

Croscombe Parish Council

Accounts Statement & New Invoices

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Approved by Min. Ref 098⁽²⁵⁾c) at Parish Council Meeting held on **16 September 2025**

Unity Trust CURRENT A/C				
Opening Balance as at 1 April 2025			19,145.14	
			Less Payments	14,084.92
			Plus Receipts	17,910.13
Cash in Bank Balance				24,099.17
Ref 25-	Payment Type	Payments to be Ratified <i>(made between meetings - examined, verified and certified by the RFO)</i>		Budget Section ⁽²⁵⁻²⁶⁾
20	TRF	Croscombe Village Hall - Windows/Doors Grant	3,000.00	Reserves
21	FPD	Matthew & Sons - 50% Noticeboards	1,305.00	Reserves
22	Fee	Unity Trust Bank	6.00	Bank Chrgs
23	FPD	Deborah Widdows	158.14	Salary
24	FPD	Deborah Widdows	169.04	Salary
25	D/D	Ionos	10.20	Website
26	D/D	HMRC (NDDS)	167.14	Unknown
32	Fee	Unity Trust Bank	6.00	Bank Chrgs
28+29	FPD	HMRC - PAYE-NICs	914.98	Salary
Payments for Ratification Total			5,736.50	
Ref 25-	Payment Type	New Invoices for Approval at Meeting <i>(examined, verified and certified by the RFO)</i>		Budget Section ⁽²⁵⁻²⁶⁾
30	FPD	St Cuthberts (Out) PC - SID during May 2025	32.10	Reserves
31	FPD	L Roslyn	223.93	Salary
32	FPD	Cllr L Tully - External hard drive	202.80	Office Eqpt.
33	FPD	Playsafety Ltd	115.20	Play Area Insp
34	FPD	L Roslyn - Office equipment and Travel	59.40	Meeting-Office
35	FPD	HMRC - PAYE-NICs Month 06 - September	243.76	Salary
36	FPD	L Roslyn - Month 06 - September	261.63	Salary
Total New Invoices			1,138.82	
Reconciled Bank Balance			22,960.35	

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Date _____

Croscombe Parish Council

2025 - 2026 Budget Review

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	Budget 2025/26	Q1 1/4/25 – 30/6/25	Q2 1/7/25 – 30/9/25	Q3 1/10/25- 31/12/25	Q4 1/1/26 – 31/3/26	Running Totals 25/26
RECEIPTS						
Precept	13,915.00	13,915.00	-	-	-	13,915.00
Cemetery	1,600.00	-	-	-	-	-
Allotment / Field Rental	300.00	-	60.00	-	-	60.00
VAT Reclaim	600.00	-	587.13	-	-	587.13
Play Area Funds Raised	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	3,348.00	-	-	-	-
Orchard Income/Funds Raised	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	16,415.00	17,263.00	647.13	-	-	17,910.13

PAYMENTS

Salary	5,104.00	839.54	2,303.49	-	-	3,143.03
Insurance	550.00	437.00	-	-	-	437.00
Mem'ship Fees / Subscriptions	500.00	47.00	296.45	-	-	343.45
Audit Fees	190.00	190.00	-	-	-	190.00
Meeting Costs	96.00	64.00	112.42	-	-	176.42
Bank Charges	72.00	18.00	12.00	-	-	30.00
Office Costs	250.00	-	233.61	-	-	233.61
Website Hosting	122.00	25.50	17.00	-	-	42.50
Training	300.00	-	-	-	-	-
Assets	200.00	-	-	-	-	-
Cemetery Maintenance	2,685.00	-	-	-	-	-
Play Area Inspection / Maintenance	400.00	-	96.00	-	-	96.00
Play Area - B/F	834.00	-	-	-	-	-
Play Area Phase 2 - Current	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orchard - B/F	1,409.00	-	-	-	-	-
Orchard - Current	-	-	-	-	-	-
Projects	100.00	-	-	-	-	-
Play Area Reserves	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
General Reserves / Contingency	1,600.00	-	8,522.10	-	-	8,522.10
Total Running Costs	16,412.00	1,621.04	11,593.07	-	-	13,214.11

