

## LAMYATT MATTERS

### Contact information & relevant websites for all in the Parish

UK Government: [Welcome to GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Somerset Council: [Home \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk)

(Note that as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 the 2 Councils of Mendip District & Somerset County became 1 – Somerset Council)

### Highways – potholes & drainage problems

Report any potholes or problems with drains/gullies, flooding on roads etc, direct to the Council. Take a photo and submit at the same time to help them locate it. Don't think that someone else will have reported it – best for them to get 2 or more notifications rather than none. They should confirm that an inspection will take place within 2 or 3 working days. Use this link here:

[Report a problem on the road \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk)

Winter – gritting and hazards. There are 4 grit bins located in the village and they are for the use of all to help keep the roads ice-free. In addition, the Parish co-ordinates help using 4wd vehicles if needed. Please contact Malcolm Frapple if you need assistance or have 4wd that can assist. 07811 600823

### Footpaths & Bridleways

Thanks to the team of village volunteers who continue to help keep a particular stile or gateway clear of nettles, or trim a path. Volunteers looking after a particular part of the network include Simon Lang, Anna & Michael, Nick Smallwood, Keith Pascoe, and myself. If you want to volunteer to help look after a particular gateway/path please let me know. Please notify the Somerset Council direct of any blockage/obstruction or problem with a gate/stile. It's sometimes useful to take a photo. [Link here](#).

[Lamyat rights of Way Map](#) is here.

Our thanks to the local Ramblers Group who help install the gates/stiles and are active in keeping paths well used. Also to the Bridleways Association who are vigilant about the tracks they use.

The Ramblers Association currently are leading on identifying any 'lost' footpaths that weren't included on the 1951 Definitive Map of paths. You can interrogate their website map and report any that you think should have been included by following this link here. [Don't Lose Your Way \(ramblers.org.uk\)](https://www.ramblers.org.uk)

**Refuse & Recycling** –Let's try and recycle as much as we can. See information about usual collection dates on the website here [Somerset Waste Partnership](#)  
Bank Holidays will mean a different collection date that week.

Report any missed collection here:

[Missed Collection Information \(itouchvision.com\)](https://www.itouchvision.com)

**Dumping of rubbish** –illegal dumping of rubbish – please report it so that it can be dealt with Report via website here: [Report a problem on the road \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk)

### **Flooding within the village**

Extensive work has been carried out in the past (early 1990s) to avoid the lower lying parts of the village being inundated with water off the surrounding hills. More recently (2018) further investigation by the Council's Flood team advised local residents likely to be affected to put in place measures to help the flow of the stream water – clearing obstructions/placing baffles etc. If flooding occurs please contact the Flood Prevention team direct at the Somerset Council.

[Flood management \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk)

**Planning Matters:** Planning issues are quite often the most contentious issues within a community. The Parish is a formal consultee on applications and can ask that the Somerset Council Member requests that an application goes to Committee rather than being simply dealt with by the officer.

Anyone considering a development should check with the local planning authority about whether planning permission is required and are advised to discuss their application with neighbours in advance of submitting an application. The Planning Authority will be able to give some good advice about plans before they are formally submitted. [Planning, buildings and land \(somerset.gov.uk\)](https://www.somerset.gov.uk)

The Parish has a planning group who monitor applications made within the Parish and will submit a Parish view on any significant application on behalf of the Parish. Any significant application will be notified to all, so as to give all the opportunity to see what developments are in the pipeline, and to comment as they see fit. Alternatively, you can register on the Planning Authority website to directly receive notifications of new applications and also submit any comments online – these are then visible to all.

The Parish view will be submitted by the planning sub-group which is currently Paul Chadwick (Parish Chair), Romy Smallwood, David Colman, and David Ash. They have attended Council briefings on planning matters to better understand the Council's policies. All of Lamyatt is deemed to be in 'Open Countryside' but there may be exceptions to this under the Policies adopted and implemented by the Somerset Council.

There are a few sites in the village where approval for small developments has previously been granted and these may take place in future years, as development work has started on the sites.

*Note:* All correspondence sent or received by the Parish planning group is held on file and available for all in the Parish to review. A copy of the Somerset Council's Planning Policies can be seen online on the Council planning portal. Applications for development should also have a notice pinned up on the premises to alert any villager, and close neighbours should be notified direct by the Somerset Council

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