Resources 8pm</b>
<b>8th</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Council</b>
15th	Jan	2026	Assets & Amenities Committee
<b>5th</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Council</b>
19th	Feb	2026	Assets & Amenities Committee
<b>5th</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Council</b>
19th	March	2026	Assets & Amenities Committee 7pm
20th	March	2026	Finance & Human Resources 8pm
<b>2nd</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Council</b>
16th	April	2026	Assets & Amenities Committee
<b>23rd</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Annual Parish Assembly</b>



# Tiny Forest Discovery Day: Old Banwell Road Playing Fields, Locking



**FREE  
EVENT!**

**Location:** Old Banwell Road Playing Fields, Locking, BS24 8BT  
**Date:** Thursday 17 July  
**What3words:** ///desks.knowledge.bits  
**Time:** 4:00pm-6:00pm

Join us to explore your local Tiny Forest and its wonderful wildlife. This free event welcomes kids and adults, no age limit on curiosity. You can stay as long as your heart desires, and don't forget to munch on the complementary snacks while you're with us!



## Fun family shindigs!

Butterfly bingo  
Nature craft  
Bug hunt



## Mad scientist shenanigans!

Measuring trees  
Counting bugs  
Soil science



## Hands-on upkeep

Tree health check  
Litter picking  
Weeding



and more...

Scan QR code  
to sign up



or visit  
<http://bit.ly/435EDEq>



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## HALL HIRE

The main hall and Nurse Thomas Suite availability and enquiries can now be made via our website: [www.lockingpc.co.uk](http://www.lockingpc.co.uk). You can also find booking forms, terms and conditions and FAQs. You are very welcome to view the venue, please email [LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk) to make an appointment.

### Parish Hall



### Nurse Thomas Suite



Facilities Include:	Suitable for the following occasions:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Performance stage</li><li>★ Spot lights &amp; disco ball</li><li>★ Sound system (<i>blue tooth enabled</i>) and microphone</li><li>★ Induction loop</li><li>★ Kitchen (fully equipped)</li><li>★ Disabled toilet and baby changing facilities</li><li>★ Wheelchair Access</li><li>★ WIFI</li><li>★ Parking</li><li>★ Access to adjacent play park</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Christenings/Blessings</li><li>❖ Children's parties (<i>with or without a bouncy castle</i>)</li><li>❖ Weddings/Anniversaries/ Wakes</li><li>❖ Pantomimes and Christmas parties</li><li>❖ Musical Concerts, band or choir practice</li><li>❖ School Events</li><li>❖ Societies/Clubs</li><li>❖ Training/Corporate events</li><li>❖ Fitness Groups/Yoga/Karate</li><li>❖ Dance Classes</li><li>❖ Baby/Toddler groups</li></ul>



## Locking Parish Council

☎ 01934 820786

✉ [clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk)

📍 The Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue,  
Locking, North Somerset BS24 8AR

### Locking Parish Hall – Scale of Hire Charges 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Meetings/Charitable Organisations	Parish	Non-Parish	Apply Code at checkout
Adult Rate		£18.37	Apply code: M/CONon-Parish
Youth U14 Rate		£6.82	Apply code: M/CU14Non-Parish
Adult Rate	£10.12		Apply code: M/CO-Parish
Youth U14 Rate	£4.73		Apply code: M/CO(U14)Parish

Parties/Dances etc.	Parish	Non-Parish	Apply Code at checkout
Adult Rate		£21.90	Apply code: P/D(Adult)Non-Parish
Youth U14 Rate		£14.74	Apply code: P/DU14Non-Parish
Adult Rate	£12.43		Apply code: P/DParish
Youth U14 Rate	£10.12		Apply code: P/DU14

Commercial Organisations	Parish	Non-Parish	Apply code at checkout
Adult Rate		£21.90	Apply code: COnonLP
Adult Rate	£12.43		Apply code: COLP

Nurse Thomas Suite Meeting Room, kitchen, toilet	£8.50 per hour
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All prices quoted are **per hour** – setting up and clearing away **MUST** be taken into consideration when working out the time you wish to hire the hall from and until.

Please contact the Clerk should you wish to book the Main Hall and Nurse Thomas Suite together for your event.

Crockery Hire: Please contact the Clerk for details.



## Locking Parish Council Small Grant Scheme

Locking Parish Council's annual budget includes a sum of money for grant awards. The **Grant Awards Policy** has been drawn up to demonstrate a fair and transparent process and sets out the procedure the Council will follow when making its decision.

