

ASH PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE BOARD

April 2022

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SAVE THE DATE!

Ash celebrates The Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

Thursday 2nd June

Ash will be joining the Nationwide Beacon tribute to Her Majesty in lighting their own Platinum Beacon.

Saturday 4th June

A family friendly afternoon at the Recreation Ground with traditional outdoor games. Bring your own picnic. A bar and BBQ will be available.

Sunday 5th June

Join one of the street parties near you for The Ash Big Jubilee Lunch. Share friendship, fun, food and drinks with your neighbours.

Start your preparations to enter the Village competitions:

Platinum Jubilee Cake Decorating Competition

Be prepared to donate your cakes to the village celebration.

Children's Crown Making Competition

Best Dressed Royal Themed House

Scarecrows allowed, so why not try your hand at making a Corgi!

More details will follow on all the above.





On the 2 - 5 June, the Queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee. All over the country, towns and villages will be holding events to celebrate this milestone. The proposed events for the Parish of Ash are attached. We hope to make it a glorious day that will bring the whole Parish together.

The attached poster is only the proposed events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We need people to step forward to help with the organisation, otherwise some, or all of these events will have to be cancelled.

We aren't looking for someone to take on organising the whole event: we are just seeking people to take care of small, manageable things, such as organising something simple like a stall, or some children's entertainment. The more people we have the easier this will be.

The next planning meeting is at 7:30pm on the 31 March at Ash Pavilion.

Please do try to come along, or if you aren't able to make it, please email ashalertemails@gmail.com and let us know what you would like to help organise.

We really need everyone to pull together to make this Jubilee Celebration a success.

Jubilee Celebration Working Group

Martock & District u3a

Wednesday 13th April

'What's in a name' a talk from Brimsmore Garden Centre on the Classification of plants & recent renaming of familiar plants.

Wednesday 11th May Martock Parish Hall 2.30pm

Arthritis and Rheumatism, a talk by Dr Paul Riley.

Groups currently running are Art, Art Appreciation, Bird Watching & Wildlife, Bridge, Cycling, Easy Walking, Flower Arranging, French1, French 2, German, Local History, Mah-jong, Philosophy, Play Reading, Recorder, Recorder advanced, Scrabble, Spanish, Ukulele, Walking Netball, Book Club, Computing, Eastern (belly) Dancing, Family History, Gardening, Lunch Club, Paper Crafting, Photography, Quizzes, Sewing, Theatre, Try a Craft, Writing & Publishing.

We are pleased to welcome new members to our monthly meetings & groups. Bring a friend and have a chat and a cup of tea.

Information on **Groups** contact Mary Marshall martocku3agroupssec1@gmail.com

Information on **Membership** is available from Susie Stakes

martocku3amembership@gmail.com or 01460 240788

MARTOCK - ASH ACADEMY CONSULTATION

The team behind the proposed Martock-Ash Academy have requested that Ash Parish Council distribute the following information:

Proposals are being brought forward for Martock-Ash Academy, a new school for children and young people who are not able to access mainstream provision due to medical and health needs. The school will accommodate c.120 pupils aged 5-16 with Education and Health Care Plans identifying Social & Emotional Mental Health Needs (SEMH) and /or Speech, Language and Communication Needs (SLCN).

Martock-Ash Academy will be located just off the Ash-Tintinhull Road near the junction with the A303. It will be funded and delivered by the Department for Education (DfE) as part of the Free Schools Programme and will be run by the Wave Multi Academy Trust.

The team behind the Academy would like to consult with local neighbours, stakeholders and wider public about its plans before submitting a full planning application to South Somerset District Council.

Public consultation will run from **6 April – 30 April 2022** during which time the plans and a survey will be available online at MartockAshAcademy.co.uk with paper copies available on request.

With the help of Ash Parish Council, there will be a public meeting at Ash Village Hall on Wednesday **6 April** from 19:30-21:00. Numbers for this meeting are strictly limited, and priority will be given to residents of Ash Parish. **You must register and have a confirmed place in order to be able to attend the public meeting.** The registration form is available on <https://tinyurl.com/Ash-MartockAcademy> For those without internet access, places can be booked by calling 01935 825108.

