

ST CUTHBERT (OUT)

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READING



The Parish & nearby

[Common planning queries](#) (SCO PC)

[Say 'hello' to St Cuthbert \(Out\) Parish - parish maps!](#) (SCO PC)

[Greener Villages Grants: Policy & Application form](#) (SCO PC)

[REPORT DOG FOULING](#) (Somerset Council)

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SPEAKERS: PAYING IT BACK

[Regular Donations help save lives](#) (Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance)

[Supporting us through donating](#) (The Volunteer Network)

[Donate to your local YMCA group](#) (YMCA Brunel)

[Keep an eye on how you can support](#) (Wells Storehouse Food & Furniture)



Wells & Rural Local Community Network

Annual General Meeting: Gurney Slade Village Hall, Tuesday 23rd July: AGENDA

[Draft Minutes 30th April](#) [Minutes, 1st February](#) [Minutes, 14th September](#)

[Minutes, 29th June](#)

WORKING GROUPS Active Travel Highways & Transport Flooding

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Wider Community / Somerset



[*Some categories of council tax discounts may be phased out from April 2025](#)

(Somerset County Gazette, 26th July)

[Roots for Somerset and making your trees count](#) (Somerset Council)

['Our Watch' newsletter, July 2024](#) (Neighbourhood Watch)

[Summer 2024 Event Newsletter](#) (Somerset Prepared)

[Offline & Overlooked: digital exclusion & its impact on older people](#) (AgeUK)

[PLAN-IT Planning Policy News Issue 7](#) (Somerset Council, July)

[Dog muck, the risk to cattle and how to prevent aborted calves: Owner Responsibility](#) (Farming Weekly)

Finance & Support



[Struggling with bills? Household Support Fund can help](#) (DWP/Somerset Council)

[Social Tariffs: cheaper broadband & mobile packages](#) (Ofcom)

[Benefits calculator: what are you entitled to?](#) (AgeUK)

[Pension Credit Calculator](#) (DWP)

Young People, Education & training



[Improving educational outcomes for disadvantaged children](#) (NAO, 2024-25)

[Free childcare if you're working - application deadline 31st August](#) (Gov.UK)

[Hospitality work abroad - guidance for avoiding exploitation](#) (Home Office, 16th July)

[16 fun ways to improve children's listening skills](#) (Twinkl)

[Building your mental resilience](#) (The Children's Society)

[Chomp: free business start-up programme for under 24s in Somerset](#) (SBA)

[#LookCloser campaign](#) (Children's Society)

Health & Wellbeing



[NHS Amber alert for national blood shortage & Give Blood 0300 123 2323](#) (NHS)

[National RSV vaccination programme announced: pregnant women, those over 75 & those at risk](#) (DHSC, 17th July)

[Hesitant golden retriever won over by persistent kitten](#) (Leo Fucarev/YouTube)

[Get support at home after a stay in hospital](#) (British Red Cross)

[Community support for people experiencing Domestic Abuse](#) (Somerset Survivors)

[15 minute meditation for patience & resolve](#) (mindful.org)

[ESCAPE pain online](#) programme for people struggling with knee and hip osteoarthritis (Health Connections Mendip / Health Innovations)

[Carers Groups: in person or online](#) (Spark Somerset)

[Wellbeing benefits of being a cat whisperer](#) (Meow Foundation)

[The Hygiene Bank - get products, give products](#) (Street & Glastonbury Boots)

Business & Employment



[Remote working & its challenges for the public sector employees](#) (The Conversation)

[UK growth better than expected](#) (British Chambers of Commerce, 11th July)

[Setting up a CIC: forms and step-by-step guide](#) (Gov.UK)

[Help To Grow: Government campaign & resources for small businesses](#) (DofB&T)

[Somerset Business Bulletin](#) (Somerset Council, 18th July)

[Growth Hub Business support](#) (24th July, Heart of the South West)

Nationwide & international



NATIONWIDE

["Desperately exposed": the UK readiness for pandemics & cyber threats](#) (The Guardian, 29th July)

[Government's planning overhaul & housing targets](#) (BBC, 30th July)

[23 cat imposters in classic canvas creations](#) (Cheezeburger)

[Nominations open for King's Birthday Honours 2025](#) (MHCLG/Cabinet Office, 22nd July)

[Tewkesbury Abbey's new dog vergers](#) (BBC, 1st July)

[Around Wales with Chico the Donkey](#) (Ramblings, R4)

[Mouse filmed tidying man's shed every night](#) (BBC News)

[A list of trusts that offer funds to animal charities](#) (Charity Connect)

INTERNATIONAL

[Global middle powers & the changing world order](#) (LSE podcasts, 12th June)

[Foreign Travel advice: The Lebanon](#) (FCO, 1st August)

[Expedition 71: the International Space Station: blogs, mission, gallery](#) (nasa.gov)

[Gratitude & compassion in spades: the National Programme for \(WWII\) Aircraft Recovery](#) (Government of The Netherlands)

[WTO Head: Global trade, the risks to breakdown & potential impact](#) (BBC, 8th July)

