Emersons Green Town Council

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Newsletter October 2026

As we move into autumn, Emersons Green Town Council is delighted to bring you the latest community updates, celebrate recent achievements, and highlight exciting opportunities and events planned for the weeks ahead.



Join us for free coffee mornings and citizens advice support

Emersons Green Town Council hosts a free weekly Coffee Morning every **Thursday at 10am** at Emersons Green Village Hall. Residents can enjoy free tea, coffee and cake, and access confidential advice from Citizens Advice in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

Citizens Advice drop-in sessions are also available:

- Thursdays, 10am–12pm – Emersons Green Village Hall
- Mondays, 10am–12pm – Lyde Green Community Centre

These initiatives aim to provide a safe and friendly space for the community to gather, share experiences, and seek professional advice.

Everyone is welcome!



Community Events

EMERSONS GREEN TOWN COUNCIL

www.emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

x.com/emersonsgreentc

www.facebook.com/EMERSONSGREENTOWNCOUNCIL

www.instagram.com/emersonsgreentowncouncil

Photo Competition Winners 2026

The winners are in!

Twelve fantastic photographs have been selected as this year's winning entries in the Town Council's annual Photography Competition!
Each year, the winning images are featured in a calendar that is distributed through local community organisations, helping them raise valuable funds for their work.
Thank you to everyone who submitted entries and to all those who visited the Autumn Gathering to view the winning photographs on display.
If you would like a copy of the 2027 Town Council Calendar, featuring all 12 beautiful images, copies are available for £5 from:

- Emersons Green Village Hall
- Emersons Green Library
- Lyde Green Community Centre
- 70th Kingswood Scouts
- Lyde Green Beavers and Cubs
- Paul's Place (Shire Way, Yate, BS37 8YS)
- Brightwell (Bradbury House, BS32 9DB)
- Lyde Green Community School
- Pomphrey Hill Pavilion
- Green Community Travel Ltd
- Friends of Emersons Green Park

By purchasing a calendar, you'll not only enjoy some stunning local photography but also support a range of community organisations across the area.





Christmas Card Competition

Calling All Young Artists!

Enter Emersons Green Town Council's 2026 Christmas Card Design Competition for children and young people aged 16 and under!
Design a festive Christmas card for a chance to have your artwork featured as the Town Council's official Christmas card for 2027, plus receive free printed copies of your design.



Send entries to:
clerk@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
Include:
- Name and age of the designer
- Parent/guardian name
- Contact details

Closing date: 15 January 2027

We can't wait to see your festive creations. Good luck!

People's Emergency Briefing

Join us on Wednesday 25th November 7-9pm at the Resound Centre for a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing on the Climate and Nature Crisis. Suitable for ages 16+.

Scan the QR code to get your free tickets.

Come along watch the film and join the discussion.

www.nebriefing.org

Get to know Your local Police Team:











Contact Details:

In an emergency please call: 999
If it's dangerous to speak call: 999 then 55
Emergency Text for deaf, deafened, hard of hearing and speech impaired people: 80999
Non-emergency calls: 101
Alternatively report a crime here:
https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/crime-or-incident/#/

South Glos, Council Anti-social behaviour reporting: 01454 868 582 or asbreporting@southglos.gov.uk

Brewed Fresh: The Youth Tea Drop

Out and about in the community, Shea, Josh and Troy have been connecting with young people, listening to their experiences and offering support where it's needed most. Their dedication continues to make a lasting difference, one conversation at a time.
Here's a glimpse of their recent work.

www.instagram.com/emersonsgreenyouth

www.facebook.com/EMERSONSGREENYOUTH

youthliaison@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

Bake Sell



On Wednesday 30th September, a group of our young people held a bake sale and what a fantastic success it was! Thanks to their hard work and enthusiasm, they raised an incredible £89 which they generously donated to Emersons Green Village Hall.
Well done to everyone involved for their efforts and community spirit.



Do you love fireworks?

Come down and see us at Downend Roundtable fireworks display on the 6th November 2026 at the King George V Playing Fields!







Rev it Up!



Our Wheels Project in partnership with Mangotsfield School is going well and the students are enjoying getting their hands on the car!.
The project gives young people the opportunity to learn basic car maintenance, develop practical skills and grow in confidence at their own pace.
These valuable life skills can help save time and money, whatever career path students choose in the future.
A huge thank you to the family who generously donated a vehicle, helping make this opportunity possible.
We're excited to see the project grow and give more young people the chance to get stuck in, have a go, and learnsomething new.

