

Councillors are hereby summoned, and members of the public and press are invited, to attend a meeting of the **Full Council** to be held on **Monday 25 November 2024**, starting at 18.45, in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne for the purpose of transacting the business outlined on the agenda below.

**Notes:**

- **The recording of the meeting will be uploaded for members of the public who wish to view it via the following link:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTA9K-7L4Onjcli2Gtz7tCg>.
- **Members of the public requiring assistance or reasonable adjustments to aid their attendance at council meetings are asked to contact the Council Offices in advance using the above contact details. Documents are available in large print by request.**
- **Recording of meetings is permitted under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014; please refer to the Council's Policy on Audio/Visual Recording & Photography at Meetings ([Recording-Meetings-policy-Feb-2022.pdf \(crewkerne-tc.gov.uk\)](#)).**
- **Public participation is welcome during the allocated Public Open Forum session, please refer to Section 3 of the Council's Standing Orders ([Standing-Orders-May-2024.pdf \(crewkerne-tc.gov.uk\)](#)).**

Katharine Sheehan FSLCC, Town Clerk (signed on original)  
19 November 2024

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# Agenda

**090/2425 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

a. To record members present:

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires:

- a record be kept of the members in attendance.
- this record forms part of the minutes of the meeting.
- Members who are unable attend a meeting should tender apologies in advance to the Town Clerk and the grounds for apologies tendered will also be recorded.

b. To approve any apologies for absence:

Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires:

- Members present to decide if the reason(s) for a member's absence are acceptable.

**091/2425 To receive declarations of pecuniary or personal interests in items on the agenda and any dispensations.**

The Localism Act 2011 and the Council's Code of Conduct requires:

- Members to declare any interests not currently recorded in the Member's Register of Interests or not notified to the Monitoring Officer of it.
- Requests for Dispensations should be made in writing to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

**092/2425 To approve the draft minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 11 November 2024.**

**093/2425 Public Open Forum:** Questions may be put to the Council in person during this public participation session of up to 15 minutes and a maximum of 3 minutes per person. Issues notified to the Clerk a minimum of 3 working days before the meeting (i.e., by 5pm on the preceding Wednesday) will receive a response during this session. Issues raised in this session without prior notice may be referred to the Clerk to respond to within 10 working days or listed on a subsequent agenda. The Mayor reserves the right to vary or extend these time limits.

- 094/2425**      **To receive reports from:**
- a. Somerset Council.
  - b. Crewkerne & Ilminster Local Community Network.
  - c. Crewkerne Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- 095/2425**      **Clerk's progress report:** to receive a verbal update report (for information only).
- 096/2425**      **Finance & Procedure:**
- a. To approve the accounts for payment for November 2024 as listed.
  - b. To report the bank reconciliation for October 2024 has been completed.
  - c. To note the monthly accounts for the War Memorial Commemoration Trust have been checked.
- 097/2425**      **Planning:**  
To consider applications requiring comment before the next Planning and Highways Committee meeting:
- a. **To note: 24/02625/TCA East Grove Poples Well Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7ES**  
Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No. 2 trees within a Conservation Area.
- 098/2425**      **Lucombe Oak:** to note receipt of a petition and consider a response.
- 099/2425**      **Awe & Wonder:** to consider a request for support for external funding to extend A&W as a winter hub until 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- 100/2425**      **Consultations:** to consider a response to the following consultations:
- a. Local Government Boundary Commission consultation on proposals for an electoral review for Somerset.
  - b. Somerset Council validation checklist consultation.
  - c. MHCLG consultation on remote attendance and proxy voting at Council meetings.
- 101/2425**      **Highways and traffic management:** to note the following correspondence and consider response:
- a. North Perrott Parish Council: request for traffic survey funding.
  - b. Adam Dance MP: request for 20mph hour limits in the town centre.
- 102/2425**      **George Reynolds Centre Management:** to receive a verbal progress update from Cllr. Best.
- 103/2425**      **To receive the following minutes and approve any recommendations contained therein:**
- a. Planning and Highways Committee 16 September 2024.
  - b. Reports from Town Council representatives to outside bodies.
- 104/2425**      **To receive Matters of Report** (verbal reports for information only).
- 105/2425**      **Next meeting:** Monday 16 December 2024, 18.45, Council Chamber, Market Square, Town Hall.

