NYNEHEAD NEWS

LONG HOT SUMMER - NOW FOR AUTUMN…

The weather has been the main topic of conversation for months, but as we settle into Autumn, there's plenty going on as the cool and rain return.

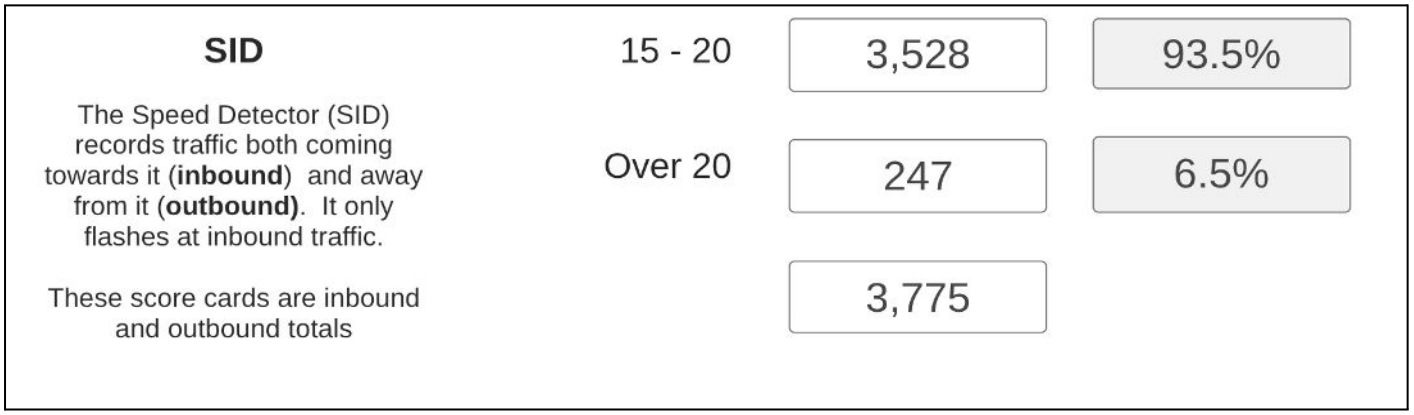
NYNEHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

New Councillor for Nynehead - Mr Peter Swinburn was unanimously co-opted to the Council in May, and his legal knowledge and planning expertise has already proved a valuable asset. Peter lives in the village and cares about the locality. He is married with two teenage children, works locally and nationally in his role as chief executive at Clarke Willmott solicitors.

Highways - Following the awarding of a grant from Avon & Somerset Police Community Fund, a **Speed Indicator Device** (SID) was purchased by the Parish Council to aid speed limit enforcement in the village. Having obtained a s171 licence from Somerset Council (SC), RW Gale Ltd installed two posts, one outside the Memorial Hall and the other on the eastern approach to Nynehead in accordance with the SC Memorandum of Understanding.

A team of three volunteers, all trained with SWQR Unit 01 qualification, has very kindly agreed to manage changing and charging the SID batteries and moving it between sites.

Ian Rutherford, one of the SID volunteers, has generously spent time setting up a dashboard indicating vehicles shown to be exceeding the speed limit of 20mph. A snapshot is shown below.



Fire Hydrants - recently there was a serious fire in Oake that totally destroyed two homes. The fire crews attending had difficulty locating working fire hydrants and damage was exacerbated as a result. Therefore Oake Parish Council decided to map their hydrants. Nynehead PC decided to look at the situation related to our village.

At the PC meeting in August, it was agreed to establish the location of all the fire hydrants in Nynehead and ensure that the covers are visible and free from debris. Residents are encouraged to know the locations of fire hydrants near to their property.

Most covers are metal plates in the centre of the lanes (probably more to one side on larger roads) and show a large FH in the centre of the casting (you may need to take a stiff brush to clean it up). If the hydrant marker or post exists it will be on a nearby wall or verge. The top number shows the diameter of the underground water main pipe in millimeters. The bottom number shows the distance in meters from the marker sign to the underground hydrant.

New Clerk for Nynehead Parish Council - a very promising candidate was recently interviewed and the process of appointment is ongoing. There is no Council meeting in September. It is hoped that the new clerk will be in post for the October meeting.

Parish Council Chair - At the end of the August meeting Dr Jan Butterley offered her resignation as Chair, which was accepted. She proposed Mr Peter Swinburn as the new Chair, seconded by Mrs Amanda Harcombe, and his appointment was agreed unanimously by all Members. Thanks both to Jan Butterley for agreeing to Chair NPC when Jeremy Toye resigned in April and for Peter Swinburn now taking on the role.

