

# MDC Parish Briefing

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## Mendip news

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### **Stronger Somerset**

#### **Overwhelming support from Councillors to back Stronger Somerset and a better future for all**

Mendip District Council has backed an ambitious, innovative plan for local government reform.

In an historic vote that will impact future generations, elected Members supported the Stronger Somerset joint-proposal put forward by the county's district councils.

Stronger Somerset would see the creation of two new unitary councils – East and West - with a combined authority. Its focus is on job creation, improvements in care and public health, investing in young people, and opportunities for all.

The magnitude of the decision, after months of research and consulting with experts throughout the UK, was not lost on Leader of Mendip District Council, Cllr Ros Wyke, at a special meeting of Full Council on Thursday 10th September 2020.

Cllr Wyke said: "Today is an important moment for all of Somerset. Decisions taken in the next few weeks will impact on generations to come."

Read the full press release, and view the recorded vote, here:

<https://www.mendip.gov.uk/9448>

Watch the Leader of Mendip District Council, Cllr Ros Wyke, discuss the two unitary proposal on ITV West Country here:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=335110317612415>

## Stronger Somerset presentations at Parish Forums

We'd really value your views and feedback on our joint Stronger Somerset proposal and would welcome an opportunity to discuss them with you further, and answer any questions.

We've organised two virtual Parish Forum meetings to be held on the **15th September 2020 at 12pm** and **21st September 2020, starting at 7pm**. Parish Chairs and Clerks are welcome to attend. Let us know if you will be joining us by emailing [theparishforum@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:theparishforum@mendip.gov.uk)

Alternatively, we would be happy to attend one of your virtual Parish meetings to answer questions relating to Stronger Somerset. Please email an invitation to the [parishforum@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:parishforum@mendip.gov.uk) and we will let you know if we are able to attend.

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## Pulling together: Community-led weeding pilots picked

Mendip District Council recently announced that Frome and Easton have been chosen to take part in their manual weed management trials. Volunteers in the Somerset town and village are being asked to step forward and sign up for the scheme.

You don't have to be a keen gardener, or have the kit. You don't need to be physically fit or agile either to join in.

The aim of these two trials is to establish if the Council and community, by pulling together, can tackle weed control without the use of glyphosate - a weed killer linked to cancer and toxic to birds and insects.

**Register now!** [www.mendip.gov.uk/communityweeding](http://www.mendip.gov.uk/communityweeding)

**Don't live in Frome or Easton?** No problem. Mendip wants community weeding groups to spring up across the district, and they'll help facilitate these, even though they are not part of the official trials.

Want to see how quick, easy and fun community weeding can be? Check out Cllr Shane Collins' film here: <https://direc.to/eqov>

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## **Council to provide roadside residents extra support in seeking housing solutions**

Mendip District Council is to appoint a full-time, specialist housing advisor to work directly with roadside communities to support suitable accommodation solutions.

The aim of the government-funded role is to build relationships with roadside dwellers, enable honest conversations and explore realistic housing options.

In addition to the housing advisor post 'on the ground', a part-time officer will be employed to provide strategic input and support local partnership working. They will act as a single point of reference and report back to the District Council on progress, coordinating with wider district projects where needed.

The new appointments are in response to research observed by Smart Communities Limited (SCL) who engaged with residents living on the roadside in Glastonbury to gain more detailed information regarding the causes and their circumstances. Mendip commissioned this piece of work during late 2019/early 2020 when numbers in the town stood at 82. By August 2020 that figure had increased to 112.

Cllr Liz Leyshon spoke to BBC Radio Somerset about the appointments, and the appeal of Glastonbury as a place to call home.

Listen again: [https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc\\_radio\\_somerset\\_sound](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/live:bbc_radio_somerset_sound) Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 3:38pm Drive Show. The interview was then repeated on the BBC Breakfast Show at 7.25am, the following day [Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September]

## **Mendip's £57 million COVID-spend to support communities**

Mendip District Council's COVID-spend topped £57 million - providing a lifeline to residents and local businesses during the crisis.

The money has been used to provide business grants, ensure business rates relief to nurseries and retail, to support working age Council Tax payers in receipt of Council Tax Support and for general additional costs incurred by the Council relating to COVID-19.

Despite prudent financial management, an all-but balanced budget last year, and some sound commercial investments, the Council faces a funding shortfall of between £2 million and £3.5 million in 2020/21, due to COVID. Its healthy £12.7 million reserves will help cushion the costs, however.