Payment Ref	Gross	Vat	Net	Payee	Description
O P Nov	£3,184.73		£3,184.73	HM Revenue & Customs	Tax & NI Contributions Oct 24
O P Nov 2	£4,004.44		£4,004.44	SCC Pension Fund	Pension Contributions Oct 24
O P Nov 3	£50.00		£50.00	Guild of Town Criers	Town Crier membership fee
O P Nov 4	£458.99		£458.99	James Hallam Ltd	Personal accident & business travel insurance 1/10/24 - 30/9/25
O P Nov 4	£1,746.36		£1,746.36	James Hallam Ltd	Vehicle Insurance 1/10/24 - 30/9/25
O P Nov 4	£696.68	£6.00	£690.68	James Hallam Ltd	Lift Insurance 1/10/24 - 30/9/25 GRC
O P Nov 4	£35.00		£35.00	James Hallam Ltd	Insurance admin fee
O P Nov 4	£614.04		£614.04	James Hallam Ltd	Cyber risk insurance 23/10/24 - 22/10/25
O P Nov 5	£180.00		£180.00	Somerset Council	Victoria Hall premises licence
O P Nov 6	£186.00	£31.00	£155.00	Sovereign Fire & Security	GRC CCTV fault investigation
DD50	£483.00	£80.50	£402.50	E. O N	Electricity GRC 15/6 - 30/6/24
DD50	-£472.37	-£78.73	-£393.64	E. O N	Electricity GRC 15/6 - 30/6/24 CREDIT
DD33 C.Card	£137.40	£22.90	£114.50	Defib Warehouse	Defibrillator responder kit, battery & pads
DD23	£243.03	£11.57	£231.46	British Gas Business	Electricity Town Hall 20/9 - 20/10/24
DD59	-£373.62	-£17.80	-£355.82	British Gas Business	Gas GRC 15/6 - 20/9/24 CREDIT
DD59	£704.72	£33.56	£671.16	British Gas Business	Gas GRC 15/6 - 14/10/24
DD21	£120.16	£5.72	£114.44	British Gas Business	Electricity Happy Valley floodlights 18/9 - 18/10/24
DD33 C.Card	£18.00		£18.00	Gov.UK	DBS check
DD30	£80.94	£3.85	£77.09	British Gas Business	Electricity Public Toilets 19/9 - 19/10/24
DD33 C.Card	£439.00	£73.17	£365.83	Corporate Christmas Tree Co Ltd	Christmas baubles
DD33 C.Card	£42.99		£42.99	Emergency Services Day Ltd	Flag
O P Nov 7	£972.00	£162.00	£810.00	DTS Tree Consultancy	Oak tree surveys
O P Nov 8	£1,577.92		£1,577.92	Active Learning & Skills	Provision of youth service Oct 24
O P Nov 9	£3,945.60	£657.60	£3,288.00	The Window Man	GRC door replacement - balance
O P Nov 10	£212.21		£212.21	Event Insurance Direct	Christmas Lighting up event insurance
O P Nov 11	£575.00		£575.00	M C Commercial Cleaning	GRC Cleaning Oct 24
O P Nov 11	£913.00		£913.00	M C Commercial Cleaning	Cleaning Oct 24
O P Nov 12	£28.96		£8.96	Sheehan, Katharine	Expenses
DD33 C.Card	£134.95	£22.49	£112.46	Amazon Marketplace	Printer cartridge
DD27	£631.00		£631.00	Smartest Energy	Electricity Victoria Hall Oct 24
O P Nov 13	£342.92	£57.14	£285.78	Castle Gardens	Bedding plants
O P Nov 14	£937.14	£156.19	£780.95	Glasdon U.K. Ltd	Bench
O P Nov 15	£1,757.40	£292.90	£1,464.50	Relay Electrical Services	GRC electrical report remediations
O P Nov 15	£267.01	£44.50	£222.51	Relay Electrical Services	GRC electrical report remediations
O P Nov 15	£532.92	£88.82	£444.10	Relay Electrical Services	Nativity scene lighting
O P Nov 15	£205.64	£34.27	£171.37	Relay Electrical Services	Defibrillator installation
O P Nov 16	£175.00		£175.00	Active Learning & Skills	Provision of detached youth work Happy Valley Oct 24
O P Nov 17	£2,530.51	£421.75	£2,108.76	Knight Electrical Ltd	Town Hall electrical report and remediations
O P Nov 18	£302.40	£50.40	£252.00	Emerald First Aid Training	Medical cover Christmas Lighting Up
O P Nov 19	£100.00		£100.00	Gales Building Conservation	Town Hall plinth inspection
O P Nov 20	£800.00		£800.00	Humphries Kirk LLP	Legal fees for transfer of land
O P Nov 21	£76.56	£12.76	£63.80	Churches Fire Security Ltd (Formerly	Workshop intruder alarm maint
O P Nov 22	£505.96	£84.33	£421.63	Prism	Toilet roll/Stationery
O P Nov 23	£216.00	£36.00	£180.00	Sovereign Fire & Security	GRC new door alarm maint
O P Nov 24	£15.00		£15.00	J.Cocogne	Christmas Market refund
O P Nov 25	£20.00		£20.00	J.Seaton	Christmas Market refund
O P Nov 26	£329.08		£329.08	James Hardware	Sundries
O P Nov 27	-£423.10		-£423.10	James Hallam Ltd	Removal of Kubota from vehicle insurance
O P Nov 27	£5,960.35		£5,960.35	James Hallam Ltd	Cemetery insurance 30/9/24 - 29/9/25
O P Nov 28	£140.00		£140.00	We Clean Windows Ltd	GRC window cleaning
O P Nov 29	£503.23		£503.23	Awe & Wonder	Awe & Wonder art project costs Oct 24
O P Nov 30	£119.96	£19.99	£99.97	Groves Nurseries	Bedding plants
O P Nov 31	£211.20	£35.20	£176.00	Alpha Signs & Graphics	Bincombe Beeches panels
O P Nov 32	£543.31	£81.55	£461.76	Swaffield J.H.	Grounds vehicle MOT
O P Nov 33	£1,284.00	£214.00	£1,070.00	Fern Garden Tree Services	Tree works Barn St. beech
O P Nov 33	£432.00	£72.00	£360.00	Fern Garden Tree Services	Tree work Bincombe
O P Nov 34	£420.00		£420.00	Footprintz	Newsletter

