



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

June
2026

West Littleton Open Gardens

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June

We are looking forward to the gardens open weekend; teas and homemade cakes will be available to buy (£5) and there will be a plant sale.

The gardens will be open from 2pm to 5.30pm. Entry is £5(children free).

We don't yet have the facility for card payments so please bring cash.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of St James's Church.

Diary

Weds 3 June	7.00pm-9.00pm	Pickleball at the Village hall for regular players
Thurs 4 June	10.30am	Ripple Effect at Marshfield Church
An opportunity to learn more about how the Ripple Effect charity supports communities in Africa establishing sustainable agriculture schemes in areas especially impacted by damaging climate change.		
Mon 8 June	10.00am-12.00am	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
Sat/Sun 13/14 June	2.00pm-5.30pm	West Littleton Open Gardens
Mon 15 June	6.30pm	Parish Council meeting at the Village Hall
Mon 22 June	10.00am-12.00am	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
Mon 22 June	8.15pm	Tormarton Church Council Meeting at the church
Fri 26 June		Grease Cabaret Night at the Compass with themed table settings, and ' <i>Grease</i> ' inspired costumes, the stage will be set for a 'Rocking and Rolling' night of entertainment

Recyclable & Refuse Collection:

Rubbish and Recycling collections for our area have changed again. Full details are available at [Waste and recycling | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council](#) or via The South Glos app – see more details under Parish Council Notes.

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 7 June There is no Service in Tormarton, we are all invited to join the 10.30 am morning worship service in Marshfield lead by Aurea Hart.

Sun 21 June 9 am Holy Communion Rev. Jon Hoffmann

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun 14 June 6 pm Benefice Evensong to round off the Open Gardens event Francis Miles

Sun 28 June 9 am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Sharon Roberts

Tormarton and West Littleton Church News - Update on the Vacancy

Many will now know that there has been a delay in our process to recruit a new vicar. It now looks as if we will be advertising in July/August with a closing date in mid-September. This would mean that we would interview in October and, if we are able to appoint, that a new vicar might start in our benefice in January 2027.

We are so grateful to all those who are stepping up to help cover the vacancy. Please pray for the ministry team and church wardens as they meet with the Area Dean on June 2 to talk more about how we move forward during this time and together consider our call to 'Share the presence of Christ within our communities'.

Tormarton Spring Concert and Grand Raffle

We all enjoyed the lovely evening of song which was brought to us in mid May by the Stuart Singers from Minchinhampton. Thank you to all those who helped with organising, ticket sales and production of the delicious canapes and to all that supported the evening and the associated Grand Raffle. A total of £2300 was raised to replenish the Church Repair Fund which had been much reduced due to funding repairs to the serious crack in the outer wall.

PARISH COUNCIL – Useful Information

South Gloucestershire Council app -the app makes it easier to access council services from your smartphone or tablet. It can be used to:

- look up recycling and bin collection dates
- find details of planning applications
- report issues such as potholes
- find out what items can be recycled
- book a recycling centre visit
- keep up to date with council news and announcements
- contact your local councillor

It can also be set up to send you notifications about your next rubbish/recycling collection.

The app is available to download for free from the [Apple App Store](#), or [Google Play Store](#) for Android phone users.

Retrofit West – has been set up by the West of England Combined Authority as a not for profit, community interest company. It is primarily an advice service, to improve people's energy efficiency in their homes. Their goal is to improve people's confidence in accessing services to improve the efficiency of energy in their homes, as the trades people are all vetted to ensure they meet set criteria.

They can also offer a significantly lower cost service to those residents with low incomes, where a home visit will take place and a short report of recommendations will be provided.

They will also prepare a full home report for those who are interested and able to pay.

Information leaflets are available from members of the Parish Council or on the table near the entrance to Tormarton Church.

Minutes from previous Parish Council meetings are available to read on the PC's website at www.tormarton-pc.gov.uk, along with the agenda for the next meeting which is usually published the week before.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the village hall on Monday, 15th June at 6.30pm.

All are welcome to attend or you can contact our clerk, Emma, via email at clerk@tormarton-pc.gov.uk.

VILLAGE HALL news from Retiring Chairman Stewart Waters

The AGM of Tormarton Hall was held on Monday 18th May 2026 and the officers provided a report on activities during the past 12 months. The Chairman updated on works undertaken and advised that the general condition of the Hall and Playground was considered to be good with some ongoing works needed. Currently the Hall is fully compliant with the necessary policies and licences in place. Activities had been limited in 2025/26 but the Quiz and Dog Show proved popular. The Hall continues to be used for a selection of activities although more could be accommodated.

Little Minds Children's Nursery is the primary occupier and they are generating strong interest in all ages but a facility for babies is required to meet the demand. Options have been discussed with Badminton Estate who own the adjoining land and a decision is yet to be made. Morwenna provided a report on the finances and was able to show a surplus over expenses had been achieved with a healthy bank balance carried forward.

Having provided 12 months notice of my intention to stand down as Chairman but remain active on the committee a new chairman, George Evans (Curly), volunteered to take on this role. Well done Curly and we all wish you well. All other officers agreed to remain in their posts and the committee remained on block.

I am grateful to all the members of the committee past and present who have supported me and helped to ensure that this facility remains available to the village. I will support Curly in the future and continue to help with any projects concerning the Hall.

Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Sophie email: sophiehthomson@hotmail.com, phone: 07786 653834 for hall bookings and to arrange hire of the Rotowasher.