Total Receipts	16,415.00	17,263.00	647.13	-	-	17,910.13
Total Payments	16,412.00	1,621.04	11,593.07	-	-	13,214.11
VAT to reclaim	-	5.10	902.83			
Balance for period		15,636.86	(10,043.11)	-	-	4,696.02
Balance b/f		19,145.14	34,782.00	24,738.89	24,738.89	
Projected/actual balance		34,782.00	24,738.89	24,738.89	24,738.89	

Quarter End	30/06/2025	30/09/2025	31/12/2025	31/03/2026
Current Account Balance	34,782.00	24,738.89	-	-
Totals	34,782.00	24,738.89	-	-

Q1 Budget Review Approved Min. Ref. 098⁽²⁵⁾d) PC Meeting 16 September 2025

Signed

Dated

Somerset Council Report to Croscombe Parish Council meeting Tuesday 16th September 2025

Health

Somerset Council's adults and health scrutiny committee met recently in Bridgwater to discuss proposals for inpatient bed reductions at several Somerset community hospitals and to ask NHS Somerset questions about their plans. NHS leaders responded that no final decisions had been made and suggested that the changes might enable a wider range of services to be offered at the local level. Numerous members of the public voiced concerns about the lack of clarity so far with local communities on the changes.

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust is considering bed reductions at community hospitals in Bridgwater, Frome, West Mendip, Burnham-on-Sea, and Crewkerne, as part of the government's health plan to deliver more care at home.

Lead member for Adults Services, Councillor Sarah Wakefield, emphasised that the best interests of patients remain a priority. She highlighted the success of the My Life, My Future programme, which aims to help people stay healthier and recover at home for longer. She stressed that losing beds does not mean loved ones will be denied proper treatment.

Councillor Claire Sully, vice-chair of the scrutiny committee, expressed concerns over the plans, stating that staff with decades of service are uncertain about their job security and the future of the hospitals.

NHS Somerset is [hosting events over the summer and autumn as part of the 'Big Conversation,'](#) providing opportunities for the community to share their views on future healthcare services.

NHS Somerset is also inviting expressions of interest to join a Stakeholder Reference Group – a space for regular discussion, co-design and feedback on future care models in Somerset. If you're interested in joining a group, please email us at: somicb.engagement@nhs.net.

Recent spot checks show that 79% of low-rated food businesses in Devon and Somerset meet allergen safety standards, but some still face urgent inspections. Officers from Heart of the South West Trading Standards tested 75 independent food outlets, including cafes, bakeries, and restaurants.

Most businesses (59) passed, but 16 were found to contain allergens, primarily traces of milk. Due to legal requirements, food businesses must provide allergen information, handle allergens properly, and train staff.

Thirteen businesses that failed received immediate inspections for poor food management, with 15 more scheduled for follow-up. Trading Standards encourages all food outlets to review their allergen protocols to ensure customer safety.

For more information, visit the [HotSW TS Allergens page](#). Businesses can also seek advice via email at tradingstandards@devon.gov.uk.

Somerset NHS Foundation Trust is considering closing local community hospital beds across its 11 community hospitals to provide more treatment closer to home. They say this aligns with the government's ten-year NHS plan and aims to increase "pathway beds," helping patients leave hospitals sooner and receive care at home.

The trust currently operates 13 inpatient wards in hospitals across Somerset, including Bridgwater, Burnham-on-Sea, Frome, Glastonbury, Minehead, and Wellington. The trust says no final decisions have been made, but they are consulting internally with staff—including changing contracts and consulting with unions—and this process is nearing completion. This has raised local concerns about transparency, community involvement, and the long-term impact on local NHS services.

Somerset Councillor and Vice Chair of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee, Claire Sully, has publicly called for urgent scrutiny ahead of upcoming decisions in the autumn. She criticised the trust for limited public engagement and a lack of transparency, as no business case has been presented to the public or Somerset Council.

