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*Hello...*

...and a very warm welcome to you. So 'Freedom Day' came and went, how did it feel for you? Although it meant there was not much difference to our day-to-day lives, many of us have been affected by the frustrations of self isolating and the 'pingdemic'. So, on a happy note it was my spur-thighed tortoises 10th birthday on the same day and if 'Tortie' has taught me anything, it's to appreciate the simple things in life. Taking a slower pace, and therefore the time, to be grateful for what we have, so I am honouring my photo space to Tortie as a positive symbol of joy. For those eagle eyed amongst you, you will have spotted last month that the Viaduct is now printed in full colour on silk paper, so I hope you like the new feel of quality this now brings. Did you know that we have a team of 39 volunteer deliverers that take the time and trouble to bring you a copy of the Viaduct every month? With a few roads each, they deliver all over the town which is utterly amazing - I wonder how many towns in the UK have such commitment within their community. We also publish each and every issue digitally on the Somerton Town Council website if you would like to have a look. Now that restrictions are easing and various events are tentatively returning there has been high demand to bring back the 'What's On in Brief' feature, so please do let me know of your upcoming event information. Finally, I was so pleased the Somerton Music & Arts Festival and Somerstock Music Festival were yet again a roaring success with plans in place for next year's event already. For a full review, please see page 20. Until next month...

*Laura*  
Viaduct Editor

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## Somerton Town Council

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Planning if required	10th August 2021	6.30pm	Edgar Hall
Planning if required	24th August 2021	6.30pm	Edgar Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be opportunities to ask questions. Please refer to the Somerton Town Council (STC) website for Covid 19 related information.

Planning applications may be viewed on the SSDC website.

All agendas and minutes are available on the STC website.

If residents have any issues or questions about anything within this report, or in general, please direct them to the Clerk who will ensure they are answered or forwarded to the relevant Councillor or organisation to respond.

### Somerton Community Awards

STC is planning to hold the annual awards evening in December. There will be a range of categories for both individuals and groups. The evening will celebrate those people within our community who have stood out over the past year or so (we couldn't of course hold an awards evening last year), including those who stepped forward to provide so much wonderful support to others during the Pandemic. More information and nomination forms will be in your September edition of the Viaduct. Please get thinking about those people who you feel should be recognised.

### One Somerset

Somerset is set to be run by one local government authority within the next two years. The Secretary of State announced on the 21st July that the countywide unitary council is the Government's preferred option for the future of Somerset. This was the option backed by Somerset County Council (SCC).

SCC is hoping to have a pilot scheme in place by September which will involve Town and Parish Councils. STC is looking forward to being involved in the pilot scheme and in supporting the vision to deliver improved services for all.

### Car Chargers and Solar Panels

In support of our Environmental Strategy, STC recently submitted a grant to the Market Town Investment Group for an additional car charger in Coxs Yard car park. The application was successful and will contribute 50% of the installation cost of the device. STC has also installed solar panels on the public toilets building.



### Where Will Your Next Event Be Held?.... EDGAR HALL! New Reopening Prices Until October 2021



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## Players and Coaches Wanted

Somerton Town Youth Football Club have spaces for boys and girls of all ages from school years 1 through to 11 to join a burgeoning and successful community football club. The focus is on fun, development and inclusivity with training sessions and matches throughout the normal football season. Although children of all ages are welcome, we are particularly on the lookout for those in school year 4 from September to form an U9 team. This team would also require a coach so if any parents would like to take up this rewarding pastime then also get in touch. You can find contact details on the STYFC website [somertontownyfc.com](http://somertontownyfc.com) or call the Club Chairman Dave Walton on 07476206224 for more information.



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At first glance the emails, with the NHS logo, look convincing, but on closer inspection some presentation and typo errors should raise suspicions.

