

TWERTON AND WHITEWAY



Autumn 2026



Community Network Newsletter

Cosy season is upon us! And there's lots going on across Twerton and Whiteway as the colours change and we head towards the end of 2026, where did that year just go?

The past few months have been busy round here! What with the launch of the new family hub on **Dominion Road** (part of **The Foyer** building), and the forming of the Pride in Place board (who will guide the decisions on how to spend the £20 million funding from Labour over the next 10 years). It seems forever ago already, but we've also celebrated **Whiteway Fun Day** and **Twerton Flower Show** since our last newsletter, and **St Michael's** have welcomed new vicar Tim Lewis.

The **Community Climate and Nature Action** project, which a team of Network members is working on, will be popping up in various places and events across the autumn and winter. Come to the Big BreakFast on Saturday 31 at the village hall to find out more, or just come along for some great food!

Make sure to save the date for Timebank's Community Taster day on 14th Nov at **Southdown Methodist Hall** and try out a range of crafts and activities. There are loads of great clubs and groups happening locally, and this will be a great chance to try them out through free workshops (and a free buffet lunch!)

Did you know that there is a 'Reach' housing advice drop-in on Tuesdays at **Rose Cottage**? Antoinette will be there 9.30-1.30 giving impartial help and support with benefits, rent arrears, finding housing and more.

Flick to the last page for more upcoming events in our community. We've also got a brand new nature column from local ecologist Mike Williams, and our very own **Twerton and Whiteway Agony Aunt** team, ready to offer advice to those of us in need of some words of wisdom!

Get in touch if you have any news to share, ideas for the newsletter or for the community, or questions about getting involved in the Community Network. Contact hello@twertonandwhiteway.org

Update from the Pride in Place board

Twerton & Whiteway Pride in Place is moving forward! Our Neighbourhood Board is working well together and our next big focus is getting out into the community and hearing from you. Posters and QR codes will soon be appearing across the area, featuring artwork hand-painted by one of our own Board members, and a letter will be delivered to homes across Twerton and Whiteway. We're also planning a big community event to bring everyone together. Right now, we want to know **what you love about our neighbourhood, what needs changing and what you'd like to see happen in the future**. Complete our questionnaire on social media and follow Twerton & Whiteway Pride in Place on Facebook or @twertonwhitewayprideinplace on Instagram. This is your community – have your say!



Have your say on the Pride in Place funding



Twerton Flower Show, Whiteway Fun Day and Community Dragon's Den

Twerton and Whiteway shone bright this summer as people filled the parks and helped put on and participate in two big community fun days. The second Twerton Flower Show was a celebration of nature, the local area's flower growing heritage, and the present gardening and growing activity. The ribbon was cut by Stan Bristow, age 106!

Whiteway Fun day was yet another fun packed, joyful day out on the field organised and supported by local residents. Donkey rides, zorb balls, kids karaoke all went down a treat. The second TWCN Community Dragon's Den was held as part of the fun day which meant lots of residents could vote on their favourite projects. The winning pitches are for the following projects coming soon! Congratulations! Clothes upcycling sessions (Sapphire), allotment improvements (Maria), swift nesting boxes (Cat), art sessions (Danielle), zine making (Franklin), community space provision (Pedro), crochet group (Claire) and games and activities for older people (Lorraine). All receive £300 of funding towards their projects. If you or someone you know has a great idea which has community benefit, get in touch and get on the list for the next round coming in the new year.



Agony Auntie's Column!

Q. My friends want to book the Santa train at Avon Valley but it's too expensive. I don't want my kid to be left out, what can I do?

A: I really sympathise, this time of year can be stressful what with ever rising costs. But the magic of Christmas doesn't need to cost lots too, how about a Xmas movie at home with hot chocolate? Kids want love and care and time together more than grand days out! All the best xx

Keeping in touch

The Twerton and Whiteway Community Network now has a **Whatsapp Community**, with sub groups that people can create/join to discuss different topics.

Please join- you can message **07398 589680** and we will send you a joining link. You can leave at any time if it gets too 'busy' for you! You can also keep in touch via our mailing list (join via our website or get in touch to be added), website, Facebook, Instagram & LinkedIn.

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Wildlife Corner

Welcome to this new column, dedicated to the wildlife of Twerton and Whiteway.