The trust emphasises its commitment to improving services and testing "temporary" changes. However, some residents remain concerned about the potential for permanent bed reductions and the impact on local healthcare.

Somerset Council, a key partner of NHS Somerset, has invited the trust to its [Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee on August 21st](#) to discuss their plans in more detail and in response to concerns raised by the public.

Children and Families

Somerset Council has warmly welcomed the formation of the University College Somerset (UCS) College Group, a merger of Bridgwater and Taunton College and Strode College. The move is seen as a "powerful investment in Somerset's people, places, and future," according to Council Leader Cllr Bill Revans.

This collaboration aims to boost local aspirations, create more opportunities for young people, and strengthen the region's future workforce. More details are available on the [Council's website](#).

Somerset Council is hosting a series of informal fostering information sessions throughout September. These relaxed events offer the chance to learn about fostering, hear from experienced carers, and ask questions about support, allowances, and the application process. Sessions are open to anyone aged 21 or over with a spare room and no prior experience is necessary. The events will take place in Somerton, Burnham-on-Sea, and Wells. To book a place and find more details, visit fosteringinsomerset.org.uk or call 0800 587 9900.

Somerset Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) will deliver 140-160 pop-up youth hubs across the county between July 2025 and March 2026. These community-led hubs aim to support young people, reduce violence, and provide access to trusted adults in town centres.

Building on previous successful pilots in Taunton and Bridgwater, the hubs will operate in key locations such as Taunton, Bridgwater, Chard, and Glastonbury. They will serve as accessible spaces for engagement, advice, and community conversations on safety issues like knife crime, anti-social behaviour, and exploitation.

Twelve special education needs (SEN) units will open in Somerset schools this year, with the first six launching in the upcoming academic term. The aim is to provide more local, accessible support for children with social, emotional, mental health, or neurological needs, potentially saving the council £17 million over five years.

Lead Member for Children, Families and Education Heather Shearer emphasised that these units will help children learn in their communities, reducing long travel times. Each unit will have six to eight students, supported by trained teachers and assistants, drawing on expertise from local special schools.

The new provision responds to a 124% increase in Somerset children requiring Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs), with many placed in expensive independent settings due to limited state school capacity. This initiative aims to offer more inclusive, community-based options while supporting early identification of needs.

Feasibility studies are also underway for an additional 12 schools across Somerset.

Somerset Council invites primary school children to join the Summer Reading Challenge, themed *Story Garden: Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors*. In Somerset libraries, children aged 4–11 can sign up, read six books over summer, earn rewards, and earn a medal. The theme features whimsical illustrations and outdoor adventures that inspire curiosity. The initiative aims to encourage reading, boost wellbeing, and connect children with nature through fun activities and storytelling. It's part of a nationwide tradition, with nearly 600,000 children participating in 2024 and over 100,000 new library memberships.

To find out more about how to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge or to find your local participating library, visit [Summer Reading Challenge 2025](#).

Somerset Council, SUEZ, and author Ben Pullett have launched a storytelling competition for children aged 7-16 to promote food waste recycling. Kids are invited to submit stories (up to 500 words) on the theme of recycling, with prizes including book vouchers and a copy of Ben Pullett's *Luna explores Somerset*. Somerset Council has launched a consultation on merging its 4 Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) into 2 larger sites—one in the east and one in the west of the county. The consultation is open until **12 September 2025**, with decisions to be made in October. All feedback from parents, staff, and local organisations is encouraged to help shape the future of education support for children and young people. A link to the consultation can be found via the Council's: [Pupil Referral Unit Consultation](#) page.

Paper copies of the consultation can be viewed, or printed on request, at [Bridgwater](#), [Taunton](#), [Shepton Mallet](#) and [Yeovil](#) libraries.

Local Community Networks (LCN)

Somerset's Local Community Networks (LCNs) marked a significant milestone with their second set of Annual General Meetings, highlighting a year of increased community collaboration and local action. Launched to bring partners together, LCNs encourages discussions on issues that matter most to residents, supporting initiatives in areas like highways, youth activities, community transport, and health.

