



# UPPER KENNET NEWS

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## Kennet Valley Lottery Club draw winners

£100 Number 11 Toby Snape  
£75 Number 44 Fay Ross-Magenty  
£50 Number 72 Susan Turner

(Some winners prefer that their names are not published, in which case we just state the winning number)

If you would like to join the lottery, please pick up an application form from any church, or ring Jo Snape on 01672 861267 or email [josiesnape@aol.com](mailto:josiesnape@aol.com)

Another way to support our churches at West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett

## Notice Board

### Wedding

Abby Freeman & Ryan Marsh  
West Overton 5 July 2025

### Burial of Ashes

Brian James Mundy  
Broad Hinton 4 June 2025

## 100 Club

### Draw Results for July

1st	£48.00	100	Roger Holdsworth
2nd	£36.00	9	Mark Saunders
3rd	£24.00	60	Penny Gold
4th	£12.00	69	Sandra Elliott

(some winners prefer that their names are not published)

If you would like to join the lottery ring Philip Scott on 01672 539104 or email [philipscott2@me.com](mailto:philipscott2@me.com)

Your way to help support the churches of Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett  
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“A brief respite from everyday pressures – a time of peace, calm and silent reflection.”

### MEDITATION (TAIZÉ) Service

Every fortnight on a Wednesday evening at East Kennett Church from 6.00 to 6.25pm: a chance to just sit quietly and relax and enjoy the silence and the peace by candlelight, with a background of occasional singing and some words of wisdom.

Future dates for your diary:

Wednesday 30th July, Wednesday 13th August & Wednesday 27th August.

## Our Rector's Monthly Letter

Traditionally we celebrate harvest in September/October when ‘all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin’. But the latter half of July under the buck moon saw farmers and their combine harvesters - these days epic pieces of kit - hard at work bringing in the crop. Nature wins with its beauty and divine design but there is something also pleasing about a piece of machinery, beautifully crafted to do its job, that is satisfying to see. David White's photos this year of combine harvesters at work at dusk and dawn show the intense beauty of the land and sky in harmony with the ingenuity of human design.

We celebrate the first fruits of the harvest with a feast shared by church and pagans alike: Lammass (or loaf-mass). An expression of gratitude and acknowledgement of the earth's gifts given to us every year, by making a loaf of the first grain and sharing it in community.

In Celtic mythology Lammass is also associated with the god Lugh (so the feast is also called Lughnasad). Interestingly he is said to represent skill, craftsmanship and the sun, which brings those images to mind once more of the great combine machines framed by glorious sunrises and sunsets in the Wiltshire countryside.

The traditional time of Lammass is 1<sup>st</sup> August between summer solstice and autumn equinox and celebrating this with bread has lots of profound resonances. One thing that defines human beings is that we are ‘bread eaters’. We take grain and we transmute it (quite literally ‘raise’ it). We use that mysterious element fire (mythically an expression of consciousness) and bread becomes a symbol of human life for we are beings who shape the world around us. It is recognised that the importance of bread led to an uptake in agricultural activities and so we formed larger villages and settlements. The result of this contributed to the creation of cities worldwide and in shaping what we experience as modern day society.

It is no mistake that in the church we use and celebrate what Jesus did with bread. We humans took grain and by heat and yeast raised it into bread. Jesus then took bread and through his own biography transmuted and raised it into a food that raises our consciousness further. The Eucharist is a ceremony that invites us to take our civilization onto the next level. The possibilities of where that could take us as a society if we really engage with it is truly breathtaking. As Thomas Aquinas put it *Panis angelicus fit panis hominum* — the bread of angels has become the bread of humankind. Our responsibility is to then do something with that gift. No pressure!

While we wait for that to work itself out in God's good time let's continue to break bread with each other in fellowship and in loving community. Something I've greatly enjoyed doing with you since I arrived 6 months ago.

Every blessing  
Jonathan – the rector.

## CALLING ALL KEYBOARD PLAYERS!

As you'll all know, we have seven churches in our Parish, and organs used for worship in five of them – Avebury, Broad Hinton, West Overton, Fyfield and Winterbourne Monkton, plus an electric keyboard often used in East Kennet. We have a group of three who play for services. For many Sundays this is enough, since generally there only two simultaneous services with hymns on any given Sunday. But in practice we are often stretched to cover the needs of the churches, due to commitments elsewhere, holiday absences, etc.