A grant is any payment made by the Council to an organisation for a specific purpose that will benefit the Parish, or residents of the Parish; and which is not directly controlled or administered by the Council. The Council awards grants, at its discretion, to organisations which can demonstrate a clear need for financial support to achieve an objective which will benefit the Parish by:

- Improving recreation and/or sports
- Enhancing the quality of life
- Promoting the Locking Parish in a positive way
- Providing a service
- Improving the environment

Locking Parish Council will not normally make grants to organisations outside of the Parish unless there are direct benefits to the Parish, or its residents. Applications should be made for 'one-off grants' that will not result in any recurring expenditure for the Parish Council.

For further details and a grant application form email  
[LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk)



## COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR AND BLEED KIT



**The defibrillator** (also known as an Automated External Defibrillator or AED) **and Bleed Kit to stop blood loss are located in secure boxes by the entrance to Locking Parish Hall, BS24 8AR**

**What3Words: retrieves. Packets. host.**

The AED and Bleed Kit is available for use 24/7 to anyone in the vicinity who requires it, meaning that more people benefit from the presence of this device and lives could be saved.

When you dial 999 the Ambulance Call Handler will ask a series of questions and should your patient require it, they will identify the nearest available defibrillator or bleed kit to you, and give you access details.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Jane, our dedicated volunteer Defibrillator Guardian, who has tirelessly cared for this vital piece of equipment for many years.

Jane's commitment to ensuring the defibrillator was ready and accessible has undoubtedly provided peace of mind to our community. With sincere gratitude, we acknowledge her invaluable service as she steps down from this important role.

If you're interested in following in Jane's footsteps and becoming our next Defibrillator Guardian, please don't hesitate to contact [LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk) for more information. Your contribution could make a life-saving difference.

## **SKATEPARK NEWS**

Planning was finally granted for the skatepark at Old Banwell Playing Fields in March this year.

Thanks for all of the hard work undertaken by those involved in the process - it could not have been done without you.

As you are aware Locking Parish Council have fully and actively supported the project from the initial concept by:

- finding and allocating a piece of land,
- setting up a joint working group (which has met its terms of reference),
- producing EOI and Tender documents, dealing with enquiries and liaising with potential contractors,
- sourcing companies and funding via the Precept for the various reports and planning application fee,
- fighting hard to get the project through planning, with various amended plans and work arounds being scrutinized by Council to ensure Sport England and other consultees were satisfied.
- Liaising with Skateboard GB re the planning application,
- the Council as a whole supported the planning application and attended meetings with the Planning Authority
- entering into a contract with the preferred skatepark provider Maverick to deliver this project.
- taking on the ongoing maintenance and public liability of the equipment for the foreseeable future.

The Parish Council is excited about the prospect of **Locking Skatepark Group** playing a pivotal role in bringing the new skatepark to fruition, particularly through securing the necessary funding.

It's important to acknowledge that the progression of this project hinges on successful fundraising efforts; without secured funding, unfortunately, the skatepark project will not be able to proceed.

Therefore, the Parish Council is actively seeking support from the community. If you possess expertise in applying for funding for large-scale endeavours like this skatepark, please reach out to the Clerk.

Your knowledge and experience are invaluable in ensuring our funding applications are as strong and compelling as possible, maximizing our chances of securing the financial support needed to make this community asset a reality.

**Contact** [LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk)

## LOCKING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

A neighbourhood plan is a community-led framework that guides the future development, regeneration, and conservation of a particular area, such as a parish or group of parishes. It essentially gives local communities more control over how their area grows and changes, allowing them to shape the type, location, size, and design of new developments.

Locking Neighbourhood Plan has been on hold for in excess of a year now down to continued changes in planning policy, change in Government and the Governments recent pledge to provide 1.5 million houses in this term of parliament.

This will mean that inevitably, Locking Parish will be pressured to provide new housing sites and details are already afoot with potential parcels of land outside of the current settlement boundary.

This can be seen as a negative but the positive is that the Parish Council will receive money from most houses approved and then built through CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy). Currently 15% of the levy is passed to the Parish Council to re-invest into the Parish but when a Neighbourhood Plan is adopted, that figure will increase to 25%.

Plans are now afoot to progress the Neighbourhood Plan further for adoption so if you are interested in helping, please express your interest via the Clerk who can pass on your details to the Neighbourhood Plan Group.



## Community Orchard, Old Banwell Road Playing Field

The Community Orchard is continuing to thrive.

We were successful once again in being awarded funding from the Branching Out Fund to plant 8 fruit trees (Pear, Cherry, Plum, Mulberry and Chestnut) and we are very grateful to local residents who have donated a further 3 fruit trees.

