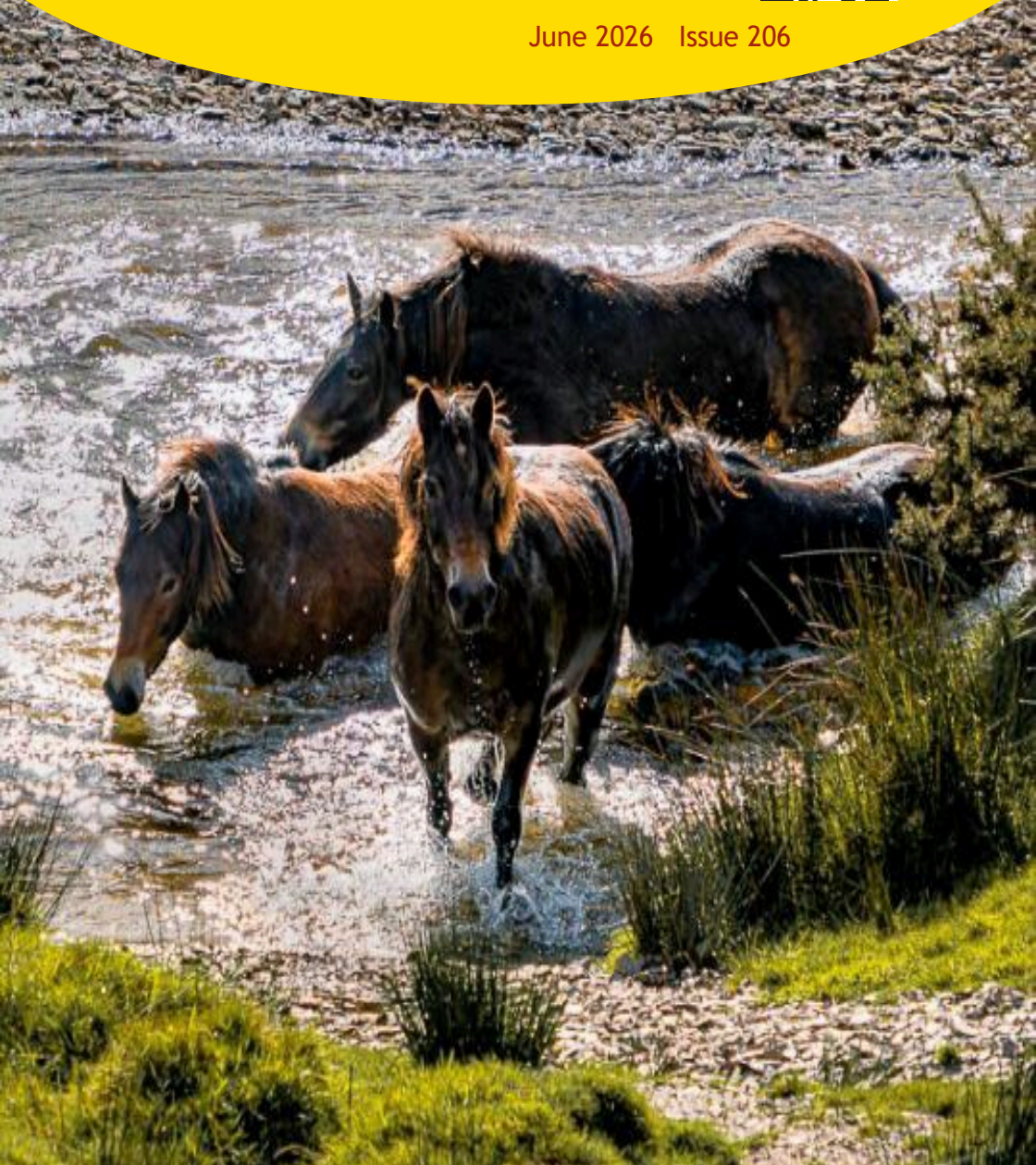


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We are pleased to have been asked to include a couple of articles for the revived Williton Window, and these are on pages 6 and 7.

A spectacular Wheelbarrow Race took place on Sunday 24th May with a huge crowd lining the Esplanade to cheer on the fancy-dressed teams as they weaved their way toward the finishing line. Well done everyone who took part, and those who organised this fun event.

Have a fantastic day by the sea at Watchet Eat and Drink Arts Festival on Saturday 20th June, this will be held on the Esplanade between 10am and 4pm.

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Government signals support for multi-million pound bid to reinstate B3191

Somerset Council's bid for Department for Transport funding to reinstate the B3191 at Cleeve Hill near Watchet has passed its first hurdle. The road was closed in January 2023 after cliff movement was detected with further surveys recommending it remain shut to protect public safety.

A later report confirmed the route was safe for pedestrians and cyclists but it remains closed to vehicles leaving Watchet reliant on a single route over a 50-year old bridge and causing major disruption to the local communities and economy.

The DfT will now work with the Council on a bid to the Government's Structures Fund for a scheme estimated at £30-£40 million. Options include stabilising the current route or moving the road further inland

Councillor Richard Wilkins, Somerset Council's Lead Member for Transport and Waste Services, said the decision was "a hugely important first step" and showed the Government recognised the need to reinstate the road. He added that the closure continues to have a significant impact on Watchet's economy, freight logistics and tourism.



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Emergency information on your mobile

Dear Readers,

Most of us spend a fair amount of time setting up our phones just the way we like them. We choose wallpapers, move apps around endlessly, but somehow still end up with 47 tabs open in the browser. BUT, one of the most useful settings on modern phones is often left untouched or ignored. Medical information and emergency contacts. It is one of those features you hope never becomes important but if it is needed, it is there.