So we should love to have more players to join the panel. You do not need to be a trained organist to play! Any keyboard player capable of playing hymn tunes on the piano or electric keyboard can do the same on the organ. It is not necessary to use the pedal board, and any of us existing players can teach you which stops to use on the organ in 10 or 20 minutes. You will soon come to love the organ – a glorious instrument! – and one with a great repertoire if you want to explore further.

If you'd like to play, and can help us enhance our Sunday worship in the Parish, please get in touch with one of us, listed below.

Stuart Laing ([stuart-laing@outlook.com](mailto:stuart-laing@outlook.com))  
Ruth Lamdin ([ruth.lamdin@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.lamdin@gmail.com))  
Philip Scott ([philipscott2@me.com](mailto:philipscott2@me.com))



# UPPER KENNET CHURCHES SERVICES

	St Nicholas FYFIELD	St Michael & All Angels WEST OVERTON	Christ Church EAST KENNETT	St James AVEBURY	St Mary Magdalene WINTERB'NE MONKTON	St Katherine & St Peter WINTERBNE BASSETT	St Peter ad Vincula BROAD HINTON
3 August Trinity 7	<u>8.30 am</u> Holy Communion					<u>10.30 am</u> Morning Service	<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion
Wednesday 6 August				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
10 August Trinity 8		<u>10 am</u> Morning Service		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion			
Wednesday 13 August			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
17 August Trinity 9			<u>8 am</u> Holy Communion		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>10 am</u> Morning Prayer
Wednesday 20 August				<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
24 August Trinity 10		<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion		<u>1 pm</u> Baptism			
Wednesday 27 August			<u>6 pm</u> Meditation Service (Taizé)	<u>10.30 am</u> Celtic Communion Service			
31 August Trinity 11						<u>10 am</u> Parish Communion	

## Readings

### Sunday 3 August – Green

#### 7th Sunday after Trinity

Hosea 11.1-11  
Psalm 107.1-9,43 [or 107.1-9]  
Colossians 3.1-11  
Luke 12.13-21

### Sunday 10 August – Green

#### 8th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 1.1,10-20  
Psalm 50.1-8,23-end [or 50.1-7]  
Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16  
Luke 12.32-40

### Sunday 17 August – Green

#### 9th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 5.1-7  
Psalm 80.1-2,9-end [or 80.9-end]  
Hebrews 11.29-12.2  
Luke 12.49-56

### Sunday 24 August – Red

#### Bartholomew the Apostle

Isaiah 43.8-13 or Acts 5.12-16  
Psalm 145.1-7  
Acts 5.12-16 or 1 Corinthians 4.9-15  
Luke 22.24-30

or

### Sunday 24 August – Green

#### 10th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 1.4-10  
Psalm 71.1-6  
Hebrews 12.18-end  
Luke 13.10-17

### Sunday 31 August – Green

#### 11th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 2.4-13  
Psalm 81.1,10-end  
Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14.1, 7-14

## West Overton Coffee Morning

A big thank you to all who attended or helped at the coffee morning on 12<sup>th</sup> July and to those who baked for it and those who donated produce and plants.

We raised just over £300 which will go towards keeping West Overton, Fyfield and East Kennett Churches open.

## Morning Prayer 8.30-9am daily



Join us by zoom for half an hour to start the day in an atmosphere of quiet prayer and reflection with others, from the comfort of your own armchair. We are a small group who value this wonderful opportunity to gather ourselves for the day, to focus on what lies ahead and to enjoy silence together.

For more details, the service sheet and the zoom link, contact:  
Sibella Laing: 01672 861600 or [sibella.laing@outlook.com](mailto:sibella.laing@outlook.com)

## Curious about Christianity?

Are you a bit curious about Christianity but don't know where to start finding out more?

It can be very confusing with lots of different churches, different styles of prayer and worship and lots of different opinions! You may want to know more but don't know where to start.

If you'd like to join a small group to meet one evening a fortnight to explore who Jesus was and focus on what the Gospel is telling us, please email me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Warm wishes  
Rev Jonathan – Rector of the Upper Kennet churches

Email: [jont.post@gmail.com](mailto:jont.post@gmail.com)

## Avebury Community Shop

Shop Phone Number: 01672 539200

**Opening Hours**  
10am – 4pm every day

### Supplier Profile – Rowdey Cow



Continuing our series on local suppliers, with the summer holidays upon us, I thought that it would be appropriate to feature our local ice cream supplier. We have been stocking their ice creams for over 10 years.