Planting Day, held on March 6<sup>th</sup>, was a resounding success, thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of our planting heroes from Locking Primary School and the support of Parish Councillors, who all worked tirelessly to get the new trees safely planted.



*Tree Planting Hero's from Locking Primary School and the Parish Council*





# LOCKING COMMUNITY LIVING ROOM AND BOOK EXCHANGE

**TUESDAYS 10AM TO 12 NOON**

**NURSE THOMAS SUITE, LOCKING PARISH HALL**



**A RELAXED SPACE TO GET  
TOGETHER, CHAT, ENJOY  
FREE HOT DRINKS,  
CAKE & BISCUITS AND USE  
THE BOOK EXCHANGE**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



**REPRESENTATIVES FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING, ALLIANCE HOMES AND WERN  
OFTEN ATTEND ON TUESDAYS, KEEP AN EYE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES**

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Locking Parish Council is facing a concerning wave of vandalism, ranging from persistent graffiti to acts of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

The deliberate defacement of public spaces, like the wooden shelter at Locking Village Park and picnic tables at Old Banwell Road Playing Field, with vibrant coloured makers demonstrates a clear intent to vandalise.

While some may dismiss these acts as youthful indiscretions or minor vandalism, the deliberate nature of the damage is evident.

Furthermore, the issue of public urination in areas like Locking Village Park highlights a disregard for public decency and can result in penalties. The Parish Council urges everyone to be considerate of our neighbours and refrain from this unacceptable, unpleasant behaviour. Please No Peeing in the Park – Thank You



### **Watch Out Plant Thief About!**

Thefts of plants have recently taken place at the allotments, we are due to plant up the Parish flower tubs in the next week or so. We are asking for your help, please be vigilant, if you see anyone acting suspiciously and it's safe to do so please take a photo and email to us or pop it into the Parish Council office.

**The Spinney:** The ripping out of drainage grates on the new Spinney footpath has become a regular occurrence and a health and safety hazard for users of the footpath, please report missing/damaged grates to North Somerset Council via [www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk) or 01934 888 888

Ref: Public Right of Way AX20/3/30



### *Damage to drainage grates on the new footpath at The Spinney*

The destruction of vital safety signage at Old Banwell Road Playing Field, compounded by damage to dog control signs at the allotments, further emphasizes the escalating issue of disrespect for public property and community well-being, prompting the council to take measures like applying anti-vandal paint and seeking community support in reporting these acts of vandalism.

The removal of this graffiti and replacement of signage places a significant financial burden on the Parish Council, consuming substantial amounts of the Parish Orderlies' time and ultimately impacting the precept and overall budget.

We are hopeful that someone will recognise the graffiti tags below and contact us at [LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk)



*Graffiti Tags - Wooden shelter at Locking Village Park*



*Graffiti on picnic benches at Playing Field*







## BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR



## MAKE A CHANGE

If you are passionate about where you live and want to make a difference then join Locking Parish Council.

By becoming a parish councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support – a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

To find out more email

[clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk)



## Locking Senior Club

We meet fortnightly on Wednesday afternoon, 2pm – 4pm in the main hall at St. Augustine's Church Centre.

Dates of our meetings:

11, 25 June

9, 23 July

6, 20 August

3, 17 September

If you would like more information, please contact Anthea on 01934 820255 or pop along and visit us on one of the above dates.





## **Avon and Somerset Police** **NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING**

# Talk to us

### **Join your Neighbourhood Policing Team at**

Drop in and speak to PCSO Steve Hemmett, whether you want advice on how to protect your belongings, arrange for free bike security marking, more information about the work we are doing in your area, or you want to raise a concern about an issue in your community.

**Time:** 10:00 to 12:00PM    **Tuesdays**

**Date:** 15/4/25   13/5/25   10/6/25   08/07/25   05/08/25

**Location:** Locking Village Hall, Grenville Ave,  
Locking, Weston-Super-Mare BS24 8AR.

For more information please visit:  
[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area)

Follow us on    



# Locking Parish Council

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## Children's play area



**No dogs  
allowed**

Polite reminder that there are no dogs allowed in Locking Village Park. There is a Public Space Protection Order on the park and it carries a £75 Fixed Penalty Fine.

