

Accounts Statement & New Invoices

Prepared by L Roslyn, Parish Clerk/RFO

Approved by Minute Ref 161⁽²⁵⁾b at Parish Council Meeting held on **03 February 2026**

Unity Trust CURRENT T1 A/C		
	Opening Balance as at 1 April 2025	19,145.14
	Less Payments	19,953.18
	Plus Receipts	19,523.32
	Less Transfers to Instant Access A/c	4,534.00
	CURRENT T1 A/C Balance	14,404.92
Unity Trust INSTANT ACCESS A/C		
	Opening Balance as at 10 December 2025	4,534.00
	Less Payments	-
	Plus Receipts	335.74
	INSTANT ACCESS Balance	4,869.74
	TOTAL BANK BALANCE	19,274.66
	Payment Type	Receipts (since last meeting)
29-Jan	Chq	WB Gibbs - Burial of E Moore
Ref 25-	Payment Type	Payments to be Ratified (made between meetings - examined, verified and certified by the RFO)
60	Fee	Unity Trust Bank
		Payments for Ratification Total
Ref 25-	Payment Type	New Invoices For Approval (examined, verified and certified by the RFO)
68	FPO	L Roslyn - Microsoft 365 Annual Subscription
69	FPO	Geosphere Ltd - Parish Online Annual Subscription
70	FPO	L Roslyn - Clerk's Travel Expenses
71	D/D	Ionos - Website/Email Hosting Feb-2026
		Total New Invoices
Reconciled Bank Balance		19,051.02

Croscombe Parish Council - Budget Statement for PCM 3 February 2026

Ref	Approved Budget 2025/26	Actual	Forecast	Forecast	Diff +/-	Notes
		Receipts to Date	Receipts to 31/3/26	Totals to 31/3/26		
RECEIPTS						
R1	Precept	13,915.00	13,915.00	-	13,915.00	-
R2	Cemetery	1,600.00	-	-	1,600.00	
R3	Allotment / Field Rental	300.00	310.00	-	310.00	-
R4	VAT Reclaim		1,875.02	35.90	1,910.92	
R5	Play Area Funds Raised	-	-	-	-	
R6	Grants - Flood Group (Barriers)	-	3,348.00	-	3,348.00	
R7	Orchard Income/Funds Raised	-	75.00	-	75.00	
R8	Interest on Instant Access Acct.	-	5.74	18.00	23.74	
Total Receipts		15,815.00	19,528.76	53.90	19,582.66	
 PAYMENTS						
Ref	Approved Budget 2025/26	Actual Spend to Date	Forecast Spend to 31/3/26	Forecast Totals to 31/3/26	Diff +/-	Notes
P1	Salary	5,104.00	5,760.65	1,272.42	7,033.07	- 1,929.07
P2	Insurance	550.00	437.00	-	437.00	113.00
P3	Mem'ship Fees / Subscriptions	500.00	689.45	-	689.45	- 189.45
P4	Audit Fees	190.00	190.00	-	190.00	-
P5	Meeting Costs	96.00	337.32	48.00	385.32	- 289.32
P6	Bank Charges	72.00	54.00	18.00	72.00	-
P7	Office Costs	250.00	460.25	-	460.25	- 210.25
P8	Website Hosting	122.00	102.00	8.50	110.50	11.50
P9	Training	300.00	125.00	-	125.00	175.00
P10	Assets	200.00	-	200.00	200.00	-
P11	Cemetery Maintenance	2,685.00	2,034.96	-	2,034.96	650.04
P14	Orchard - B/F	1,409.00	14.00	100.00	114.00	1,295.00
P15	Projects	100.00	-	100.00	100.00	-
P16	Play Area Reserves**	2,000.00	-	-	-	Moved to EM Reserves
Total Running Costs		13,578.00	10,204.63	1,746.92	11,951.55	1,626.45
 New Items Approved from 1-Apr-2025 and Moved from Payments by the Clerk						
Ear Marked General Reserves (EMGR)						
EMR1	General Reserves/Contingency	1,600.00	32.10	-	32.10	1,567.90
EMR2	11ia) ^{17-Jun-25} £700 grant added to £3,348 for flood barriers	4,048.00	4,185.00	-	4,185.00	
EMR3	7iv ^{17-Jun-25} - VH Windows Grant	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	
EMR4	13iii ^{15-Jul-25} - 3x Notice Boards	2,610.00	1,305.00	1,305.00	2,610.00	
EMR5	4c) ^{5-Aug-25} & 134 ⁽²⁵⁾ a) - Solicitor fees - land owner legal agreement (culvert)	2,620.00	-	-	2,620.00	2,620.00
EMR6	11iii ^{17-Jun-25} - Play park extra funds**	4,534.00	-	-	-	4,534.00
		12,278.00	8,522.10	1,305.00	12,415.00	8,721.90
 Opening Balance 1-Apr-2025						
		19,145.14				
	Plus Actual Receipts 2025-2026	19,859.06				
	Less Actual Payments 2025-2026	19,953.18				
Bank Balances as at 3-Feb-2026						
		19,051.02				
	Plus Forecast Receipts to 31-Mar-2026	53.90				
	Less Projected Spend to 31-Mar-2026	3,051.92				
	Less EM General Reserves	8,721.90				
Balance Expected at 31-Mar-2026		7,331.10				



