



Fun Planting Trees

Children from Sunshiners helped the Give A Day Team
plant a massive 100 trees at The Green.
They were donated by The Eden Project.



From your Parish Clerk

Happy New Year from your Parish Council.

This is the time of year when we budget for the next financial year, 2026 to 2027, this includes setting our Precept which dictates how much of your Council Tax bill goes towards your Parish Council. We have increased the amount you contribute by 14.87% or £11 per year for a Band D property.

What do we do with your Precept money?

Your Parish Council looks after many amenities within Wembdon, including and not limited to:

Providing and emptying bins

Grass and hedge cutting

Creating and maintaining The Parklands

Dealing with storm damage

Play equipment installation and maintenance

Responding to planning applications

Ensuring safe pavements and highways around the Parish

Creating pleasant spaces with flowers and benches

Providing and managing the allotments.

You will find a survey in the centre of this edition, and we really encourage you to complete it honestly as we need your input.

We would love to see you at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 27th April at 7pm where we will have a guest speaker followed by complimentary refreshments in the bar.

We are currently in need of a new Councillor, so if this interests you, why not come along to our next meeting???

We look forward to meeting you, Sam.



EASTER CRAFT FAIR

Wembdon Village Hall

SATURDAY

14 MARCH 2026

10 am – 3.30 pm

Locally made crafts and
gifts in the main hall &
upstairs in the Sedgemoor
Room (lift available)

**Coffee, homemade cakes and
lunch-time savouries**

Large car park & free entry

WEMBDON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The WCA has purchased Bleed Kits for presentation to St George's Parish Centre and The Cottage Inn.

The Bleed kits will be mounted in large, secure red boxes on the outer wall of the buildings adjacent to the existing Defibrillators.

The Green at Wembdon already has a Bleed Kit contained within their Defibrillator container, so there are now three available around the village.

In the case of an emergency these can be accessed by dialling "999" and following the instructions given.



WCA Chairman John Rudge presents a Bleed Kit for the Parish Centre to Rev. Ed Moll

“A bleed kit, also known as a haemorrhage control kit, is designed to manage severe bleeding and can be crucial in emergency situations to save lives.

Purpose of a Bleed Kit

A bleed kit is specifically tailored to address life-threatening bleeding incidents, which can occur due to traumatic injuries such as accidents, stabbings, or other emergencies. The primary goal of a bleed kit is to control severe blood loss until professional medical help arrives. In critical situations, having immediate access to a bleed kit can significantly improve survival chances, as uncontrolled bleeding can lead to death within minutes.”



WCA Chairman John Rudge presents a Bleed Kit for The Cottage Inn to Lance Duddridge

St George's Church

Thank you to all who have shown interest and concern for the church roof. We have some news to share!

Damage to the church roof during the storms of October and December 2024 revealed further serious damage to the Chancel roof, the area at the front of the church.



Following careful investigation, the PCC have been able to appoint Ellis & Co to proceed with the repair at an estimated cost of £100,907 + VAT, which amounts to **£121,088**. The work is expected to take 12 weeks, and we hope to make an immediate start.

We have raised £81,975 to date, and with pledges yet to be received, the amount is **£90,969** including Gift Aid. We are so grateful and thank God for his faithfulness to us as a Church.

The target of £30,000 is to meet this shortfall, which we hope to cover through fund raising and grant applications (and VAT relief where applicable). You can find information about how to give on our JustGiving page (St George's Church Roof Appeal), on the church website www.sgw.org.uk, or you can speak to Katherine Cannell (01278 426254)

Thank you so much for your interest!

PS we still think that the most interesting part of St George's Church is what happens under the roof – anyone is welcome to join our Sunday services.





**Welcome to a new
Councillor
Andrew Jarvis**

Hi, I'm Andy Jarvis. I have lived in the Bridgwater area for most of my life and in Wembdon for the past 20+ years. Wembdon, to me, has all the quality aspects of a great village including The

Green, the allotments, paths and parks, The Cottage Inn, and most importantly the friendly people. It is because of these qualities that I decided to join the Parish Council to try and give a little something back to my community.

After leaving school I became an Aircraft Engineer in the Royal Navy before venturing into manufacturing (blow molding plastic bottles) and then providing engineering consultancy advice to some of the most advanced engineering projects in the country including Radar, Submarines, Unmanned Aircraft, Rail, Power Stations and the Square Kilometer Array telescope. Hopefully my engineering approach to problems will contribute to the valuable work that the Parish Council do.

In my spare time you might see me walking around the village with my wife Jackie and our mad cockerpool, Barnaby, or helping Jackie with our allotment.

I am looking forward to meeting some of you and working with the Parish Council.

Food Waste Recycling in Somerset

Thank you to everyone, Somerset residents are among the best for recycling in the country, but there's still more we can do. Did you know that food waste makes up over 20% of the average Somerset family's rubbish bin by weight?

Somerset Council, working with SUEZ, launched a county-wide campaign to encourage all residents to recycle their food waste and help reduce what ends up in the bin. Around 7 of out 10 Somerset households already recycle food waste, but there's still more to do, and every little helps.

Recycling your food waste is easy and has real benefits for both our community and the environment. When you recycle food waste, it's collected weekly and turned into green electricity and fertiliser. In fact, just one recycled kitchen caddy of food waste can generate enough electricity to power a light bulb for 24 hours!

By making food waste recycling part of your weekly routine, you'll help Somerset save up to £1 million a year and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It's also a great way to cut down on smells, as food waste is taken away more frequently than general rubbish.

If you don't have a food waste caddy or need more information, it's simple to order one from Somerset Council. Visit the Council's website:

www.somerset.gov.uk/order-bins.