Locking Allotments: • For dog owners walking through the Allotments, please keep your dog on a lead at all times and also please keep them out of the water troughs

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## REPORTING ANY INCIDENTS YOU WITNESS

### North Somerset Council

[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/connect](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/connect) or 01275 888 802

- Dog Fouling
- Missing or stray dogs
- A dog attacking another dog

### RSPCA

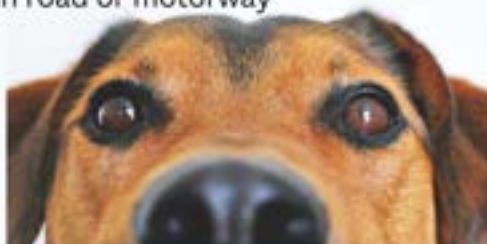
[www.rspca.org.uk](http://www.rspca.org.uk) or 0300 1234 999

- Cruelty to an animal

### Avon and Somerset Police

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk) or 101 – 999 if an emergency

- A dog attacking a person or assistance dog
- A dog dangerously out of control
- A dog on a main road or motorway



## LOCKING PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are heading into the final few weeks of the academic year – this year seems to have flown by! We had a very busy spring and Easter with our Easter Bonnet parade through the village continuing to be one the highlights of our year! The joy on the children's faces as they walked proudly thoroughly the village show casing their designs was very special! It has been a real joy to welcome Rev Larissa Trust in to school this year following her appointment just before Christmas – we enjoyed a fantastic interactive Easter assembly from her and she is back in school this week to help us think about the world we live in. We look forward to her visits every term! A real highlight for us has been our involvement in the Locking Parish Council Tiny Forest initiative. Forest School features weekly on our timetable in school and so taking part in this initiative and supporting this project has been a joy. We are very much looking forward to some further work on this project later in Term 6.

Of course, the real star of the show over the last few weeks has been the arrival of Buddy our therapy dog who is in school every Wednesday supporting in a range of classes and groups of children! Buddy is a 9 year old English Springer Spaniel and is already so loved by all our children and staff!



Next year will be bring another change for our Locking school family. In September we will be working more closely with our friends at Banwell Primary School. We are very much looking forward to developing this partnership!

We are looking for a community governor to join our local Locking governing body! Please get in touch with Mrs Simpson (Headteacher) if you are interested in joining our school family – the support of our community is vital and we need you! Contact [office@locking.extendlearning.org](mailto:office@locking.extendlearning.org) to arrange a visit!



In July, we will have having a Working Bee on site to help develop our allotment area further and tidy our sensory garden. If you would like to get involved and help us, please do get in touch

[office@locking.extendlearning.org](mailto:office@locking.extendlearning.org)



Locking Primary School are taking on a **BIG** challenge as part of World Environment Day.

We are going to recreate the picture below using only recycled bottle caps..



And we need your help!

Please bring any used plastic bottle caps into school, there will be collection boxes outside of the school library.

Thank you

## COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Locking Church Centre,  
10am – 12.30pm

**Saturday 24th May**  
**Saturday 28th June**  
**Saturday 26th July**  
**Saturday 27th September**

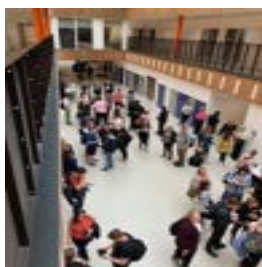
***Meet - Chat - Charity Stalls - Cakes - Teas  
with Children's activities***

For details tel.: 01934 822857 or email [huttonandlocking@gmail.com](mailto:huttonandlocking@gmail.com)  
Contact us if you would like a stall for your chosen charity

## WINTERSOKE HUNDRED ACADEMY

The Cabot Learning Federation is a multi-academy trust with 35 schools, 3,000 staff and serving 18,000 pupils ages 2-19 years, in the West Country. Our vision is to work together in order to accelerate improvement in all of our schools for the benefit of our children and young people and their communities.

We hold an annual conference for all of our staff to support their training and development to ensure they are able to provide consistently excellent educational experiences for our children and young people, enabling opportunities and making a difference to life chances, in line with our mission and values.



This year's conference is on 4<sup>th</sup> July on the site of Winterstoke Hundred Academy, Locking Parklands in Weston-super-Mare. We will be hosting our 3,000 staff there, to engage with workshops from education experts, national speakers and specialist trainers. Our staff body includes teachers, teaching assistants, pastoral support staff, technicians, and professional services staff such as HR, finance, IT and estates. We seek to provide a memorable event that equips staff with professional learning relevant to their roles and that they can take back into our schools to further improve our provision for pupils. We are aware that this event brings a lot of people into the area and we do our utmost to make sensible arrangements for travelling by public transport, coach and parking, to manage and minimise the impact on our neighbourhood.

To keep our programme inspiring and motivating, we always reach out to local charities, businesses, and employers to see if they would be interested in providing a workshop or exhibition stand to showcase their services or products. We are committed to ensuring our young people learn about the local community and employment opportunities and we would love for you to be a part of it.

