Abbas & Templecombe Parish Council.

Chairmans Annual Report 2026

Whilst writing this report it is difficult not to find myself repeating what I reported last year. It is true, however, that much of the Councils time and effort is spent with on going planning and traffic concerns and the consolidation of the now not so new Somerset Council .

However, there have been some notable events taking place during the year. We organised the event to commemorate the VE day and would have repeated a similar event for VJ day had not the weather turned so wet and windy.

We took a stall at the village fete to advertise and raise funds for our planned scheme to improve the recreation ground facilities and I am pleased to report that the first phase to create a walking track around the upper field is now underway. We are now seeking funds to complete phases 2 and 3. These will be a new multi- use sports area and an outdoor gym. Meanwhile our hard-working groundsman, Jeremy Pratt, continues to keep the existing pitches and play areas in tip top condition for everyone's continued use and enjoyment.

Another addition at the recreation ground are the long promised electric vehicle charging point, now fully installed and commissioned for use by anyone.

We have now completed major repairs to the Village Hall roof and renovated and redecorated the exterior of the building which together with the internal improvements carried out by the Hall Management Committee now gives the village a venue to be proud of.

None of this happens by magic and I would take this opportunity to thank members of the Council and especially the Clerk for all the hours of work and effort they have put in and the miles travelled in addition to our monthly regular meetings. Unfortunately as many of these extra meetings occur during the day or early evening it makes it difficult for councillors in full time employment to attend and throws greater involvement on those who are retired.

Templecombe Indoor Bowls Clubs

Annual report for the Abbas & Templecombe Parish Council 2025/26

Last year's highlights. We played in 4 different Leagues winning the Mendip League and finishing second in the BMV East and third in the Afternoon Leagues.
We have Club Members playing in the County Team with Alan Berry still the County Captain.

The main aim of the Club is to continue keep playing, but it is getting more difficult because we are all getting older, there is a need to recruit younger Members to take up the reins and to protect the Club's long-term future.
The game of Bowls is very good at helping people keep fit and active and acts as a social hub for its members.

To help the regeneration we are going to open a new web site to try and reach more people, any help from outside agencies in promoting the Club and game would be appreciated.

Club contacts,

Secretary Chris Jeans 01963 364287
Chairman Terry Loader 01963 371339

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Name of organisation/group

TEMPLECOMBE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Highlights of the last year for your organisation/group 2025/2026

WE HAVE COMPLETELY REFURBISHED THE TOILETS & REDECORATED INTERNALLY THROUGHOUT. THIS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY GRANT AID & HARD WORK & DEDICATION BY ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Main aims of your organisation/group for the next year 2026/2027

MAKE MORE VILLAGE PEOPLE AWARE OF THE GREAT FACILITY THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR THEM TO HIRE & USE NOW THE MODERNISATION IS IN PLACE. MAKE IT ATTRACTIVE BY KEEPING THE HIRE RATES COMPETITIVE TO ~~OTH~~ BY COMPARISON TO OTHER LOCAL HALLS.

What long term aims does your organisation/group have

WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT INTRODUCING THE CEILING LIGHTING SYSTEM WHICH WILL INCLUDE LED LIGHTS TO REDUCE THE ELECTRICITY BILL.

What additional support could the Parish Council offer (other than direct funding)

THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE WITH FINANCIAL HELP & NOW RECENTLY DECORATED THE HALL EXTERNALLY MAKING IT MORE ATTRACTIVE WHICH SHOULD HELP IMPROVE THE HIRING CHARS.
WHEN THEY CAN ENCOURAGE/SUGGEST THE PUBLIC TO USE THE HALL.

Point of contact for further information.

ALAN BERRY

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Name of organisation/group

T BIRDS

(Abbas & Templecombe Ladies)

Highlights of the last year for your organisation/group 2025/2026

We have continued to support the monthly market, providing cooked food, cake and beverages, made a donation to 'Templecombe In Bloom' and two committee members attended the meeting for the larder closing and moving forward.

