



**SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP PARISH COUNCIL**

**NEWSLETTER NO 13**

**JANUARY 2025**

### **SANDBAGS FOR USE IN HEAVY RAIN**

The County Council used to supply sandbags free of charge but this service is no longer available. The Parish Council has distributed water-activated sandbags to homes that could be impacted by flood water and we have a limited number still available. If you think you need some please contact the Parish Council. Sandbags can help redirect water towards drainage and provide a temporary barrier for short-term flooding.

Over the years there has been significant investment by the local authority in drainage to protect the village. The culverts, drains and gullies are monitored by the Parish Council and cleared using the ranger. Where there are blocked drains or problems beyond our control, we report this to Somerset Council.

If you are able to safely remove debris from a drain near your property that will help, but you can also report a blocked drain or gulley via the Somerset Council link below:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/drains-and-gullies>

You can also contact Somerset Council at [flooding@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:flooding@somerset.gov.uk) or call 0300 123 2224 to report flooding from smaller watercourses, from surface water run-off or from groundwater flooding caused by water rising up through the ground.

If water is entering your property and you are in immediate danger, phone 999 and follow advice from the emergency services.

### **RECREATION FIELD WORKING PARTY**

A small group of villagers met on 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the recreation field and carried out some of the essential tasks – tidying up the leylandii and a couple of trees on the slope and wire brushing the gate ready for painting. Thank you to all who helped.

## **PROBLEMS ON THE ROAD**

We thought it would be useful to list the contact details for Somerset Council when you have an issue and need to report something.

- A problem on the road go to:  
<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/report-a-problem-on-the-road/>
- Their Roadworks and travel information page is also a useful page to view: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/roadworks-and-travel/>

## **GRIT BINS**

For any villagers who are not aware, we do have a grit bin on the road out of the village just before the crossroads heading towards Hurcott as this is the main area in the village that gets slippery in icy weather. We do rely on volunteers to help us spread any grit in this area. We have asked the County Council to top this bin up for us and we hope this will be done before the weather turns cold.

## **SLINKY BUS**

For those of you who are new to the village you may not know about the Slinky bus service.

Flexible, on demand transport service available across Somerset. People living in Somerset are being reminded they have access to a demand responsive transport service known as Slinky.

Demand responsive transport is a bookable, flexible service which residents can use if there is no public transport alternative.

All users need to do is register online to start using the Slinky bus to get to the shops, to visit friends and family, get to college or social clubs, or access medical appointments.

For more information phone 01935 477399 or visit:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/slinky-services>

## **POPPY OF HONOUR**

The Poppy of Honour was created in 2018 as a national memorial to honour British and Commonwealth servicemen and servicewomen. It holds 1,117,635 individual remembrance poppies in its encasement, representing the number of British and Commonwealth servicemen and servicewomen listed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission as 'Killed In Action' or 'Missing In Action' together with those 'Shot at Dawn' then later pardoned and those who died from their wounds after the Armistice in WW1.

West Monkton Parish Council are seeking donations to erect a pavilion to house the Poppy of Honour at Somerset Wood in the Maidenbrook Country Park in Taunton. When built it will become an official National and Commonwealth War Memorial and visitors will be able to view Free of Charge.

If you are interested in having a loved one's name on a plaque please visit their website: <https://westmonktonparishcouncil.gov.uk/operation-tribute-poppy-of-honour/>

## **WESSEX WATER DROP IN - CREWKERNE**

Wessex Water are holding drop-in sessions around their supply area to allow customers to come in and talk to them face to face. During their drop-in sessions, 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'll also be able to offer advice on saving water and avoiding blockages as well as information about their water quality, plumbing, or drainage.

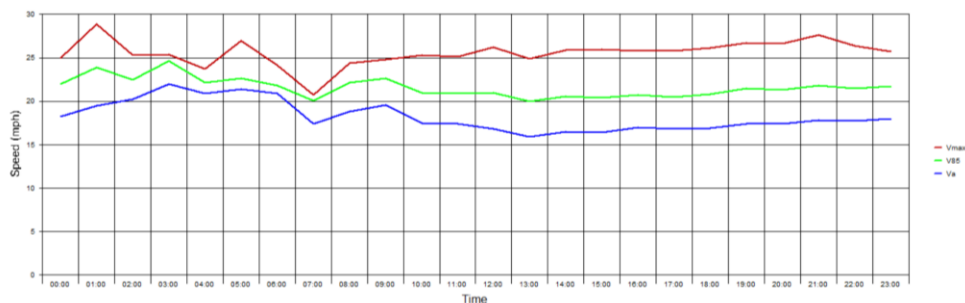
The next session will be in Crewkerne Town Hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 from 10am - 12pm.

There will then be sessions in Chard Library on 18<sup>th</sup> February and 17<sup>th</sup> June, from 10am – 12pm and from 1pm – 2pm.

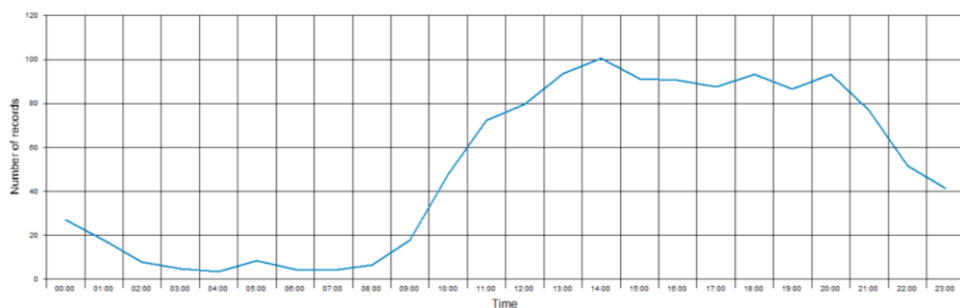
## **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)**

You may have noticed our smiley faced SID moving to various locations in the village. We do download stats from this on a regular basis and it is found that traffic does slow down if they approach SID too fast.

Some data from the readings taken is shown on the next page. We save this data so that if excessive speed becomes a regular problem, we have statistics to show the police. We can drill down into these stats to get further information.



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## 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@sheptonbeauchamp-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sheptonbeauchamp-pc.gov.uk)