As ever, if you receive such an email and have any doubts DO NOT click on any links and DO NOT scan an associated QR code. Please DO report your concern via the following website: [www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-emails-websites-phishing](https://www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-emails-websites-phishing)

If you would like to know about legitimate information regarding the NHS Covid Pass, please visit the official NHS website:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-pass](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-pass)

## Laburnum Drive Committee Update

We are SO looking forward to our first coach trip in August. All care will be given by the coach company and ourselves. Masks are expected for this and future trips. Our hall should be open for our use soon and the Secretary will phone our contacts ASAP. More Coach trips are being planned (with high hopes, of course!). To enquire for more information, please phone 01458 272620.

## Friendship Club

Our August meeting is on Thursday 12th August at 10.30 am to noon at Somerton Sports Club. Please wear a mask until you are seated and try to keep social distancing. Bring your own drink and nibbles. We hope to have Somerton's Ukelele Band and have a singalong if COVID allows. It is 50p to come in. Entrance by the French doors by the field. Ring Mo on 07718920198 for more info.

## Health Walks

We have walks on Thursdays 5th and 19th August at the Library from 11.30 am. We walk about 2/3 miles and then those that wish go for a social drink. Please wear shoes suitable for all weathers. Many thanks Mo and Linda. Ring Mo for further info on 07718920198.

## Versus Arthritis, Somerton Branch

Provided no further restrictions are introduced, we are planning to hold our first get-together on Thursday, 2nd September, 7 for 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms. This will be a social evening, so please come with lots of ideas for the coming months. Visitors are very welcome to join us. Please contact Sue Long Tel: 01458 274038



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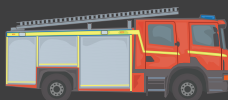
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**Daytime - 7**



**Evening - 5**



**Night time - 2**

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*On-call firefighters carry pagers. When the pager sounds, you will need to get to the fire station promptly and within five minutes of being alerted. This could be from your home or a place of work.*



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### Mythbusters

#### Am I too short to become a firefighter?

There is no minimum height requirement to become a firefighter.

#### Do I need to sleep on station?

No. On-call staff have a pager that alerts them when a call comes in. You will then respond to station within five minutes. The majority of the time you will continue to go about your daily life.

#### Could this help me to become a full time firefighter?

Last year we offered 43 full time positions to on-call staff. This will continue.

#### If I have to work out of town or take the kids to school, how do I do this?

At this station contracts range from 30 - 120 hours per week, you are only required to be immediately available during the hours you agree with us.



### How much could I earn as an on-call firefighter?

*(In addition to any primary employment)*



**Jane** is a single parent providing **38 hours per week** during the day earning **£6,679 a year**.



**Dave** works shifts while providing **96 hours per week** split between days and nights earning **£12,878 a year**.



**Sarah** has her own business and gives **65 hours per week** including some weekends, she earns **£9,254 a year**.

*Figures will vary according to station activity and hours of cover provided*



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### Update From Local Patients' Participation Group (PPG)

As someone said to me recently, if we are now returning to 'normal' I have forgotten what 'normal' is and if we are moving towards 'a new normal' I am equally unsure what that is – or will be!



What does seem to be clear, is that we are all keen to be living our lives with fewer restrictions but doing so safely.

Keeping all patients and the staff who treat and support them safe is a priority for all those working at Buttercross Health Centre (BHC), most especially as they are – as are we all – aware of the current alarming increase in the number of COVID infections. That is why BHC, in line with many other NHS organisations, will continue with the infection control measures that have been present for the last 6 months.

Here is a reminder of the key measures that will remain in place:

1. Staff and visitors to the practices will be required to wear a surgical face mask unless exempt. Patients who are unable or refuse to comply will be asked to phone the practice and alternative instructions will be given. Staff will still wear full PPE when they meet with you and you will be asked screening questions.
2. Only invited patients (and one carer) with appointments will be allowed to enter the building.
3. All patients entering the practice must use hand sanitiser provided.
4. As droplets can be spread across distance, keeping apart will ensure that you are less likely to come into contact with the virus. The two-metre social distance rule will still be maintained throughout the practice.
5. All areas will be well ventilated so please be advised that the room may be cooler than normal as a result.
6. Please only use the toilets if you really need to as they need to be cleaned between visits.