Rowdey Cow is based on a dairy farm in Rowde near Devizes. The ice cream made using milk from the farm's own cows. Made on-site the ice cream is rich, creamy, and available in a variety of flavours. Why not try some over the summer and see which flavours you like best. Sue who set up the business will be talking to us at our AGM (see below).

### Home Deliveries

Just a reminder that we offer home deliveries if you are unable to get to the shops. Our delivery area includes Avebury, Avebury Trusloe, Beckhampton, East Kennet, West Kennet, Winterbourne Monkton and Berwick Bassett.

### Annual General Meeting – New date Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 7:30pm

The date of our AGM had now been fixed for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7.30pm in Avebury Social Centre in the High Street. Everyone is invited to come along and hear about how the shop has been doing, as well as to enjoy a drink and meet members to the shop committee to ask any questions you may have. We will also be having a talk from our Ice Cream supplier Rowdey Cow.

### Volunteer Update

We still need more people to join the team, especially over the busy summer season when some of our volunteers will be taking a well-deserved holiday. Anyone, young or more mature would be welcome to join the team of volunteers. Full training will be provided and you will be supported by managers and other volunteers. If you would like to consider volunteering, please contact one of our shop managers, Lyn or Martin, on 01672 539200. Full training will be given along with copious tea and coffee and homemade cakes or biscuits.

Michele Lomas  
(Chair of Avebury Community Shop)



# Avebury Tower News

We had what for the tower was two unusual events in July. First was the ringing before the Parish Communion service on July 13th. More than one resident and attendee commented on how good the ringing was. I would like to have swelled with pride at our local ringing band - but alas all our 8 bells were rung by a visiting group of outside ringers mainly from Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire. They were having one of the days out ringing at various Churches in a particular area which bellringers enjoy. The outings are a combination of ringing on different bells and a pleasant day out. At Avebury we usually have enough ringers for practices but are short for service ringers, so we were pleased to have them. It is the first time we have had such an offer for at least 30 years. However the situation worsened by the following news.

Alas ringer Michele Lomas and her family are leaving Avebury, moving to Bratton - a village to the East of Westbury. Happily all may not be lost; Bratton has a Church with bells for Michele and a number of the many other activities she has been involved with at Avebury. Also, we hope to see her back for the odd special "desperate" occasion such as a wedding ring. Personally I will miss her since we

have rung the bells at Avebury for around 30 years. I will not be surprised if there are similar tributes to her from the many other local activities with which readers are probably familiar with. I will just name a couple I know of which many of you may not have heard of, and stir memories for a few. Almost as soon as she arrived she organised a trombone concert in the Church (and asked about bellringing), and organised a pre-school playgroup in the

village Social Centre. We bellringers made a presentation of a card and voucher to her in the tower ringing chamber (photo below) and then enjoyed a bring and share party in my home - conveniently opposite the Church gate on the High Street.

Brian Vickers



From left to right the ringers are Samuel Tye, James Tye, Andy Miller, John Mead (at back), Brian Vickers, Jonathan Stubbs, Michele, Kathy Davis, Kathryn Miller and Sean Tye. Thanks to Louisa for taking the photo.

## FARMERS' MARKET

Sunday 17th August  
Broad Hinton Village Hall  
11am - 1pm

**Free Entry**

Local Produce!  
Meat Cheese  
Bread Pastries Pies  
Honey Jam Pickles  
Herbs Sauces Teas  
Eco-Home & Refill  
Floristry Dog Treats  
Ales & Craft Beer  
Sweets

Pete's MicroBakery  
Pre-order Option  
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07969 280124  
adam.gilmore@bt.com

**Free Café**

Towards a new  
community-owned  
café & shop  
in Broad Hinton

White Horse  
Community Shop

Monday 17th August 11am - 1pm

**27TH JULY**  
TRADITIONAL ROAST  
ALL DAY

**31ST JULY**  
FISH & CHIP NIGHT  
THE MORE THAT BOOK, THE CHEAPER IT GETS!

**3RD AUGUST**  
NATIONAL IPA DAY  
PINT OF IPA FOR JUST £3 OR ON US IF YOU DINE!

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE NEW INN

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**8TH AUGUST**  
QUIZ NIGHT  
TEAMS OF UP TO 6, £2PP, BOOKING IS A MUST!

**21ST AUGUST**  
PIE NIGHT  
DELICIOUS PIES, VEG & CREAMY MASH JUST £18.95 WITH A DRINK.

**30TH AUGUST**  
BEETLE DRIVE  
HEADS DOWN AT 7PM

**17TH AUGUST**  
BBQ & LIVE MUSIC  
JOIN US FROM 12.30PM FOR GARDEN GAMES, DELICIOUS FOOD & LIVE MUSIC BY WHAT THE PLUCK!