Press release in full here: <https://www.mendip.gov.uk/article/9446/Build-back-better-Mendip-District-Council-s-57-million-COVID-spend-supports-local-communities>

## **Mendip's safeguarding for taxi drivers scheme attracts nationwide interest**

Mendip District Council is helping to protect communities through the delivery of specialist safeguarding training to all licenced taxi and private hire drivers. Taxi drivers can play an important role in the safeguarding process, sometimes witnessing issues relating to vulnerable children and adults. It is critical drivers are alert to these potential issues, and know what to do if they have concerns.

Due to COVID, the first sessions were delivered online and were well attended, with positive feedback from drivers. News of the safeguarding session success hit the headlines. This led to a senior licensing officer from Trafford Council contacting Mendip to request they attend our training, with a view to replicating delivery back in Greater Manchester.

Read the press release here: <https://www.mendip.gov.uk/article/9430/Online-safeguarding-sessions-prove-popular-with-Mendip-s-taxi-drivers>

## **£1m Climate Emergency Community Fund launched**

A pot of £1 million is available to help local communities become carbon neutral and mitigate the impacts of Climate Change in Somerset.

**From 1st October**, city, town and parish councils across Somerset are invited to bid for between £5,000 and £75,000 for innovative projects that can make a real difference in reducing carbon emissions and can contribute to making Somerset resilient to the effects of Climate Change.

All applications must be submitted by parish, town or city council or a local member if you are in an unparished area, so if you've got a great idea for what your local council might do, get in touch with them now.

For information visit: [www.somerset.gov.uk/climate-emergency](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/climate-emergency).

## **Grants available from The Somerset Fund**

If you are a grassroots community group based in Somerset, grants are available up to the value of £2,500 from The Somerset Fund. Somerset Community Foundation (SCF) manages the Fund and is encouraging applications from smaller charities and community groups that run on less than £100,000 per year. The grants will be 'unrestricted', which means they can be used to pay for ongoing running costs, also known as 'core costs'. Applications to the Fund through SCF's website [www.somersetcf.org.uk/somersetfund](http://www.somersetcf.org.uk/somersetfund) or call 01749 344949. The **deadline to apply is Friday 16th October 2020**.

# Keeping homes safe, warm and ready for winter

**Mendip District Council can help! We've pulled together checklists, guidance and the latest information locally and nationally, to help you make your home more comfortable as we approach the colder months...**

## **Could your home be more energy efficient?**

Is your loft insulated? Does your property have the potential to install renewable energy? The Council has a range of information, funding and advice to support you to improve the energy efficiency of your home – making it more comfortable and potentially saving you money too.

<https://www.mendip.gov.uk/energyefficiency>

## **Mendip District Council's Home Energy Checklist**

Do you want to make your home more comfortable ahead of winter? Do you want to save money on your energy bills, but are unsure where to start?

Download our Home Energy Checklist to help you identify improvements you could make in your home. The checklist has links to guides produced by our partner – The Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE). Click on the link for further information on grants and loans available to help improve your home's energy efficiency.

<https://www.mendip.gov.uk/energyefficiencyfinance>

## **Installing renewable energy in the home**

Have you ever considered installing solar panels or alternative heating? Installing renewable energy can make your home more comfortable all year round, save you money on your energy bills and help reduce your carbon footprint too!

Find key sources of information and advice on installing renewable energy in the home here: <https://www.mendip.gov.uk/article/8651/Energy>

Or check the Council's Planning and Renewables Guidance:

[https://www.mendip.gov.uk/media/25830/Planning-and-Renewables-Guidance-Note/pdf/Planning\\_and\\_Renewables\\_Guidance\\_Note.pdf](https://www.mendip.gov.uk/media/25830/Planning-and-Renewables-Guidance-Note/pdf/Planning_and_Renewables_Guidance_Note.pdf)

The Government's Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) enables you to get money towards renewable heating costs in your home.

<https://www.mendip.gov.uk/renewableenergy>

**Please share this information with your communities through your networks and on social media. Thank you.**

# Keeping homes safe, warm and ready for winter

## Green Home Grants

The Government will launch its Green Homes Grant scheme this month. It means people living in Mendip can apply for vouchers of up to £5,000 to go towards 'green' home improvements.