## PARKLANDS EDUCATE TOGETHER PRIMARY SCHOOL



Our children have enjoyed many special activities in the lovely weather this Spring. These have included:

- The family Easter trail around the Locking Parklands. Thank you to the PSA for organising this for families in the local community.



- Bikeability sessions. You may have seen groups of children riding their bicycles along the local roads as part of this opportunity.
- Our Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their residential at Mill on the Brue.
- The whole school had a great time during science week. As well as having some 'hands-on' experiences, they had the opportunity to listen to some interesting visitors including engineers, medical professionals, environmental scientists and even someone from the International Space Agency.



Our reception classes for September are almost full. Arrangements are in place for these children and their families to come into school as part of their induction. Further details are on the school website.

There are many ways members of the community can support our school. Join us as a volunteer reader on a regular basis, visit for an hour to show us a special skill or stop by to help with the gardening. There are many ways you can help at our school and we are always happy to hear new suggestions!

Our Parent School Association has a clothes bank where everyone is invited to recycle any clothes, shoes and teddies. It is outside of the grounds by the entrance to the staff car park. A great way to recycle, donate to a good cause AND raise money for the PSA to go towards the school. We accept clean clothes, bags, shoes, belts and even soft toys!



Please keep **WEDNESDAY 2 JULY** in your diaries. The Summer Fair will be taking place in the school grounds between 3:00 and 5:30. You are all welcome.



1<sup>st</sup> Locking & Hutton Scouts

# SUMMER FETE

Stalls, BBQ, Bar, Games, Face  
painting, Bouncy Castle,  
Royal British Legion VE day  
celebrations and much more

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Locking Village park, Locking

1-4pm

Free entry

for more info or to book a stall  
email [pinkhippo\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:pinkhippo_@hotmail.com)



## Hutton, Oldmixon and Locking Royal British Legion

### Situations Vacant

#### Branch Treasurer - Poppy Appeal Organiser

Following the death of our long-standing and much respected Branch Treasurer, Norman, we are looking for someone to fill his shoes. You do not need to be a Branch member, or even a Veteran, just someone willing to give some time to help the Branch and the RBL. The Committee meets monthly on the second Tuesday evening in the month at 6pm in Hutton Village Hall. As we are a small Branch, there is not a lot of activity on our account and there are on-line training programs available from the RBL.

For further information, please contact Liz on 07508 114334, [158lizbrown@gmail.com](mailto:158lizbrown@gmail.com) or come along to a Committee meeting for a chat.

Another position which we are keen to fill is that of Poppy Appeal Organiser. As the job title implies, it involves ordering stock, organising the delivery and distribution of the stock, and liaising with the collectors. This job can be shared, if that is more acceptable. For further information, please contact the Somerset Poppy Appeal Manager - [PBunce@britishlegion.org.uk](mailto:PBunce@britishlegion.org.uk)

## ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

Dear friends,

At the inauguration of a bishop, a child sprinkles them with water as they enter the cathedral, to remind them of their baptism (also known as Christening). This shows that however high someone is elevated within the structure of the Church of England, their first task is to love Jesus and to keep turning to him, continually accepting his gift of baptism or Christening, the same as everyone else!

In baptism we gratefully accept Jesus' washing away our mistakes and we resolve to do our best to follow him through the rest of our life, no matter where that takes us. In baptism we accept publicly that we need Jesus' help.

When Bishop Rachel Treweek entered Gloucester Cathedral to be made its first female Bishop, the child drenched her with water, and as a result wet footprints were seen down the aisle, as she made her way to the front of the Cathedral!

Since then, she has often quoted modern theologian Michael Jenkins who said: "Our baptism in Christ drips from us...We trail wet footprints of this drenching wherever we go; we never dry off."

If you have been Christened or baptised, there should be a trail where the waters that were sprinkled over us, drip off. Or in other words, our Christian faith, found in baptism, should shape how we live our lives and it should be recognised by those who know us.

At the end of each Communion service, when we share bread and wine, we are sent out with the words: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." Our relationship with God does not begin and end at the threshold of the church building, it is to be shared with everyone we meet.

How might you live this out more?

- Could you pray more for your family, friends and neighbours?
- If you're not a praying person, could you reach out to others more, particularly those you struggle with?
- Perhaps you could do something new for yourself or for the benefit of others?
- Or perhaps you could rethink what you already do. Could you re-dedicate the things you already do to God and/or the common good?

If you're still not sure, perhaps pray this prayer written by St Teresa of Avila.  
Christ has no body but yours.  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
Yours are the eyes with through which he looks with compassion on this world.  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes and you are his body.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

If you haven't been baptised and would like to be, please contact me via the church office.