*We look forward to seeing you soon!*

# Kennet Valley Parish Council

## TEA AND CAKE ON THE DENE ~ THANK YOU

A big Thank You to the Lockeridge residents who organised the delightful 'Tea and Cake on the Dene' event at the end of June. It was well attended despite the rain and all present had a very enjoyable afternoon. Many thanks to those who made cakes and helped to clear up. Proceeds from the event will go towards another Christmas drinks on the Dene.

## CONSIDERATE USE OF THE DENE

The Dene is a public space and there for the enjoyment of all. Please be considerate of neighbours when you use it and please do not use the Dene for social gatherings late at night. Thank you.

## HOSEPIPE BAN IN EFFECT 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2025

Just a reminder that a hosepipe ban is currently in place across our area due to the lack of rain and increasing demand which has stretched supplies.

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS – KEEP SAFE IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

Please take care when out and about in the countryside this summer. Remember to close gates, avoid livestock and keep to designated paths.

Parents – please ensure that your children keep safe. Farms are working environments with potential risks from equipment and livestock.

## WILDFIRE AWARENESS

In this hot, dry weather please be aware of increased risks of fires and please take a moment to read the following advice from the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Wildfires can ravage the local wildlife, destroying ecosystems in a matter of hours that have taken years to build up. If a wildfire encroaches upon farmland, then crops and farm buildings can be consumed, and homes that border heathland can also be at risk.

Seemingly extinguished bonfires and BBQs often pose a continued risk of causing wildfires. Residual heat and embers can cause hidden smouldering fires underground. It's another reason that Wiltshire and Dorset fire service are asking people to #BringAPicnicNotABBQ.

Steps you can take to avoid starting a wildfire:

Avoid having open fires or using barbecues in the countryside.

Extinguish smoking materials properly, and don't throw cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows – take your litter home.

If you see a fire in the countryside, report it immediately to the Fire & Rescue Service. Early detection can prevent it from developing into a large wildfire incident.

When calling the Fire & Rescue Service:

Get to a safe place

Note the fire location (What3Words can help if you're not sure)

Call 999

Meet the Fire & Rescue Service at the entrance.

Don't attempt to tackle fires that can't be put out with a bucket of water – leave the area as quickly as possible.

## SUPPORTING WILDLIFE IN THE HEAT

Our local wildlife can struggle in this heat and dry. Here are a few simple steps you can take to support wildlife in your garden.

### Make a bird bath or put out water (and cat food) for hedgehogs:

Turn your garden into a space for nature by placing a container filled with cool water outside and let birds cool off in the height of summer. Increasingly endangered hedgehogs are also struggling to find water so leaving water out for them can help and routes for them to move between gardens. Meaty cat or dog food or dry cat biscuits can also be left out for hedgehogs as advised by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, (BHPS) which is a registered UK Charity.

You may also notice other species stopping by for a quick dip. Pollinators like to stop off at shallow water to take a drink - a good tip is to place pebbles into a container so smaller birds and pollinators can have a perch to drink from!

Native plants that are watered regularly and gardens with large habitat areas are vital for butterflies, birds and bees in the hot weather. Mindful of this summer's heatwaves, try being eco-efficient and reserve tubs of rain or waste water to feed your garden.

Please avoid using pesticides or switch to natural deterrents to help our rapidly declining insect populations.

### Create shade in your garden

Many animals will seek out shade during the hot periods of the summer and a good way to help them is by creating a shaded area in your garden so they can cool off. There are lots of ways to do this; for example, a log pile keeps smaller mammals cool or you could leave an overgrown wildlife patch for insects and birds... and, of course, you can plant more trees!

## PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

We still have two vacancies on the Parish Council – one for Fyfield and one for West Overton. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in becoming a Kennet Valley Parish Councillor.

The next **Parish Meeting** takes place on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30pm at Kennet Valley Hall. As always, members of the public are most welcome to attend – we look forward to seeing you there.

With best wishes, Alison Ingham  
Clerk.

## Summer on the Dene in Lockeridge

A big thank you to Jayne and Rachel for organising the Tea & Cake event on the Dene at the weekend in June, it was a fabulous turnout, amazing cakes and a lovely brew! So good to see so many of you there.

Jayne + Rachel want to say a big thank you to all attendee's, cake makers and helpers not to mention the donations that will help fund our Christmas drinks on the Dene!