O P Nov 35	£160.00		£160.00	Adam's Locks	GRC door repairs
O P Nov 36	£804.00		£804.00	G.A.Helliar & Son Ltd	Fly treatment GRC/Cemetery Chapel
O P Nov 37	£65.70	£10.95	£54.75	Bradfords	Gravel
DD46	£129.60	£21.60	£108.00	Somerset Web Services Lrd	Email hosting Nov 24
DD17b	£16.62	£0.79	£15.83	Edf Energy 1 Ltd	Electricity Street lighting Henhayes 1/10 - 31/10/24
DD17c	£18.52	£0.88	£17.64	Edf Energy 1 Ltd	Electricity Street lighting Middle Path 1/10 - 31/10/24
DD50	£1,026.84	£171.14	£855.70	E. O N	Electricity GRC 1/10 - 31/10/24
DD31	£21.60	£3.60	£18.00	Iris Business Software Ltd	Payroll software Oct 24
DD57	£556.64	£92.77	£463.87	British Telecom	Telephone & broadband GRC/Lodge Office Nov 24
DD33 C.Card	£41.97	£6.99	£34.98	Amazon Marketplace	Christmas baubles
DD51	£649.00		£649.00	Somerset Council	Rates GRC Nov 24
DD2	£1,360.00		£1,360.00	Somerset Council	Rates Town Hall/Victoria Hall Nov 24
DD55	£511.00		£511.00	Somerset Council	Rates Lodge Office Nov 24
DD20	£309.00		£309.00	Somerset Council	Rates Workshop/Cemetery Chapel Nov 24
DD13	£1,752.93		£1,752.93	Aviva Credit Services UK Ltd	Insurance Nov 24
DD49	£71.47	£11.91	£59.56	The Business	Fuel Oct 24
DD33 C.Card	£8.99		£8.99	Amazon Marketplace	Stationery
DD33 C.Card	£26.98	£4.50	£22.48	Amazon Marketplace	Desk risers
DD42	£24.43	£1.16	£23.27	British Gas Business	Electricity Cemetery Chapel/Workshop 28/9 - 29/10/24
DD26	£45.35	£2.16	£43.19	British Gas Business	Gas Town Hall 28/9 - 28/10/24
DD9	£66.29	£11.05	£55.24	Southern Communications	Mobile phone charges Nov 24
DD52	£299.95	£49.99	£249.96	Gamma Business Communications Lt	Telephone & broadband Nov 24
DD43	£12.10		£12.10	Lloyds Bank	Bank charges Oct 24
O P Nov 38	£103.80	£17.30	£86.50	Sovereign Fire & Security	GRC Intruder/Fire alarm/CCTV maint Dec 24
O P Nov 38	£228.00	£38.00	£190.00	Sovereign Fire & Security	GRC fire alarm maintenance
O P Nov 39	£492.00	£82.00	£410.00	TQ Exel Ltd	Grounds staff training
O P Nov 40	£399.42	£66.57	£332.85	Ricoh Uk Ltd	Photocopier/Printer rental Nov - Jan
O P Nov 41	£57.48	£9.58	£47.90	Elswoods	Bin liners/gloves
O P Nov 42	£3,162.00	£527.00	£2,635.00	Fern Garden Tree Services	Cemetery grass cutting Sep/Oct 24
O P Nov 43	£170.02	£18.49	£151.53	Cross, A	Expenses
O P Nov 44	£105.00		£105.00	Adam's Locks	Cemetery toilet door lock
DD44	£650.76		£650.76	Everfow Ltd	Water rates Dec 24
DD48	£36.05	£1.72	£34.33	British Gas Business	Electricity Lodge office 11/10 - 11/11/24
DD60	£174.16	£8.29	£165.87	British Gas Business	Gas Lodge office 11/10 - 11/11/24
DD6	-£115.91	-£19.32	-£96.59	Phs Group Plc	Town Hall sanitary disposal 22/11/24 - 12/04/25 Credit
DD6	-£579.55	-£96.59	-£482.96	Phs Group Plc	GRC sanitary disposal 22/11/24 - 12/4/25 Credit
DD6	£947.57	£157.93	£789.64	Phs Group Plc	GRC Sanitary disposal 22/11/24 - 12/04/25
DD6	£189.52	£31.59	£157.93	Phs Group Plc	Town Hall Sanitary disposal 22/11/24 - 12/04/25
	18068.74		18068.74	Salaries	Nov-24
Total	£71,942.66	£3,947.68	£67,974.98		

<b>CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL</b>			
<b>BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31/10/2024</b>			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2024		£382,829.46
	ADD		
	Receipts 01/04/2024 - 31/10/2024		£732,412.43
	SUBTRACT		
	Payments 01/04/2024 - 31/10/2024		£413,740.54
<b>A</b>	<b>CASH IN HAND 31/10/24</b>		<b>£701,501.35</b>
	(per Cash Book)		
	Cash in Hand per Bank Statements 31st October 2024		
	LLOYDS - Business Call Account	£539,051.15	
	LLOYDS - Current Account	£50,000.00	
	LLOYDS - Burial Account	£112,450.20	
			£701,501.35
	<b>Less</b> unpresented cheques		
			£0.00
	<b>Plus</b> unpresented receipts		
<b>B</b>	<b>ADJUSTED BANK BALANCE</b>		<b>£701,501.35</b>
	<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>		
	Town Clerk: .....		
	Date: .....		
	Checked by: .....		
	Date: .....		