An LCN-wide Annual Report summarises key achievements, including enhancing emergency response during recent floods and strengthening relationships with local councils and groups. As they enter their third year, LCNs aim to further empower communities to influence services and respond to local needs.

Somerset is continuing to review the LCN model and explore how it can evolve to better serve the community. For more information or to get involved, visit the [Council's Local Community Networks page](#) or email LCN@somerset.gov.uk.

The next meeting of the Shepton Local Community Network will be on Monday 29th September 2025 starting at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Shape Shepton Mallet.

Transport

Somerset Council has secured nearly £3.8 million from the Government's LEVI Fund to expand local EV charging networks, with a focus on supporting rural and underserved communities. In Somerset, more than a quarter — around 27% — of properties lack off-street parking, making this funding a vital opportunity to help many more people switch from petrol and diesel vehicles to electric. The funding will support at least 1,606 low-power chargepoints, many using existing lamp column wiring to reduce disruption. The Council will soon ask residents for suggestions on chargepoint locations via its website. Importantly, at least 25% of chargepoints will be installed in lower-demand rural areas to ensure fair and equitable access across the county. The goal is to promote a greener, more inclusive Somerset by making electric vehicle use accessible to all.

Somerset Council's Road Safety Team provided training and education to nearly 38,000 people across the county, aiming to make roads safer for everyone. The initiatives targeted a wide range of road users, including young children, teenagers, and older adults.

For young pupils, programs like Bikeability offered essential cycling skills for Year 5 and 6 students, helping them learn how to ride safely on the road. Workshops for children in Reception to Year 6 focused on pedestrian and passenger safety, while presentations for Year 8 and 9 students emphasised the dangers of distractions near roads. Older students in Years 10 and 11 received

advice for safer journeys, and college students learned about the serious consequences of collisions through dedicated road safety talks.

The team also ran practical courses for motorcyclists in collaboration with police and hosted special sessions for older drivers, addressing how driving habits should adapt with age. Beyond classroom sessions, the council improved road safety by installing speed cameras, upgrading signage, and implementing traffic calming measures in areas with high accident rates.

This comprehensive approach ensures that road safety education reaches all age groups and helps encourage children and young people to start cycling early.

The ongoing work of the Somerset Road Safety Team has a significant positive impact on the community, making roads safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

Somerset Council is proudly maintaining 82 bus routes across the county, ensuring people can travel easily for work, school, shopping, or leisure. Funding from the Government's Bus Service Improvement Program (BSIP) and the Council's budget helps keep these vital links alive, strengthening communities and supporting local mobility.

As the Administration at Somerset Council we believe in accessible, sustainable transport that empowers individuals and connects communities. Let's support these routes by using them regularly — every journey helps keep Somerset connected!

The government has confirmed funding for key projects, including A38 improvements from Burnham-on-Sea to Barrow Gurney and a new Wellington train station. The A38 project will enhance safety, journey times, and connectivity, supporting local economy and housing plans. The Wellington station and station upgrades at Yeovil and Castle Cary will also improve rail links.

Somerset Council has launched a 20-year Local Transport Plan to develop a greener, better-connected transport network. The plan aims to support health, protect the environment, and boost the economy by promoting walking, cycling, and public transport, especially in new developments.

The public is encouraged to share feedback via the consultation page until September 7. The plan considers the diverse communities across Somerset, with policies tailored for different rural and urban areas.

20-year Local Transport Plan: <https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/active-travel/copy-of-local-transport-plan-2025/>

Share your views here: <https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/active-travel/copy-of-local-transport-plan-2025/consultation/intro/>.

Council Tax

Somerset Council is upgrading its system for Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefit, a very significant change following the formation of the unitary Council. This will bring improvements including easier payments and account access, and the same system will be implemented for all of Somerset by the end of this calendar year. In the former Mendip area, there will be at least 3 weeks of some service disruption starting from late August, for which we apologise. During this time, online forms and customer service processing will be affected, though online and telephone payments as well as direct debits should continue as usual. Housing Benefit payments will continue, with confirmation being sent to recipients by post.