Learn. Get stuck in. Have a go.





Mangotsfield School

Emersons Green Skate Park



The skate park next to Sainsburys has now re-opened and the Youth team will be holding Open Access sessions there every Monday from 3.30pm-5.30pm.
See you there.



New Spots, Same Vibes!

Looking for somewhere to hang out, meet new people, and try something different?
Our sessions in Pucklechurch and Downend & Bromley Heath are already buzzing with young people each week. Drop in, get involved in activities, make friends, and be part of a great community.
📍 Pucklechurch | Mondays | 6pm-8pm
📍 Downend & Bromley Heath | Wednesdays | 6pm-8pm















Pomphrey Hill x Emersons Green Youth



Our weekly youth sessions at Pomphrey Hill are continuing, taking place every Wednesday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.
Our aim is to provide high-quality activities in a safe, welcoming, and relaxed environment, where young people can come along, socialise and enjoy their time each week.
Ages 10–18 — all welcome!
To get involved, simply scan the QR code to sign up, or email us at youthliaison@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
Then just turn up — we'd love to see you there!





Open Spaces

The Open Spaces Committee manages all aspects of the Town Council's Open Spaces and Environmental assets within the Town Council boundary.

Check out what we've been up-to this last month and the exciting things we have planned for June/July. Keep an eye on our website and social media for updates and how to get involved! www.emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/things-to-do/

Autumn Gathering

On Sunday 4th October, our annual Autumn Gathering brought the community together for a wonderful afternoon of free family-friendly activities.

Visitors enjoyed bulb planting, autumn wreath making, apple pressing, a seed and plant swap, bug hotel building, zero-waste food tasting, tea and cakes, a children's play area, prize giving, and much more.

Thank you to everyone who attended, took part and helped make the event such a success. We were delighted to welcome so many members of our community.





Welcome Milly!

Exciting news from Emersons Green Town Council! We are delighted to welcome our new Assistant Clerk, Amelia Sheppard to the team. Amelia will be working alongside Paul Kearsley to support the Council and our local community. If you see them out and about, be sure to say hello and give Amelia a warm Emersons Green welcome!



Emersons Green Repair Cafe

What an Incredible Community We Have in Emersons Green!

Once again a huge thank you to the volunteers who made the Emersons Green Repair Café on 10th October such a success.
Their skills, time and generosity helped local residents repair and restore much-loved items, preventing unnecessary waste and bringing people together.
Need something fixed?
Join us at the next Repair Café on 14th November and see how our volunteers can help.









Follow our Facebook page for updates.

Repair it • Reuse it • Reduce waste • Save money

Community Caretaker





We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has taken the time to report grounds maintenance issues on public land within the Town Council boundary. Your efforts help us keep our community safe and looking its best.
Our Community Caretaker has been busy throughout the month, clearing built-up leaves, weeds, and soil from footpaths, as well as cutting back overhanging brambles and vegetation.

If you see something that needs our attention please private message us via the EGTC Community Caretaker Facebook page.

Get Your Discounted Water Butt Now!

Water Butts Direct are working with Emersons Green Town Council to offer Emersons and Lyde Green residents an exclusive offer on Water Butts.

One of the most useful and precious resources on the planet is water and the process of collecting rainwater from your roof is both environmentally financially sustainable.



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OR USE THIS LINK:
HTTPS://WWW.WATERBUTTSDIRECT.CO.UK/EMERSONS-GREEN-TOWN-COUNCIL

Emersons Green Village Hall

Email: reception@egvh.org.uk
Tel: 01454 862182
Visit: https://www.egvh.org.uk/

Here are some of the projects and upcoming events supported by Emersons Green Town Council

Seniors Lunch Club



Join us on the 3rd Thursday of the month for our Seniors Lunch!
Enjoy a delicious two-course meal with tea or coffee, plus lovely entertainment in a warm and friendly atmosphere.
Booking in advance is recommended.
Price: £6.00
Time: 12:30pm–2:30pm.
Contact: 01454 862 182

Free To Collect



Thanks to the support of ALDI Yate, a range of food and household items is available to collect every Thursday morning at Emersons Green Village Hall. Stock changes each week, helping to reduce waste while supporting our local community.

Half-Term Activities





What an amazing and wonderfully spooky half-term at Emersons Green Village Hall, with a fantastic range of events supported by Emersons Green Town Council.
For more information on upcoming Christmas events please visit their Facebook page for the latest updates.