<b>CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL WAR MEMORIAL          COMMEMORATION TRUST RECREATION GROUND          BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31/10/2024</b>			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2024 ADD Receipts 01/04/2024 - 31/10/2024 SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2024 - 31/10/2024		£197.17  £6,238.88  £140.00
<b>A</b>	<b>CASH IN HAND 31/10/2024</b> (per Cash Book)		£6,296.05
	Cash in Hand per Bank Statements 31st October 2024  LLOYDS - Instant Access Account LLOYDS - Current Account	£3,837.80 £2,458.25	
	<b>Less</b> unpresented cheques		£6,296.05
	<b>Plus</b> unpresented receipts		£0.00
<b>B</b>	<b>ADJUSTED BANK BALANCE</b>  <b>A = B Checks out OK</b>		£6,296.05
	Town Clerk: ..... Date: .....		
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Our project has had a positive impact on many families and we have attached feedback gathered from our attendees with this proposal. Our current funding expires on 7<sup>th</sup> January and we would like to keep our sessions running for our families through the winter months. In a recent survey, 100% of our families expressed that they want us to continue running these sessions. We are asking Somerset Community Foundation to continue to support us by funding these sessions through what can be, a very lonely and isolating time for some.

We propose to offer a warm creative space that gives families a place to explore a variety of creative activities alongside an artist educator and team of volunteers. We aim to offer a play session that is friendly and non-judgemental, where our parent/carers leave our sessions feeling better than when they arrived. We also want to offer an environment where the parent/carers do not need to worry about the 'mess' or having to clean up. We have heard from many families about the struggle to take part in creative activities in the home, many saying that they dislike 'the mess', or they 'just don't know what to set out, or what to do'.

We believe children and their caregivers need more opportunities to play together within our communities. [Play, as outlined in this video](#), is one of the ways we can strengthen opportunities for an array of learning and help children and adults to thrive.

## **Proposed dates of warm creative spaces:**

21/01/25, 04/02/25, 11/02/25, 04/03/25, 18/05/25.

## **Outline of costs:**

Artist Educator Fees - £1,061.90 (£212.38 per session)  
George Reynold's Hall Hire - £387.60 (£19.38 x 4 hours)  
Volunteer expenses - £140 (£20 per volunteer per session)  
Parking costs - £12.00 (£2.40 per session)  
Resources - £50.00 (£10 per session)  
Contingency fund - £98.50

Total costs: £1750.00

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## **Proposed dates of warm creative spaces:**

January 14, 21, 28  
February 4, 11, 25  
March 4, 11, 18, 25

## **Outline of costs:**

Artist Educator Fees - £2,123.80 (£212.38 per session)  
George Reynold's Hall Hire - £775.20 (£19.38 x 4 hours x 10 sessions)  
Volunteer expenses - £280.00 (£20 per volunteer per session)  
Parking costs - £24.00 (£2.40 per session)  
Resources - £100.00 (£10 per session)  
Contingency fund - £197.00

Total costs: £3,500.00



## Feedback from Families

Its so lovely to have such a different group within the area. There are always a great variety of resources used, and both adults and children are encouraged to explore them. Always friendly and welcoming

My little one has always been shy but Awe and Wonder has taught her that it's ok to make friends and make a mess and just have fun

Such an amazing and inspiring group really grateful to have been able to bring my children here

Awe and wonder create an amazing space for little ones to be creative, independent and explore new activities. My daughter has grown in confidence as well as creatively since we have been coming. She is more focused at home doing crafts and has engaged so well with the activities at awe and wonder. She loves going and as a parent it's one of my favourite groups to attend because I love watching her explore on her own terms and it's amazing to see her develop.

We love this class so much. We've met some lovely people and it's great to have 2 hours a week just to play, paint, make clay models etc with my son. I have 3 children and this is the best, most relaxed, most fun, most creative, most "feel good" group I've ever been too. Thanks so much to Victoria, her mum, Izzy and Laura for making it all happen x

Awe and wonder is an amazing group which my daughter loves attending. We love this group and would love for it to continue.

My two children age 3 & 4 have absolutely loved their visits to Awe and Wonder, with it easily being the highlight of their week and Victoria being someone they both love to spend time with. It's provided them with a warm and interesting environment for them to explore their creativity - without it ever feeling forced or overwhelming. My eldest wasn't particularly confident with his own creative ability and has shown so much progress and increased interest over the last year, it's lovely to see and has helped with his transition in to schools this term. We love being part of the A&W community, having made new connections and friendships along the way. I hope it continues to be part of Crewkerne town for many years to come, offering an invaluable network for our preschoolers and their parents. Thank you for Victoria, Isabelle and her volunteers for all of their time and effort!!

We love our time at Awe and Wonder. Seeing all the children being creative and covered in paint is such a joy. The atmosphere is so calming and different from anywhere that is filled with small children, which is normally complete chaos! It is

such a unique group. I have been a Mum for 7years and have never been to a group like it. We hope it continues always.