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22 January 2026

Dear Sir and/or Madam

Town & Country Planning Act 1990

Enforcement Case No: ENF/2025/0210

Site: Land At 360261 146054 Thrupe Lane Masbury Shepton Mallet Somerset

Complaint Matter: SWT774123839 - very large prefabricated building has been delivered and installed in a field.

Thank you for contacting the Local Planning Authority regarding your complaint to the Planning Enforcement Team.

Your enquiry has been registered however, please note that Planning Enforcement can be a lengthy process and whilst we will now undertake an investigation into the complaint, our ability to provide updates is limited due to GDPR and confidentiality.

Once an assessment of the case has been made we may need to contact you to ensure that we fully understand the nature of the problem and the Enforcement Officer may need to arrange to meet you. You will normally be contacted by telephone or by e-mail if you have provided this information.

All enforcement complaints are dealt with on a confidential basis and information on persons making a complaint is not divulged unless you agree otherwise beforehand.

If you have any urgent queries or concerns, please contact us again.

Yours sincerely,

Planning Enforcement - East Team

Somerset Council

Croscombe Flood Group Report February 2026 (written 25th January)

Chairmans Report to Croscombe Parish Council

The Group will meet on the 27th January.

1. Rain Gauge

A residents storm rain gauge Storm rain gauge is currently being used via an app. A Council Rain gauge is to be installed in the coming months.

2. Culvert Access Chamber

The legal agreement to allow access to the chamber is in progress for 2026.

3. Culvert Responsibility

The Environment Agency have advised that a second survey is to be undertaken to determine the route of the culvert and so identifying the riparian owners. The survey should be completed this summer

4. River Survey

All Riparian owners adjacent to the river are to be sent a letter reminding them of their responsibilities to keep the channel clear and to maintain any walls.

5. Attenuation Ponds

A letter has been sent to owner of land adjacent to the A371 offering to buy the land. There are no grants available for the purchase of land so we will need to fund raise.

6. SCC Draft Flood Report of January 2024

The report has been circulated to members of the Flood Group and comments submitted to the Parish Council which have been passed on to SCC.

Chair of Croscombe Flood Group

26th January 2026

Notes - OWG Meeting 26 January 2026

- 1 Benches for the Orchard - bench £199 and table £299.99 = £498.99 - see images below. These are made from treated timber and should last a reasonably long time.
- 2 Vicky Brock would like to be more involved in the OWG. Louise has contacted her but has had no response yet. Louisa will follow up.
- 3 Estimated cost of postcrete and posts for the Orchard Noticeboard. Further research will need to be done into the length and number of posts.

We will need the board uprights to be buried quite deep and will need a cross bar to give the structure strength against sheep rubbing against them. There is a suggestion that it may be necessary to provide support to the upright posts but until we see the final noticeboard this will be difficult to judge.

Estimated cost c. £120.

Suggested Activities for 2026

- We propose that the council approves the resolution, in principle, the following events for 2026. We have suggested guideline dates but precise dates will be determined by the weather. The clerk will be consulted throughout to ensure that there is no disruption to any activity in the burial ground and to finalise dates.
- Fun Fancy Dress Parade at the Fun Day organised by the OWG. Members of OWG are attending a Fun Day meeting this week and will suggest this.
- Involving the village children and school children in the Lantern Parade. The OWG will discuss with the school, and with Project Factory. This might involve making day/s at the Village Hall.
- A 'Croscombe United' Table presentation at the Wells Community Day. To suggest to the school, village hall, pub, Church, Seventh Day Adventists among others etc to see if they might like to be involved.

Proposed Events

- May - date to be dictated by blossom flowering. A Celebration of Blossom Day (an Hanami), involving picnics and if the weather is suitable activities for children around blossom/fruit.
- June - A Midsummer Meditation Day, possibly involving, for the artistic, making a flower crown.

Summer Picnic, possibly end July/early August

- Autumn - apple pressing afternoon date will be determined by the fruit ripening, possibly October. Pruning day at the end of the year, probably November.
- Planting day for any new trees.