Thank you for helping to make Somerset a cleaner, greener place to live. For more information, visit the Somerset Council website or look out for updates on social media: www.facebook.com/SomersetWaste.



SID & SPEEDWATCH REPORT JANUARY 2026

The Speedwatch Team intend to resume operations shortly.

The Police Speed Enforcement Team also intend to be active in Wembdon during the coming months.

The mobile SID is now in position at the junction of Moore's Lane and Skimmerton Lane monitoring traffic incoming towards Wembdon.

FIXED SOLAR SIDs

Generally, vehicle speeds over the last 6 months have remained constant with average speeds slightly decreasing, which is obviously a good trend. There is still a worrying factor regarding MAXIMUM SPEEDS recorded, which is of great concern. **SPEED KILLS.**

Latest Speed Data

Sandford Hill

Average Speed (Incoming) = 26.19mph

Average Speed (Outgoing) = 30.2mph

Maximum Speed (Incoming) = 65mph

Maximum Speed (Outgoing) = 75mph

Wembdon Rise (Wares Lane)

Average Speed (Towards NDR) = 19.06mph

Average Speed (Towards Wembdon Hill) = 20.62mph

Maximum Speed (Towards NDR) = 51mph

Maximum Speed (Towards Wembdon Hill) = 52mph

Wembdon Rise

Average Speed (Incoming from NDR) = 19.45mph

Average Speed (Outgoing towards NDR) = 19.96mph

Maximum Speed (Incoming from NDR) = 58mph

Maximum Speed (Outgoing towards NDR) = 63mph



Wembdon Community Parish Survey

Our parish is a place where we come together, support one another, and build a thriving community. To ensure we continue meeting the needs of everyone who calls this parish home, we want to hear from you!

Why are we asking you to complete a survey?

Wembdon Parish Council are likely to have extra funding for a new project in the near future. We think that there are some great facilities already, but we are hoping to be in a position to develop something new for the community. We would like to understand what people think is needed.

The survey should only take a few minutes to complete. Your responses will help shape future initiatives, services, and priorities for our parish. Your input is invaluable, and your voice matters. This survey is for Wembdon Residents only and the responses are anonymous. It can be filled in by a household or by each member separately.

What to do with the completed form?

Drop it in one of the collection boxes, which can be found at:

**The Green,
Wembdon St George's School,
The Parish Centre,
and The Cottage Inn**

Alternatively

Scan this QR code and complete the survey on line.



Please submit your response by 28th February

Now turn to the next page to start the survey

1. Do you or any of your family participate in any of the facilities or activities in the Parish of Wembdon?

(Facilities available include cricket, football, dance classes, Scouts, Cubs, Brownies, Guides, Bridge)

Tick only one box.

Yes (please go to question 2)

No (please go to question 3)

2. Please list those facilities or activities:

3. If you don't use the facilities, what is the reason?

4. Are there any facilities or activities you would like to see? Please detail below (we have provided some suggestions):

- Tennis Court
- Padel
- Youth club
- 60+ Community Club
- Multi Use Games Area (which could be used for a variety of sports such as basketball or 5-a-side football)
- Skate park

5. Do you think there is a need for more playground equipment?

Tick only one box.

Yes (please go to question 6)

No (please go to question 7)

6. Please list what extra playground equipment you would like to see:

7. Would you like to see a Community shop?

(run by volunteers)

Tick only one box.

Yes (please go to question 8)

No (please go to question 9)

8. Would you be interested in volunteering to run the shop?

Tick only one box.

Yes (please see the end of the form for contact details)

No

9. Do you feel the current facilities are accessible to all?

Tick only one box.

Yes, I think they are accessible (please go to question 11)

No, I think they could be improved (please go to question 10)

10. Please give details of how you think the accessibility could be improved.

For example, improvements to footpaths, dropped kerbs, Community transport:

11. Please select your age category

Tick only one box.

Under 18 18-39 40-59 60-69 70+ Prefer not to say

12. What gender do you identify as?

Tick only one box.

Male Female Other Prefer not to say

13. What is your postcode?

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Thank you for taking the time in completing this survey, we will keep you posted with updates via the Parish Paper, the Wembdon Parish Council Website and notice boards around the village. In the meantime, if you have any other suggestions that have not been covered above we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact s.bromme@wembdonparish.gov.uk

For more information on Wembdon Parish Council, and what we do, please visit our website: <https://wembdonparish.gov.uk> We are always looking for volunteers, and if you're interested, we'd love to hear from you.

Contact the clerk: clerk@wembdonparish.gov.uk.

Tree planting day at The Green



The Green was very fortunate to receive 100 free trees to plant from the Eden Project for Communities.

The Give a Day Team kindly planted all the baby trees with

some much-needed assistance from The Sunshiners children with the planting. It was a mammoth task, well done to everyone, we look forward to seeing them grow.



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Drop in or contact Kay for more information Tel: 01278 423212

Email: kcrwembdon@hotmail.com

We look forward to seeing you soon



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Parish Council meetings

Wembdon Parish Council holds its meetings in the Village Hall at 7pm on the second Monday of each month, apart from August. The meeting agenda will be published on the Council's website and notice boards on the Wednesday prior to the meeting. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend the meetings and learn all about the activities of the Council, and what is happening in Wembdon.

The next Parish Council meetings will be held in the Village Hall on Mondays 9th February, 9th March and 13th April at 7pm.

Please note that Wembdon Parish Council does not endorse any of the advertisers in the Parish Paper

Local contacts and information

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website: wembdonvillagehall.co.uk

The Cottage Inn: Opening hours: Mon-Thurs 4pm-Close, Fri 2pm-Close,
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