Awe&Wonder gives local children such a unique experience of being able to indulge their imaginations and creativity without the limits of having to be neat or structured. I love witnessing the way they interpret the different activities and it has definitely encouraged my daughter to be more expressive and playful with paint. She also loves exploring all the parts of the light projector - it's such a great sensory activity.

Fantastic, friendly atmosphere. Brilliant and innovative ideas. So inspiring

Such a lovely group and always look forward to going. Feel like it benefits myself and my children in so many different ways, so positive and welcoming.

I really enjoy taking my granddaughter to the sessions, always different set ups, resources and calming ambience. Great place to meet and chat to other parent/carers, while children enjoy exploring the free play using their imaginations. Fun messy play to engage all their creative senses. Fab provision for young families.

We are fairly new to the area and we were made so welcome. The children felt at home and comfortable to engage with all the activities. The atmosphere was relaxed and very happy. Well done and thank you to all those involved in this perfect endeavour

Lovely team & great group really hoping it continues! 

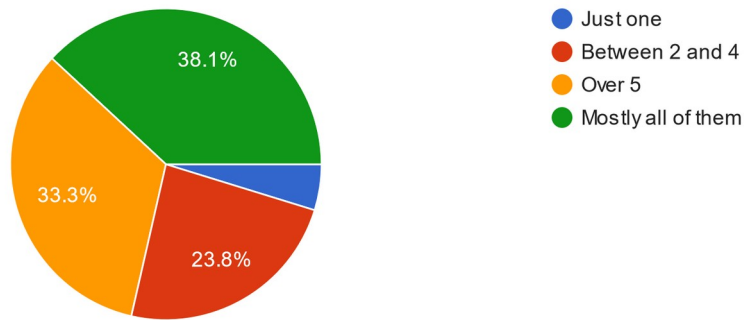
I love this group so much. It's inspired me more at home with our creative sessions. I love that there are multiple stations so my children can engage with what their interests are at the time and this allows me to watch them and direct their learning better at home.

I started coming to awe & wonder with my daughter when I was stuck for inspiration for creative play. We were in a one bedroom flat and felt our space limited us. Constantly doom scrolling through the picturesque "perfect families" on tik tok and instagram thinking I couldn't do it because we didn't have a play room or the perfect craft set. I saw on instagram this free creative group and just losing my job I was suspicious of wasting money on groups that lasted half an hour, for my daughter not to enjoy because it can take her a while for her to warm up. Awe and wonder seemed to fit our budget, timings and our criteria. And it didn't disappoint when we went a long. So many stations and so much space to watch your children develop and grow, and guide you to what they're interested in. I learned more than she did. It inspired me at home to take the simplistic of objects and turn them into a whole afternoon or morning or creative or role playing sessions. Even in the smallest of spaces it's helped open my creative mind.

A&W has had a huge impact on both mine and my daughter's year. I've been really fortunate that I could be a stay at home mum for the past couple years but it has come with a few obstacles. The main thing, I never expected, is how lonely it can be, especially as I had to sell my car so I'm restricted to the groups I can walk to or has a bus / train route. Having A&W in Crewkerne has been amazing! There's a couple other toddler groups but they don't have the same atmosphere. A&W is open, welcoming, light, creative and parent's get involved. I've met a lot of Mum's (and Dad's/other relatives) at the groups that I already knew and made friends with others. It's lovely having somewhere to go, especially in the winter months, that isn't just the park. My daughter has really come out of her shell this year, she often sees her friends at A&W and they'll very happily play together. She's always been into drawing and crafts but it's lovely for her to try something new each session and she's even started liking clay! I recommend it to all the Mums I chat to and everyone who has been has loved it and returned. It's a huge benefit that it's free and the 2 hour sessions are great because we have a little walk to get into town and leaving the house isn't always easy. I've also really enjoyed being involved with the working group this year, it's been nice to have a little bit of involvement, as I used to have a creative job and I do really miss it! I really hope the project continues for years to come, for future parents and children who need a safe space to try new things and meet new people!

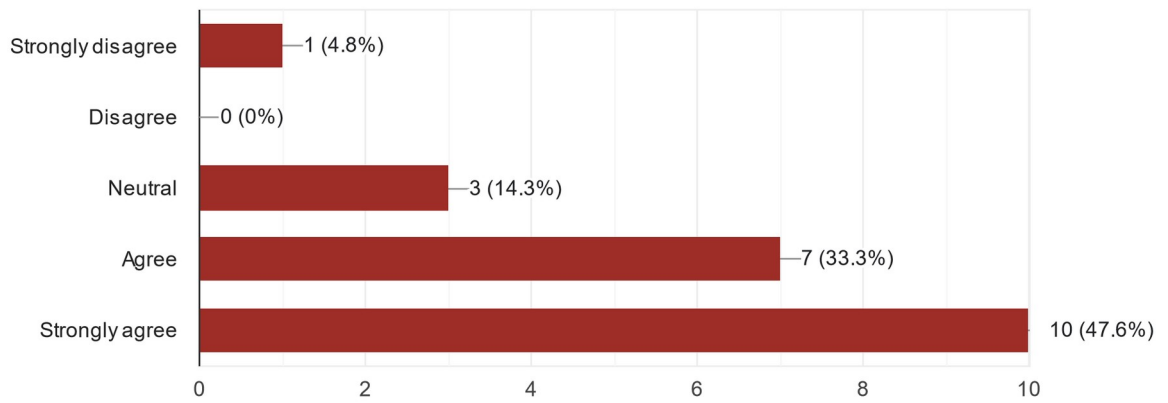
The project started in January 2024. Roughly how many Awe and Wonder sessions have you attended?