August 2025

**Playground**

We are really pleased to confirm that the tender process is now complete, and the contract has been awarded to Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd. Early indications are the work will start in the Autumn. To save a significant amount of money Cllr Ben Butler has very kindly agreed to remove the old equipment. Volunteers will be called upon to help nearer the time! We are very excited about this project coming to fruition for the community.

**Benches**

Following an assessment of the condition of the benches in the parish, it has been decided that two will be replaced (one of the benches located at the Big Arches and the one in the High Street). The remaining four; located in the Avebury Trusloe playground, Gilberts Hill, Beckhampton (A4, next to the bus stop) and the second one located at the Big Arches, will be removed in stages for repair. Brass plaques will be restored or replaced as required.

**Meet your Councillors**



Figure 1: Playground design

Next up, is Vice Chair Sue Millward. Sue became a parish councillor to make a meaningful contribution to the local community and to help address the issues that matter to residents.

As Vice Chair, she enjoys meeting people across the parish and learning more about the unique challenges and opportunities within the area. Since moving to Avebury Trusloe in 2018, Sue and her family have felt incredibly fortunate to live in such a beautiful and close-knit place. She and her husband Graham have three daughters and a grandson - and one day hope to finally tick off a long-planned tour of Europe. Fun fact: Sue holds a Guinness World Record for the most people rolling car tyres simultaneously!

**The Mobile Library Visit**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
For more information visit the website:  
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries

**Parish Steward**

The next visit is scheduled for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

**Next meeting**

There is no meeting in August, so the next Council Meeting will be Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 at 7.30pm at the Avebury Social Centre.

Emma Watson, Clerk  
clerk@aveburyparishcouncil.gov.uk



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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**CHARITY FUN DAY & AUCTION**  
**THE NEW INN, WINTERBOURNE MONKTON, SN4 9NW**

LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP ON THE DAY OR IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW CAN DONATE AN AUCTION PRIZE

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## News from the National Trust August

### Summer of Play at Avebury

With the schools now broken up for the summer holidays, we're offering a host of free play activities for younger visitors. You'll find free 'play stations' in the farmyard, barn and dovecote, including ball games, craft activities, a puppet theatre and the chance to dress up in costumes from the manor. There are also spaces still available for our bug hotel building session on Tuesday 5 August. If you have a budding builder aged between 7-11 and would like to take part, please contact [emma.talbot@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:emma.talbot@nationaltrust.org.uk)

### High Street car park permits

The car park on the village high street is owned and managed by the National Trust. Avebury Parish residents can apply for a parking permit, which are available for those living in Avebury village, Rawlins Park, Avebury Trusloe, Beckhampton, and West Kennet. To apply, please send your registration number and proof of address to [avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk).

### 'Avebury as home' oral history project

As part of the future presentation of Avebury Manor, we're looking to explore what it is like to call Avebury 'home'. We'd like to tell that story with your help, by collecting the experiences, thoughts, and memories of the people who live here. If you'd like to take part in a relaxed, informal interview - on your own, with a partner, or in a small group - please contact [amelia.bryan@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:amelia.bryan@nationaltrust.org.uk) or call 01672 538043. We'll be hosting a day of interviews on Wednesday 10 September, from 11am to 7pm, with each session lasting around 30 minutes. If that date doesn't work for you, we'll do our best to arrange another time.

### Free entry and getting in touch

Residents of Avebury parish get free entry to Avebury Manor Garden and the Alexander Keiller Museum by showing proof of address at the barn. Please see our website for full opening hours. If you need to contact the team for any reason, please email [avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:avebury@nationaltrust.org.uk), or visit the museum between 10am-5pm.



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## NEWS FROM THE WINTERBOURNE MONKTON COMMUNITY HALL



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Please visit our Website [wmch.club](http://wmch.club) or follow us on Facebook.

Hall Bookings can be made by e mail to  
[wmch-booking@hotmail.com](mailto:wmch-booking@hotmail.com)

- Friday Aug 15<sup>th</sup> Food Night Pizzalola  
From 5.30pm Bar Open
- Saturday Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> Coffee Morning  
10.30am to 1.00pm
- Saturday Sept 20<sup>th</sup> Food Night  
We Meat Again  
From 5.30 Bar Open
- Saturday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning  
10.30 am to 1.00 pm
- Friday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Film Night- The Salt Path  
From 6.30 Film 7.15
- Saturday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning  
10.30am to 1.00pm



We are always looking for new ideas for events. Any suggestions please let us know. Speak to a Committee Member or put a suggestion in our post box



## Tess Galley Counselling

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### Avebury Parish Council Official Response on Road Safety

We are deeply concerned about the recent road accidents and ongoing speed issues on the roads across the parish. We fully recognise the urgent need for increased road safety measures across our parish. The safety of residents, visitors and motorists is a top priority.