Subject: Ramblers 2026 Project: Potential Rights of Way for Croscombe Parish Council – Review Request

Dear Clerk to the parish council

I am writing on behalf of **Brian Lucas**, (dlywsomerset@gmail.com) coordinator of the **Ramblers Don't Lose Your Way Project** across Somerset. We are trying to identify unrecorded public rights of way for inclusion in the Definitive Map before the 2031 legislative deadline. Although the Labour Government promised, on the 26th Of December 2024 to abolish the cut off date for adding paths to the definitive map, this has not happened and therefore we have to continue ensure these paths are identified and applications submitted before January 1st 2031.

I am **Les Stather**, the volunteer researcher for **Croscombe**, I have completed your parish's assessment using the Ramblers' **Don't Lose Your Way (DLYW)** methodology and wish to share our findings with you.

DLYW Methodology: Rigorous Historical Analysis

The DLYW process involves a systematic three-stage approach:

1. Comparative Map Analysis:

- Overlaying **historical Ordnance Survey maps** (c. 1880s–1940s) with current Definitive Maps to identify paths on the old maps that are not on the OS map today
- Omitting paths that have been legally closed or diverted

2. Archival Cross-Referencing:

- Validating map findings against **primary sources**, including:
- **Inclosure Awards and Maps** (pre-1845): Paths explicitly designated for public access in Awards carry irrefutable legal weight.
- **1910 Finance Act Maps & Field Books**: Entries noting "public right of way" allowances or monetary deductions for path access provide compelling evidence.

3. Evidence Grading:

- Paths are categorised by evidence strength; strong (e.g., named in Inclosure Acts and or 1901 Finance Act map and filed books = "Category 1"; weak no historical evidence apart from the path being on a map = "Category C").

This process has been uniformly applied across all **285 Somerset parishes** to ensure consistency.

Findings for Croscombe

Attached is a map highlighting paths identified in your parish, split into two categories:

- Category 1 Coloured Green:** Paths with **sufficient evidence** (e.g., named in Inclosure Awards, Tithe Maps or 1910 records) – ready for Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) submission.
- Category 2 Coloured Red:** Paths with insufficient evidence – requiring further corroboration (e.g., user testimony).

How the Parish Council Can Assist

Your unique historical role in drafting the first Definitive Maps (via the 1949 Act) makes your input invaluable. We kindly request:

1. Review Category 1 and 2 paths: If any are currently walked “**without let or hindrance for 20+ years**”, user evidence could support a DMMO application.

2. Identify omissions: Highlight paths:

- Not on our list or the Definitive Map but actively used by the community.

Next Steps Where evidence is robust (Category 1), we will prepare DMMO applications for Somerset Council. Does your parish want to submit these applications or do you want The Ramblers to submit them? For Category 2 paths, we seek your partnership to gather additional proof.

Thank you for reviewing my work. Please share feedback by **1st March 2026**. If you are unable to make that date then please advise me of a date you can work to.

I am available at **07768 556735** or **lesj_stather@hotmail.co.uk** and can share much more information about these potential paths. I am also the Somerset Ramblers Area Footpath Officer and am available for consultation on any rights of way issues you may have in your parish