21 responses



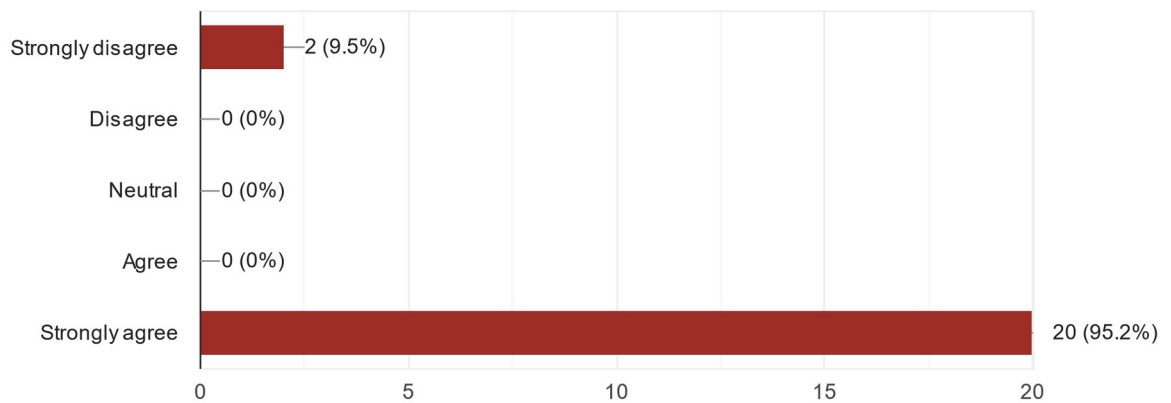
Since coming to Awe & Wonder, my wellbeing has improved.

21 responses



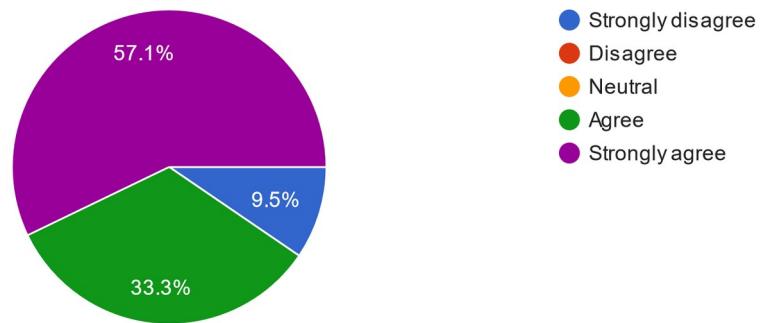
Awe & Wonder creative play sessions are unique and different to other playgroups in the area.

21 responses



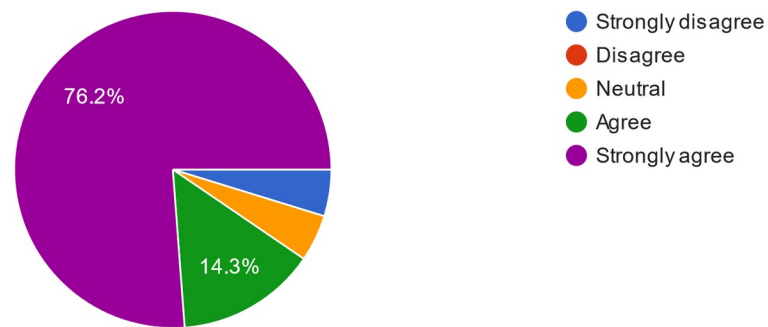
Since coming to Awe & Wonder sessions, my child is more engaged in creative activities.

21 responses



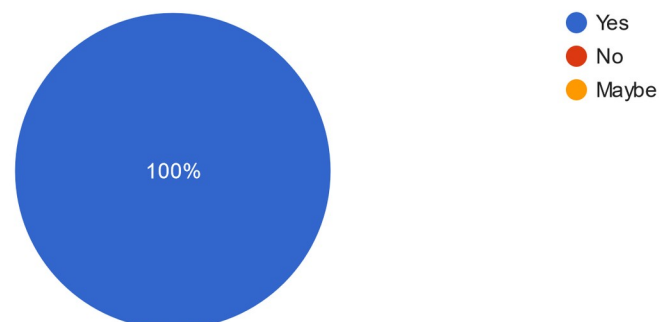
By coming to Awe & Wonder sessions, I have been inspired to carry out more creative activities at home.