#### What we've been doing

- Since 2014 the Parish Council has championed the Atkins Report (2015) recommendations and convened a dedicated Transport Group to maintain pressure for change.
- Our councillors regularly attend Local Highway & Footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) meetings - Wiltshire Council's forum, bringing together local government, police and stakeholders every 3 months, to agree priorities and funding for traffic and safety schemes. The next meeting is on 31 July.

We continue to liaise with our Ward Cllr Jane Davies, our MP and the Police & Crime Commissioner, advocating strongly for impactful road safety improvements.

For more information: <https://www.aveburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/the-council/committees/>

Despite these efforts, progress has been slow - a source of genuine frustration - and we continue to press for tangible action.

#### Recent decisions

At our June Council meeting, we agreed:

- 1. Avebury Trusloe** We voted to approve 100% of the cost of a full speed limit review for Avebury Trusloe. This is the first formal step required to request a reduction from the current 50 mph speed limit. If the scheme is supported by LHFIG and the Marlborough Area Board, further costs will follow to implement any approved changes.
- 2. A4 - Overton Hill to West Kennet** A speed limit review is being proposed along the A4, covering Overton Hill to West Kennet. The review, led by

Wiltshire Council, is estimated to cost £4,250 and would assess whether a reduction in the current speed limits is justified based on safety and usage data. This is the first step in any formal process to change speed limits.

APC is working closely through its Transport Group with neighbouring parishes (Kennet Valley and Preshute) to find a way to progress this project, despite significant reductions to the LHFIG budget. We remain committed to seeking every available avenue to fund the review and push this scheme forward. This review is a vital first step towards securing lower speed limits on this busy route. If supported by LHFIG and the Marlborough Area Board, further costs will be incurred to implement any proposed changes.

The LHFIG and the Marlborough Area board will have the final decision on whether these schemes are progressed. LHFIG has a limited budget each year from Wiltshire Council and like all other services these are being cut year on year.

#### Next steps

The APC has called an emergency extraordinary Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 8 July at 7:00 pm where we will vote on two new safety proposals:

- Requesting double white lines on the A4361 departing Avebury towards Winterbourne Monkton to prohibit overtaking as drivers exit the 30 mph limit.
- Extending the 30 mph speed limit further along the same stretch, potentially reaching the Gourmet Goat Farm. Upon Parish Council approval, both measures will be submitted to Ward Cllr Jane Davies for LHFIG consideration. If LHFIG supports them in principle, APC would review the cost of the survey cost again and vote on the spend.

#### About LHFIGs in Wiltshire

Local Highway and Footway Improvement Groups (LHFIGs) are sub-groups of Wiltshire's Community Area Boards, focused on addressing local highway concerns. Each LHFIG is made up of up to

10 members, including Area Board councillors, parish and town council representatives, and community stakeholders. Meetings are held quarterly and attended by Wiltshire Council officers who provide technical advice but do not vote. LHFIGs review and prioritise highway improvement suggestions submitted via local councils and make recommendations to the Area Board for final approval. Funding is provided from a discretionary capital budget allocated according to community size and can only be used for new highway infrastructure that enhances safety, access, and sustainability - not for routine maintenance. Larger schemes exceeding local budgets may be submitted for additional funding through a competitive bid process known as a substantive LHFIG scheme.

For more information on WC LHFIG - <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6632/Local-highway-and-footway-improvement-groups>

#### How you can help

- Share your support with Ward Cllr Jane Davies, who sits on LHFIG and has agreed to be an advocate for our initiatives.
- Join the Parish Council - We currently have a vacant councillor position. If you care about our community and want to help shape the future of our parish, we encourage you to step forward. We're all volunteers doing our best to represent the residents of Avebury, and having an empty seat at the table affects our ability to do more and speak with a full voice.
- Stay engaged with future LHFIG meetings and APC agenda items as we monitor progress against delays and budget cuts. Avebury Parish Council remains committed to advancing lasting improvements in road safety. These initiatives are not just plans - they're the result of long-standing efforts, financial investment, and your voices. We're working hard to ensure Avebury's roads are safer for all.

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*On behalf of Avebury Parish Council*

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