For low-income families, the Government will fund 100% of the cost of the works for up to £10,000. For everyone else, the scheme will fund up to two-thirds of the costs. Homeowners and landlords can apply for the grant, which could help families save up to £600 per annum on their energy bills.

## Local traders must register to carry out green grant works

Mendip District Council is encouraging local tradespeople to register for TrustMark or Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) accreditation, to be able to carry out works for the Government's Green Homes Grant scheme.

Only tradespeople who sign up to the TrustMark accreditation or MCS will be able to undertake the green home improvements. It's an opportunity for them to have access to more work in the Mendip area compared to those tradespeople not accredited, and also ensures quality and peace of mind to property owners that the works being carried out are to a high standard and offers consumer protection.

Register for Trust Mark Accreditation here [www.trustmark.org.uk/](http://www.trustmark.org.uk/)

Register for the Microgeneration Certification Scheme here

<https://mcscertified.com/>

For more information about the grants, visit the Centre for Sustainable Energy

[www.cse.org.uk/advice](http://www.cse.org.uk/advice)

Learn more about the Green Homes Grant scheme here

[www.gov.uk/government/news/quality-assurance-at-heart-of-new-2-billion-green-homes-grants](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/quality-assurance-at-heart-of-new-2-billion-green-homes-grants)

## Loan scheme continues to improve homes across the district

With the Government announcement of the Green Homes Grant Scheme launch, a loan from Lendology CIC (formally Wessex Resolutions) could be used to top-up a grant where there is a shortfall in the cost, or for those homeowners who are not eligible for the Green Homes Grant. There are a variety of home repairs and improvements covered under the scheme. If you need to repair your home, it couldn't be simpler to apply for a home improvement loan. Just contact the team at Lendology direct on 01823 461099 or visit their website [www.lendology.org.uk](http://www.lendology.org.uk)

## Service Updates - Planning

The Government has published reforms to the planning system in their White Paper, "Planning for the Future" and "Changes to the Planning System".

The White Paper and Changes document can be viewed in full here:

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future)

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-current-planning-system](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/changes-to-the-current-planning-system)

Attached to this MDC briefing is a summary of the proposals and an indication of the likely impacts for Mendip District and the Local Plan Programme.

**See Document 1.**

Please contact the Planning Policy Team if you would like any further information or have questions at this stage. Email [planningpolicy@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@mendip.gov.uk)

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## Partnership Updates

### **Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) – pick-up and preview your Bright Blue Bag**

SWP launches its new Recycle More service in Mendip at the end of October. An important aspect of Recycle More is a new recycling container – a Bright Blue Bag. They are tough, hard-wearing and have a 60-litre capacity. Each is base-weighted, has a Velcro-fastened lid and folds flat when not in use.

Parish, town, city councils in Mendip, and all district and county councillors representing Mendip wards are being offered a chance to try one of these containers before they are distributed.

The bags are available for collection at the Mendip District Council offices in Shepton Mallet until Friday 9th October. They can only be collected by prior arrangement due to COVID regulations.

If you would like a blue recycling bag, please email [Debbie.Dingle@mendip.gov.uk](mailto:Debbie.Dingle@mendip.gov.uk) to arrange a day and time on either a Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 9am-5pm.

For more information on Recycle More and its phased roll-out timetable, please go to [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more)

SWP have promotional posters available for anyone happy to print them out and stick them up in busy locations and community noticeboards. There is a general 'Coming to Mendip' version attached to this briefing which you may wish to display.

**See Document 2.**

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## **Avon and Somerset Constabulary: A letter about Remembrance Events and Remembrance Day**

Please find attached to this briefing an important letter from the police about the impact of COVID on Remembrance Day, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**See Document 3.**

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## **COVID-19 business updates**

### **Changes to the Job Retention scheme**

From 1st September changes came into place for the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme. HMRC now pay for 70% of usual wages for hours furloughed employees do not work, with employers needing to make up the additional 10% so staff still receive the same payments.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme/changes-to-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme>

### **Sign up for apprentice cash boost**

As part of the [Government's Plan for Jobs](#), employers are being offered £2,000 for each new apprentice they hire aged under 25, and £1,500 for each newly recruited apprentice aged 25 and over. This includes taking on an apprentice who has been made redundant. The cash boost is designed to support employers to cover the cost of recruiting an apprentice such as providing facilities, uniforms, helping with travel costs or to help pay their salary.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/employers-encouraged-to-sign-up-for-apprentice-cash-boost?>



### **Domestic abuse advice line for businesses**

The charity Hestia launched a new advice line for businesses supporting employees experiencing or at risk of domestic abuse. Funded by the Home Office, the [Everyone's Business Advice Line](#) will be a point of contact for businesses, supporting them on how to approach disclosures of domestic abuse by their employees, particularly in light of COVID-19. They will also receive advice so that they can signpost staff to specialist domestic abuse services.

