

Wivey Links



The Newsletter For Wivey Link

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You can book Wivey Link from Monday to Friday 10.00am until 1.00pm. We are not open Saturday or Sunday. Messages left on the Answerphone on Friday afternoon and over the weekend will not be dealt with until Monday morning. It is very important that you book as soon as you can to help our scheduling and avoid disappointment. Thank you.

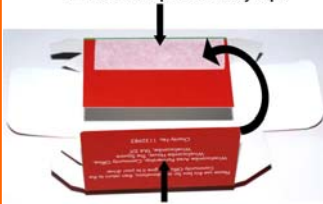


For your loose change!



Enclosed with your Newsletter, you will find one of our 'loose change' money boxes. It is easy to assemble and should take pride of place on your window ledge, hall table or wherever you prefer to keep it. Just drop in any loose change (copper or silver—we don't mind!) which you may have found at the bottom of your purse or wallet, behind the sofa or just an old coat pocket.

1 - Peel off top from sticky tape



2 - Stick bottom flap onto tape

3 - Tuck in all the flaps - Done!

When full, either give it to your friendly driver or pop into the office when you are passing. Jill can swap it for another box so you can continue to keep 'topping up'. Every little helps to keep our cars on the road and Wivey Link out and about.

Just in case you are unsure, shown here are some words on 'how to make it'.

Who's who and staffing

After serving on the Board of Wiveliscombe Area Partnership since its inception in 2002 John Bone, Vice Chairman retired in January of this year. John was a very valued member of the Board but we are pleased to say that he still, on occasion, calls into the Community Office to see us all and say hello. He often brings with him his loyal companion in the form of his collie "Ray the Stray" who enjoys a biscuit and a cuddle (not John of course!)



Jenny Hoyle was appointed as our new Vice Chairman and Terry Field (photos here) from Milverton was elected to serve as a Trustee in the vacant seat created by John's retirement.



During the course of the year Pauline Homeshaw was re-elected as Chairman, Andrew Smith was re-elected as Company Secretary and Roy Barfield and Steve Froud were each reappointed as Directors to serve for another 3 years.

Deb Stodgell remains as the Manager with Jill Goodwin looking after Wivey Link.

Administration support for the office:



The amount of paperwork to support the running of the organisation is phenomenal. We are very pleased to tell you that our existing volunteer and employee, Hope Bourne (top photo) together with newly appointed Paula Gorman (bottom photo) will both cover the working week to help with all clerical matters.



Hope works on a Monday and a Friday and Paula works on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and both are in the office between 9am and 12noon. If you come into the office do say hello, they would love to meet you all.

10 Parishes Festival



The 10 Parishes Festival took place from Saturday 9th to Sunday 17th September, with the Street Market and Carnival on a wet Sunday 10th September. The festival itself was

another hugely successful year with nearly 10,000 people visiting local artists to view (and buy) their unique art work and crafts. Whilst the weather was not kind on the day of the Street Market this did not hinder the event with visitor numbers remaining high.

Volunteer Drivers required

Could this be you or someone you know?

Although it is unlikely that any of you, our lovely customers, would be in a position to help, perhaps you do know someone (friend, neighbour or relative perhaps) that would be interested. If they could spare 2 days per month or more, enjoy driving and meeting interesting people, please ask them to come and talk to us about volunteering as a driver with Wivey Link. They will be driving a Wivey Link car to collect passengers, taking them to their destination in the local area as well as making a real difference to people's lives.

For further information please telephone 01984 624777 or visit the Community Office in Wiveliscombe.

A Secure Future

The Directors of Wiveliscombe Area Partnership were very pleased to negotiate and sign a new Lease for Wiveliscombe House. The Partnership has operated from the same building since it began at the beginning of the millennium and the Lease renewal means that the future of the Community Office and Wivey Link is assured for another 12 years.

Wivey Link Vehicles

In the Spring of this year we exchanged our small saloon Fiat QUBO car for a Renault Kangoo. This is another small hatchback but is newer and with more space in the boot for storage of shopping bags and trolleys.