BHC staff wish to thank the community for continuing to help them keep everyone safe.

Finally, an apology for giving the PPG's old contact email address in last month's article. This is the correct address [ppgbhc@gmail.com](mailto:ppgbhc@gmail.com). Again, I encourage you to use it to express your views and suggestions regarding delivery of healthcare services locally. BUT ALSO it is the address to use to express an interest in joining the PPG. The group wishes to be more representative of the community as a whole and would greatly benefit from more members in a younger age range, 18 - 45 year olds, and especially those with young families. There also remains a great opportunity for someone wishing to make a difference by taking on the important role of chairing the group.

## Charity Theatre Trips

Bristol Hippodrome hopes to re-open shortly. Welsh National Opera are staging Madam Butterfly on Wednesday 27th October 2021 and I have tickets reserved at £59 and £66, Stalls or Grand Circle. I need a few more bookings for White Christmas on Wednesday 3rd November to make it a 'goer'.

Both these 2021 shows have a payment date of later August, but as ever book now as first come receive the best seats. After my payment date, if the show is cancelled you will be refunded, or if it is rescheduled your booking will transfer to the new date, with the option to have a refund. Book on line at [www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk](http://www.theatretrips.webeden.co.uk) or e-mail Charitytheatrerips@btinternet.com.

Here is a full list of the planned trips:

Madam Butterfly: Wednesday 27th October 2021 - £59/£66

White Christmas: Wednesday 3rd November 2021 - £46/£55

Bourne's Nutcracker: Tuesday 1st February 2022 - £41/£51

We Will Rock You: Wednesday 20th April - £45/£58

Strictly Ballroom: Tuesday 10th May 2022 - £36/£51

Mamma Mia: Monday 20th June 2022 - £49/£61

Les Miserables: Tuesday 19th July 2022 - £45/£58

The Commitments: Tuesday 21st March - £23/£50

We now have a Groups link on Facebook, if you do such exciting things! You can sign yourself up to receive the latest news. The link is 'Charity Theatre Trips'.

Finally, if you join the coach at Somerton we have to follow the new one-way system so your coach from Langport will have to circumnavigate Somerton on the way to the Half Moon Car Park and so pick up on the opposite side of the road to in the past. Take care crossing!

Let's hope that we really are able to get going this autumn.

Chris Cox

### Somerton u3a

The Zoom meeting on Friday 13th August at 11.00 will be "Scams and Scammers", a subject relevant to us all and very much on the increase.

New members are invited to join the Somerton u3a in August and receive 2 months membership free, for more details please contact: [membership@Somertonu3a.uk](mailto:membership@Somertonu3a.uk). You are guaranteed a warm welcome. More of our interest groups are meeting so there are opportunities to start new ventures and make new friends.



## Somerton Spotlight - Rocket 68



For this month's 'Somerton Spotlight' feature, I went to visit illustrator and designer Jill White at her Rocket 68 shop, design studio and publishing house in West Street. Walking into a space bursting with Jill's personally designed products was wonderful. Her unique and authentic style is very visual and concept driven and as a fellow creative, I felt very at home and utterly inspired by Jill and her work.



### What is your business?

As an illustrator, Rocket 68 is a company that uses my designs in 5 main areas of business. The retail shop and design studio here in Somerton, wholesale, an online shop, artwork licencing, and bespoke commission work. All of these avenues use my designs, which are then printed on various products and ranges, such as greetings cards, prints, notebooks & jotters, homeware and gift wrap. We work only with UK based printing

companies and have 300+ stockists nationally and internationally, made up of a mixture of retail chains and independents. Our biggest stockists are with Harrods and Waterstones and we also sell on [notonthehighstreet.com](http://notonthehighstreet.com)

### What is behind the Rocket 68 name?

While I was teaching and my daughter was small, I set up the business as a side venture and as I really liked the Rocket 88 song, I looked into having this as the business name. But of course the domain name had already been taken, so it was actually my husband who suggested having it as Rocket 68, the year I was born and it stuck!