The other areas of Somerset (former Sedgemoor, former Somerset West & Taunton, and former South Somerset) will follow for implementation of the same new system in that order. Residents are advised to stay updated via [the Council's website](#) and, as always, be cautious of scams asking for bank details. Citizens Advice will also be kept updated on the expected disruption and progress towards full implementation.

Social Care

Somerset Lifeline has successfully completed its digital upgrade ahead of the 2025 national deadline for switching to digital-only phone lines. Over the past 13 months, more than 6,000 analogue units were replaced with digital devices, connecting users directly to a 24/7 monitoring centre. The upgrade includes tailored solutions for residents in remote areas, all at no cost to customers.

The project ensures continued safety and support for vulnerable residents across Somerset before winter. For more information, visit somersetlifeline.co.uk. Equipment can also be viewed at [Somerset Independent Living Centres \(SILCs\)](#).

The Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) has made 12 recommendations following the death of Juliet, a woman affected by domestic abuse, coercion, and alcohol dependency. The report highlights the need for better information sharing between agencies, consistent application of safeguarding policies, and improved support for vulnerable adults.

Key suggestions include enhanced multi-agency risk assessments, better recording and monitoring by GP practices, and increased awareness of support services for perpetrators and victims. The review aims to ensure that similar cases receive the help and protection they need.

For more, visit safeguardingsomerset.org.uk

Waste

Somerset Council is encouraging residents to recycle their food waste more effectively, highlighting that doing so could save around £1 million and reduce environmental costs. Currently, 16,000

tonnes of food waste, including packaging, is thrown away each year, much of which could be recycled.

Recycling food waste is a much cheaper and greener way to dispose of it, as it avoids the costly fees associated with sending waste to Energy from Waste, the process used to recover energy from general waste.

Although 7 out of 10 households already recycle food, small actions like recycling food scraps can significantly impact.

Residents that need a new or replacement kitchen caddy or food waste bin can do via the Council's [replacement bins and recycling containers](#) page.

Community groups in Somerset can apply for grants of £5,000 to £10,000 to support innovative waste reduction and reuse initiatives. The second year of the Waste Not Somerset Fund is now open, funded by Somerset Council and SUEZ Recycling.

More information and application details are available via the [Waste Not Somerset Fund page](#).

Somerset residents will soon receive an 18-month recycling and rubbish collection calendar, with a focus on improving food waste recycling. While participation is high, a large amount of food waste still ends up in general bins.

Recycling food waste reduces costs and produces renewable energy and fertiliser through Anaerobic Digestion, with tea bags also suitable for recycling. Somerset Council, alongside SUEZ Recycling, will remind residents to separate food from packaging and recycle regularly. Free kitchen caddies and bins are available online to help reduce food waste.

Support from Community Action Groups (CAG) Somerset has helped local volunteers save thousands of items, reduce waste, cut carbon emissions, and strengthen community bonds through repair cafés, food sharing, and reuse initiatives.

In 2024-25, volunteers:

- Contributed 14,500 hours (£234,000 value)
- Saved 51,000kg of food from waste
- Swapped 65,200kg of items
- Hosted 1,700 items and sharpened 200 tools at repair cafés

Their efforts diverted 49 tonnes of waste from landfill, avoided 194 tonnes of CO2, and saved Somerset Council £9,500. Additionally, 73% of volunteers felt more connected to their communities, and 57% made new friends.

CAG Somerset aims to grow, diversify, and strengthen its network further in the coming year, supported by Somerset Council and partners. More information can be found here:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/news/community-groups-across-somerset-are-thriving-with-cag-somerset-support/>.

Residents are warned not to put gas canisters in kerbside recycling due to a serious fire risk at Somerset's recycling facilities. Recently, a fire was narrowly prevented thanks to quick action by staff, but incidents caused by gas canisters have become more frequent, with nearly 1,500 canisters collected in six months. Somerset Council urges residents to dispose of gas canisters safely at recycling sites, as pressure from crushing can cause explosions, endangering staff and risking facility closure. Fire officials emphasise the importance of proper recycling of electronic devices and vapes, which also pose explosion risks.