SEND Support Group

A friendly, informal group for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND. Come along to meet others, share experiences, and enjoy a welcoming, supportive space.

Sessions available in October, November & December.

Bristol Autism Support

The Cosy Craft Club





Adult craft sessions featuring a Christmas crafts starting from September! All materials are provided, and tea and coffee are available.

Sessions must be booked at least one week in advance.

£5 per person.
When: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month 1:30pm–3pm
Contact: EGVH
Phone: 01454 862182

Men's Talk Club

Talk Club is a UK men's mental health charity helping men improve their mental fitness.

Every session starts with one simple question: "How are you? Out of 10?"

Held every Mon 7:30pm-9pm.
Contact: Jonathan Matias
Email: jonathanbmatias@yahoo.com
Website: https://talkclub.org



Love To Move



A fun, age & dementia friendly seated movement programme to music.
Sessions run every Monday 10am-12pm.
Contact: Wendy Prince
Phone: 07974 153269
E-mail: wendylovetomove@gmail.com



Christmas events:



Citizens Advice Bureau

The Citizens Advice team are at Emersons Green Village Hall **every Thursday from 10am to 12pm**.
Trained advisers offer free, confidential help, advice, and support. No need to book just pop along.
https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/

Lyde Green Community Centre

Email: info@lydegreenca.org
Tel: 01179570410
Visit: https://lydegreenca.org/

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Christmas for Kids 2026



This Christmas Lyde Green Community Centre is collecting new, unwrapped gifts to help local children and families who may need a little extra support this Christmas.
If you're able to donate a gift, donations can be dropped off at Lyde Green Community Centre by Friday 11th December 2026.
Every donation, big or small, could help make Christmas a little brighter.
Please share to help spread the word!

Halloween Cake & Doughnut Decorating Sessions



What an amazing, fun and wonderfully spooky event! Everyone who attended had a fantastic time, and fun was had by all. supported byt Emersons Green Town Council.
Follow Lyde Green Community Centre for more information about the exciting Christmas events coming up soon.

Healthy Steps Lyde Green



A peer to peer community wellness and weight loss support group. No one plan or method just come along to weigh in and have a chat in a supportive group! Meeting every Thursday at 9:30am at Lyde Green Community Centre. Volunteer led and free of charge due to support from LGCA and Emersons Green Town Council.

Vinyasa Yoga Sessions



FREE Yoga sessions on Thursdays 11am-11:45am at the Community Centre.
These sessions are aimed at beginners!
Whatsapp: 07727346183
Instagram: DICKYEETOGA



STAR (Share Talk & Remember)



Meeting twice a month (2nd and 4th Thursday, 1:15pm–2:45pm), STAR is a bereavement peer-support group offering free, compassionate support.
Contact: Helen, Rachel or Chris
Phone: 07914 018199

Edventure Group



This group supports out of school, not in education and home educated children to have access to sport and training facilities.



Chatty Cafe

The Award-winning 'Chatter & Natter' table is a wonderful way to encourage people of all ages to connect and chat with others.
Sessions held every Monday 11am-1pm.

Sewing Classes



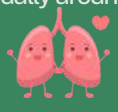
Weekly lessons run by Sewing with Lesley at the Community Centre.
The course runs for 7 weeks on Fridays at 1:30-3:30pm. For more information please call: 07503 524459

BREATHE-Easy Group

Monthly group meetings offering support and friendship to anyone experiencing breathing difficulties.



Enjoy a complimentary coffee and snack during this free event.
When: Tuesdays, usually second Tuesday of the month at Lunchtime (usually around 12:30pm)
Contact: Peter
Phone: 01454 620401



Citizens Advice Bureau

The Citizens Advice team are at Lyde Green Community Centre **every Monday from 10am-12pm**. Trained advisers offer free, confidential help, advice, and support. No need to book just pop along.
https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/

More projects and events proudly supported by Emersons Green Town Council

Music Train at Resound

The Resound Centre will be hosting Music Train sessions once a month, running from 1:30–3:00 pm.

Music Train offers live, inclusive daytime music concerts held in community settings.

Everyone is welcome.



For more information and dates please click HERE.

What's on at the Library

Storytime -9:30am-10am every Tuesday throughout the year.

Rhymetime -9:30am-10am every Thursday throughout the year.

Community Seed Swap - just ask a member of staff and they'll point you in the right direction.