The T Birds now has a logo.



April – Jumble Sale.

August - Annual cream tea for our members at Bunter's (supporting local business)
Provided tea, coffee and cake at the Village fete at the Rec

November - donation to the Poppy Appeal and wreath laid on behalf of the T Birds

December – T Birds funds provided food for the Christmas meeting.

March 2026 – Updated our Constitution to bring it line with current legislation

We have had talks from Fire safety, Bonny Sartin from 'The Yetties', a former Royal Protection Officer Unit as well as Medieval music and Line Dancing.

Our membership has continued to grow and is always open for new enquiries.

Main aims of your organisation/group for the next year 2026/2027

To continue to support Templecombe and surrounding villages where there are no formal meetings for women to attend.

What long term aims does your organisation/group have

Continue to provide a once a month gathering, providing a varied programme of educational, social and practical activities.

What additional support could the Parish Council offer (other than direct funding)

Providing a wi-fi service to the village hall would be very useful.

Point of contact for further information.

Sarah Horn. Chair.

ANNUAL REPORT 2026 – IN BLOOM GROUP

A representative of the group reported as follows:

Highlights of the year 25/26.

- One of our Members celebrated their 80th birthday and we held a get together at the Recreation Ground on a very cold August evening.
- Our compost needs have been met by a local company. This is one of our major expenses.
- Three new planters have been made for the station, outside Bunters and the Fish and Chip Shop.
- Apple Tree at the Recreation Ground has been moved to the grass area at the entrance to Manor Close.

Main aims of In Bloom

- To maintain and nurture the many flower beds in Templecombe. With a small team we do this with hard work. Our group also provides wellbeing and support.

What long term aims does In Bloom have

- To continue to grow, plant and weed our many flower beds and planters.

What addition support could the Parish Council offer

- Possible donation towards payment of insurance cover.
- Grass cutting at Templars Barton, which is not covered by Somerset Council.

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Name of organisation/group
Templars Tennis Club

Highlights of the last year for your organisation/group 2025/2026

Good Tennis played on both Sunday and Wednesday evenings .
Open Day in the tennis court on Parish Fete day , To introduce new possible members.

Public Hire very Slow but often become members .
Number of members remain High although many play on days other than club days .

Main aims of your organisation/group for the next year 2026/2027

To continue keeping the courts in good shape .

What long term aims does your organisation/group have

We would like Members to become officers of the club , unfortunatly none are forthcoming .

The OLD guard struggle on fearing that the club would CLOSE if present officers were to give up .

The president is in a care home .
The Chairman is to emigrate to Australia .
The Treasurer and Secretary are becoming Aged .

What additional support could the Parish Council offer (other than direct funding)

If no replacements to run the club are found in the event of existing officers leaving the Parish council would have to take over Management of the Tennis Courts .

Point of contact for further information.
Peter Andrew Secretary or Paul Hawkins Treasurer

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Name of organisation/group
Templecombe Together

Highlights of the last year for your organisation/group 2025/2026

This last year we have provided
10 Community Lunches
1 Parish Lunch
1 Christmas Lunch
Weekly refreshments for our Mums and Toddlers

We have just completed our Soup Mondays in February and March at Templecombe United Reform Church

Main aims of your organisation/group for the next year 2026/2027

To be aware of areas that need support in our village

To continue all the above

What long term aims does your organisation/group have

To offer support to our residents where appropriate.

What additional support could the Parish Council offer (other than direct fun

Point of contact for further information. S. Hood. 07968984176.

Templecombe Sports and Social Club
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The objectives of the club are the provision of opportunities for recreation, social intercourse and refreshment for the benefit of the members. We also have a responsibility to our landlords the parish council to meet the objectives of the lease dated the 9th of September 1991 which sets out our various rights and responsibilities.

There has been a difficult balance to maintain, in that we want to encourage as many of our residents in the Templecombe Village and nearby to meet and enjoy our facilities but at the same time being aware off the costs involved in providing this service and remaining solvent.