### What made you move to Somerton?

Well I had a shop in Martock already, but one day out of the blue my landlord phoned me to say he was selling the building and so after much thought and evaluation, I decided it was time to move. We initially had a look for new premises in Langport, but there was nothing available and I had always thought Somerton was a lovely town when I regularly drove through to my art & design teaching job at Strode College, so we had a look and there were 2 potential locations. One was passed Tony's Fish 'n' Chip shop, which we felt was just off the beaten track and this one. After a month of just decorating with my husband, we held an open day, 3 weeks ago today, and it's just been fantastic. The support I have had from people in Somerton has been wonderful and I already have established some regulars.

### When you create your designs what media do you use?

My favourite media to use are gouache and watercolour paints. But I combine this with digital tools such as the creative pro tablet. I would either scan a final artwork piece and manipulate it using the Adobe Creative Cloud software or create a new digital design from scratch.



Jill's artwork, designs and illustrations are printed on a variety of homeware and gift products.

Rocket 68 has been shortlisted for the Gift of the Year award 2021.

### Where do you find your inspiration?

For me and the Rocket 68 business, it is all about researching the current trends and fashions and interpreting them into my own Jill White style to produce a unique and gorgeous product.

### What advice would you give for a budding Somerton designer?

Keep going! Decide what you would like to create or produce and keep going, you will get there. Stay thick skinned and believe in your creative vision. Also, understand that there is no shame in doing another unrelated job to support you in reaching your creative business goal. For instance before Rocket 68 took off, I did a cleaning job to support me and my family until I found success and there is absolutely no shame in that, in fact it should be commended.

### Editors Conclusion

We are extremely lucky to have someone with Jill's talents and skills on our doorstep. As an internationally known artist Jill's work is very popular, highly recognisable and you will see it regularly throughout the giftware market. The Rocket 68 shop in West Street is dog friendly (with dog bowl outside), wheelchair friendly, pushchair friendly and even eco-friendly, by using only biodegradable plastics throughout their products. As a central Somerset market town, we need to support the independent local shops, so they don't just survive, but they also thrive. That's what will keep are town alive and Rocket 68 is an absolute joy to visit, browse and shop.

If you would like to take part in the Somerton Spotlight feature, please contact the editor.

## Somerton Music & Arts Festival Fun Day Raffle Prizes

The following numbers were winners in the raffle at the Festival Fun Day on Sunday 4th July:

- 9** 4 cans of Carling
- 71** Folding Back Pack
- 12** Gold Hand Bag
- 80** Small Tray
- 42** Camper Van Salt & Pepper set

Please telephone 01458 273058 to arrange to collect your prize. Thank you for supporting the Somerton Music & Arts Festival.



## Somerton Community Library

The library has resumed 'near-normal' operations that include:

- No set restrictions on numbers in the library
- Staff and volunteers will wear masks
- Wearing masks is strongly encouraged for library users
- Hand sanitiser will be widely available
- NHS Test & Trace QR code will be displayed
- Public Network computers have been reinstated
- The Local Information Centre will not reopen.

More details are available at [www.somertonlibrary.com](http://www.somertonlibrary.com)

Our current opening hours are:



Day	Times	Service
Monday	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Browsing, borrowing and computers
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Wednesday	10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Browsing, borrowing and computers
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	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Browsing, borrowing and computers
Friday	10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Browsing, borrowing and computers
	2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Browsing, borrowing and computers
Saturday	10.00 am - 1.00 pm	Browsing, borrowing and computers

## Wessex Junior Youth Club

After being closed for more than a year, we would like to let you know that we will be re-opening September 9th. For those new to Somerton here is a brief summary about us. We are open to all children from 7-13 years in the Somerton area. We meet on a Thursday evening 6pm-7.30pm at the Wessex Rooms, Broad Street. Entry is £1.00. First night free for any new member. There are many activities the children can get involved with. We are always in need of volunteers. We work on a rota so you can do as much or as little as you like. Contact Clive or Sara Dyer for more information on 01458 273655



### Somerton Group of Artists



We are holding another 'Painting Together' day on Wednesday 18th August.

