

Connecting Communities Forums

ASK THE FORUM sessions

Purpose

The Forum has been set up by Bath & North East Somerset Council and its partners as part of the Connecting Communities initiative, which aims to develop a more joined-up approach to tackling concerns raised by local people and improve efficiency by reducing the number of community engagement meetings about different issues. These meetings are designed to look at ways in which organisations can work together to address local issues.

All Forum meetings are open to the public. In order to encourage members of the public to raise concerns in their area, an 'Ask the Forum' open session will be held prior to the main meeting to allow issues by the public to be raised.

Members of the Forum

Bath & North East Somerset Ward Councillors; representatives from local Town and Parish Councils, Chamber of Commerce and a range of community and voluntary organisations.

Forum areas

Chew Valley: Cameley, Chew Magna, Chew Stoke, Clutton, Compton Martin, East Harptree, Hinton Blewett, Nempnett Thrubwell, Norton Malreward, Publow and Pensford, Stanton Drew, Stowey Sutton, Ubley, West Harptree.

Somer Valley: Farrington Gurney, High Littleton, Midsomer Norton, Paulton, Peasedown St John, Radstock, Timsbury, Westfield.

Keynsham Area: Chelwood, Compton Dando, Corston, Farmborough, Keynsham, Saltford, Whitchurch, Marksbury.

Management of each meeting

- a. Meetings will be chaired by the Chair or Vice Chair of each Forum.
- b. Questions can be submitted in advance of the meeting and must be sent to Mark_Hayward@bathnes.gov.uk or tel: 01225 396975.
- c. Officers from any of the Public Services present may provide a brief statement on relevant work in the Forum area.
- d. Personal or individual household issues will be avoided, unless they have a wider impact.
- e. Issues that have not been reported through the relevant channels, such as Council Connect, will not be discussed. However, if unresolved, the Chair and or Vice Chair may allow for the issue to be discussed.
- f. The Chair and or Vice Chair will have the final say on the suitability of questions discussed at the meeting.
- g. Action Notes of the meetings will be taken.
- h. Issues that require wider debate will be reported to the main Forum meeting.
- i. Questions that reflect the priorities of the Forum should be encouraged. The Chair will highlight the priorities at the beginning of each meeting.
- j. The meeting will last no more than one hour.