There will also be a public drop-in exhibition on Wednesday **6 April** at Ash Pavilion, Recreation Ground, off Main Street, Ash, TA12 6PA from **1.30pm – 6.30pm** where all members of the public can view the proposals and speak to the project team.

For further queries in the meantime please contact Avril Baker Consultancy, consultation coordinators, at info@abc-pr.co.uk or call 0117 977 2002.

Please note: Ash Parish Council neither endorse nor oppose this proposal, they are merely facilitating Ash-Martock Academy in reaching out to the parish for their consultation.





Ash in Bloom

This year Ash in Bloom are working with the Ash Jubilee Celebration Working Group to co-ordinate a colour scheme for summer planting. We will be using a Royal colour theme of Red, White and Blue/Purple flowers in our planters and pole planters and we are hoping residents will join in and use the same colours for hanging baskets, planters and bedding to decorate your properties.

As we did during lockdown we have once again been able to arrange for a bulk order of plants for the village residents at a reduced price from the nursery in Curry Rival. They will make up trays of 20 plants in the same colour scheme and they will be a mix of basket plants such as fuchsia, geranium and trailing petunia. A tray of 20 plants is enough to fill approx. 3-4 12" hanging baskets or containers and are £30 per tray and you can order as many trays as you like.

We do need payment to confirm your order which can be in cash or online bank transfer, details of which we will give you once you place your order and delivery will hopefully be early May, there will be one delivery to a central point in the village from where you can collect your plants. If you need assistance with collecting your plants, please let us know by calling 01935 825020.

If you would like to take up this offer and place an order please do so by email to ashinbloom123@gmail.com or if you have no internet access either call 01935 825020 or drop your order off at Jacaranda, Martock Lane, with the following information by Friday 8th April.

Name:

Email:

Address:

Telephone number:

Method of payment:

Number of trays requested:

As always, please spread the word to neighbours and friends.

Ash in Bloom

EXCITING NEWS FOR ASH PLAYGROUND

When the main piece of play equipment in the recreation ground was condemned last year, the Parish Council took the decision that it needed to be replaced as quickly as possible. The play area was, quite frankly, not very impressive to begin with, and once the affected equipment was removed there really wasn't much of a reason to go there.

So, although the play area and recreation area needs significant redevelopment and improvement, it was decided to split this process into phases, with the first being carried out as soon as possible, so the children in the village will have a much better play area ready for Summer 2022!

Future phases will involve a process of consultation, fund-raising and application for grants, and exciting things are being planned.

Councillor Henry Guy took on the role of contacting various manufacturers of playground equipment to try to get quotes out of them: not an easy task in the face of Covid lockdowns and restrictions. Consequently, this process has taken longer than was hoped, but after a lot of hard work Henry, the good news is that three great new bits of play equipment have been ordered, as well as replacement seats and chains for the existing swings.

The manufacturing of the pieces has started and the installation will start on the 6th of June, so as not to interfere with the proposed celebrations at the Recreation Ground for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. During installation, the play area will be locked, and some vehicles will need to be driven across the playing fields to get to the play area. The installation should take a matter of weeks.

The new bits of equipment are:

Viper Rope Swing – an imaginative swing for up to six people, who can either sit, or stand on the rope depending on their age and confidence.



Basket Swing – a classic favourite, which can be used for children of all ages, and also by the less physically able.



UniPlay Jillbrad – a great multiplay piece with a climbing wall, scramble net, slide and spinner and fire pole. This will entertain a number of children at the same time and includes some elements for the less physically able.



These pieces of play equipment have been carefully selected to appeal to a wide range of ages and physical abilities, meaning that children of different ages and physical abilities can play on the same equipment, keeping friends and siblings together!

BETTER BUS CHARTER FOR SOMERSET

We need to do something about improving our buses in Somerset. Our county currently has the second lowest level of bus journeys per resident of all the counties in England and Somerset's bus services have the very lowest level of passenger satisfaction in the country.

Residents of Somerset experience this every day, whether it's with difficulties getting to health services, reduced opportunities for those seeking work and further education or just the limited (if any) evening and Sunday bus services. As a result, we see ever increasing numbers of cars on our roads which causes higher levels of local air pollution and increase our carbon emissions.

