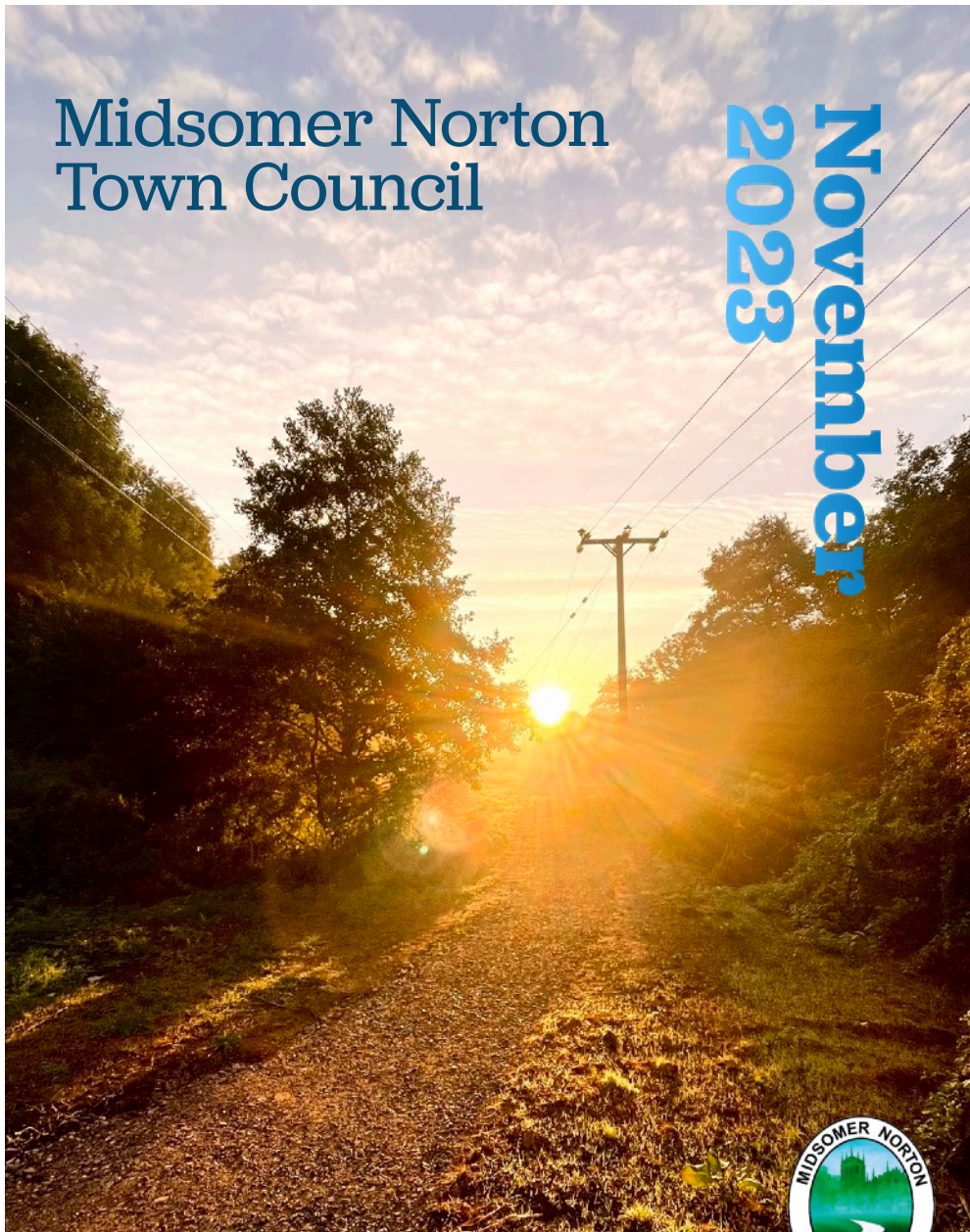


Midsomer Norton Town Council

**November
2023**



The Wellow Brook Walk - Midsomer Norton

Clerk's Update

Katie Mason, Town Clerk
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Dear all,

I am writing to you as I complete my first month in the job. It has been an exciting whirlwind of a journey and I am left with huge excitement about the heartbeat of Midsomer Norton, the refurbished Town Hall and all the possibilities now available to us. I would love to hear how you would like to see the Town Hall used, please do drop me a line or come in and say hello. The first phase of the project is forecast to be completed by the end of the year, this means that as a community, we will be able to use the opened up ground floor Market Hall as it was intended, and of course, the much awaited community cinema will be opening up its doors again too.

Phase 2 of the project, which is the rear extension which will make the Town Hall a versatile venue, is in advanced planning stages. In the meantime, we will use the refurbished Market Hall and Assembly Room to welcome back the community and generate income whilst we prepare for the scheduled building works.