Meet at the Parish Rooms in Market Square between 10am until 4pm.

Bring your chosen materials for a creative day where we work together. Painting outside in the village, "do your own thing" indoors, or join a drawing workshop table and learn all about frottage! £5 on the door. Bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided. Current Covid safety regulations will apply, numbers may have to be limited, so come early! For more details go to our website [www.somertonartists.co.uk](http://www.somertonartists.co.uk) or visit us on Facebook. New members always welcome.

### West Street One Way System Temporary Traffic Order

The temporary one way system in West Street has been in place for nine months.

Residents wishing to provide feedback may address their comments directly to Somerset County Council Highways department at [lsdelivery@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:lsdelivery@somerset.gov.uk)

### How well do you know Somerton?



**Tudor Rose on  
Tudor Cottage**



**Where is it?**

Last month's picture, on the left, was of the Tudor Rose on the Tudor Cottage in the Market Place.

This month's mystery picture, on the right, is a "Where is it?" Do you know?

## Thank You Message

The family of the late Nigel James White from Somerton would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy and donations which were collected for Leukaemia Care.

## Congratulations

Please congratulate whoever is responsible for the gorgeous flower displays around our town. Also thank you for drawing our attention to the old station lamp in last months issue. The Viaduct is going from strength to strength - congratulations.

As a gentle reminder to homeowners, please could you trim hedges and bushes and particularly brambles which overhang pavements.

Thank you  
Pamela Miley



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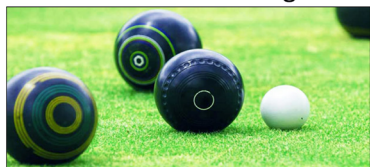
# The Charltons Short Mat Bowling Club



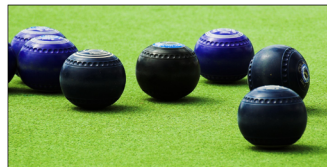
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## News

### Somerton Community Website

To all Somerton organisations, societies and clubs

The Somerton website has an Events Page, all entries are free of charge.

We are very keen to have listings of any meeting dates, with any information you can give, coming events etc to keep the people of Somerton up to date with what's going on in their Town. Please email any information to the address below. Please help us to keep local people informed. Also any sporting fixtures that are held in Somerton, that the public can come and watch and support your team, can be listed. When listing any events please state which organisation/club is being represented. Events Diary is free so please do make use of it. Please check to see if your organisation, society or club is listed on the Somerton Community Website [www.somerton.co.uk](http://www.somerton.co.uk) and that your information is correct. These are listed on the Societies and Clubs pages. Please advise if you have any corrections, deletions or additions.

There is a facility to have the following information if required.

- The Organisations name
- Contact name and address including post code
- Phone number
- Mobile number
- Email address
- Website address with link

Please contact Somerton Community Website

Email: [somerton@somerton.co.uk](mailto:somerton@somerton.co.uk), Phone: 01458 272041



### Sun Shines on Somerstock

After many months of planning, including significant changes to ensure the event could run in accordance with Covid regulations, Somerton Music and Arts Festival and the Somerstock Music Festival went ahead last week at venues throughout the town. The week long festival encompassed music events in the pubs around Somerton and a Funday which drew crowds young and old to enjoy the music, stalls and classic cars. Even the wet weather later on couldn't dampen the spirits. Still to come are a Jive Night featuring Twisted Vinyl, which has been postponed until 19th August to ensure that jivers can dance their socks off without the need for any social distancing, and Oktoberfest on 9th October. Both events will be at the Edgar Hall and tickets are still available at [www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk](http://www.somertonartsfestival.co.uk)