Councillors for the Parish Council will be aware of the difficult trading environment for similar establishments of public houses and recreation centres in the area where there has been a considerable fall off in numbers of establishments over recent years. With the burgeoning costs of statutory regulations, infrastructure costs like electricity and oil, and the increase in bar costs it was necessary to put our prices up across the board to meet these additional costs. As a result, we expect to continue to be able to meet our responsibilities in this regard.

We are lucky in that we have an energetic and enthusiastic set of volunteers who act as committee members and volunteers in the different areas so we can maintain our vibrant club.

Over the last year we have had various events which include line dancing children's parties bingo. Yoga, skittles darts, pool competitions and many other events appealing to all age groups. For the future we are looking forward to holding events with guests singers, comics and other entertainers together with a Xmas party for the children of the village and an adults only new year's party and of course we took a leading role in the summer fete in 2025 and will do so in 2026.

For the future we are looking to upgrade our toilets which will need a sufficient cash reserve to make the payment and, in the meantime, we would like a set of drawings which would be used as part of the tender process and wondered whether this is something the council could help us with?

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Name of organisation/group
Sticky Fingers Pre-School

Highlights of the last year for your organisation/group 2025/2026

Our numbers remain healthy with 31 children currently on role.

During the Summer term of 2025 we had our annual preschool trip to Farmer Palmers Farm Park, the children and parents had a lovely time. Autumn term we had our annual visit to Alan Berry's apple pressing farm, the children picked apples, collected them in buckets and help to press them.....mostly enjoying the apple juice tasting before returning to Sticky's.

Over the Summer, Crestmoor converted the classroom adjacent to our existing space, a project we're thrilled about. We're pleased to announce that we now have separate, dedicated rooms for our 2 year olds and our 3-4 year olds. This development was made possible through a grant from Education Places and our significant investment of approximately £9,000. As a result, we're able to offer more places for local families.

Over the summer a landscaper cleared an area next to our current outdoor space, creating a dedicated forest area for the children. The enhancement has been warmly welcomed and is proving a valuable addition to our provision. We have been actively fundraising to equip and furnish this new space, ensuring it's safe and engaging for our children to explore. We will be added to the Yeovil Tesco Blue Token scheme again at the end of April to fundraise for this area.

We're delighted to have recently been awarded a £500 grant from One Stop, which will go towards creating a reading hut in our outdoor space.

We have enjoyed some fantastic family events, including Mother's Stay and Play and Father's Stay and Play sessions, as well as family mornings with Easter egg hunts and festive elf hunts.

We continue to host two bingo fundraiser events annually, which not only raise vital funds for the preschool but also provide an enjoyable community event.

Main aims of your organisation/group for the next year 2026/2027

Our main aims for the next year are to further develop our forest area and fundraise for fully waterproof bib and brace suits, enabling us to utilise this fantastic resource year round.

What long term aims does your organisation/group have

We're working towards expanding to our new capacity, with the goal of providing a nurturing environment for more children to learn and grow.

What additional support could the Parish Council offer (other than direct funding)

We would be grateful if the parish council could consider supporting us in the following ways:

- Allowing us to use the village hall for fundraising events at no charge
- Promoting our events through your communication channels

Any support would be greatly appreciated and help us provide a fantastic environment for local children.

Point of contact for further information.
Sam Collinson – manager@stickyfingerspreschool.org

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Name of organisation/group

2nd Templecombe Scout Group

Highlights of the last year for your organisation/group 2025/2026

Member numbers increasing
Attending various camps
Integrating with other scout groups from Dorset and Devon
Attending and being represented for the VE Day celebrations

Main aims of your organisation/group for the next year 2026/2027

Progressing the refurbishment / replacement of the building facilities
Increasing member numbers
Providing a service for young people within the parish

What long term aims does your organisation/group have

Retaining a presence in the community over the next few years
Providing stability for the group whether it be facilities or finances for the next decade

What additional support could the Parish Council offer (other than direct funding)

Being given the opportunity to be represented at community projects

Point of contact for further information.

Andrew Smith