In the run up to Christmas there are lots of events happening around the town, some of which are organised by the Town Council and others where we play a supporting role, for a full list please visit the Council's website.

www.midsomernortontowncouncil.co.uk/events/



New Town Park Signs



The Town Park has had some new signs installed. One is just by the entrance and another beyond the amphitheatre.

As well as a map of the park, there is also information on the varied and interesting wildlife to be found.

The new information signs were funded by a combination of grants and Town Council contributions.

Speed Camera Location



The Town Council's Speed Radar has been relocated on Silver St. The device records traffic volume and speed while warning motorists if they're driving too quickly.

www.midsomernortontowncouncil.co.uk/speed-camera/

New Adventure Play Park

A new Adventure Play Park by the Leisure Centre has opened. The Town Council granted Dragonfly Leisure £5,000 towards the project which also received National Lottery funding.

The Town Council has also donated an outdoor Table Tennis Table which will soon be installed by the picnic area.



Warden's Mushrooms



Our Town Warden Dave Paisey has been enthralled by the wide range of fungi he has found growing across the town, and in the Town Park in particular. He has been taking lots of photos and sending them to office staff to brighten our day.

www.midsomernortontowncouncil.co.uk/wardens-mushrooms/

Here ‘Mayor’ and Everywhere

Mayor’s Announcements

Cllr Gordon Mackay

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The Active Way



The community launch of the Active Way took place at Unit 14 on the 14th October. The scheme will be promoting physical activity throughout the Somer Valley.



Local Radio Day

On Tuesday the 10th October, I had the honour of being interviewed by local students as part of a Local Radio Day project in association with Somer Valley FM. It was fantastic meeting the students and explaining a little about the Town Council and how it contributes to our community.

Cricket Club Presentation Evening

There was a full house for the annual presentation evening of Midsomer Norton Cricket Club held on September 30th in a grand marquee outside the Withies Lane clubhouse.

Julia and I would like to thank Secretary Graeme King and Club President Ian Macdonald for inviting us.

I'd also like to congratulate Ken Webster on his excellent dress sense.



Only two people wore kilts



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Monthly Farmers' Market and AGM



Special thanks to Louise Hall (on my left)

Somerset Farmers' Markets held their AGM on Tuesday the 10th October in the Coxley Village Hall, Wells.

At the meeting, Midsomer Norton Town Council was singled out for particular praise for its enthusiastic support of the market held on the first Saturday of each month in the Hollies Garden in front of Sainsbury's.



*On market day with Dom Chambers ,
Cllrs Warren and Hughes*



With Cllrs Pughe and Robertson

The market has been described as having a great community feel and excellent location, being right on the High Street. It also benefits from being next to the Town's Library which is open on Saturday mornings offering toilet facilities.

Louise Hall, market co-ordinator was thanked for 19 years service.

Council Roundup

Councillor Vacancy

Following the resignation of Councillor Griffiths, and after the notice of casual vacancy period, which expired on 13 Oct 23, no by-election has been called. Therefore, the Town Council welcomes applicants for the position of Councillor of Midsomer Norton Town Council, to apply.

The Council would like to thank Jemma for all her hard work and wish her the best for the future.

Details are on the Council's website:
www.midsomernortontowncouncil.co.uk/councillor-vacancy-co-option

Community Grants

Friends of Silver Street Nature Reserve

At the Full Council meeting on the 2nd October, the Town Council awarded a community grant of £500 to Friends of Silver Street Nature Reserve.

Somerset Youth Theatre

The Finance and Operations Committee awarded a £1,000 grant to the Somerset Youth Theatre at the meeting on the 16th October.

Civic Awards - 25th November

After being postponed in the spring, the Town Council are delighted that the annual Civic Awards will now be held on the 25th November at the Somer Centre from 6pm until 8pm with Mulled Wine and Mince pies for guests attending.

Awards will include:

- ✱ Lifetime Achievement Award
- ✱ Contribution to Civic Life
- ✱ Community Group of the Year
- ✱ Community Youth Group of the Year
- ✱ Community Volunteer of the Year
- ✱ Community Project of the Year
- ✱ Sports Achievement of the Year

Diary

6th November

Full Council Meeting
7pm Hollies Council Chamber

12th November

Remembrance Sunday
10am by the War Memorial

20th November

Finance and Operations Committee Meeting
6pm Hollies Council Chamber

Planning Committee Meetings
7.30pm Hollies Council Chamber

25th November

The Civic Awards
6pm The Somer Centre (tickets only)

30th November

Christmas Lights Switch on
4pm Hollies Gardens