<https://www.hestia.org/news/hestia-launches-free-domestic-abuse-advice-line-for-businesses>

### **Help and support if your business is affected by coronavirus**

Watch videos and register for the free webinars to learn more about the support available to help you deal with the economic impacts of coronavirus.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-and-support-if-your-business-is-affected-by-coronavirus-covid-19>

### **Guidance for food businesses**

You'll find guidance here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-food-businesses>

### **Coronavirus information for farmers, landowners and rural businesses**

The latest information for farmers, landowners and rural businesses during the coronavirus outbreak.

Read this page for regular updates: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-farmers-landowners-and-rural-businesses>

### **Eat Out to Help Out: More than 6.7 million meals claimed for in South West**

6,771 outlets in the South West signed up to use the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme as of 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020. This only relates to businesses that have fewer than 26 outlets. The actual figure (which includes larger restaurant chains in the region) is higher. So far, a total of 6,778,000 (6.7 million) meals have been claimed for across the South West region.

Total amount of discount claimed = £35,022,000 (£35 million)

Average discount per meal = £5.17

It is important to note that these figures are up to 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020, and businesses have until 30<sup>th</sup> September to [make a claim](#)

Across the UK more than 100 million meals have been claimed for so far (up to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020).

The latest Eat Out to Help Out figures have been published on GOV.UK.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hmrc-coronavirus-covid-19-statistics#eat-out-to-help-out-scheme>

Eat Out to Help Out Scheme - claims by parliamentary constituency  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eat-out-to-help-out-scheme-claims-by-parliamentary-constituency>

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## **COVID-19 national updates**

### **New restrictions in England from Monday 14th September**

There is to be a ban on meeting socially in groups of more than six. This will apply in any setting, indoors or outdoors. The ban will be set out in law and will be enforced by the police. This single measure replaces both the existing ban on gatherings of more than 30 and the current guidance on allowing two households to meet indoors. COVID-secure venues like places of worship, gyms, restaurants and hospitality venues can still hold more than six people in total. Within those venues however, there must not be individual groups larger than six, and groups must not mix socially or form larger groups.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-covid-19-what-has-changed-9-september>

### **COVID-19: Guidance for the safe use of council buildings**

Updated to reflect changes in rules on gatherings, and on track and trace.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-council-buildings/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-council-buildings>

### **Guidance for hostel services for people experiencing homelessness and rough sleeping**

The Government has updated the guidance on coronavirus for commissioners and providers of hostel services for people experiencing homelessness and rough sleeping.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-services-for-people-experiencing-rough-sleeping>

### **Extension of tenants' protection from eviction**

The Government has written to councils to notify them of the extension of emergency measures regarding notice periods which came into force on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The letter gives details on the change to the Coronavirus Act 2020 (Residential Tenancies: Protection from Eviction) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020, which requires residential landlords to give tenants 6 months' notice of their intention to seek possession, except in the most serious cases.

Letter: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-act-2020-residential-tenancies-protection-from- eviction-amendment-england-regulations-2020-letter-to-local-authorities>

### **Save up to £2,000 with Tax-Free Childcare**

As schools return in Mendip, HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is reminding working parents they could save up to £2,000 per child per year to pay towards after-school clubs and other childcare services.

Around 100,000 families in region are eligible for Tax-Free Childcare, which can cut thousands of pounds off childcare bills.