The Council also runs **Nynehead Now**, a digital noticeboard delivered by WhatsApp to mobile phones. If you have an announcement or would like to receive the updates, email or WhatsApp Jeremy Toye on jemtoye@gmail.com or 07801 824755.

At **www.nyneheadparish.gov.uk** (the village website) you can find an abundance of useful information, including key contacts and websites for reporting problems in the Parish, such as highways issues, fly tipping or flooding. You can also find up-to-date reports and advice from Somerset Council, the local Police and Neighbourhood Watch.

The Parish Council aims to serve the needs of the community and residents are encouraged to share ideas, voice concerns or suggest initiatives by contacting the Clerk email: clerk@nyneheadparish.gov.uk

The next Parish Council Meeting is on **Monday 19th October** at the Nynehead Memorial Hall commencing at 19.30. Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meetings, with an opportunity to address issues of concern at the public question time and stay on to listen to proceedings.

NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL HALL

Our Memorial Hall has seen a few changes over the last quarter. We said farewell to Grant and Gina from Diva Cleaning as they moved on to new ventures. In their place, we welcomed Julie, who has already proved to be worth her weight in gold - with many hall hirers commenting on how spotless the building and floors are looking!

Could you be our next caretaker?

Committee members have been filling the caretaker duties on a rota basis, but we are still looking to recruit a permanent caretaker. This is a paid role that would suit a local resident. Responsibilities include simple housekeeping tasks (like restocking kitchen and bathroom supplies), keeping an eye on heating and air conditioning, and meeting and greeting ad-hoc hirers. Contact Hall Secretary Jo Rutherford on secretary.nyneheadhall@gmail.com for details.

Cool in Summer, Cosy in Winter

Our air conditioning has been an absolute lifesaver over the summer months. It allowed activities to continue on even the hottest days for just a nominal fee, and even attracted users from other

local halls to enjoy our cool space! We've worked hard to improve the hall's climate control so it stays comfortably warm in winter and wonderfully cool in summer. Please do recommend the hall to friends and family for birthday parties, family gatherings, or regular activities—our rates remain highly competitive.

Parkinson's Cafe

An important new addition to Hall activities will be the launch of monthly cafe sessions for people living with Parkinson's and their carers. Run by Wivey Cares and Parkinson's UK, the cafe opens on Thursday October 15th from 2.15pm to 4pm,and then on every third Thursday in each month. Sessions will be run by a coordinator, trustees and volunteers, with activities and speakers.

The sessions are primarily designed for people with Parkinson's and their carers, but anyone interested in finding out more will be welcome too. For details, contact Valeria Coots on valeria@wiveycares.net or call 07733 183825.

NYNEHEAD MEMORIAL CLUB

The new skittle season has started and Nynehead Memorial Club is now 'home' to two skittle teams, with a new Friday evening team 'The Oakes' (Captain Ashley Bright 07951 523846) from the Blue Ball joining the club. The Nynehead Club team (Captain Tom O'Neill 07864 266307) continues to skittle on Thursday evenings. Potential team members, Club members, guests and supporters are always welcome at the Club on 'Skittle Nights'.

The Club (next door and adjacent to the Hall) is open every Saturday 8pm - 11pm plus alternate Thursday evenings 7.30pm - 11pm and alternate Friday's during the skittle season.

It is also the venue for the very popular Open Mic Nights from 7pm - 11pm on a Friday evening - see the Diary Section of the Newsletter for dates.

NYNEHEAD NATTERS

Nynehead Natters, the group which meets twice a month in the Memorial Hall on Friday afternoons from 2pm until 4pm, is open to everyone. A game of Scrabble, word search or crossword perhaps or just sit and chat. Tea or coffee and a selection of homemade and bought cakes are available. Donations invited at £1 per person. Why not come along and enjoy a cuppa and piece of cake with us where you will be warmly welcomed? Dates for your diary are:

September 11th and 25th
October 9th and 23rd
November 6th and 20th
December 11th.

NYNEHEAD PARISH CHURCH

We have had the Church tower repaired recently thanks to a grant that we were given. It was fascinating to watch the steeplejacks at work. We held a cream tea in August which was a very happy occasion. We set tables up on the Court lawn just outside our big West door, and we raised £200.

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 13th September at 11am. Any gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers or food suitable for the food bank will be gratefully accepted at the service or on Saturday morning between 10 & 12. We are aware that farmers are having a difficult harvest this year and will remember that. We have two early dates for your diary. On Friday 4th

December we will have another concert in Church with the children's orchestra and the silver band at 6.30 pm. The Annual Village Carol Service will be held on Sunday 13th December at 3pm.

