



February  
2024

Midsomer Norton  
Town Council



The Pit Path - Midsomer Norton

## Clerk's Update

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Katie Mason, Town Clerk  
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Dear all,

Welcome to February's newsletter, as you will see the Mayor has been very busy again and did a wonderful job hosting his Burn's Night Supper for Swallow Charity at the Cricket Club.

The eagerly awaited Wassailing ceremony took place last weekend and was well attended by residents of all ages, the crafting activities were very well received at Unit 14, particular thanks to Studio Meraki who assisted children in making colourful shakers out of recycled materials, to be used later in the wassailing ceremony to awaken the fairies, Eco Wild who instructed visitors on how to make beautiful willow dragonflies and Somer Valley Rediscovered who showed interested attendees how to make a number of bat boxes to be erected in the Town Park.

The Town Hall works are progressing well with the end finally in sight! The Town Council hopes to be back in the Town Hall by the early summer and we will update you on a programme of events welcoming back the public into the Town Hall and Assembly Rooms again.

My warmest wishes,

More events and what's on [page 12](#)

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## Town Park Update

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Our town warden has been busy chopping trees in the Town Park, perfect for nesting wildlife



The Conservation Volunteers have been creating some amazing new steps and paths for visitors to explore.

## Midsummer Norton Wassail

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The annual Midsummer Norton Wassail returned on Saturday with the Langport Mummers and Cam Valley Morris Men in fine form. It was great to catch up with St George after the battle to hear his take on how it went.



The Langport Mummers performing at the Town Park



St George after the battle



The Cam Valley Morris Men

## Farmers' Market

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Cllr Nick Toogood - previous Mayor of Radstock

The Farmers' Market returned on the 3rd February and saw a good turn-out despite the rather dull weather.



Lynda, Martyn, Roxy and Market co-ordinator - Camilla



Entertainment by Benji Bartlett



Guest appearance from White Lake Cheese



The Community (Trust) Stall

# Mayor's Announcements

Cllr Gordon Mackay  
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## Town Park 5k

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On the first Saturday of every month, the Welton Baptist Runners host a 5k timed run through Midsomer Norton's Town Park. Usually I can't make it as it clashes with the Farmers' Market but as the market isn't held in January, I took the opportunity to say hello.

## Paulton Hospital Ward Reopening

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On the 24th January, I was invited to officially (re)open the hospital Dayroom which has had a makeover thanks to the Paulton Hospital League of Friends.

## Rotary Burns' Night

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The Rotary Club's own Burns' Night was held at the Old Down Inn on the 23rd January with me as honoured guest. It was a great chance to practise the address to a haggis before my own charity Burns' Night



## Mayor's Charity Burns' Night

Raising over £500 for well-known and much loved charity SWALLOW, the Mayor's Burns' Night was a great success on the 26th January. Julia did an amazing job in the kitchen appreciated by a full-house at Midsomer Norton Cricket Club .



Receiving a certificate from the SWALLOW team



Haggis sponsor : Phil Day Butchers



Jimmy Hat - Mayor's Hat



South West Action for Learning and Living Our Way

## Mayor's Charity Burns' Night



Team Tartan with Moira Vu



Mayoress Julia with bar-manager Rob



Andrew Carter local supplier of 'Dim Sim' haggis



Cllrs Martyn Plant and Alun Pughe



## Burns' Night Raffle

A huge thanks for all the fantastic raffle prizes donated

*SWALLOW, High Street DIY  
Rebel Zen, Avon and Wessex*



*Ian Hobbs Refrigeration,  
Nisi, Dog Lover Café,  
Norton Sports, Lit Fibre*



## Here 'Mayor' and Everywhere

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It's great being out-and-about in Midsomer Norton, meeting people while supporting our shops, cafés, pubs and clubs. Anyone who wants a mention, just say hello :)



Discussing the Town Park with Jonathon Cooper from Welton Baptists



Best behaviour with Chief Superintendent Pete Warren and Rotary President Kevin Chard