*[Larissa has been reading Rachel Treweek's Encounters: Jesus, Connection and Story: Past, Present and Future. 2020. London: Darton Longman and Todd.]*

### ST AUGUSTINE'S LOCKING CHURCH OFFICE

Church Office: 01934 822857 Email: [huttonandlocking@gmail.com](mailto:huttonandlocking@gmail.com)

St Augustine's website: [www.staugustineslocking.org](http://www.staugustineslocking.org) for news and services



## CRAFT CLUB

We are a friendly group of ladies who enjoy a natter while crafting. We meet on Monday mornings during term-time from 10.00am – 12 noon in St Augustine's Church Centre.

We do various crafts including card making, pergamano, knitting, embroidery, and also have regular craft demonstrations which could introduce you to new crafts.



We welcome new members. Please bring your own craft to start with. The cost is £2 per session to include tea/coffee and biscuits.



For more information please call Eileen Begent on 01934 822050 or email [eileen@begent.org](mailto:eileen@begent.org)

You are warmly invited to come and meet others in the

## COMMUNITY LOUNGE

in the Green Lounge, Church Centre,  
Lychgate Park, Locking  
Every Tuesday afternoon 2pm-4pm



Cuppa - Chat - Books - Puzzles - Games

Make new friends, have a friendly chat, be yourself and relax. Ideal for carers to bring your loved ones too.



## PARKLANDS SINGERS

Do you enjoy singing? If so, do come along to see us at Parklands Singers. We are a group of adults who enjoy singing together, having fun and making new friends. We sing for pleasure, choosing a range of familiar songs we enjoy. You do not need to be able to read music and we welcome all singing abilities. Our musical director, Lucy Rush, leads us in a 'no pressure' style. We also enjoy leading 'singalong sessions' for groups of people who want to join in and sing with us.

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month at Locking Parish Hall, Grenville Avenue, BS24 8AR from 7.30 – 9.15 pm. There is a small charge (£5) to cover costs, including light refreshments. Your first visit will be free, to give you a chance to come and see what we do with no obligation. We laugh a lot, talk together and make new friends. Do come along, we'd love to see you.



Here are the dates of our next few sessions:

Wednesdays - 2 July, 6 August and 3 September

For more information, contact Christine Hall on 01934 827686 or [chris.rushall@gmail.com](mailto:chris.rushall@gmail.com)



[info@carleatheatrearts.co.uk](mailto:info@carleatheatrearts.co.uk)

Carlea Theatre Arts provides a wide range of classes that welcome all abilities, from walking through to adults.

All pupils from little stars upwards can perform in our regular shows we produce at the Playhouse Theatre. Pupils also have the opportunity to take graded examinations with the ISTD as well as medal exams with the UKA. All teachers are highly qualified, DBS checked, first aid and safeguarding trained. Our current timetable at Locking Parish Hall is as follows:

**Monday:** 10.00-10.45am Little starlets,  
from walking-preschool.

5.15-6.00pm Grade 4 Tap

6.00-6.45pm Grade 4 Ballet

6.45-7.15pm Pointe work

7.15-8.00pm Grade 5 Modern

**Tuesday:** from 6 years upwards

4.30-5.00pm Body conditioning/flexibility

5.00-5.45pm Acro

**Wednesday:** 6-11 year olds

4.30-5.15pm Contemporary dance

11 years upwards 5.15-6.00pm

and 6.00-6.45pm contemporary  
dance.

Full timetable of classes is on our  
website: [www.carleatheatrearts.co.uk](http://www.carleatheatrearts.co.uk)