21 responses



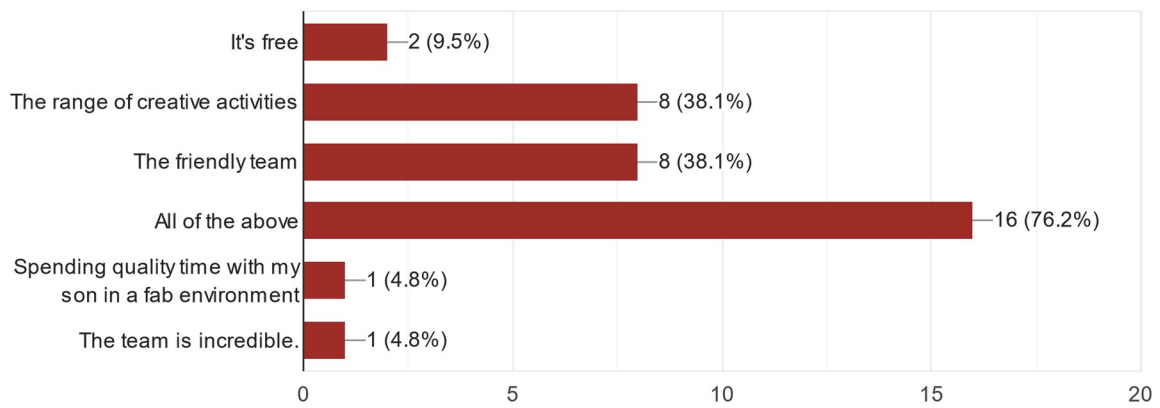
I would like Awe & Wonder to continue running their sessions for our community.

21 responses



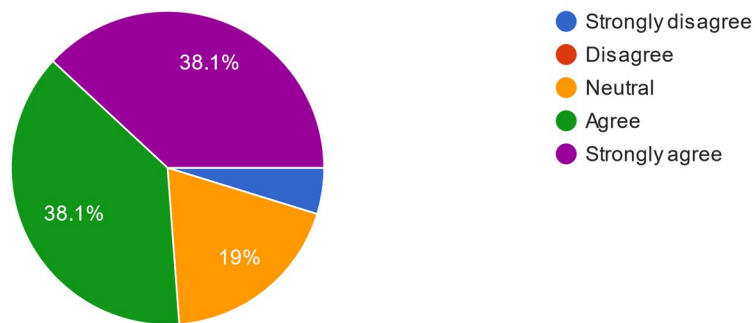
### If you keep coming back to our sessions, what are the reasons why?

21 responses



### Since coming to Awe & Wonder, my child has grown in confidence.

21 responses



<b>Report subject</b>	To consider the following consultations and a council response to each: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Local Government Boundary Commission consultation on an electoral review for Somerset.</li> <li>b. Somerset Council consultation on reviewing planning validation checklists.</li> <li>c. MHCLG consultation on remote attendance and proxy voting at council meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>Committee name</b>	Full Council.
<b>Meeting date</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2024.
<b>Report author</b>	K. Sheehan FSLCC, Town Clerk.
<b>Report contact details</b>	<a href="mailto:townclerk@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk">townclerk@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk</a> .
<b>Consultees</b>	N/A.
<b>Decision required?</b>	Yes.

## 1. Purpose

1.1 To consider three current consultations and possible Crewkerne Town Council responses to each.

## 2. Consultation A: Local Government Boundary Consultation – Electoral Review for Somerset.

2.1 This is a public consultation with views welcomed from individuals and organisations across Somerset Council on where they think new division boundaries should be drawn. LGBC is minded to recommend that **96 councillors** should be elected to Somerset Council in the future.

This is **14 fewer** than the current number of councillors.

They are now inviting proposals to help us draw up a pattern of divisions to accommodate **96 councillors**.

2.2 In drawing up new electoral divisions, they must balance three legal criteria, namely:

- to deliver electoral equality: where each councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the county;
- that the pattern of divisions should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities;
- that the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

2.3 LGBC will treat all submissions equally, and judge each case on its merits and against the legal criteria.

If you wish to put forward a view, LGBC urges you to ensure that evidence supports your submission.

For example, if you wish to argue that two areas should be included in the same electoral division, make sure you tell us *why* they should be together, providing evidence about community facilities, ties, organisations, and amenities, rather than simply asserting that they belong together.

**Other information:**

Closing date for submissions: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Supporting documents and maps available at: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/somerset>.

**3. Consultation B: Somerset Council Planning Validation Checklists**

3.1 Somerset Council is consulting on a new checklist for validating planning applications. The key purpose of the document will be to improve the quality / completeness of planning applications made to the Council so that:

- The Council spends less time (and resource) validating applications and chasing for missing information etc
- Applicants / developers / investors receive a better service as we start processing their applications sooner
- Stakeholders including parish and town councils get consulted on higher quality / more complete submissions and so the proposals they are being consulted on should be clearer

3.2 Once adopted, following this consultation, the Validation List will be in operation for two years before it needs reviewing again.

**Other information:**

Closing date for submissions: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Supporting documents available at:  
<https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/planning/local-validation-checklist-consultation/>.

**4. Consultation C: MHCLG consultation on remote attendance and proxy voting at council meetings.**

4.1 Remote attendance:

The government intends to legislate to give local authorities the flexibility to allow elected members to attend formal council meetings remotely. We believe that this modernising measure of providing broad flexibility to enable remote attendance will have the dual positive impacts of diversifying the representation of those willing and able to stand for elected office and enhance the resilience of local authorities in the face of local or national emergencies.



The intent is that this legislative change would give local authorities the flexibility to allow members to attend remotely.

**4.2 Proxy Voting:**

Proxy voting is a form of voting whereby a member of a decision-making body may delegate their voting power to another representative to enable a vote in their absence. It is possible some members may find that, due to their personal circumstances, they are temporarily unable to participate in meetings even if remote attendance provisions are in place. Provisions for proxy voting could provide additional flexibility to those who really need it on a time-limited basis, allowing affected members to indirectly exercise their democratic duty, participate in their local authority's governance, and ensure that their views are taken into consideration. In the context of local authorities, the representative would have to be another elected member of the local authority.

