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Highways Works – Brympton ED

17 defects have been dealt with:

- Thorne Lane, edge of road repaired in 4 places T5559/40
- Church Lane, Lufton, edge of road repaired in 2 places U5569/20
- Chilthorne Domer, vegetation cleared from urban path F1034/20
- Main Street, Chilthorne Domer, pothole in footway fixed T5553/10
- Copse Road, pothole fixed T8167/10
- Vagg Lane, edge of road repaired U5478/20
- Lufton Lane, pothole fixed U5569/10
- Bond Street, vegetation cleared U8015/301
- Ritchie Road, pothole fixed U8015/40
- Mead Avenue, debris cleared U8169/10
- Memorial Road, vegetation cleared U8169/30
- Alvington Lane, debris cleared U8525/40
- Preston Road, pothole fixed U9459/10

Flooding at Lufton

Following the issue of an enforcement letter, the issue of high water and silting in the culvert is resolved and I will now have Highways clear the drain.

Cub Scouts take on dog fouling at Ham Hill

Three siblings from West Coker Cub Scout Group — Jasper, Nancy and Leo Bradshaw — have designed a series of posters to tackle dog fouling at Ham Hill, working alongside the site's rangers as part of their Scout award programmes. [Somerset Council has praised the initiative](#), with 28 bins available across the site for dog waste disposal.

A30 Hendford Hill, Yeovil — Road Closure for Repairs

The A30 Hendford Hill in Yeovil closed 26 May for urgent repairs following embankment damage caused by Storm Chandra. The road had already been restricted to northbound traffic only after a bank slippage and fallen trees. Repair work involves clearing soil and debris, then installing concrete barriers at the base of the slope to prevent future falls. Diversions are in place, and the road is expected to reopen fully in both directions once work is complete.

New Sexual Health Clinic Opens in Yeovil

A new [SWISH](#) (Somerset-Wide Integrated Sexual Health) clinic has opened at [Summerlands Health Park](#) on Preston Road, Yeovil. Commissioned by Somerset Council and run by [Somerset NHS Foundation Trust](#), it brings together sexual and reproductive health services under one roof for the first time in the town. The free, confidential service — open to all ages without a GP referral — offers STI testing and treatment, contraception including coils and implants, emergency contraception, HIV prevention medication, and sexual health vaccinations for eligible people.

Somerset's Little Book of Health and Wellbeing Relunched

Somerset Council's Public Health team has relunched its Little Book of Health and Wellbeing, a free, practical guide offering evidence-based advice on managing stress, improving sleep, diet and

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physical activity, and building resilience. It can be downloaded via the [Healthy Somerset](#) website. If you are concerned about your own or someone else's mental health, call NHS [111](#) and select option 2 for the 24/7 mental health helpline, or call 999 in an emergency.

Fostering

To mark [Foster Care Fortnight](#), [Fostering in Somerset](#) held a series of drop-in events, giving residents a relaxed chance to meet local foster carers and find out more. There are more than 650 children in care in Somerset currently, and foster carers are needed to help children stay close to their schools, friends and communities. Visit the [Get involved](#) page or follow [@FosteringInSomerset](#) on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [X](#) to find out more.

New Council Houses

Somerset Council has adopted a new [Social Housing Development Strategy](#) with an ambitious target to build 580 affordable, energy-efficient council homes by March 2031. This is in addition to houses provided through Housing Associations. Several schemes have opened elsewhere in the county, this strategy provides county-wide opportunity.

Somerset Council - Executive

- Cllr Bill Revans - Leader (Governance and Communications),
- Cllr Liz Leyshon Deputy Leader (Finance, Procurement and Performance),
- Cllr Sarah Wakefield (Adult Services, Housing and Homelessness),
- Cllr Heather Shearer (Children, Families and Education),
- Cllr Federica Smith-Roberts (Communities, Environment and Climate Change),
- Cllr Mike Rigby (Economic Development, Planning and Assets),
- Cllr Richard Wilkins (Highways and Transport),
- Cllr Evie Potts-Jones (SEND, Public Health and Equalities and Diversity) and
- Cllr Theo Butt Philip (Transformation, Human Resources and Localities).

Associate Lead Members:

- Cllr Ros Wyke (Active Travel),
- Cllr Cara Strom (Adult Social Care and Housing),
- Cllr David Woan (Business Strategy),
- Cllr Jo Roundell-Greene (Children's Services and Education Strategy),
- Cllr Steve Ashton (Climate Change),
- Cllr Claire Sully (Community Resilience),
- Cllr Nicola Clark (Culture and Leisure) and
- Cllr Ewan Cameron (Transformation and Prevention)

Recovering from a Record Wet Winter

One of the wettest winters on record has caused >60% more potholes so far this year, with 19,277 logged between January and early May 2026, compared to 11,908 in the same period last year. Extra teams and new machinery were rapidly deployed, and 15,771 have already been repaired — averaging 876 fixes a week. March alone saw 4,964 potholes repaired.