Jane and Tyrone enthusiastic about Midsomer Norton starting a new youth club



# Council Diary

## **19th February**

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Probably not Planning  
7pm Finance and Operations Committee

## **2nd March**

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Farmers' Market

## **4th March**

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Full Council Meeting  
7pm Hollies Council Chamber

## **April**

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Annual Town Meeting



# In Midsomer Norton

## Do It The Active Way

**Tuesday 20th February** (09:00 - 15:00) Free Dr Bike - Unit 14, South Road, Midsomer Norton.

## Somer Valley Rediscovered • Exploring, Restoring and Connecting

### February:

**Tuesday 13th** (13:30 – 15:00), Family Insect Collage Workshop (1 space left) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-insect-collage-workshop-tickets-810059368377>

**Thursday 22nd** (10:00 – 12:00), Spring Nature, Craft, Connection (adults 6-week course) <https://bookwhen.com/ecowild/e/ev-sz70-20240222100000>

**Thursday 22nd** (13:00 – 15:00), Bird Wanders (adults 6-week course) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bird-wanders-tickets-803924869927>

**Saturday 24th** (10:30 – 12:30), Winter Tree Identification Walk (2 spaces left, open to families) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/winter-tree-identification-walk-tickets-798269193647>

### March

**4th – 8th** B&NES Staff Wellbeing Week – May go live for members of the public if there are spaces.

**Thursday 7th** (12:30 – 13:30), Spring Sensory Walk (adults) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/spring-sensory-walk-tickets-798328541157>

**Monday 18th** (10:00 – 12:30), Introduction to Early Spring Foraging (Waterside Valley) Event not open to booking yet!

**Saturday 23rd** (10:00 – 13:00), Natural Fabric Dying Workshop (adults/16+) (Radstock Methodist Centre) Event not open to booking yet!

### April

**Wednesday 3rd** (10:30 – 13:00) Spring Family Nature Walk + Sing-a-ling at Amphitheatre (Midsomer Norton Town Park) Event not open to booking yet!