You can find out more and apply through the Childcare Choices website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk). It includes a Childcare Calculator that compares all the Government's childcare offers to check what works best for individual families. [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator)

### **Travel corridors**

If you're going abroad it's important that you continue to follow the guidance on social distancing, handwashing and face coverings. Remember that there are extra precautions in place when travelling, for example at airports and on planes. If you're coming back from a country that isn't on the travel corridor list then you must self-isolate for 14 days on your return. These measures are in place to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, which would see us needing to return to tighter restrictions.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

### **Meeting with others safely (social distancing)**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>

# COVID-19 health updates

## Car sharing

If your journey requires you to share a car with another household, please follow Government advice:

- try not to share a vehicle with those outside their household or support bubble
- if this is not possible, share the transport with the same people each time open the windows for ventilation
- wear a face covering for the duration of the journey
- consider seating arrangements to maximise distance between people in the vehicle – e.g. leave seats some free.
- clean their car between journeys including door handles and other areas that people may touch

This guidance is for personal family owned cars.

Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles have their own guidance and regulations:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-transport-guidance-for-operators>

## Every Mind Matters

With children and young people now back at school or college, PHE's new campaign 'Better Health – Every Mind Matters' is designed to support children and young people's mental wellbeing. Aimed at parents, carers, teachers and young people themselves, the campaign provides NHS-endorsed tips and advice to help children and young people's mental wellbeing and equip parents and carers with the knowledge to support them. <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

## Obesity means increased risk

People living with excess weight are being encouraged to embrace a healthier lifestyle and lose weight if they need to. A 12-week plan has been developed by the NHS to help you plan meals, be more active and set weight-loss goals. There are also discounts for Weight Watchers and Slimming World and free apps to support your journey. <https://www.nhs.uk/better-health>

## Coronavirus: getting tested

Guidance on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

## Events and Campaigns

### **Suicide is everybody's business**

'Suicide Let's Talk' is a 20 minute free bite size online course developed by the Zero Suicide Alliance and is for anyone in Somerset who has an interest in learning more about suicide and gaining lifesaving skills and knowledge.

The session includes facts surrounding suicide and provides useful advice and guidance on how to understand the signs that someone maybe at risk.

Examples of different scenarios and how to talk comfortably and directly about suicide are included.

See the problem. Say the words. Signpost to support. You can join in and undertake the training here: <https://www.healthysomerset.co.uk/covid-19/happy/>

You may wish to share and promote. #letstalkaboutsuiicide2020

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SuicideBereavementSomerset>

### **Councillor wellbeing**

The Local Government Association (LGA) continues to develop resources to support councillors with their wellbeing. They have a webinar on **Monday 14th September (10.30am-11.45am)** to examine the role of the councillor during this time, share stories from members about managing competing demands and explore how to prioritise their own wellbeing.

<https://lgaevents.local.gov.uk/lga/frontend/reg/thome.csp>

### **Call for food artisans to join virtual festival - 10th and 11th October 2020**

Wells Food Festival with Charlie Bigham's, is a food festival giving artisan producers from the South of England the opportunity to reach a wider audience, via its virtual shopping experience – open for business now. Food and drink producers interested in exhibiting should email [wellfoodfestival2020@gmail.com](mailto:wellfoodfestival2020@gmail.com) for details.

<https://wellsfoodfestival.bighams.com/>

### **Keep Britain Tidy: Be part of the pick 11<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Visit the website, get involved (with up to five friends – following Government guidance) and show support for the Great British September Clean.

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>

## Free allergen awareness webinars for businesses

Do you run a food or catering business? Learn how to control allergens in the food you serve at a free webinar with Environmental Health and Trading Standards Officers.

The webinar will cover:

- Practical advice on allergen awareness
- An update on new labelling legislation coming out in October 2021
- A Q&A session

All attendees will receive a certificate of attendance, which you can display to improve customer confidence.

Join the webinar on a date to suit you: **Mon 28th Sept at 10am; Tue 29th Sept at 2pm or Mon 5th Oct at 2pm.**

Find out more and sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/environmental-health-amp-trading-standards-officers-31076240533>

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## Useful numbers, links and helplines

Mendip District Council: [www.mendip.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.mendip.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Stronger Somerset: <https://www.strongersomerset.co.uk/>

Government information on coronavirus: [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Coronavirus cases: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

NHS information: [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)

LGBTQ+ services helpline and counselling service:

<https://www.intercomtrust.org.uk/item/214-we-are-here-for-you>

Mind in Somerset, available on 01823 276 892:

<https://www.mindinsomerset.org.uk/our-services/adult-one-to-one-support/mindline/>

Citizens Advice:

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/how-we-provide-advice/advice-partnerships/money-advice-services/>

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And LinkedIn [www.linkedin.com/company/mendip-district-council](https://www.linkedin.com/company/mendip-district-council)

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