



Christmas Arts Trail Window Displays

## Clerk's Update

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Dear all,

Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed some down time over the festive period and were able to get out and support our local businesses despite all the rain! We appointed some night time street marshals over the holidays which hopefully added to your enjoyment of the town's night time offer.

We are looking forward to supporting the Community Trust in delivering the Wassailing event on the morning of Saturday 3rd February. I hope we see lots of attendees, who will make crowns and other nature crafts, processing down the high street and into the Town Park where the Wassailing ceremony will be held.

Another thing to look forward to is our Annual Town Meeting, a date will be published soon. This is a public meeting, not a Town Council meeting, and is a chance for members of the public to ask any questions of the Council and receive updates on the Council's activities over the previous year. We will invite all recipients of our grants to showcase their work through presentations, to give an insight as to how our support has helped them to achieve their ambitions and the benefit this has brought to the town.

The Town Hall restoration continues with works to the mezzanine floors progressing. We can't wait to get back into the building and see it pulsing as the heart of the town again.

My warmest wishes,

Dates for your diaries

**10 January - 28 February** - Volunteering Opportunities – Somer Valley Rediscovered - Midsomer Norton Town Council

**15 January** - B&NES consultation on their budget closes - have your say

**3 February** - Wassailing event starting at Unit 14, South Road, MSN

**March** (date tbc) Annual Town Meeting

# Mayor's Announcements

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## Midsomer Norton Community Band

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Fiona Langley and Cllr Lynda Robertson

On the 5th December I was invited to the Midsomer Norton Community Band Christmas Concert held at Chilcompton Village Hall with guest appearance from the Sax Pistols.

The Midsomer Norton Community Wind Band have been together since 2017 and normally rehearse and stage concerts at the Town Hall and are an inclusive wind band of around 30 musicians of all ages - currently from 11 to 79, all from Midsomer Norton and it's wider community.

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to seeing the band perform in Midsomer Norton again when the Town Hall reopens.



## Rotary Club Carol Concert

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The Rotary Club of Midsomer Norton invited me to their Christmas Service with the SWALLOW choir performing at St' John's Church on the 12th December.





## Carnival Presentation Evening



On the 9th December, the Midsomer Norton and District Carnival Association held their annual presentation evening at Prattens Social Club. I had the honour of saying a few words and presenting a couple of trophies.

The Carnival is such a big event in the Midsomer Norton calendar, my thanks to everyone involved for all their hard work.

## Scout's Christmas Post



I'm a big fan of Christmas cards so the Scout's Christmas Post is a brilliant scheme where people can post cards to their local area for just 50p.



# Charity Burns' Night for SWALLOW



The Mayor's Charity Burns' Night will be held on the **26th January** raising money for SWALLOW.

Midsomer Norton Cricket Club have kindly offered their facilities and the evening will start at 7pm.

Tickets, donations and kilts are optional.

All are welcome to attend and optional donations can be made through JustGiving

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/gordon-mackay-1704182177070>

Or when ordering an optional ticket on EventBrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mayors-charity-burns-night-tickets-783477400997>

## £100 Raffle Donation



£100 Raffle Prize donated to SWALLOW

Since becoming Mayor of Midsomer Norton in May, I've had the privilege of drawing many raffles but not winning so many myself.

So, imagine my surprise when popping round to one of Midsomer Norton's most famous and finest local pubs, the White Hart, to be told I'd actually won the Christmas raffle and a cool one hundred pounds in cash!

The money is the perfect way to start the Charity Burns' Night Donations



Donate to SWALLOW with JustGiving

## Here 'Mayor' and Everywhere

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 :)



Thanks Connie, for opening the Rugby Club on Christmas Day



Mayor on Ice @ Planet Volt



Hello Andrew and Rach!

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## Somer Valley Rediscovered

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### **Great Big Bird Walk!**

Saturday 27th January Wellow Brook Walk - Midsomer Norton 10:30 - 12:30 Description: A 2-hour long beginners bird identification looped walk through Wellow Brook Walk and onto the cycle path. Led by Steve England a nature enthusiast, this is a celebration of the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch Weekend, encouraging confidence in bird ID skills and connecting to nature in the Somer Valley. Gently paced on a gravel and tarmacked footpath, a short flight of stairs at one end of the walk. Eventbrite booking: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/great-big-bird-walk-tickets-790206387577](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/great-big-bird-walk-tickets-790206387577)

### **Wassail**

Saturday 3rd February Unit 14, Midsomer Norton Town Centre and Park 10:00 - 15:00 Description: An event organised by the Midsomer Norton Community Trust, starting at Unit 14 in Midsomer Norton with crown making, willow weaving and bird box making workshops 10:00 - 12:00. A parade down the High Street will begin at 12:30 to the Town Park where there will be Morris Dancers and Live Performances.

### **Nordic Walking Taster**

Monday 5th February The Somer Centre, Midsomer Norton Town park 12:30 - 13:30 Description: Led by Maxine Denham, a Certified Nordic Walking Instructor, a gentle introduction to Nordic Walking. All equipment is provided, it is advised you wear comfortable trainers or walking boots and sports clothing. Meeting outside the Somer Centre on Gullocks Tynning.

## **Somer Valley Rediscovered cont...**

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### **Winter Tree Identification Walk**

Saturday 24th February Wellow Brook Walk - Midsomer Norton 10:30 - 12:30 Description: Wrap up and explore the stark beauty of the Somer Valley's trees this winter. Led by Steve England, learn to identify our trees through barks and buds. The walk will begin with an introduction to the key characteristics used in the identification of trees at this time of year. We will then explore Wellow Brook Walk with a leisurely paced walk led by our specialist, identifying trees through bark and buds.