**Saturday:** 2.5 years and upwards.

9.15-9.45am Little stars ballet

9.50-10.20am Little stars Tap

10.25-10.55am Little stars Ballet

11.00-11.45am Pre Primary ballet

11.50-12.20pm Pre Primary Tap

12.30-1.15pm Primary Tap

1.15-2.00pm Primary Ballet

2.00-2.30pm Primary Modern



**At Locking Parklands Hall:**

**Thursdays:** 5.00-5.45pm Grade 3 Ballet

5.45-6.30pm Grade 4 Modern

6.30-7.15pm Grade 3 Tap

7.20-8.05pm Adult Tap

8.05-8.50pm Adult Jazz

**Saturdays:** 9.30-10.15am Grade 1 Ballet

10.15-11.00am Grade 1 Tap

11.00-11.45am Grade 2 Modern

11.50-12.35pm Grade 2 Ballet

12.35-1.20pm Grade 2 Tap

1.20-2.05pm Grade 3 Modern



# Weekly timetable

Boogie Beat Yatton, Weston, Taunton and Somerset



## MONDAY

Meadvale  
Mixed age Class  
9:30-10:15  
10:30-11:15

Baby Class  
11:30-12:15

## TUESDAY

Cheddar  
Mixed age Class  
10:15-11:00

Cheddar  
Baby Class  
11:15-12:00

## WEDNESDAY

Locking  
Mixed age class  
9:30-10:15  
10:40-11:25

## THURSDAY

East Brent  
Mixed age Class  
9:30-10:15

East Brent  
Baby Class  
10:45-11:30

## FRIDAY

Congresbury  
Mixed age Class  
9:00-9:45

Uphill  
Mixed age  
11:00-11:45

## WEEKENDS:

Available for birthday parties



## Contact:

Naomi on- 07899677770

email-

naomi.hansford@boogiebeat.co.uk

# ENJOY CRAFTING



**come and join the  
crafty mares**  
Mondays 6pm - 8pm

**The Nurse Thomas Suite,  
Locking Parish Hall BS24 8AR**

Please bring your own craft to start with.  
The cost is £2 per session  
to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

## LOCKING HERITAGE

As part of the 80<sup>th</sup> commemoration of VE Day in May 1945, the Locking Heritage Group exhibited a display at the Military History event at The Helicopter Museum on 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Display boards included WW2 photographs and information about RAF Locking, the airfield on Locking Moor, Weston at War including bomb damage in 1942 and the aircraft factories at Oldmixon and Banwell where 3,335 Bristol Beaufighter aircraft were produced between 1941 - 1945.

Members of the Locking group talked to visitors who now live on or have memories of the former RAF camp (now Locking Parklands), and about the factories and wartime Weston during WW2.

The Locking Heritage group is a member of the North Somerset Heritage forum.



For more information, please see our website [www.lockingheritage.org](http://www.lockingheritage.org)

## LITTLE ARK TODDLER GROUP

We are a very friendly group of parents, grandparents and carers who meet every Wednesday morning between 10:30 to 12:30 during term time in the Church centre in Locking Village. All children are welcome from birth to school age. We have a large variety of toys to suit all ages which include a slide, Happy Land, Play dough, a kitchen and much much more and an area for the very young children. Every week we have a different craft activity.



**The cost is £2 per family which includes a cup of tea/coffee, squash and biscuits**

All are welcome to come along so please give us a try and join in the fun. For further information/questions please contact Gail on 07818 677635 or look up our Facebook page – “Little Ark Toddlers”



# TAI CHI

## SPRING INTO SUMMER



The days are longer and the energy is rising!

Make the most of this positive season, join us in the practice of the ancient Chinese Arts of **Tai Chi Chuan** (Taijiquan) and **Qigong** (Chi-Kung).

Regular practice of Tai Chi and Qigong have been proven to benefit many health conditions. Ailments such as arthritis, heart disease, COPD, chronic pain, diabetes and joint problems can all benefit from this gentle form of exercise.

Often referred to as "Meditation in Movement", the calming meditative aspect of Tai Chi makes it effective at reducing stress and anxiety, and associated illness.

Tai Chi players can enjoy improved flexibility, balance and co-ordination, together with relaxation and the companionship of other like-minded people.

Our weekly classes are taught in a friendly and informal setting. Find one that suits you!

Tuesday 10.30-11.30am St Andrew's Church Hall B-o-S **Dedicated Qigong class**

Wednesday 10 - 11am East Brent Village Hall

1.30 - 2.30pm Locking Village Hall

Thursday 9.45-10.45am Highbridge Community Hall

Advanced 11am -12.30pm Highbridge Community Hall

Friday 10 - 11am, Bridgwater Victoria Park

**CONTACT : Cheryl Mountford, Bubbling Springs Tai Chi**

**Tel 01278 781544**

**Mob 07840 350334**

**EM bubblingsprings@hotmail.com**

**Also on Facebook and YouTube**

# What is a Village Agent?

Village Agents work in the rural areas of North Somerset to offer free support services to maintain independent living to people over the age of 50.

We offer a friendly and confidential service aimed at providing information and advice on a wide variety of issues, for example:

- Help to remain in your own home by accessing social support where eligible.
- Information regarding domiciliary care support.
- Information on social groups and activities in local communities.
- Support if you are feeling socially isolated and lonely.
- Help with transport issues including transport to medical appointments.
- Information on financial concerns and money matters.
- Help completing forms such as Attendance Allowance or Blue Badge.
- Advice on unwanted callers and scams.
- Support with health and wellbeing.
- We can discuss these issues, either over the phone or face-to-face with a home visit and referral to relevant organisations as appropriate.
- All personal information is treated in confidence and maintained using secure measures as required by law.

