



Shepton Beauchamp Parish Council

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Dog Fouling

There has been an increase in the number of dog owners not picking up after their dog, not only in the fields but on the actual footpaths. Most dog owners are responsible and pick up the dog poo, but the minority are giving dog owners a bad name.

Dog poo contains a variety of **pathogens** that can cause serious illness. Common bacteria include **E. coli** and **Salmonella** which can lead to diarrhoea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, and in severe cases, kidney failure or bloodstream infection. **Children, the elderly and pregnant women are particularly vulnerable** due to higher susceptibility to infections.

Dog waste is a **nonpoint source pollutant** that contaminates soil and water. Rainwater can wash faeces into storm drains, rivers, lakes, and groundwater, introducing pathogens and nutrients that promote **eutrophication**.

Please pick up after your dog and please do remember that **dogs are not allowed in the play area** at the recreation field – we did have signs which have been removed by someone, but more will be put up soon.

There are dog poo bins around the village – please think of others in our community and use them.

Covid 19 jabs

We have been contacted by the NHS who have asked us to remind all residents who are either over 75 years old or have a long-term health

condition that you are eligible for the vaccination. Please contact your GP surgery for more information.

100 Club

The Parish Council run a monthly draw with the following prizes:

1st Prize - £25

4 prizes of £10

4 prizes of £5

The 100 Club costs £26 for a year and the draw takes place before the Parish Council meeting each month. As there is no meeting in August, the draw normally takes place on a Sunday evening in the Duke of York pub. Any profit we make goes towards improvements to the recreation field.

We do have a few spare numbers, so if you would like to take part in this draw, please email the Parish Council Clerk.

Wessex Water Community Drop-in

Wessex Water are holding sessions to give customers the opportunity to speak face to face about anything water-related—whether it's bills, supply, wastewater, or support for those struggling with payments. They will be on hand to offer advice and explain the help available.

The community drop-in sessions are on:

20 October and 15 December 2026

 10am-12 noon and 1pm-2pm

 Chard Library, Holyrood Lace Mill, Holyrood Street, Chard
TA20 2YA

The Parish Council can be contacted via the Parish Clerk on 07541 537681 or by emailing clerk@sheptonbeauchamp-pc.gov.uk