I was surprised recently by how many people did not realise their phones could display emergency information even while locked. It means that if something happens and you can't unlock your phone yourself emergency services, or someone trying to help you, can still contact family members or view important medical information such as medication or blood type.

On an iPhone it is called Medical ID and is hidden away in the Health section. Open Settings, tap your profile picture in the top corner, then choose Medical ID. In this area you can add emergency contacts, allergies, medications, blood type or anything else you feel might be useful. The important part is making sure "Show When Locked" is switched on so it can be viewed when an unlocking code is unavailable. If someone needs to access it, they can do so directly from the lock screen by tapping "Emergency" and then "Medical ID." No password is required.

Android phones have something similar although the menus can change depending on make and model. Usually, you can find it under Settings by searching for Emergency or Safety & Emergency. Once there, you can add contacts, medical details and often enable Emergency SOS features too. Most Android phones allow this information to be viewed from the lock screen by tapping "Emergency" followed by "Emergency Information."

It might also be worth enabling Emergency SOS. On many phones pressing the power button several times quickly will contact emergency services and sometimes even send your location to chosen contacts. Again, hopefully never needed but sensible to have ready just in case.

I like these features because they are quietly helpful. No subscriptions, no adverts and no constant notifications demanding some kind of attention. Practical tools sitting in the background doing exactly what technology should do. Helping when needed. It takes a few minutes to set up properly but it may become the most important setting on your phone that you never think about again. Five minutes free on a bus ride? Waiting for a taxi? Waiting for friends? Do it.

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Williton Parish Council

I woke this morning at 4.30am with a slight panic - I need to write the article for **Williton Window!** Not all bad though, as the birds were happily singing away and the promise of a lovely day, so after not being able to return to sleep, I started planning what I could write.

Williton Parish Council are very pleased to enable the restart of this amazing publication - one which has been missed by many; long may it continue.

We continue to be extremely busy; at our recent meeting, Cllr Peter Payne was re-elected as Chairman, and Cllr Ian Aldridge re-elected as Vice Chairman. We have a full complement of 12 Councillors and together we are all trying our best for the local community.

There have recently been several road closures, and I understand that all households have not been made aware - this included our office, but when we do receive notification, it is displayed in our office window. Wales & West Utilities have agreed to hold a public drop-in session, in the Pavilion, on 21st September, 9am - 6pm, so please pop in for any updates.

The public footpath from Catwell to Townsend has had an emergency closure, as from the 18th of May 2026 for 18 days, due to erosion of the riverbank. We have been reporting the issue over previous months, so hopefully repairs will be undertaken to ensure that it can re-open safely.

An exciting piece of news is that, as I write this, new play equipment is being installed in the children's play area and due to be finished in time for the half term holidays. It is looking fantastic - I am sure plenty of play adventures will take place for many years to come. Also, the addition of the Nest Swing, which is fully inclusive, is brilliant.

Further to the recent purchase of the former library building, we are currently working on the plans for refurbishment - please feel free to pop into the office for an update or look at the suggested plans. These will also be available on the website when finalised.

Just a quick reminder, the Parish Office is open Monday - Friday, 10am - 12 noon; Telephone Number 01984 633979, email: clerk@willitonpc.org.uk or admin@willitonpc.org.uk - please do let us know of any issues that we may be help with.

Michelle, Parish Clerk

Williton War Memorial Recreation Ground Charity

The Charity events team have recently been involved with a fantastic Fashion Show - you probably read about it on the local community Facebook page? It

was a very well attended evening, with clothes modelled from Hayleys, St Margarets Hospice and Maria's Casual Wear. There was also a display from the South Coast Waves Cheerleaders - thank you to everyone who helped, modelled and came along to enjoy the evening. An amazing amount was raised for the Charity.

The Bingo takes place fortnightly, on Tuesday evenings, in the Pavilion - always a good evening of entertainment.

There are several events coming up, with the next being the Village Open Gardens on the 14th of June - tickets (in the form of maps) are available for sale around the village - on the day they can be purchased from the Parish Office.

The main event of the year - the Village Fete - will be held on Saturday 4th July - this is promising to be, yet again, another fantastic day out - with Donkey Rides, Dog Show, Archery, Children's races, Tombola's, Stalls, Flower, Produce and Craft Show, and more - fun for all the family. The schedules for the Flower, Produce & Craft Show, are available around the village and in the Parish Office. Entries are increasing year on year, and it is lovely to look around all the fantastic talent we have in the community. These are displayed in the main hall - please make sure you pop in.

We are pleased to confirm that South Coast Waves Cheerleaders will be putting on displays in the main arena. Doniford Army Cadets will be helping during the fete (thank you again) then will also finish with a display in the main arena to close the Fete.

The fete can only happen with the fantastic volunteers - but we are looking for more help - would you be able to spare some time, either before the event or on the day? We would love to hear from you - please call in at the Parish Office; call 01984 633979; or email clerk@willitonpc.org.uk or admin@willitonpc.org.uk

Plenty more events are planned for later in the year, including:

18th July - Celebrating Craft Exhibition

19th July - Jumble Trail

17th October - James and Preserves Festival

14th November - Interactive Quiz

We continue to look after the Memorial Ground and I am sure you will agree, it is looking lovely. We are so lucky to have this amazing space, in the centre of the village. It is sad when we have to report issues of anti-social behaviour or vandalism, but the CCTV cameras do pick this up and recordings are always passed onto the Police - more cameras will be installed shortly, together we can continue to keep the area safe and enjoyable for all.

Michelle, Clerk to the Charity



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