Sincerely,

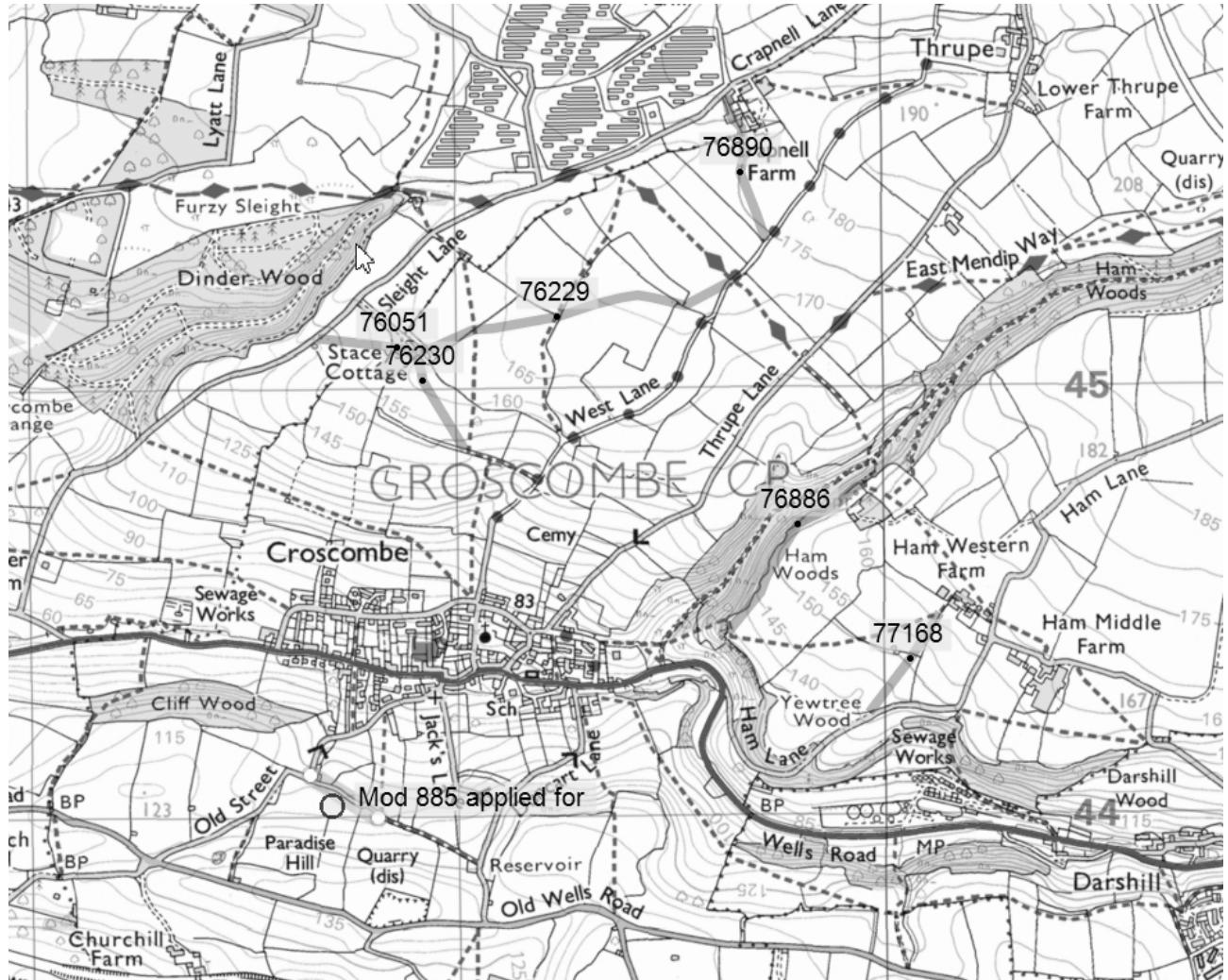
Les Stather

Ramblers 2026 Project Volunteer

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Map of Paths Found and Action Required



I would be grateful if you could check if any of the paths marked in either red or green are currently walked. Also please let me know if you have or know of any historical evidence that could be of use.

Please also let me know if there are any other paths that are currently walked but not on the current OS map as we may be able to put in a pplication for these also based on 20 years usage.

Croscombe Parish Council

Clerk's Report for PCM – 3 February 2026

Date	Action/Correspondence	Comments
22/1/26	Adjustments to Budget 2026-2027 (no change on agreed Precept)	Sent to all Cllrs
	Draft Minutes PCM 20-Jan-2026	Sent to all Cllrs
27/1/26	Defibrillator – ‘unorphaned’ by SWAST	Email from LT advising now registered
	Somerset Council – Clerk contact details not updated	Emailed with my request from Aug-2025
	Burial of E Moore – Cheque received for fee	Requested green form to be sent to me
	ENF/2025/0210: Land At 360261 146054 Thrupe Lane	Sent to all Cllrs for Info
	Precept form submitted for 2026-2027	Emailed to Somerset Council
	Emails/Agenda/HR	Extra hours - 1
28/1/26	Travel to NatWest Bank, Wells	To pay in a cheque for burial fee (<i>no extra time claimed – only mileage</i>)
29/1/26	Temporary Road Closure: ttro859686E - Long Street and Shoalford, St. Cuthbert Out	Sent to all Cllrs for Info
	Temporary Road Closure: ttro909947E - Long Street, Croscombe	Sent to all Cllrs for Info
	Temporary Road Closure: ttro635392E - Commercial Road and Pike Hill, Shepton Mallet	Sent to all Cllrs for Info
	Temporary Road Closure: ttro744833E - Wells Road, Shepton Mallet	Sent to all Cllrs for Info
	Date Change - Temporary Road Closure: Edgarley Road, Glastonbury	Sent to all Cllrs for Info
	Request from resident – to look into replacing the fingerposts in Croscombe	Ack'd and advised on PCM 3-Mar-2026 Agenda
	Query from PH re Croscombe Wardens – are they covered by PC's public liability insurance	Advised yes but would need a risk assessment to be completed
	OWG request for expenditure	Email to LT – on PCM 3-Feb-2026 Agenda
1/2/26	Letter of Resignation from Parish Clerk role	Emailed to LT, cc'd all Cllrs
3/2/26	Dissemination of information (AH0 – anonymous complaint)	Advised PCs do not deal with anonymous complaints – matter closed by Clerk
	Meeting document packs (from Sep-2025) and other documents/information	Uploaded onto the website / website updates
	Meeting with LT, Wells	To discuss resignation (<i>no extra time claimed – only mileage</i>)