Somerset Bus Partnership was formed just a year ago to campaign for better bus services across our county and already we have a Somerset-wide network of 115 town and parish transport representatives who share our passion for better buses. Somerset residents have every right to expect better, but it will need funding. We have developed a Somerset Bus Charter and invite not just Councillors but community groups, churches & residents to join with us & endorse it. Get in touch somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com

THE SOMERSET BUS CHARTER

BETTER BUSES FOR ALL OUR COMMUNITIES

We need a core network of frequent, high-quality services linking our towns and main villages with enhanced weekend and evening services. Also, we want an extension of the demand-responsive 'Slinky' bus services, available to all and with longer operating hours.

AN INTEGRATED TRANSPORT NETWORK

We need bus routes to link with local railway stations with timetables that offer improved connections between buses and trains.

We also want to see the introduction of integrated ticketing across the county's different bus operators and with trains too.

PROMOTION OF EXISTING AND NEW SERVICES

We should be promoting the bus as an important way by which we all can address the climate emergency in Somerset (transport accounts for nearly half of all carbon emissions in Somerset).

To enable more to go by bus, it is essential that current bus timetable information is shown at all main bus stops and bus times information is available in libraries and at other information points.

AN AFFORDABLE TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR ALL

We should make bus travel more attractive through cheaper fares especially targeted at young people up to the age of 25. Plus, for everyone, a new, all-operator, countywide value ticket.

CLEANER BUSES

We want an accelerated transition from diesel buses to zero emission buses.

MEANINGFUL FUNDING OF BUS SERVICES

We need Somerset's bus budget to be brought progressively up to the average for similar rural authorities in the South West.



CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION GIFT

The Parish Council are trying to find out how many children under the age of 16 there are in the Parish. As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, they are planning to give each child a celebration gift, however, to do this we need to find out how many children there are and where they live. Please can you advise as soon as possible the number of children in your household, their names, ages, and your address so that we can make sure they receive their gift. You can email the information to ashalertemails@gmail.com or pop a note into the Parish Councils post box on the pavilion wall. **Please don't delay, reply today, we don't want any child to be missed!**



ARE YOU HOSTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES?

A parishioner who has registered to host Ukraine Refugees at her home, has asked to reach out to see if there is anyone else who is also offering shelter, who would like to be introduced to her in order to compare notes and information, and ultimately to put the sheltered refugees in touch with each other.

If you would like to be put in touch, please email chair@ashpcsomerset.com



Avon and Somerset Police

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM FOR A CHAT

Drop in and speak to officers from Somerton Neighbourhood Policing team. Whether you want advice on how to protect your belongings, more information about the work they are doing in your area, or you want to raise a concern about an issue in your community, your Neighbourhood Policing team will be on-hand to help.

Saturday 23/04/2022 10:00-12:00

Saturday 21/05/2022 10:00-12:00

Saturday 18/06/2022 10:00-12:00

Location: Moorlands Park Shopping Centre, Martock

For more information, please visit www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area

Draft Minutes of a Meeting of Ash Parish Council held on Monday 7 March 2022 at 19:30hrs

Present – Councillors (Cllrs)

Steve Davey (Chair), Caz Halfhide, Nick Bluck, Henry Guy, Roger Coombes.

In attendance:

J Ferguson – Clerk, Neil Bloomfield - County Cllr & 11 members of the public.

County & District Councillors Reports.

Cllr Bloomfield gave a report on ongoing problems in Martock & corruption at SSDC.

Public Open Session

Thanks were given to those Parish Councillors who had offered emergency help during the recent storms and to Ash In Bloom for the lovely 'ASH' daffodil display on the grass verge outside the Village car park.

19:39 – Meeting opened

21/158 To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mock, Cllr Groves & Cllr Clarke (District).

21/159 Declarations of interests

None.

21/160 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting held.

21/161 Matters to report from the previous meeting

Cllr Davey reported on a very successful meeting with the headteacher of Ash Primary School, where mutual agreement had been reached with regard to resolving VH car park issues. Measures discussed included removing staff cars from the car park, proposed alterations to markings and the possibility of agreeing an enforceable Code of Conduct on car park users.

He further reported that the Millennium Wood (MW) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) had been signed by both parties after confirmation that acceptable insurance had been taken out by the MW working group to cover their public liability responsibilities, as discussed at the previous PC meeting (Jan '22).

