



SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL

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JUBILEE GARDEN

Thank you to the three people who came forward to help. We are still looking for more volunteers so if you would like to help, please contact the Parish Clerk.

RECREATION FIELD

Following the success of the working party earlier in the year, the Recreation Field Committee were going to hold another working party on Sunday 8th September. Unfortunately, the heavy rain put a stop to that. If you would like to help when we meet again, please keep an eye on the Facebook page as we will publish the date there.

WESSEX WATER DROP-IN CENTRES

Wessex Water are holding drop-in sessions around our supply area to allow customers to come in and talk to them face to face. They can help customers with enquiries about their bill, offer advice on what help is available if they are struggling to pay, or refer them to get the support they require. They can also advise on saving water and avoiding blockages, as well as information about their water quality.

The next session is being held in Chard Library on Tuesday 29th October between 10am – 11am, with bookable slots available between 11.30am – 2.30pm. To find out more: <https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/community-drop-ins>

GRANTS

The Parish Council have previously given grants to Village Clubs, Societies and Groups for various projects. If you would like to apply for a grant, please contact the Parish Clerk.

DEVOLUTION OF SERVICES

Somerset Council will be devolving many of their services to Parish Council level, which means that should the village require these services they will need to be paid for. Previously these services were funded by the County Council via Council Tax.

This will include:

- Pothole repairs (where potholes are not considered to be a safety issue by the highway authority)
- Localised grass cutting
- Localised hedge cutting
- Gully and drain emptying
- Drainage repairs
- Surface water drainage jetting (the County Council will clean our gullies every 4 years)

As the County Council plan to cut our verges only once during the season, the Parish Council have already paid for this to be carried out In July as the verges leading up to Hurcott crossroads were really overgrown. Many thanks to Andrew Doble for doing this work for us at short notice.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our Parish Council meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (except August) in the village hall at 7.30 pm and open to the public.

The Parish Council can be contacted via the Parish Clerk on 07541 537681 or by emailing clerk@sheptonbeauchamppc.org.uk