



Tormarton & West Littleton Newsletter

October
2026

TORMARTON VILLAGE HARVEST CELEBRATIONS Sunday 4th OCT

Starting at 11.00 in the church and continuing in the Village Hall at 12.30

The Harvest celebrations are a great opportunity for villagers old and new, young and old, to enjoy each other's company and the Harvest Lunch is a major social event in the life of our community.

The day begins with a special celebration in our beautifully decorated church and an opportunity to bring our donations for the Harvest food collection.

Tickets for the lunch are available from Heather 01454 218223 and Bridgette on the village WhatsApp

West Littleton Harvest Celebrations

The Festival service will be held at 11.30 on Sunday 11th October followed by lunch at The Close.

Harvest Collection for the Sisters of the Church

Tormarton and West Littleton churches are organising the usual collection of tinned and dried foods for the Sisters of the Church who are providing weekly food parcels for those struggling to afford food in Bristol.

If you are unable to join us for the Harvest Festival Service, but would like to contribute to the food collection, there is a wheelbarrow in Tormarton Church until Monday 6th October.

DIARY

Mon	28 Sept	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
Mon	12 Oct	6.30pm	Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall
Mon	12 Oct	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
Mon	19 Oct	8.00pm	Tormarton Church Council meeting in the church
Mon	26 Oct	10.00-12.00	Free Coffee Morning at The Compass
Mon	26 Oct	8.00pm	Tormarton Playing Field 100 club draw at The Compass Inn
Fri	1 Nov		ROCKY HORROR SHOW at The Compass - see below

TORMARTON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	4 Oct	11.00 am	Harvest Festival Service	Mike Strathdee
Sun	18 Oct	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev. Pat Freeth

WEST LITTLETON CHURCH SERVICES

Sun	11 Oct	11.30 am	Harvest Festival Service	Rev Jon Hoffmann
Sun	25 Oct	9 am	Holy Communion	Rev Jon Hoffmann

TORMARTON CHURCH NEWS

Thank you to all of you that generously supported Maria and I on our 5 mile **Ride and Stride** raising funds for Glos Historic Churches and our own Tormarton church. We thoroughly enjoyed our walk and surpassed our fundraising target of £800! We actually walked from Tormarton church via West Littleton to Marshfield which should have been the end of our walk but due to unforeseen circumstances (a pothole damaged flat tyre) we also had to walk back to Tormarton – a round trip of about 10 miles! But still a great day out.

The recruitment process for a new vicar is now in the hands of Bristol Diocese and we will update you when we have any news.

Change in the pattern of communion services as follows

1st Sunday 9am Communion at Cold Ashton

2nd Sunday 10.30am Communion at Marshfield

3rd Sunday 9am Communion at Tormarton

4th Sunday 9am Communion at West Littleton

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE from Chair Katy Pool

Our last Parish Council meeting was held on Monday, 7 September and a number of updates were discussed:

In Tormarton, you'll be aware that a **20mph speed limit** is under consideration by SGC Highways and we should know more in the coming year. It has also been confirmed that a **30mph speed limit** for West Littleton has been added to the priority list for possible funding next year. This would run from the A46 junction, along Dunsdown Lane and along the West Littleton Road to approximately 400m south-east of the village boundary. We'll keep you updated.

A **planning application** for the building of four houses behind the Major's Retreat has now been uploaded to the South Glos planning portal (ref. P26/01957/F). The Parish Council will agree its response at its next meeting on 12 October and residents are encouraged to add their comments on the portal.

South West Ambulance will no longer be offering a management and maintenance service for defibrillators as of later this year. The PC has agreed to accept ownership of both defibrillators in Tormarton and West Littleton and will make budget provision to cover the expected cost of maintenance and replacement parts in the future.

Our next Parish Council meeting is at 6.30pm on Monday, 12 October and all are welcome to attend.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Thank you to all who helped with the Dog Show which was much enjoyed by all especially our four legged friends.

VILLAGE HALL Bookings

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

BADMINTON CLUB

The Badminton club plays every Tuesday at the Village Hall from 7 - 9 pm. New members of all ages and experience are most welcome to join us. Please contact Heather Gent on 218223 for any further information.

TORMARTON PICKLEBALL

Back in the Village Hall Wednesday evenings 19:00-21:00. All abilities and ages welcome. £2.00pp
Contact Andy on 07855 794265 to get added to the WhatsApp group.
What's the score!!

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.

If you think that someone has had a cardiac arrest you should:

- 1) Dial 999 and shout for help
- 2) Start doing CPR - the 999 operator will talk you through this
- 3) Send someone to get a defibrillator if you can.