A Somerset Council-funded project, Team Repair, successfully taught over 150 students in 12 weeks across schools and youth groups how to repair everyday gadgets. The workshops aimed to reduce electronic waste, promote sustainability, and inspire interest in STEM careers.

Participants repaired 300 gadgets, with many experiencing their first repair activity. 40% of students said they were more likely to repair things in future, and teachers rated the programme 10 out of 10. The initiative highlights the importance of green skills for the circular economy and environmental conservation.

Finance

Since becoming a Unitary Authority in April 2023, Somerset Council has been dedicated to building a fairer and more resilient future for everyone in the county. The merger of five councils into one makes it all the more vital that we work more closely with local communities, listen to your needs, and improve services.

Like many local councils, we face significant financial pressures caused by rising costs, increasing demand for support, and reduced government funding. Despite these challenges, Somerset has managed to avoid declaring a section 114 notice, by making tens of millions of pounds in savings, helping us maintain democratic control over our services.

Building on our early efforts, we are now entering an important new phase of transformation with the adoption of the whole-council "Inspiring Innovation" transformation plan. This initiative aims to make our council financial sustainable and better able to deliver for the people and residents of Somerset. We are redesigning how we work, making use of digital technology, and creating a culture of teamwork and inclusion within the council, and partnership working outside, focusing on prevention and locality working. The full draft Transformation Plan can be found [here](#).

Somerset Council Leader Bill Revans supports a new report calling for urgent reform of the broken local government funding system. He emphasised the need to overhaul Council Tax and address the financial pressures from services like social care, SEND and housing, with rising demand and costs associated.

Cllr Revans stated, “The system is broken, and we simply cannot continue without urgent action.”

The report highlights decreasing funding, rising taxes, and impacting services, and calls on the government to grant councils greater control and responsibility

Planning

Somerset Council has launched a 12-week plan to address delays in processing planning applications. The measures include limiting applicant updates, reducing non-essential meetings, and prioritising site visits to streamline decision-making. The aim is to clear the backlog, improve response times, and create a sustainable service for residents and developers.

The Council recognises the challenges caused by staff recruitment, system issues, and application complexity, and is committed to long-term improvements over 2025-2026 to deliver a better, more efficient planning service.

Flood

Recent discussions at the Wessex Flood & Coastal Committee, as detailed in the latest report, highlight a worrying rise in flood risks across Somerset and the wider Wessex region. Climate change is driving a 20-30% increase in rainfall, placing greater pressure on flood management efforts. At the same time, the Environment Agency (EA) is scaling back its flood prevention activities, leaving local councils and communities more vulnerable to flooding and its devastating impacts. This escalating situation emphasises the urgent need for coordinated responses and increased support to safeguard residents and critical infrastructure.

Positive Developments

- The Bridgwater Barrier, the largest recent project in the country, is under construction.
- The EA has requested budgets to replace failing pumps on the Levels & Moors, though funding is uncertain.
- Somerset Rivers Authority's (SRA) additional 1.25% on council tax funds more proactive flood work here than anywhere else in the country.
- Recent floods have been flash floods, differing from the slower 2014 floods that prompted the SRA.

Challenges

- Reduced EA maintenance has shifted responsibilities to landowners, increasing costs and risks.
- Funding has decreased by 40%, limiting flood management efforts.
- Limited SRA funds will need to be redirected towards flood repairs previously managed by the EA.
- Permitting processes for work on main rivers remain slow and unchanged.

Despite these hurdles, the council and partners are committed to maintaining pressure on DEFRA and the EA to address flood risks effectively

Devolution

Council leaders in Wessex have committed to regional projects supporting devolution and a Mayoral Strategic Authority. Key initiatives include a Wessex Joint Growth Plan for economic development, housing, and infrastructure; an integrated infrastructure and transport strategy focusing on greener, more reliable public transport; and a Nature Recovery Strategy to protect biodiversity and green spaces.