NYNEHEAD GARDEN CLUB

Nynehead Garden Club held its 22nd annual Family Flower Show on Saturday 8th August, which was again very well attended by both entrants and visitors on the day. Entries in the fruit, veg and flowers were a little down on last year due to the excessive heat we have all been experiencing in our gardens.

Thanks to our independent judges who turned up at 10am to judge all items exhibited:
Fruit & Vegetables – Ian Johnson Flowers & Floral Art – Dr F E Burroughes
Cookery – Christine Wombwell Handicraft & Young People – Andrea Stout

The day was a great success and included tea, cake and ice creams, raffle prizes and cups awarded to various entrants.

Best Vegetable – The Prior Shield – Winner Frank Meadows (Aubergines)
Best Fruit – The Hargreaves Shield – Winner Gordon Stead (Blackberries)
Best Rose – The Rose Cup – Winner Rachel Vest (Single Rose)#
Most Cookery Points – The Toogoods Cup – Winner Vicky Lovell
Most Points in Show – The Nynehead Court Cup – Winner Gordon Stead
Most Points, Young People – Trophy – Winner Alfred Povey
Best Flower – The Shepherd Cup – Winner Elaine Entwistle (Herbaceous Perennial Flowers)
Most points in Handicraft – Shield – Winner Tina Mostert
Spud in Bucket – Mervin Hooper Shield – Winner Malcolm Vest (1.415kg of Potatoes)
Best Exhibit Cookery – Haslams Cup – Winner Elaine Entwistle (homemade loaf of bread)

Many thanks to all who helped on the days before and during and those people who donated raffle prizes. We look forward to seeing everybody again next year and any new entrants.

The Garden Club will be meeting again on **14th September** with a talk from Bella Given on dazzling dahlias, decision delights and delirium and on the **12th October** Stephen Powles will talk on Tawny owls coming to a wood near you. We welcome new members to come along and join us.

NYNEHEAD JUBILEE PLAYING FIELD

It has been an extra hot Summer at the Playing Field, with lots of visitors enjoying the sunshine and the facilities, including the newly refurbished track.

We have kept up with our regular maintenance checks, and have finally received the annual RoSPA safety report. The main climbing frame is still a concern, and is where we will focus our monitoring. We will also be looking at moving the basket swing to a separate structure elsewhere on the field. The committee will be having a walk through next month, to review all the equipment and decide on locations for new benches, including a memorial bench that has been requested.

As the Summer comes to an end, the last trees to be flagged by the Arboricare report are being taken down, to make the neighbouring properties and the field safer ahead of Winter. We've also now received quotes for roadside and gate signage from local companies, and are finalising the designs.

Though we can't share a date with you just yet, we will be hosting another Bake Sale fundraiser in October - details to come on Nynehead Now. For any suggestions, concerns or if you'd like to find out more about joining the committee, please email nyneheadplayingfield@gmail.com.

DIARY

Event	Date	Venue	Time
Nynehead Natters	Friday 11th Sep	Memorial Hall	2-4pm
Harvest Festival	Sunday 13th Sep	All Saints	11am
Garden Club on dahlias	Monday 14th Sep	Nynehead Court	7.30pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 25th Sep	Memorial Hall	2-4pm
Open Mic Night	Friday 25th Sep	Nynehead Club	7-11pm
Morning Prayer	Sunday 27th Sep	Nynehead Court	11am
Nynehead Natters	Friday 9th Oct	Memorial Hall	2-4pm
Holy Communion	Sunday 11th Oct	All Saints	11am
Garden Club on Tawny Owls	Monday 12th Oct	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Parish Council meeting	Monday 19th Oct	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 23th Oct	Memorial Hall	2-4pm
Morning Prayer	Sunday 25th Oct	Nynehead Court	11am
Open Mic Night	Friday 30th Oct	Nynehead Club	7-11pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 6th Nov	Memorial Hall	2-4pm
Remembrance Day Service	Sunday 8th Nov	All Saints	10.50am
Parish Council meeting	Monday 16th Nov	Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Nynehead Natters	Friday 20th Nov	Memorial Hall	2-4pm
Morning Prayer	Sunday 22nd Nov	Nynehead Court	11am
Open Mic Night	Friday 27th Nov	Nynehead Club	7-11pm

Nynehead News publication dates and deadlines for 2026/27

Deadline for copy	Publication date
Friday 20th November	Tuesday 1st December
Saturday 20th February	Monday 1st March

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