Your local Village Agent in Locking Village is **Sue Badger**, and she can be contacted on:  
07974 983042 or [sue.badger@curo-group.co.uk](mailto:sue.badger@curo-group.co.uk)



# ***DINOSAURS*** & **TRANSFORMERS**

**SUNDAY 31st AUGUST**  
**THE HELICOPTER MUSEUM**  
**WESTON-SUPER-MARE**



**MEET BUMBLEBEE, HOTROD AND OF COURSE DINOSAURS!**  
**YOUR TICKET ALSO INCLUDES ENTRANCE TO THE HELICOPTER MUSEUM**



## **35TH ANNIVERSARY**



The Helicopter Museum, currently celebrating its 35th anniversary teamed up with SSAFA, The Armed Forces Charity who are also celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, their 140th, to put on extra special historical event on the eve of VE Day 80.

Military History Weekend 2025 at The Helicopter Museum saw the land surrounding Weston Airfield's restored WW2 era Control Tower and Pilots Block brought to life by re-enactors, living history camps and historic military vehicles from around the country on Sat 26 and Sun 27 April.

☎ 01934 635227    🌐 [helimuseum.com](http://helimuseum.com)    📍 Locking Moor Road, W-s-M BS24 8PP





## BANWELL GARDENING CLUB

Welcomes new members of all ages from Banwell and the surrounding area, including Locking (we do have members from Locking) who enjoy gardening.

We are an active club with speakers talking about all aspects of gardening. Future talks include Topiary Designs, the laughs and heartaches of being a Chelsea participant and many more.

We host the Banwell Spring Show and the Horticultural Show which is on Saturday 6 September 2025.

Trips have been arranged to Cerne Abbas, Powderham Castle, Taunton Flower Show and more.

The club meets on the last Thursday of each month in February, March, April, May, September, October, November at Banwell Village Hall, 7.30pm. Raffle and refreshments are available.

Membership is £10, non-members £3 per meeting. For more details visit [banwellgardeningclub.org.uk](http://banwellgardeningclub.org.uk)



# ADVERTISE WITH US

Looking @ Locking is a quarterly, A5 publication that is hand delivered to all of the houses in the Locking Parish and is available online at [www.lockingpc.co.uk](http://www.lockingpc.co.uk)

The Parish Council has decided to include advertisements in the newsletter to help offset the printing costs. Only adverts from Weston-super-Mare businesses/organisations will be accepted.

<b>A5 Full page portrait</b>  <b>£125</b>	<b>Half page landscape</b> (9.7 cms high x 13.1cm wide)  <b>£49</b>	<b>Quarter page portrait/landscape</b> (9.7 x 6.3cm (portrait) 4.7 x 13.1cm (landscape)  <b>£28</b>
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For further information email: [LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk)

## REPORTING ISSUES AND PROBLEMS

Resident Parishioners are encouraged to report issues themselves to various organisations. The Clerk & Parish Council do try to deal with reported concerns within the resources available. Please use the chart below to find the right contact to report a concern.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?	WHO DEALS WITH IT?	CONTACT DETAILS
Fly tipping; flooding; pot holes; street lighting (other than the 26 pc-owned lamps); missed recycling; dog fouling on pavements; overgrown hedges that obstruct footpaths & roads	<b>NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL</b>	<a href="http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk">www.n-somerset.gov.uk</a> 01934 888 888
Anti-Social behaviour, cold calling; suspected phone scam; parking issues; speeding	<b>POLICE</b>	101 <i>999 (IN AN EMERGENCY)</i>
Locking Parklands Residents can also contact Preim Ltd for any of the following: fly tipping; flooding; potholes; overgrown hedges that obstruct footpaths or roads	<b>PREIM Ltd</b>	Regional Customer Support Team <a href="mailto:helpdesk@Preim.co.uk">helpdesk@Preim.co.uk</a> 24/7 Helpline 01778 382210
Locking Village: 26 PC owned street lights, dog bins, litter bins, street furniture, Parish Hall, park, allotments, open spaces	<b>LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<a href="mailto:LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk">LPC.Admin@lockingparishcouncil.co.uk</a> 01934 820786

# LOCKING PARISH COUNCIL



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## PAWS & PLAY DOG DAYCARE



Daytime daycare  
8am - 6pm  
Monday - Friday

[www.pawsandplaydogdaycare.co.uk](http://www.pawsandplaydogdaycare.co.uk)

# 07452 875613

Info@pawsandplaydogdaycare.co.uk  
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