21/162 Clerks Report & Correspondence

The following items were reported:

- NALC 2021/22 National pay agreement pay scale agreement, with clerks entitled to have their salary back paid from April 1st 2021. Accepted and unanimously agreed.
- Grant application from SALC Reconnecting Communities fund had been successful (£1250 for Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations). Noted.
- Email from Martock Ash Academy SEND school offering to give a presentation to the parish. Cllr Davey offered to arrange a suitable date & location with the school representative.

- Ground Maintenance quotation from SSDC for 2022-23. Accepted & unanimously agreed. **ACTION: Parish Clerk & Cllr Davey**

21/163 Planning Decisions Report.

None.

21/164 Planning Applications. 22/00036/FUL – Field off Middle Leaze Drove, Ash. Change of use of land. Erection of a detached dwelling, garage and double car port.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to provide comments in SUPPORT of the application, asking for consideration to be given to the existing drain across the field with alternative suitable diversions being installed.

21/165 Planning Applications. 22/00036/FUL – 22/00187/HOU - 25 Back Street, Ash. Removal of conservatory & garage, construction of single storey extension to the front & rear, two storey side extension with integral garage & new porch to front.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to provide comments in SUPPORT of the application.

21/166 Planning Applications. 22/00036/FUL – 22/00303/FUL – Land at Stone Farm, Main Street, Ash. Demolition of various modern agricultural buildings and the erection of a detached 4 bedroomed farmhouse.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to provide comments in SUPPORT of the application.

ACTION: Parish Clerk

21/167 Finance - To report the following payments:

Clerk's gross salary and expenses	£875.03
SSDC – Emergency Tree work TOTAL (awaiting 1 invoice)	£674.41

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed that all payments be made.

21/168 Parish Council Matters – To report on the land on the corner of Burrough Street and Main Street

Cllr Davey had been progressing the issue of ownership and responsibility for the land and believed that it now needed to be referred to the Government Bona Vacantia Division (BVD) process to be declared Escheat and ultimately passed to the Crown Estate, before any further decisions could be made regarding continued liability. The PC agreed that Cllr Davey should continue acting on behalf of the PC to determine ownership.

ACTION: Cllr Davey

21/169 Parish Council Matters – To agree to appoint a solicitor for legal matters relating to Cemetery track lease

Cllr Davey presented 2 quotes from 6 firms that had been contacted. It was agreed to instruct Battens with an agreed estimate of £1.5K-£2K unless a cheaper quote could be obtained by Cllr Halfhide who offered to approach a local solicitor.

ACTION: Cllr Davey & Halfhide

21/170 Parish Council Matters – To agree a date for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was decided to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on a date other than a regular PC meeting, with the possibility of the Martock Ash Academy presentation on the same evening. The date of the 6th April (Wednesday) was suggested as a date that the

Village Hall was available & Cllr Davey agreed to confirm time, date & location of both meetings as soon as possible. **ACTION: Cllr Davey & Parish Clerk**

21/171 Parish Matters – To discuss upgrades to village hall car park, inc. disabled parking spaces

Councillor Davey presented the PC with a drawing produced by Cllr Mock showing the proposal for 39 parking spaces, 2 further disabled vehicle parking bays and alterations to the entrance of the car park & accessway to the school, with an estimated total cost of £6-7K (+VAT). The PC were broadly in agreement with the proposals and the possibility of grant funding was discussed. It was agreed to defer making a decision on the next steps until Cllr Mock was present.

21/172 Parish Matters – To discuss the condition of the concrete slabs beneath the Burrough Street bench

It was agreed to defer this item until Cllr Mock was present.

21/173 Parish Matters – To discuss plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee village celebrations

Plans were progressing & the PC were pleased to hear the grant had been successful (Clerks report). It was explained that the spend needed to be broadly in line with what was applied for. The current plans involved a Beacon lighting on Thursday 2nd June @ 9.15pm, Ash Family Jubilee Celebration (at the Rec) on Sat 4th June (with grant funding) and street parties on Sunday 5th June. Regular planning meetings were continuing. **ACTION: All Cllrs**

21/174 Pavilion, Recreation Area and Playground – To discuss the condition of the car park

Cllr Mock had provided a report in his absence which Cllr Davey presented. He explained that the car park surface, laid in 1978 had deteriorated and would be in need of resurfacing in the next 2-3 years at an estimated cost of £10K. The PC agreed to consider this cost in the next budget.

