

# Winterstoke news

**LOCKING CASTLE, WESTON & HAYWOOD VILLAGE**

## SUMMER EVENTS COMING TO WESTON



Artist impression of SEE MONSTER (credit: North Somerset Council) / One of the walls from last years Upfest. (Credit: Culture Weston)

There's some exciting events coming to Weston over the summer!

SEE MONSTER will be coming to Weston and will be the first time in the world that a former oil platform has been turned into a piece of art. It will measure 35m high, will feature gardens, an amphitheatre and seaside telescopes. This will be installed at the Tropicana and opens in late summer.

It will be the largest outdoor piece of art ever seen in the town and is expected to attract more than 200,000

visitors over the first few weeks.

In addition, the largest street art festival in Europe will be returning to Weston from 22nd July. Weston Wallz will see around 20 street artists creating large-scale murals across Weston.

Artists and locations will be announced in the coming months, and an interactive Google Map will be created for trail hunters to easily identify the murals and witness the transformation of ordinary corners becoming landmarks in the town.

You can find out more information below.

**SEE MONSTER:**  
[seemonster.co.uk/](http://seemonster.co.uk/)

**Weston Wallz:**  
[cultureweston.org.uk/](http://cultureweston.org.uk/)

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## Helping Happy Days Expand

I was delighted to support Happy Days Nursery with their application to build a temporary classroom to meet increasing demand for pre school places. The new classroom allows for a further 24 additional places.



Picture of Happy Days Nursery. Credit Happy Days Nursery

The team have done an excellent job in getting this set up and open in such a short amount of time after the planning application was granted, and I was pleased to have been able to play a small role in supporting the application to get approved.

## Scrutiny of dental services



Picture of me chairing the last Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel in April 2022

"Let me know your experiences - whether good or bad - about using local dental services"

I'll soon be chairing North Somerset's Health Scrutiny Panel and on the agenda I'll be leading the scrutiny of dental services looking at things such as access, quality, and post covid plans.

residents outside of public meetings about your experiences with local health services, as this helps me to understand what areas we need to focus on.

I'm always keen to hear from

Please get in touch with any feedback.

## KEEP IN TOUCH



**CIARAN CRONNELLY**

Councillor for Winterstoke Ward

I'm always happy to help if you have any problems or feedback about the area. I live in the ward so if you see me around feel free to stop me to have a chat.

If you wanted to you can write to me at c/o Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ

Or, if you prefer, you can contact me using the details below.

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## Empty site at Maltlands - your thoughts

If you drive down the Maltlands you'll notice a fenced off parcel of land next to the Maltlands Play Area and opposite Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses which is overgrown.

I'm keen to try and see this site turned into something for the community and I'd welcome residents thoughts so I can begin to explore this.

This has been unused for a very very long time and was originally the location of a community centre that was removed 12 years ago. It was hoped this would be an allotment site but this fell through and there are no immediate plans to develop the site for alternative use.

I've had a handful of residents get in touch already suggesting a space for dog walking or a park for children with special educational needs, but I wanted to use this opportunity to get further thoughts.

If you have any ideas please email or call me.



Picture of the empty site at the Maltlands, which is now overgrown

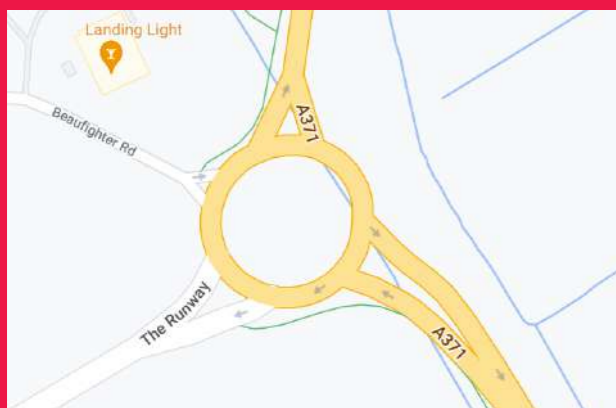
# Improved lane markings at roundabout near Budgens

I've frequently been contacted by residents with concerns about near misses at the roundabout near Budgens as some drivers have been getting confused about the appropriate lane they need to be in if they have left the airport roundabout and want to head to Haywood Village.

This has also been the subject of much debate on social media.

I'm aware residents had reported this to the council but not much had happened. I followed this up with the council in January and asked if there could be signage added to the road to make it clear which lane drivers need to be in.

In April new markings were added making it clear that the left lane should be used for A371 only, which is great and should hopefully stop any confusion.



"Thanks to everyone that kept reporting this to the council as it made it considerably easier to try and get the changes made"

## MY RECORD



One of my pledges is to claim no expenses and since being elected I can confirm I have claimed £0.

My North Somerset Council committee attendance record in the last 12 months is 100%.



## Proposals for speed signs across Haywood Village



After residents had got in touch with me about lack of speed signs going through Haywood Village I've been in discussions with Persimmons about rectifying this – particularly at the entry roads to the area.

I've shared ideas with Persimmons for where signs could go and I'm pleased to say they've agreed to implement and to install these. This isn't a straight forward process – and will take some time – but the next steps are for Persimmons to draw up plans for the signs including confirming locations, share these with the council for approval and installing them.

I'll keep monitoring this to ensure the plans come to fruition.



## New speed marking at Maltlands - it's taken me 2 years but progress is welcome

In my last newsletter I talked about how I secured a temporary speed sign at the Maltlands with the goal of trying to reduce the speeding incidents in the area and to use this as a way to evidence a need for more permanent signage.

Alongside this I and other volunteers would go out at least once a month as part of Speed Watch, which would help to record the number of speeding incidents.

It's taken a while - way longer than I'd hoped - but I'm pleased to say that this work has paid off and after discussions with the council they agreed to improve the road markings in the area, which has now been painted. If you drive down the Maltlands you'll see the new 20mph marking.

I know there are other areas in need of improved signage too – I'm trying my best, but the progress is very slow.



## TOILET CHARGES TO BE SCRAPPED

Toilet charges in Weston are often a hotly debated topic with pretty much everyone agreeing that access to the toilets should be free. This is now set to change - at least for Weston Town Council owned public toilets - following myself and my Labour colleagues voting to make this change as part of this year's budget.

This will only apply to Weston Town Council owned public toilets which are found at Clarence Park, Grove Park, Ashcombe Park, Uphill and the Maltings.

## Discussing crime and ASB with the police

I recently discussed with the police the concerns around anti-social behaviour, vehicle crime, vehicle obstructions and speeding.

Following this meeting I've written to the council and asked them to reconsider their policy on street lights turning off after midnight, shared with the police the common areas that are obstructed by vehicles to help with enforcement, identified how we collect more evidence of speeding

and discussed their strategy for dealing with crime and ASB.

The police have increased their presence in the area but have also asked in order to help direct their resources to the right place if resident could continue to report crimes through their website, 101 or 999 (if emergency).

Please don't assume others have reported issues as this isn't always the case.

You can report crimes online via this link: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>