Wivey Link and Wiveliscombe Area Partnership wish to thank all our customers, sponsors and supporters, including:

Jones Garage Wiveliscombe, Country Cars and Vans, The Jim Laker Fund, Wiveliscombe Dispensary Trust, The Wiveliscombe and District Rotary Club, Taunton Deane Borough Council, Somerset County Council, Wiveliscombe Town Council and the Parish Councils of Ashbrittle, Bathealton, Clatworthy, Fitzhead, Milverton and Oake.

People at the Community Office:

PC Jo Jeffery & PCSO Louise Fyne hold a weekly Police surgery every Wednesday from, approximately, 11am until 1pm.

The Housing Officer & Benefits Officer from Taunton Deane Borough Council hold a surgery every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month from, approximately, 11am until 12.30pm.

Gaby Bellamy, Village Agent holds a surgery every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from, approximately, 10am until 1pm.

Fundraising and the Somerset West Lottery

Somerset West Lottery is a weekly lottery that directly supports local good causes and community initiatives.

Lotteries are a fun and effective way for causes to raise much-needed funds in these difficult times. By getting more people on board, they don't just raise funds, they also raise awareness.

When you play the Somerset West Lottery you know that 60% of your ticket price goes to good causes (more than DOUBLE what the National Lottery gives) AND the money raised is going to good causes that benefit your local community.

Proceeds generated from this page go into a general good cause fund, administered by Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council, which will be spent on providing vital support to a wide range of local organisations and community initiatives.

You can see details of how the money has been allocated here:

- Taunton Deane Borough Council - <https://www.tauntondeane.gov.uk>
- West Somerset Council - <https://www.westsomersetonline.gov.uk>

Wivey Link is registered with the Somerset West Lottery so by buying a ticket weekly, you can support us.

Go on line at support@somersetwestlottery.co.uk or telephone 0800 30 20 666

A few statistics for you: From April until end September 2017 we have carried **4,046** passengers, driven **34,821** miles and spent **£5,052** on fuel. Have you any friends or neighbours whom you think would benefit from using Wivey Link to get to their appointments and shopping trips?

Do them a Christmas favour and tell them what a great service Wivey Link is and get them to register!

Wheelchairs? Please note that Jill retains details of your disability aids so she can be sure that these can be carried when you travel. If you change your disability aid, please let Jill know at once so she can update her records and arrange for an assessment of its suitability to be carried on our vehicles.

Recycling reminders: Don't forget, we still recycle plastic milk bottle tops, ink cartridges and laser toners, used postage stamps, 'trigger' tops from plastic spray bottles and mobile phones. These are all used to raise funds for various charities.



A Spring Clean last January: At the start of this year a few of us put our rubber gloves on and gave the Community Office a 'deep clean' and tidy up, with rubbish cleared from the basement and old files archived. We also took the opportunity for the two larger vehicles to have both clutches replaced and the body work/scratches on all of the cars 'touched up' as necessary by Max Green.

Are your walking frames or crutches still required?

If not and they are cluttering up your cupboards, then contact Jill and we can arrange to collect and return them to Musgrove Hospital as they will be able to make use of them for other patients. It will save the NHS money of course as every little helps. Obviously, this also applies to any surplus wheelchairs as well.

Lots of shopping?



Walking Frame? Shopping Trolley?

A reminder to please let Jill know when you book as you may need to travel in one of our large cars.



Christmas Lights Switch On

Don't forget that Father Christmas will be visiting The Square in Wiveliscombe when the Christmas Lights are switched on this year - **Friday 1st December 2017**.

To celebrate the start of the festive season The Community Office will be open to serve mulled cider and mince pies. Do call in, you'd be very welcome and the mulled cider really 'warms the cockles' on a chilly December evening.

Wivey Link Christmas Hours

The Wivey Link service and Community office will be closed from 1pm on Friday 22nd December 2017 and reopen at 10am on Monday 8th January 2018.

Please be sure to make your bookings for the first week of January 2018 by Wednesday 20th December 2017.

As the office will be closed over this period, messages left on the answerphone will not be dealt with until after the festive holiday.

*The Trustees, Staff & all the volunteers at the
Community Office & Wivey Link would like to thank everyone
for their support over the last 12 months & wish you all a very
Happy Christmas & a peaceful New Year.*