While the hot and dry summer has caused many issues for the wildlife, it has also created perfect conditions for some species. The star of this summer was the Hummingbird Hawkmoth – a huge day-flying moth that flies around rapidly and is particularly fond of Buddleja flowers. Formerly a summer migrant, they are now breeding here – I found one laying eggs last week! The Clouded Yellow butterfly has also been spotted frequently at Bath City Farm, and the populations of Common Blue and Small Copper butterflies have bounced back, after being in decline for some years. We also recorded the highest number of Wasp Spiders to date.

I befriended a widowed Robin this summer, and helped her out with food for her chicks. Only one survived, but little Crisps is a very smart and strong fledgling, who stands a good chance.

Recently, I've been researching the prehistoric megafauna of the area. Remains of Woolly Mammoth, Woolly Rhinoceros, Straight-tusked Elephant, Auroch, Steppe Bison, Reindeer, and Musk Ox have all been found in and around Twerton and Whiteway!

What you can do: Leave water out for the birds, and plant native, late summer-flowering plants in your garden, such as Field Scabious, Greater Knapweed and Wild Marjoram.

Mike Williams

Instagram: @bath_nature



Fledgling Robin (Crisps)



Hummingbird Hawkmoth

TWERTON & WHITEWAY BIG BREAKFAST

10AM - 1PM
SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER

TWERTON VILLAGE HALL, LANDSEER ROAD, BA2 1DX

Hear and share local updates
while enjoying a free brekkie

GLUTEN FREE AND VEGGIE/VEGAN OPTIONS

We'll also be chatting about FOOD!

What are your go-to meals/Family Faves?
Are there food or growing skills you can share or
would like to learn?
Add your thoughts to the Twerton & Whiteway produce map
and let's look at how we're feeding ourselves and each other



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on Hallowe'en Eve, dare you
come on the third year of the...

spooky walk

Friday 30th
October



meet at kelston View
garages site at 4.30pm

Walk through the Farm with the Witch and her
friends, and play her games! Finish 6pm

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Family Hub opens

There is now a 'Best Start Family
Hub' at **80 Dominion Road** in
Twerton (just off the High
Street).

This is a welcoming, free space
for families where various
services and groups will run
including SEND support,
courses and baby groups. Pop in
and see the team or check the
website to find out more: [https://livewell.bathnes.gov.uk/
best-start-life](https://livewell.bathnes.gov.uk/best-start-life)

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Dates for your diary

11 Oct Upcycling workshop: 1-4pm at Timebank Plus

Free drop-in - bring those clothes that you've had lying around waiting for a revamp/repair. Tools and guidance provided!

26 Oct Let's Talk: 10am-12.30pm at Bath City Farm meeting room

A gentle space to talk about grief, loss and love over a cuppa

30 Oct Spooky Halloween with the Twerton & Whiteway Network: Meet the witch at 4.30pm at the Kelston View Garages and join her and her friends for a spooky walk & games at the farm

31 Oct Community Breakfast: 10am-1pm at Twerton Village Hall

Join the Twerton & Whiteway Community Network for a free fry-up and some foody chats

7 Nov Repair Cafe: 10am-1pm at Southdown Methodist Church

The Share and Repair team can help with sewing, electrical and general repairs

7 Nov Cleeve Court Christmas Fair, 12-4pm at Carrswood Day Centre

7 Nov Bonfire Night: 4.30-7.30pm at Bath City Farm

No fireworks but a beautiful bonfire, lantern parade, fire dancer & more. Free event.

14 Nov Timebank community taster day: 10.30-3.30 at Southdown Methodist Church Come and have a go at different activities and workshops; enjoy a free lunch and see what groups Twerton and Whiteway has to offer



Did you know that Twerton and Whiteway also has a load of regular free or low cost groups running, including:

Chess Club: 5.30pm Tuesdays at Rach's Cafe, Mount Road

Woolly Wednesdays: 10-12 at Bath City Farm Cafe

Guitar Group: 10.30-12 Thursdays at Quebec Community Room, Dominion Rd (all levels)

Bell ringing: 7pm Thursdays at St Michael's Church, Twerton

More info on all of these (and lots more) can be found on the 'What's On' page of the Twerton & Whiteway Community Network website:

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