[Listen live: The Radio Map of Europe](#) (radiomap.eu)



PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP

Current focus themes: Somerset Local Nature Recovery; Strawberry Line Wildlife Pond project; Multi-User pathways & Active Travel; Grants for Greener Villages; Green Plaques Project

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ENVIRONMENT: Local & What's On



[‘Ash Viewing’: sculptural installation planned to highlight plight of Mendip Ash trees](#) (Mendip Hills National Landscape, 30th July)

[National Bat Monitoring Programme & lots of activity and involvement resources](#) (Bat Conservation Trust)

[Free trees for schools & community groups](#) (Woodland trust) & a local woodland creation team contact: woodlandcreation@somerset.gov.uk

[Blackbird Survey: Understanding the decline & where it's happening](#) (BTO)

[Wells Environment Network launched - multi-group collaboration](#) (WEN)

[Species Spotlight: Hazel Dormouse](#) (Mendip Hill NL/YouTube)

[Could you become a Water Vole-unteer?](#) (PTES)

[Species & Habitat Groups to be involved with in Somerset](#) (Somerset WT)

[Become a Climate Action Networker: sign up](#) (Somerset CAN)

ENVIRONMENT: Farming, Sustainability & Rural News

[Chief vet urges continued vigilance for Bluetongue Virus](#) (DEFRA/APHA 18th July)

[Inviting MPs to your farm](#) (NFU, 8th July)

[New sustainable food and farming conference for the South West](#) 22-23rd

November, Bath & West showground (landalive.co.uk)

[Pesticide use in the UK](#) (Pesticide Action network UK, June)

[Bluetongue Virus - resources pack & update](#) (DEFRA/APHA, 7th May)

[Hedge-cutting & bird-nesting season: the laws](#) (RSPB)

ENVIRONMENT: Climate Crisis & Conservation



[Rapid review by Government of environmental act targets](#) (DEFRA, 30th July)

[What happened when the dormice were released](#) (PTES, 13th July)

[Lost areas of Welsh rainforest revived](#) (The Guardian, 15th July)

[Latest from the Big Garden Bird Watch, including swifts & housemartins](#) (RSPB)

[Summer means hoglets! Actions & resources if you see one or want to help](#)
(Hedgehog Street/BHPS/PTES)

[Healthy Hedgerows: rapid hedgerow health checking survey](#) (PTES)

[Small insects and making a big difference](#) (buglife.org)

[Solastalgia](#) - human responses to localised environmental destruction (The Guardian, 24th September)

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

*[SEEN Newsletter](#) (Issue 15, July- Somerset Council)

[Eagle Eye on the environment - June edition](#) (Wildlife & Countryside Link)

[Wildlife World Bitesize](#) (PTES, July)

ENVIRONMENT: Allotments & gardening

[7 ways garden birds keep their cool in summer](#) (RSPB, 20th July)

[Kingfisher & hatching chicks](#) (Robert Fuller/YouTube)

[8 minutes of our commonly loved garden birdsong](#) (YouTube/Birdfun)

[Allotment etiquette & getting along with neighbours](#) (GoSelfSufficient)

[Hedgehog rescuers make plea to gardeners](#) (BBC, 5th June)

[What to plant in JULY & MAY allotment jobs](#) (BBC Gardeners World)

HAZARDS & PESTS

[Bird-proofing allotments - some ideas](#) (Gardeners Corner)

[Asian Hornet factsheet & How to report sightings](#) (NNESS & Somerset Beekeepers)

[Asian Hornet sighting report form](#) (UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology)

[Rats in compost and Weils Disease safety concerns](#) (Allotment – Garden.org)



[Parish Council allotments: templates of tenancy agreements, terms & conditions, risk assessment & inspection routine](#) (SCO PC)

BUSES

[Passenger feedback survey 5-10mins!](#) (Somerset Bus Partnership)

[Summer's on the way so why not Bus It for walkies? £2 single fare still in place](#)
(Somerset Council, 24th May)

[Wells – Wedmore Service #67 Bus timetable](#)

[BUSIT – Ticket deals & calculate your savings!!](#) (Somerset Council)

TRANSPORT- GENERAL

[Council to improve safety at Miners Arms junction](#) (Somerset Council, 18th Apr.)

[Owning an electric vehicle: the good, the bad & the ugly](#) (Brabaham Instit., 22nd Feb.)

[Transport & Travel News - Issue 12](#) (Somerset Council, July 2024)

Heritage & history

[England's sporting heritage: the Played In Britain collection](#) (Historic England)

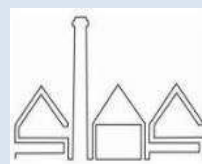
[The rise and fall of the brewing industry in the Wells area](#) (Tony Scrase/SANHS)

[St Cuthbert's Way](#) (stcuthbertsway.org)

[The Church of St Cuthbert & St Matthias, Kensington](#) (Historic England)

[St Cuthbert's Church - a trail](#) (Wells & Mendip Museum)

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