The Festival drew to a close on Saturday with Somerstock, the family-friendly music festival, which hit the ground running at the Recreation Ground. The sun made an appearance over the three stages, children's area and dance display, creating a great atmosphere to welcome back some return to normality. The limited number of tickets offered ensured that festival goers were able to spread over a large area and the audience were treated to a full day of continuous live music acts from 11am to 11pm, including local bands, original artists and tributes with something for everyone. The pop and soul legends, The Christians, finished off a very successful event and Chairman Fred Bassett said "We are very pleased to have been able to deliver the festival under extraordinary circumstances and delighted to see everyone having such a great time. This was only our second Festival and we still have more to learn and build on for 2022 event." In an early sign that the Somerstock will go from strength to strength, the organisers have already announced that the headline act for July 9th 2022 will be British pop/rock band The Hoosiers.



## Somerton WI News

Our first post-lockdown meeting was held in the Parish Rooms on Tuesday 20th July. Despite being an extremely hot afternoon, we had a very pleasant couple of hours, welcoming 3 new members as well as renewing existing friendships – all helped along by tea & cake of course!

## Wessex Singers go local

The Wessex Singers based in and around Somerton and Langport, have chosen a new musical director for the 2021/22 singing season. They've appointed a person who knows the area well. Alice Dicker grew up in Somerton, and started learning the clarinet age 10. She was one of the earliest members of the Somerton Festival Band, and won the Somerton Arts Festival 'Young Musician of the Year' on several occasions. At 13 she passed her grade 8 and subsequently earned a music scholarship to Queens College in Taunton. At 17, while studying for her AS Levels, Alice was awarded the Diploma of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, for performance. After finishing her sixth form studies, Alice was accepted at the Royal Welsh College of Music. During her time there, she took the opportunity to study many facets of music - from conducting and performance coaching, through to Alexander Technique, and Music Therapy.

After re-locating back to Somerset, Alice played in local bands and orchestras, as well as performing solo concerts including at the Somerton Arts Festival, and Music by the Lakes in Thorney. Alice also became the Musical Director for a local concert band, only leaving when she had her youngest daughter.

A car accident in 2017 interrupted her instrumental career but Alice has refocused on the voice and continues to teach. Her students range from beginners to diploma level, currently aged 15 to 76! As well as her appointment as Musical Director to the Wessex Singers she is also the Musical Director for the South Petherton Combined Arts Society Choir.

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# SOMERTON BUS TIMES with effect from 19th APRIL 2021

SERVICES TO YEOVIL												NOTES
NS			NS		NS		NS		NS		NS	NO SERVICE SUNDAYS OR BANK HOLS
54	77	54	77	54	77	54	77	54	77	54	77	
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Som Sq	0626	0720*	0918	0921	1043	1106	1213	1216	1343	1406	1511	1606 1643 1735 1806

\* 10 minutes later on Saturday

SERVICE 54 TO TAUNTON												SERVICE 77 TO WELLS											
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Langport	0732*	0930	1055	1225	1355	1425	1655	1747		Street	0649	0944	1129	1239	1429	1534	1629	1829					
Taunton	0822	1007	1132	1302	1432	1502	1732	1824		Wells	0715	1010	#	1305	#	1600	#	1855					

\* 13 minutes later on Saturday

# Some 77 services start/finish in STREET																							
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Som Sq	0750	0930	1105	1230	1410	1530	1600	1830		Som Sq	0807	0953	1102	1202	1357	1457	1652	1947					

Note: ALL services to Yeovil will travel via the Square and West Street.

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The 54 from Taunton will go Pound Pool, Behind Berry, North Street, Broad Street, Market Place, West Street, Pound Pool and Behind Berry for a second time												01458 273058											
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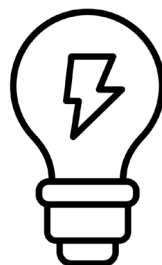
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