

PARISH REPORT FOR January 2024

Happy New Year to you all.

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The Council is asking for your views. If you have anything you wish to share, the consultation about the budget is available at <https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/comms/budget-consultation-2024-2025/>

If you have any home improvement waste, you can now dispose of it at the local waste disposal site providing you register your trip in advance. Each calendar month every household can bring up to eight, 50 litre sacks (or equivalent 2m sheets of asbestos or plasterboard) free of charge to a recycling site over a maximum of four visits in a month. For example, two visits bringing four bags each time, or a single visit bringing eight bags.

Your waste collection day is changing, early this month (January 24) you should receive notification of your new day if it is changing, this will enable the waste collections to be done in a more efficient manner.

I would like to use this report to thank the NHS for the help that my mother-in law received towards the end of her life. Her doctor visited during her last days and the District Nurses called to arrange end of life care. The County has been awarded a grant of 5million over five years to form a Health Determination Research Collaboration to research into reducing health, inequalities which lead to wider deprivation. So, if you receive questions about the health of your local population look on these queries kindly. Let the County help us.

If you have time to spare the Somerset Council is looking for volunteers to become independent panel members for School Appeals. If a family disagrees with a decision on transport arrangements for schools, or other decisions on a child's education the schools appeal process deals with it. To serve as part of the schools' appeal process you will receive training: the panels meet on-line so no need to travel. To apply please email neil.milne@somerset.gov.uk

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