21/175 Pavilion, Recreation Area and Playground – To discuss the ongoing Pavilion insurance claim

Cllr Davey agreed to contact the underwriters &/or the broker to understand the current position of the claim. Clerk agreed to forward all of the relevant correspondence to Cllr Davey. **ACTION: Cllr Davey & Parish Clerk**

21/176 Pavilion, Recreation Area and Playground – To agree the location plan & surface installation detail for the new play equipment

Cllr Guy had circulated a revised location plan which was agreed by all Cllrs. He explained that at least half the total installation was 'inclusive' (i.e. suitable for disabled children) with this representing the first phase of the play area update. The grass matting was agreed as per the quote and Cllr Guy had asked HAGs to remove the cost relating to the reinstatement of turf, from the order. The revised quote was presented and agreed. Cllr Davey thanked Cllr Guy for his considerable efforts involving site meetings with suppliers, dealing with requests for information on behalf of the PC resulting in an acceptable phase 1 solution showing a considerable discount (£8K) on the order.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to place an order for 3 new pieces of play equipment at a cost of £29,744.73 (+VAT) to include delivery, installation & final inspection. **ACTION: Cllr Guy & Parish Clerk**

21/177 Pavilion, Recreation Area and Playground – To approve purchase of new swing parts for existing play equipment

Councillor Guy had obtained 3 quotes for replacement of both sets of swing parts & seats (4 in total).

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to purchase 4 new swing parts & seats at a cost of £362.88 + VAT. **ACTION: Councillor Guy & Parish Clerk**

21/178 Date of next meeting – 4th April 2022

21:03 - Meeting closed

NOTICE OF THE NEXT ASH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 4TH April 2022, 19:30hrs at Ash Pavilion

7.30pm - Prior to the meeting commencing (order decided by the Chair)

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- i) Public Open Session
- ii) County & District Councillors Reports

AGENDA

01. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given
02. Declarations of interests
03. To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting
04. Matters to report from the previous meeting
05. Clerks Report & Correspondence
 - a. To approve additional hours and 1/3 costs for Clerks CiLCA qualification
06. Planning decisions report
07. Planning applications
 - a. 22/00530/FUL – Barn at Tailles Farm, Durnfield. To demolish an existing agricultural barn and erection of a 4 bedroom detached dwelling.
08. Finance
 - a. To approve the following payments:

Clerk's gross salary and expenses	£793.90
Water2business – Churchyard	£ 84.74
Fireline Ltd – Fire safety inspection	£ 58.50
Mudford Parish Council - CiLCA registration fee (1/3rd cost)	£136.66
 - b. To approve the 2021-22 National Pay Award (backdated to 1st April 2021)
 - c. To approve the clerks contractual 1 point salary increase
 - d. To approve the EoY cashbook & bank reconciliation
 - e. To approve the Financial Risk Assessment

f. To approve the purchase of Jubilee mugs

09. Parish Matters

a. To discuss the condition of the concrete slabs beneath the Burrough Street bench

10. Pavilion, Recreation Area and Playground

a. General report

11. Date of next meeting – 9th May 2022

End of Agenda

ASH PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE ON 5TH MAY 2022

Nomination papers for anyone interested in joining your Parish Council are available from the Ash Parish Council website <https://ashpcsomerset.com> Ash Parish Clerk, or the Returning Officer at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil.

Completed nomination papers must be delivered by hand to the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil from 9.00am on 21st March to 4.00pm on 5th April 2022.



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ASH PARISH COUNCIL

WEBSITE visit www.ashpcsomerset.com

ASH ALERT EMAILS sign up to receive Ash Alerts at ashalertemails@gmail.com

FACEBOOK follow us on <https://www.facebook.com/Ash-Alerts-104800641092793/>

Clerk to Ash Parish Council Julie Ferguson. Chilthorne Knapp, Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil, BA22 8QZ. Tel: 07783 475200 E-mail: clerk@ashpcsomerset.com

SOUTHWEST WASTE PARTNERSHIP BRIEFING.