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

TORMARTON PLAYING FIELD

The Cricket season is now over. End of season renovation work on the square has been done and we have roped off the area to keep off any human traffic during the football season. Sadly, already after less than one week, there is dog mess on the square. There is also physical evidence in other areas of the field which shows that **owners are not picking up dog poo.** Please, please be respectful of your village amenity.

Due to unforeseen operational reasons the **Playing Field is now available** on alternate Saturday afternoons. Anyone interested should contact Mick Bell at mickjbell@yahoo.co.uk

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 next draw will be held at The Compass Inn on Monday, 26th October at 8.00pm.

Anyone interested in joining the 100 Club, which helps to support the playing field facilities, should contact Pam Davis on 01454 218301 or 07522 172181.

NEWS from Rupert at the Compass Inn

Our regular free village coffee morning are on Monday 12th and 26th October and everyone is welcome. Reminder that every Thursday night is Steak night and Friday is Fish Friday and the weekly quiz night. Tickets are now on sale for the **"Rocky Horror Cabaret Show"** on 1st November.

Contact Details for our Local Community Police

PC 1542 Brown and PC 309 Andrews.

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

PCSO for our area 7007@avonandsomerset.police.uk

VILLAGE AGENT - Sharon Wood

As your Village Agent, I wanted to remind you about an upcoming change that will affect all households across our villages. Over the coming months, telephone providers will be completing moving customers from the old analogue telephone network to a new digital phone service. Your provider will contact you by letter or email to let you know when this change is due to happen.

For most people, the switch will be simple and straightforward. However, I appreciate that it may feel a little worrying if you're not sure what it means for you, especially if you use an alarm, pendant, telecare service, or other equipment connected to your phone line.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your provider. See further information on:

<https://www.gov.uk/.../moving-landlines-to-digital...>

The Village Agent service is **free and confidential**, and you don't need a referral. If you'd like some advice, a bit of support, or are worried about something, please feel free to get in touch.

Contact details: Email: sharon@wern.org.uk **Phone:** 07985 018550

Recyclable & Refuse Collection:

Full details of your Rubbish and Recycling collections are available at [Waste and recycling | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council](#) or via The South Glos app which is available to download for free from the [Apple App Store](#), or [Google Play Store](#) for Android phone users.

The South Glos Council app has lots of great features – from information on planning to reporting potholes and looking up waste and recycling collection days. For more information see <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/app>

is our new series of community meetings. They create an informal space for

Bus Timetable **Tormarton is served by the 41 bus Yate to Malmesbury return**

Buses to Yate Mon-Fri 10.31, 12.31, 14.31 plus 16.30 on Saturday

Buses from Yate Mon-Fri 10.50, 12.50, 14.50, 17.13

Sat 10.45, 12.50, 14.50, 16.50

Buses are routed via Chipping Sodbury

There are no buses on Sundays or Bank Holidays

WESTlink – ‘on demand’ bus service

WESTlink runs without a fixed timetable or route and can be booked 'on demand' by users through an app or by phone 0117 457 8561. To find out more about the service visit <https://travelwest.info/westlink/>.

Green Community Travel (GCT)

Are you stuck at home with difficult access to doctors, hospitals and shops or even just to see friends? Or do you fancy an outing to the pub or to a garden centre?

More information is available at www.greencommunitytravel.co.uk or telephone 01454 228706.

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. Alternatively you can speak to someone who is already a member of the group.

Nature Notes – Please remember to check long grassy areas before strimming or mowing; every year hedgehogs are injured or killed by strimmers and mowers.

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:

Oct 6 – 5 miles circular moderate walk from the Fox and Hounds, Coleme.

Oct 13 – 5.5 miles moderate walk from 44 Church Lane, Old Sodbury around historic locations, viewpoints and churches.

Oct 20 – 5 miles moderate circular walk around Box starting at Box Recreation Ground Car Park.

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

2027 – Cotswold Way - 10 Stage Walk Looking for a rewarding challenge in 2027? Why not join us walking the length of Cotswold Way? Great opportunity to walk the Cotswold Way from North to South with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens. Each stage starts on the first Saturday in every month starting May 2027. Coach departs from Cold Ashton at 0845 and returns to Cold Ashton at end of each walk. Contact John Bartram at woodlandsbarn@btinternet.com for more information

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

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.

Rota Volunteers, Tormarton Church

Church Flowers: 4/11 Oct Gaynor Bant, 18/25 Oct Sarah Smith **Plus All Harvest Festival arrangements**

Church Cleaning: Joan Marshall and Rob Morley

Items for the next issue to be sent to newsletter@tormarton.org no later than 24th October please.