**Other information:**

Closing date for submissions: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

Supporting documents and information available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings#basic-information>.

**5. Recommendation**

5.1. It is recommended that the Council **considers:**

- a) Whether it wishes to respond to each of the above consultations, and if so to formulate a response, or delegate to the Town Clerk to respond, after collating comments.

<b>Report subject</b>	To consider a request from North Perrott Parish Council (NPPC) for traffic survey funding.
<b>Committee name</b>	Full Council.
<b>Meeting date</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2024.
<b>Report author</b>	K. Sheehan FSLCC, Town Clerk.
<b>Report contact details</b>	<a href="mailto:townclerk@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk">townclerk@crewkerne-tc.gov.uk</a>
<b>Consultees</b>	Somerset Council ward members. NPPC has also included Haselbury Plucknett and Misterton Parish Councils in this request.
<b>Decision required?</b>	Yes.

## 1. Purpose

1.1 To consider a request from North Perrott Parish Council (NPPC) for traffic survey funding.

## 2. Background information

2.1 The following correspondence was recently received by the Mayor:

*"I am writing to canvas the thoughts of your councils about a collaborative project to pressure Somerset Council into doing a traffic survey on the A3066 and A356 at our location.*

*The protracted closure of the A356 for the renovation of the culvert in Misterton and the recent gas works in South Street have concentrated all our minds on the volume and weight of HGVs passing through our communities.*

*At the time of the Misterton road closure, Cllr Mike Hewitson assured me that this was a concern to all of our councils but that Council officers had refused to conduct a traffic survey on the grounds of cost and no material gain.*

*The purpose of a survey would be to ascertain if HGVs using the A356 and A3066 actually have business on these routes or should they be travelling on government approved trunk routes such as the A37 and A303?*

*Depending on the data harvested from a survey, the information could be used to direct efforts to reduce the access of HGVs on our local road network using signage and education.*

*Without any current data, it is easy for Council Officers to refuse to consider weight limits and redirections that might ease our traffic problems at critical points. It is probably over 20 years since such a survey was last undertaken and it is appropriate that any actions should be taken based on current data.*

*Cllr Mike Hewitson attended our Parish Council meeting on Tuesday and agreed to canvass Somerset Council Officers again on our behalf. If we are able to form a consensus between our four Councils, it will add weight to his efforts.*

*If you are in agreement, I would urge you to contact Cllr Mike Hewitson with your views and indicate if your Council would be willing to help contribute to the cost of a survey and/or to help recruit volunteers to assist with an official survey run by Somerset Council”.*

**3. Financial implications**

No funding in current year budget.

**4. Equalities considerations**

N/A.

**5. Council Action Plan objectives supported**

N/A

**6. Recommendation**

6.1. It is recommended that the Council **CONSIDERS**:

a) How to respond to NPPC and whether to allocate funding towards the cost of a survey as outlined above.

<b>Report subject</b>	To consider correspondence from Adam Dance MP regarding 20mph limits in Crewkerne town centre.
<b>Committee name</b>	Full Council.
<b>Meeting date</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2024.
<b>Report author</b>	K. Sheehan FSLCC, Town Clerk.
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<b>Consultees</b>	N/A.
<b>Decision required?</b>	Yes.

### 1. Purpose

1.1 To consider a request from Adam Dance MP relating to 20mph limits in the town.

### 2. Background information

2.1 The following correspondence was received from the Office of Adam Dance MP:

***“F.A.O Crewkerne Town Council Clerk***

*To whom it may concern,*

*I am writing on behalf of Adam Dance MP. Adam recently conducted a surgery in the local area and received multiple complaints about the current traffic situation in Crewkerne.*

*Residents expressed concern about the speed, volume, and size of vehicles passing through South Street and the Market Square, and the unsatisfactory width of pavements.*

*We ask Crewkerne Town Council to consider consulting with Somerset Council about introducing a 20mph speed limit and/or alternative traffic calming options.*

*I will also be bringing this to the attention of Richard Wilkins, Lead Member for Transport and Highways on Somerset Council in the hope a solution can be found.*

*Your support is much appreciated in this matter.*

*Yours Sincerely,*

*Ashley Lazenbury*

*Caseworker for Adam Dance MP”*

### 3. Financial implications

3.1 Council has previously considered participation in Somerset Council’s 20mph ‘pilot’ scheme, but decided against it on grounds of cost.

3.2 Cost information previously supplied by Somerset Council was as follows:

*“As an authority we want to support communities who wish to fund the design and implementation of a 20mph speed limit. It is estimated that the cost would be in the region of £15,000. You will be required to pay a £500 non-refundable application fee which will cover an initial assessment including up to 2 no week-long speed data readings. Note, at our discretion we may be required to collect data from more than 2no locations to determine the suitability. These will be charged at £200 per location and will be included in the final cost of the scheme”.*

**4. Equalities considerations**

N/A.

**5. Council Action Plan objectives supported**

N/A.

**6. Recommendation**

6.1. It is recommended that the Council:

- a) Considers how to respond to the request and whether it would like to revisit the principle of 20 mph schemes;
- b) If so, to resolve to make appropriate financial provision in the 25/26 budget for this.