Somerset Waste Partnership
Briefing for Members, Partners and Staff
March 2022



Recycling site opening hours

1 April - 30 September

	Bridgwater	Castle Cary	Chard	Cheddar	Crewkerne	Dulverton	Frome	Highbridge
Monday	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	Closed	9am - 6pm	Closed
Tuesday	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	Closed	Closed	9am - 6pm	Closed
Wednesday	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am - 6pm	Closed	Closed	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm
Thursday	9am - 6pm	Closed	9am - 6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm
Friday	9am - 6pm	Closed	9am - 6pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm
Saturday	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm
Sunday	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm	9am - 4pm

	Minehead	Somerton	Street	Taunton	Wellington	Wells	Williton	Yeovil
Monday	9am - 6pm	Closed	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	Closed	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm	9am - 6pm
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All change I: later summer site hours

April marks the switch from winter to summer hours for Somerset recycling sites. Sites are open the same days as in winter, including all 16 open every Saturday and Sunday 9am-4pm year-round. But instead of winter's 9am-5pm on weekdays, summer hours - when a site is open - are 9am-6pm from Friday 1 April to Friday 30 September. All site details here: somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling/centres.

All change II: clock this safety tip

Clocks go forward one hour at 1am on Sunday 27 March 2022 (and back one hour at 2am on Sunday 30 October). Good times to check clock batteries and small electricals (recycled kerbside), plus smoke detectors/alarms and unbroken

bulbs (take to any recycle site with batteries, electricals, wiring, white goods, metals and more). Stay safe when checking electrical equipment.

All change III: one day later for Easter

Everyone's collections change for Easter. Good Friday 15 April pick-ups move to Saturday 16 April and all Easter week collections are a day later, including Friday collections on Saturday 23 April.

NB: Almost all Easter egg packaging can be recycled: card in black recycle box, while clear plastic trays holding eggs can join foil in your Bright Blue Bag.

All changed: Recycle More success

Expanded Recycle More collections have now successfully started throughout Somerset, with residents recycling

hundreds of tonnes of extra materials every week. Service improvements for some homes with communal collections will be delivered later this year.

For details of what Recycle More collects and what materials go in which containers, see somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more. For more on communal collections, see somersetwaste.gov.uk/communal-collection-services.

Green grant for school clothes shop

A pop-up recycled clothes "shop" is the first project green lit by one of the 50 new Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) £500 Eco-School grants. Abbas and Templecombe Primary School will be using the grant to help develop an initiative that supports reuse. Parents donate surplus clothing, which is sorted and prepared for collection, reusing materials, saving money and teaching children about fashion's environmental impact. Closing date for school grant applications is the end of May 2022. See: somersetwaste.gov.uk/education.



A van for all seasons: the winner is...

The new customised Somerset Waste Partnership van that will tour the county to promote sustainable consumption of electrical items now has its name: **Fixy**.

Dozens of names were suggested and whittled down to a shortlist of five that attracted more than 1,500 votes.

With support, useful tools and an electrical testing service, the Fixy van will visit events, schools and businesses to promote reuse of electronic and electrical items. The aim is to help get anything with batteries or a plug - radios to remote controls, toasters to tablets - fixed rather than discarded.

Waste less time; do more online

Via somersetwaste.gov.uk's My Waste Services 24/7, you can:

- Order any recycle container free
- Log missed collections after 7pm
- Order paid bulky waste pick-up
- Sort clinical/assisted collections
- Get recycle site van/trailer permit
- Send comments about services
- Pay for asbestos/plasterboard

Somerset Waste Board

SWP's governing body has two members from each partner council: **Mendip** Cllrs Peter Goater, Tom Ronan; **Sedgemoor** Cllrs Andrew Gilling, Janet Keen; **Somerset County** Cllrs David Hall, Clare Paul (Vice Chair); **Somerset West and Taunton** Cllrs David Mansell, Andrew Sully; **South Somerset** Cllrs Sarah Dyke (Chair), Tim Kerley. SWB agendas: somersetwaste.gov.uk/somerset-waste-board

Information on SWP services

SWP manages waste services for all Somerset councils. On social media, follow **@Somersetwaste**. Advice and ezine sign-up: somersetwaste.gov.uk

Lambing

is a critical time in the
farming year



We would appreciate your co-operation

- Please keep your dogs on a lead at all times
- Please follow the paths
- Please leave the countryside as you find it

Thank you