### **Spring Wellbeing Walk**

Wednesday 7th March Midsomer Norton Town Park 12:30 - 13:30 Description: A gentle walk in Midsomer Norton Town Park, looking at nature and exploring the senses. A steeper incline to the top of the Midsomer Norton Batch to look at the views and partake in a short mindfulness activity.

For more events and updates on those listed (some events may be ticketed) see [www.somervalleyrediscovered.co.uk](http://www.somervalleyrediscovered.co.uk)



# Diary

## **8th January**

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Full Council Meeting  
7pm Hollies Council Chamber

## **15th January**

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Planning Committee  
6pm Hollies Council Chamber

Finance and Operations Committee  
7.15pm Hollies Council Chamber

## **26th January**

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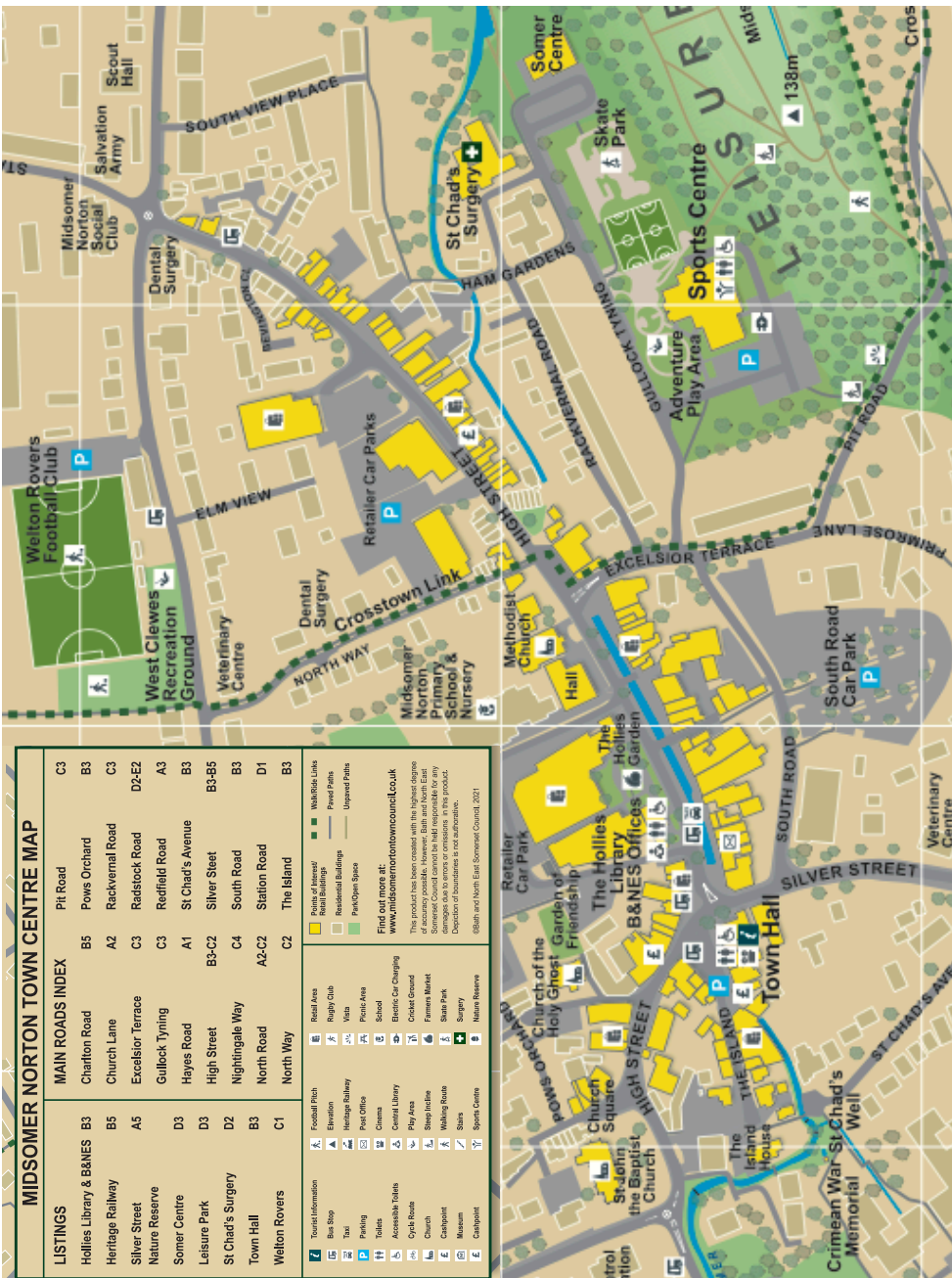
Mayor's Charity Burns' Night  
7pm Midsomer Norton Cricket Club

## **3rd February**

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Wassail starting at Unit 14





**MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN CENTRE MAP**

LISTINGS	MAIN ROADS INDEX	
Hollies Library & B&NES	B5	Pit Road C3
Heritage Railway	B5	Pows Orchard B3
Silver Street	A5	Rackvernal Road C3
Nature Reserve	D3	Redstock Road D2-E2
Somer Centre	D3	Recfield Road A3
Leisure Park	D3	St Chad's Avenue B3
St Chad's Surgery	D2	Silver Street B3-B5
Town Hall	B3	South Road C4
Welton Rovers	C1	Station Road D1
		The Island B3

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

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