TORMARON PICKLEBALL

Manor Farm farmyard on Thursday Evenings 6.30 – 8:30.

Come along and meet some people. Beginners welcome. Very easy to start, difficult to master. Equipment provided. No need to even play.

Please join the WhatsApp Community ‘Tormarton Picklers’ to keep on top of announcements. I’ll try to keep them to one a week! Or, at least, essential only.

Andy Gent 07855 794265 with name and number. Feel free to join the various WhatsApp groups from within! The first Wednesday of the month only, in the Village Hall. 7.00pm-9.00pm, £2 pp for players.

You could save a life! - DEFIBRILLATORS

We have TWO AED (Automated Electronic Defibrillators) available locally, one by the entrance to the Village Hall in Tormarton and one near the village noticeboard in West Littleton.

NO training is necessary to use them BUT they are the best way to save someone's life if they have gone into cardiac arrest. **Using a defibrillator fast after a cardiac arrest saves lives**

The Defibrillator case **DOES NOT need a code** – just twist the cover to remove and access.

NEWS from the COMPASS INN

Every Friday is “Fish Friday”!! Fish & chips or Scampi & chips for only £10. Eat in or take-away.

Boules season (and weather) is upon us! Use the Compass pitch free of charge at any time, Boule sets are available from reception or join the village boules WhatsApp group for info on Thursday afternoon games.

TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD

All are welcome to come along and support our home fixtures which are as follows:

Marshfield 3rds will play on Saturdays 6th and 20th starting at 1pm

Tormarton are at home to Whitminster on 13th and Penalit & Redbrook on 27th again starting at 1pm.

Tormarton also have two home T20 fixtures with a 6 pm start. Wednesday 3rd June against Wickwar and 17th against Kingswood.

The field and its facilities are available for hire for children’s parties or other occasions.

Please email Mick Bell at mickjbell@yahoo.co.uk for more information

Tormarton Playing Field 100 Club:

The first draw for 26/27 will take place at 8pm on Monday, 22nd June 2026 at The Compass Inn.

Your continued support for the recreation ground is much appreciated. Renewal of memberships (£12 per year) was due from 1st May 2026.

Please contact Pam Davis (07522 172 181), before the June draw, if you no longer wish to be a member.

GUIDED WALKS in the COTSWOLDS NATIONAL LANDSCAPE

Every month the Cotswold Voluntary wardens issue a list of Guided circular walks in the Southern Cotswolds. This month they include:

June 2 – 5 miles moderate walk around Colerne starting at the Fox & Hounds

June 9 – 5.5 miles moderate circular walk around the Old Sodbury, starting from 44 Church Lane

June 13 – 1 mile moderate walk to view the moths, butterflies and wildflowers on West Yatton Down; walk starts 11am on the road between Long Dean and Castle Combe. ///Grounding.fame.jeeps.

June 16 – 5 miles moderate walk around Box starting at the Recreation Ground Car Park

June 18 – 2 miles moderate walk along the Bybrook looking for wildflowers on Rack Hill. Walk starts 2pm on the the old bridge at Castle Combe. ///completed.legroom.scam.

June 20 – 7pm start, 5 miles evening stroll around Badminton starting at the junction of Badminton High Street and the Limes.

June 29 – 2pm start, 1.5 miles easy walk on Hazelbury Common to view the life cycle of Adonis Blue and Marsh Fritillary butterflies. Parking at Hazelbury Common ///blunders.processes.composed.

All walks led by the Voluntary Wardens are FREE OF CHARGE however donations are welcome and help the wardens to take care of the countryside.

For full details of the walks available visit: <http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks> OR check the village notice boards.

Our local footpath warden is Bev Hope-Bell who can be contacted for any issues with local paths bevhopebell@btinternet.com

Nature Notes

Water - it is important to provide a regular supply of clean fresh water in a shallow dish for thirsty hedgehogs, bees and birds. This is particularly important in hot dry weather.

Please Be Hedgehog Aware - every year, many hedgehogs are injured or killed by strimmers and mowers, remember to check long grassy areas, hedgerows or underneath large plants for hedgehogs and their nests before strimming or mowing. Piles of leaves and twigs, or tunnels through undergrowth could be a hedgehog nest.

Contact Details for our Local Police

mike.brown@avonandsomerset.police.uk daniield.andrews@avonandsomerset.police.uk

PCSO for our area 7007@avonandsomerset.police.uk

Green Community Travel (GCT)

Are you stuck at home with difficult access to doctors, hospitals and shops or even just to see friends? Green community transport provides affordable and accessible transport from your door.

More information about the service and the new shuttle bus transport to Southmead Hospital is available at www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk or telephone 01454 228706.

TIME TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER via email

We are keen to replace the printed newsletter with a regular email; printed copies will only be available for those households not on email. Please email newsletter@tormarton.org with your name, first line of address and email address to ensure that you continue to receive copy of the newsletter

Tormarton Community WhatsApp group has been set up to facilitate the sharing of important information relevant to the people of Tormarton. To join the group please contact newsletter@tormarton.org giving your name, mobile number and the first line of your address.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 7 June Mrs P Monyard; 14/21 June Mrs C Harrison; 28 June/5 July Mrs J.Wells

Church Cleaning: Mrs. S. Turner and Ms Maz Evans

Items for the next issue which will cover July and August to be sent to newsletter@tormarton.org no later than 24th June please.