Click HERE for more information on seed saving: https://realseeds.co.uk/seedsavinginfo.html



EGTC at Resound Community Cafe

Every Friday from **10am - 12pm** Emersons Green Town Council will be at **Resound Community Cafe**.
Residents are welcome to drop in to ask questions, and find out more about upcoming local events and activities. These sessions run alongside the **Food Bank**, helping to make support and information easily accessible to all.
Everyone welcome.



Supporting Active Travel





Emersons Green Town Council recently donated a surplus cycle shelter to Emersons Green Primary School, helping to expand cycle and scooter storage and support active travel. Installed before the summer holidays, it is already providing additional secure spaces for pupils travelling sustainably.

Downend Men in Sheds

Emersons Green Town Council recently attended the opening of Downend Men in Sheds' new premises in Cuckoo Lane on 29th September.
We were delighted to support the organisation with a grant towards the purchase of a benchtop wood thickness planer with a helical cutterhead, helping them continue their fantastic work for the local community.
Downend Men in Sheds has created planters, benches and many other items for the Council and the wider community, so we are proud to support the valuable work they do.
To find out more about the Downend Men in Sheds open day click HERE.



The Hatch At Pomphrey Hill

The Hatch Community Cafe is a brand new cafe at Pomphrey Hill Pavilion opening 26th October at 9am.
Whether you're popping in for your morning coffee, grabbing a bite to eat after football or catching up with friends, they can't wait to welcome you!



Community First Aid Training



Emersons Green Town Council is partnering with Mango Medical to offer a Level 3 Community First Aid Training course.

The course will take place on Monday 30th November from 9.00am to 4.00pm, at the Emersons Green Town Council offices.

Places are limited to 12 participants, with a special community rate of £75 per person.

To book your place contact: 07754 667054
training@mangomedical.co.uk
www.mangomedical.co.uk





Coming up...

We have lots of exciting things planned for the next few months, so keep an eye on our website and social media for updates and how to get involved!

www.emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

x.com/emersonsgreentc

www.facebook.com/EMERSONSGREENTOWNCOUNCIL

www.instagram.com/emersonsgreentowncouncil

Green Community Travel November Trips

Tues 3rd Nov-Lunch The Dog Inn, Old Sodbury £9.00
Mon 9th Nov-Shopping, Thornbury High Street £12.00
Tues 17th Nov - Lunch, The Rose and Crown Rangeworthy £9.00
Fri 20th Nov- Shopping, Gallagher retail Park & Asda Longwell Green £12.00
Mon 23rd Nov- Whitehall Garden Centre, Lacock £14.00

P.S We'll be working on our further afield trips for 2027 soon, so if you have any suggestions let us know!

Each month Green Community Travel release Hospital shuttle bus dates to help members of the community get to Southmead Hospital via their Facebook page.
Tel: **01454 228 706.**

Remembrance Day Parade and Service

This year the the Parade will be taking place on Sunday 8th November from 10:20am.
If you have questions regarding the service and parade, please contact:
clerk@staplehillandmangotsfield-pc.gov.uk
0117 4713503

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

COMMUNITY SOCIAL SEW–SPECIAL EVENT!

Join Asmaa and Fauve from Series 9 of The Great British Sewing Bee for a special Community Social Sew at Lyde Green Community Centre!



Sunday 13rd December 2026
Lyde Green Community Centre
Limited places available
Bring your sewing project, meet fellow crafters, and enjoy a relaxed day of sewing and inspiration with two Sewing Bee favourites.

Contact Lyde Green Community Centre to book your place 0117 957 0410.

Give Walking Cricket a Go!



Looking for a fun, social way to stay active? Join our friendly Walking Cricket sessions at Pomphrey Hill! Open to anyone aged 50+, these relaxed sessions are suitable for all abilities, no experience needed.
Best of all, it's completely free.
For more information, contact:
craig.andrews2@blueyonder.co.uk

St Peter's Hospice Superstore



St. Peters Hospice Superstore have confirmed they are opening on 22nd October in Mangotsfield. Also they opening a shop in Emersons Green.
For more info please click HERE.

INFORMATION: FROM SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL

We're making it easier for people across South Gloucestershire to eat well and stay warm this winter, with advice, information and support for anyone who may be struggling with the cost of food or heating their home.
Our Eat and Heat winter events launch soon, in partnership with Warm and Well and Age UK South Gloucestershire.