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The response goes beyond reactive repairs: 831,000 sqm of road have been surface dressed this year (to extend road life and help stop future potholes) and a major resurfacing programme has already covered 31,000 sqm across the county.

Potholes logged

- April: 2,905
- March: 5,035
- February: 6,068
- January: 4,711

Repairs per month

- April (4-week period): 3,739
- March (5-week period): 4,964
- February: 3,554
- January: 2,541

If you spot a problem on the road you can report it quickly and easily via the Council's [Report a problem on the road](#) webpage.

Somerset's First Electric Bus

Somerset Council has launched its first public service electric bus on the 30 route in Frome. The 16-seat, low-floor, wheelchair-friendly vehicle is zero emission and provides a sustainable link for residents needing to reach town centre services

British Heart Foundation Partnership

Somerset Council and collections partner SUEZ have teamed up with the [British Heart Foundation](#) so that suitable bulky items — sofas, tables, chairs and more — are taken to the SUEZ depot in Bridgwater and passed on for resale at the BHF's [Taunton store](#), rather than being recycled. When booking a [bulky waste collection](#), residents can opt in to have their items reused, provided they are in good condition and carry the required fire safety tags.

Battery fires prompt recycling warning

Two fires — at a Taunton recycling facility and in a collection lorry — have led Somerset Council and contractor SUEZ to remind residents to dispose of hazardous items correctly. Both were likely caused by an undetected battery.

Lithium-ion batteries and vapes must never go in the rubbish; place them in a small clear tied plastic bag on top of a recycling bin. Gas canisters should be taken to a recycling centre. Further guidance at www.somerset.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste/waste-collection-safety

Free Gaming Sessions for autistic, etc., adults

[GameChanger](#), a free weekly gaming session for adults who are autistic, have learning disabilities, or identify as neurodiverse, is celebrating its fourth anniversary this June. Run by Love Community CIC across libraries in Taunton, Yeovil and Glastonbury and a community centre in Bridgwater, it has clocked up 15,140 visits across 581 sessions since launching in 2022. There are no referrals, no assessments and no pressure — people come and go as they please. The aim is social connection.

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Somerset Food Waste Campaign finalist at National Awards

Somerset Council and waste contractor SUEZ were finalists in the *Food Waste and Organics Initiative of the Year* category at the [National Awards for Excellence](#) in London on 13th of May. The campaign to boost [food waste recycling](#) delivered a 38% rise in food waste bin orders, a 5% increase in food waste collected, and savings of more than £40,000 in disposal costs.

New Food Waste Recycling Trucks Rolling Out Across Somerset

A new fleet of food waste collection vehicles, introduced by [SUEZ](#) in partnership with Somerset Council, means every household in Somerset — including flats and Houses of Multiple Occupancy — can now recycle food waste. The trucks feature illustrated livery explaining the journey from kitchen caddy to green energy and fertiliser. For more information on collections, visit the Council's [waste pages](#).

Help Shape Alcohol Support Services in Somerset

Somerset Council and Somerset Drug and Alcohol Service (SDAS) are inviting residents to take part in an [anonymous survey](#) to help understand why people don't seek help for alcohol problems. Open to anyone aged 18 and over in Somerset, it takes just a few minutes and covers both personal experiences and those of someone you know. Findings will be used to shape how services are designed and delivered. If you need support now, visit turning-point.co.uk/services/sdas or call [0300 303 8788](tel:03003038788).

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Report it first: Useful Links

Visit - Report a Problem on the Road - A list of all reporting pages to do with roads, pavements, lighting: [Report a problem on the road](#)

Potholes and road damage - Somerset Council repair potholes and other road defects, and maintain our roads, for the safe access of all road users: [Potholes, road damage and edge loss](#)

Report a problem with a street light - We maintain and repair street lights to national standards:

[Report a problem with a street light](#)

Road signs, markings and lighting - Includes bollards, pedestrian crossings, requesting a village nameplate or new road sign: [Road signs, bollards and road markings](#)

Speed limits - Request information about new or existing traffic calming measures: [Speed limits](#)

Traffic lights - We maintain over 200 traffic light locations throughout the County: [Traffic lights](#)

Street and roadworks - We maintain the roads and pavements managed at public expense in Somerset: [Street and roadworks problems](#)

Traffic updates and roadworks — follow: [Travel Somerset on X](#) and [Travel Somerset on Facebook](#)

All ongoing roadworks - available on the Somerset Council website interactive map:

[Roadworks and travel information](#)

Somerset Waste - collection days, replacement bins or recycling bags and missed collection reporting: [Bins, recycling and waste](#)

Travel and Tourist Information: [Travel Somerset - Art, Culture, Events, History & More](#)

Sign-up for the latest climate news from across Somerset: [Climate newsletter sign-up](#)

Open Somerset Council Consultations - which anyone can complete and take part in shaping the future of Somerset: [Somerset Council - Citizen Space - Consultations](#)

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