These efforts aim to boost local growth, improve connectivity, and protect the environment, with the partnership engaging with government to secure devolution and additional support for innovation and clean energy.

Business

In September, Somerset will showcase its economic strengths through the Invest Somerset Showcase 2025, focusing on growth sectors like low-carbon energy, aerospace, manufacturing, and digital innovation. The series of events, open to all local businesses, will offer networking, support opportunities, and insights into Somerset's future economy. Key sessions include low carbon energy, workforce development, SME support, aerospace, and digital growth. Booking is essential, with some events by invitation only. For details, visit the Somerset Council's Invest Somerset page.

More is available on the Council's [Invest Somerset](#) page.

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 to provide safe access to all road users:

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

Roads, travel and parking, road signs, markings and lighting - Includes information about non-illuminated bollards, pedestrian crossings, requesting a village nameplate or a 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 that are 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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Martin Lovell

15/09/2025

Task

CPC to consider lead on ERP and/or division of sub-tasks.

ERP page 3: First Steps Action Card: CPC to consider the elements of the first steps and identify any further ideas.

ERP page 4: Emergency Assembly Points, CPC to confirm if secondary at George Inn is feasible/acceptable

ERP page 5: Contact Details Emergency Group: CPC to consider allocation of names available to support the list of roles suggested in the table.

ERP page 5: Local Volunteers and Community Organisations - CPC to consider list of organisations to ask for support in emergency:

ERP page 5: Somerset Council and neighbouring community contacts-CPC to populate

ERP page 5: Other useful contacts - CPC to consider additional useful contacts, such as Wessex 4x4?

ERP page 6: Resources suggested in table to be reviewed and confirmed as required and identified from location map reference on page 8 Major contributory skills to be considered and populated

ERP page 8: Are any other places of safety to be considered?

ERP page 9-10: CPC to consider further potential risks that may be applicable

ERP page 13-14: Volunteer Action Card - CPC to review/add/amend & prepare a package of cards for use in real emergency scenario.

Croscombe Flood Group August 2025 Chairmans Report

The Group did not meet in August so the information below is an update on current projects.

1. Barriers

A trial was organised by John Owen with some Flood Wardens to set up the Flood Barriers. After getting the knack the barriers proved easy to fit.

2. Culvert Access Chamber

The legal agreement to allow access to the chamber is in progress. However I have just been advised that the Environment Agency have refused access into the river from 1st October through the winter period as eels have been found in the river and need to migrate. As the grant expires in December a request is to be sent to the SRA for an extension to the grant conditions.

3. Culvert Responsibility

An email has been sent to the Environment Agency requesting that the survey of the route be completed but a reply has not been received yet.

4. River Survey

Most of the river has been surveyed and it is to be completed as a report.

5. Attenuation Ponds

The old mill pond area adjacent to the A371 is to be the subject of a fund raising project within the Flood Group to buy the land and use the empty pond to attenuate floods.



Croscombe Parish Clerk <croscombe2@gmail.com>

Monthly Flood report

1 message

Tony Hargraves <cllr.hargraves@croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk>

14 September 2025 at 13:18

To: "cllr.hodge@croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk" <cllr.hodge@croscombeparishcouncil.co.uk>

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Hi Paul,

thanks for the August report.

I have a few questions for which I will seek answers at the CPC meeting on Tuesday.

a. I note for the Culvert Access Chamber project, that the *legal agreement to allow access* is in progress; would you be little more detailed in terms of what that actually means? As it is a key milestone in the project plan, what progress was planned and what progress has been achieved and what does this do to the project plan?

b. Is the EA's eel protection action an initiative for this year or is it a regular ban in the winter months?

Given the delays as a result of the EA eel protection what does this do the project plan presented to the CPC.

c. What specifically is the timing condition for the grant - e.g. must the work be finished or just started by the date set, and what is the current forecasted completion date?

d. What is to be done with the river survey report? How does it fit into the other projects?

e. Regarding the attenuation pond initiative, when do you propose to present the proposal to the CPC in order to secure permission to begin fund raising and to secure approval to purchase the land?

rgds

Tony