Come along between 9am and 12 noon on the following dates to find out if you're eligible for financial support, get advice on saving energy and keeping your home warm, and access food support and information

Kingswood One Stop Shop–Tuesday 3rd November
Patchway One Stop Shop–Wednesday 4th November
Yate One Stop Shop–Thursday 5th November
For more information visit **South Gloucestershire Council**.



Have Your Say on Local Community Spaces!

We want to hear from you!

We're looking to hear from people across the local area about our youth and community spaces. This includes community centres, parks, and the places people spend time day to day.
If you've got a few minutes, your input would really help build a clearer picture of what people want and need from these spaces.

Tell us:
- How you currently use local youth and community spaces
- What you like (or don't like) about them
- What improvements you'd love to see

Your feedback will help shape the future of these spaces and ensure they work for everyone in the community.
Take part by scanning the QR code or click here for the link –it only takes a few minutes and is open to all ages!



Please share this with friends, family, and neighbours so we can hear from as many people as possible-the more people we hear from, the more useful this will be!

Please note, any information you share will be held by Emersons Green Town Council for up to one year in accordance with data protection laws.

Your Parish Council

The Emersons Green Town Council parish covers Emersons Green, Lyde Green, Blackhorse, Pomphrey, parts of Mangotsfield and the edge of Downend — all united by our commitment to delivering for the community.

Get In Touch

Contact the council:

- Visit us at the Council office
- Email the Clerk: clerk@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
- Visit our website: https://emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/
- Telephone: 0117 3026 989
- **Mayor**-James Hunt

Contact a Councillor within your ward:

Badminton Ward:
Colin Hunt - colin.hunt@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
James Hunt- james.hunt@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
Kelly Allen - kelly.allen@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

Blackhorse Ward:
Andy Cowie - andy.cowie@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
Eli Akatwijuka - eli.akatwijuka@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
Lynne Paraskeva - lynne.paraskeva@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

Emersons Green Ward (Covers Lyde Green):
Rachael Hunt - rachael.hunt@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
Simon Budd -simon.budd@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
Bobbie Sunderland - bobbie.sunderland@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
Graham Hutter - graham.hutter@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
Abi Cohen - abi@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
Daryl Hembrough- daryl. hembrough@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
Catherine Lombardo- catherine.lombardo@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

Pomphrey Ward:
Tina Potter- tina.potter@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk
Ashlea Etches - ashlea.etches@emersonsgreen-tc.go.uk
Tracy Cannard- tracy.cannard@emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk

Our Office Opening Hours: Mon-Fri : 9am-3pm

Upcoming Council Meetings

Council Meetings are held monthly at the Council Chambers. Members of the public are welcome to attend and a public forum is set aside at the beginning of each meeting to hear the views of the electorate.

Planning Committee:
Mondays 10.30am - 9th & 23rd November

Finance & Partnership:
Thursday 6pm - 5th November

Full Council:
Thursday 7pm - 19th November

Open Spaces:
Thursdays 7pm - 5th November

Meeting minutes can be found on our website:
www.emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/about-your-council/meetings-2026/ or click here: Meeting Minutes

Grants Awarded

Grants we have approved through October 2026:

One Planet Matters

South Gloucestershire Councillors:

Councillor Katrina Al-Hassan - katrina.al-hassan@southglos.gov.uk
Councillor Ron Hardie - ron.hardie@southglos.gov.uk
Councillor Rachael Hunt- rachael.hunt@southglos.gov.uk



Emergency Bike Repair Kit

Emersons Green Town Council offices now have a handy repair kit full of all the essentials, to help cyclists have a speedy return to the road if they get a puncture (office hours only). Thank you South Gloucestershire Council for the donation.

Litter champion scheme

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our Litter Champions for their hard work and encourage more residents to join this initiative. Please join us in making a difference at https://emersonsgreen-tc.gov.uk/litter-champions/



EMERSONS GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL

2026 CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION

for 16 and Under

SEND YOUR DESIGN TO

CLERK@EMERSONSGREEN-TC.GOV.UK

PLEASE INCLUDE NAME AND AGE OF THE DESIGN CREATOR AND PARENT/ GUARDIAN NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS



CLOSING DATE - January 15th 2027

THE WINNER WILL RECIEVE FREE CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS 2027

AND THE DESIGN WILL BE USED AS THE TOWN COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CARD

National Emergency Briefing

People's Emergency Briefing

On the climate and nature crisis 16

Emersons Green

Get your free ticket here

Resound Centre, Blackhorse Road,
BS16 9BP
25th November. 7- 9 pm

Come along watch the film and join the discussion

www.nebriefing.org