**Friday 5th** (11:30 – 13:00) Nordic Walking Taster (adults) (Staddlestones Park) Event not open to booking yet!

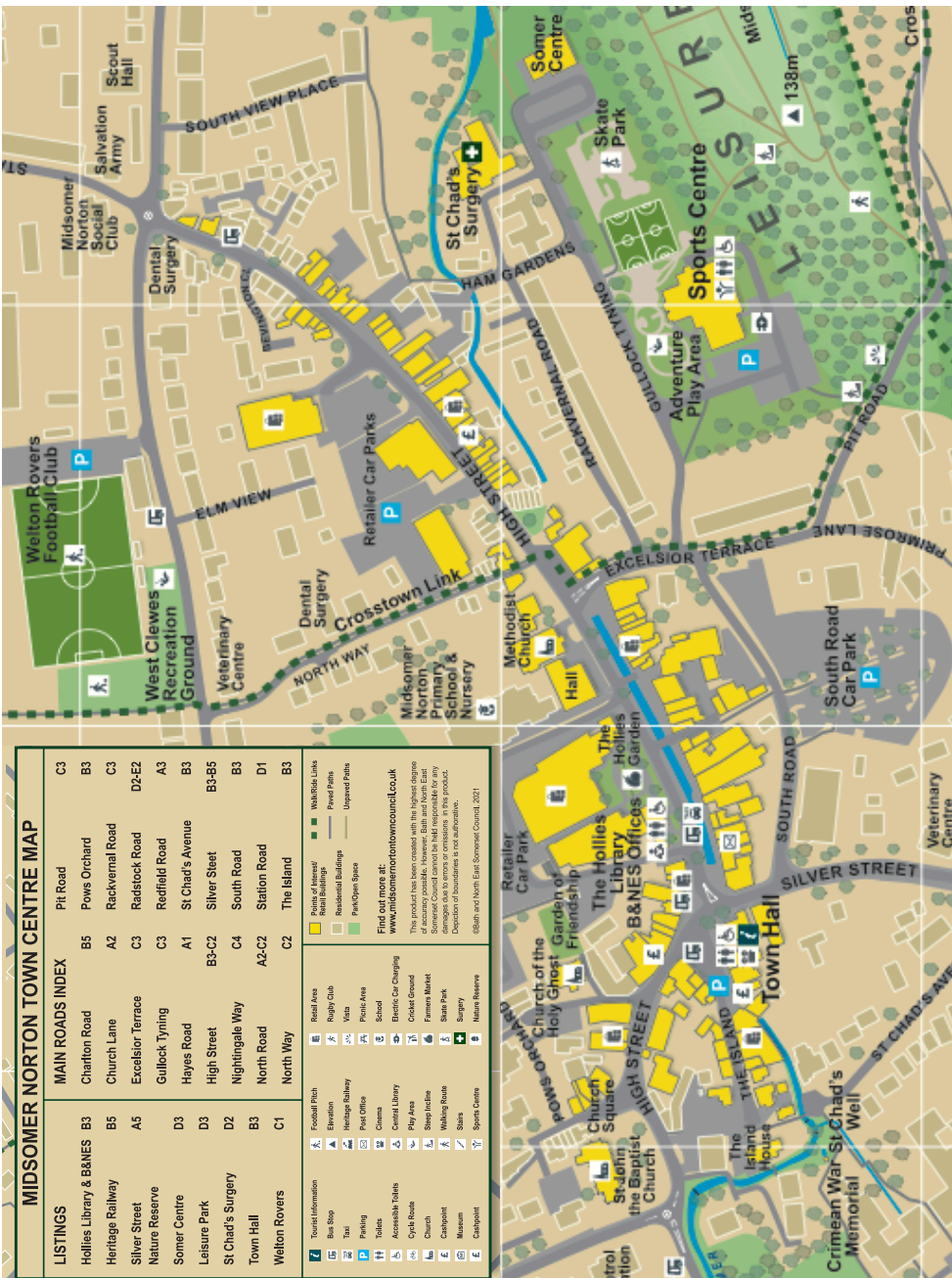
**Friday 12th** (11:30 – 12:30) Nordic Walking 6 Week Course (adults) (Staddlestones Park) Event not open to booking yet!

**Monday 22nd** (10:00 – 12:30) Introduction to Late Spring Foraging (Waterside Valley) Event not open to booking yet!

**Friday 26th** (20:30 – 21:45) Bat Walk – led by Steve England (Wellow Brook Walk) Event not open to booking yet!

**Saturday 27th** (10:00 – 11:30) Family Insect Collage Workshop (Unit 14) Event not open to booking yet!

**Sunday 28th** (10:30 – 12:30) Haydon Batch BioBlitz! Walk led by Steve England (Haydon Batch) Event not open to booking yet!



**MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN CENTRE MAP**

LISTINGS	MAIN ROADS INDEX	
Hollies Library & B&NES	B3	Pit Road
Heritage Railway	B5	Pows Orchard
Silver Street	A5	Rackvernal Road
Nature Reserve	D3	Redstock Road
Somer Centre	D2-E2	Recfield Road
Leisure Park	D3	A1 St Chad's Avenue
St Chad's Surgery	D2	B3-B5 Silver Street
Town Hall	B3	C4 South Road
Welton Rovers	C1	A2-C2 Station Road
		D1 The Island
		B3

Football Pitch	Retail Area	Walk/Ride Links
Bus Stop	Rugby Club	Paved Paths
Taxi	Heritage Railway	Reskinned Buildings
Parking	Vets	Unpaved Paths
Toilets	Post Office	Park/Open Space
Tollies	Panic Area	
Central Library	School	
Accessible Toilets	Electric Car Charging	
Cycle Route	Play Area	
Church	Cricked Ground	
Cafepub	Farmers Market	
Museum	Walking Route	
Cahypod	Stairs	
	Sports Centre	
	Surgery	
	Nature Reserve	

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