

# Connecting Communities Forums

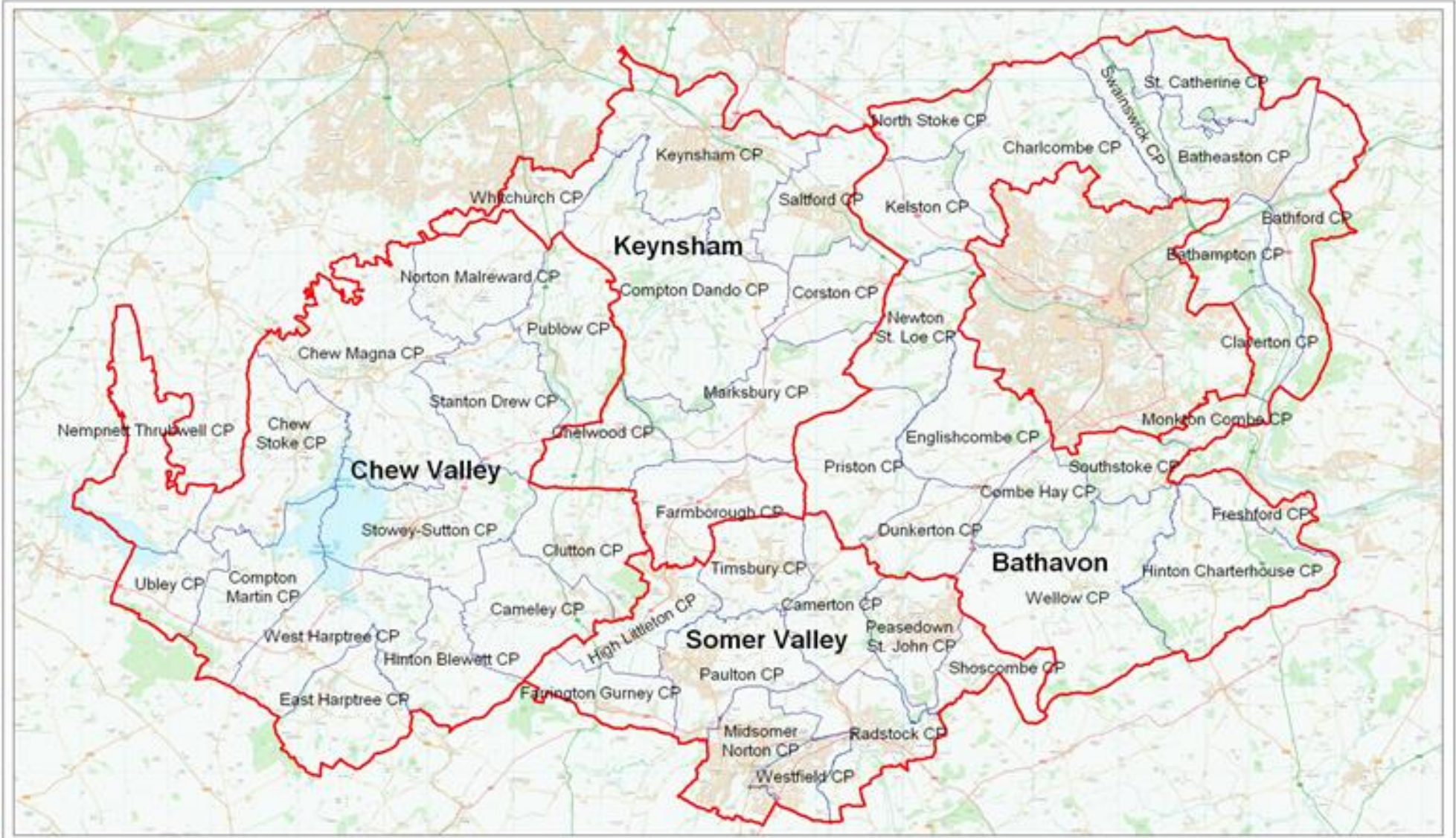
Chew Valley, Keynsham, Bathavon and Somer Valley

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### **Parks and play areas across BaNES:**

[http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/siteimages/Sport-Leisure-and-Parks/Playgrounds/banes\\_park\\_map\\_leaflet.pdf](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/siteimages/Sport-Leisure-and-Parks/Playgrounds/banes_park_map_leaflet.pdf)

### **Playing outdoors in Somer Valley (includes some Bath parks):**

<https://letthekidsloose.wixsite.com/play>

### **Saltford & Newton St Loe**

- Saltford golf club and driving range. With a floodlit driving range and prices from £2.50 for guests  
<http://www.saltfordgolfclub.co.uk/>
- Saltford weir – beautiful spot but please do not go swimming here.
- Newton St Loe Farm shop and café. Lovely food and drinks and animals to look at.  
<https://www.newtonfarmfoods.co.uk/>
- West of England Falconry, Newton St Loe (next to the farm shop), open 10.00-4.00 every day except Tuesday, contact them first to check they're not holding a private event, Jay/Naomi can offer a tour and possibly get to hold a hawk! Call on 07766767153 (donations welcomed).  
<http://www.westofenglandfalconry.org.uk/index.htm>

### **Farrington Gurney & Hallatrow**

- Farrington Park, leisure and golf club. Floodlit driving range and prices from £2.00 for 25 balls. Nice restaurant area for drinks and snacks.  
<https://farringtonpark.co.uk/>
- Farrington Farm Shop. Extensive farm shop and café with delicious food, soft play barn and animals to look at in the Farm Park (entrance to Farm Park extra). Lots of seasonal activities on offer: pick your own tulips in spring, pumpkins in autumn, Christmas activities etc.  
<http://farringtons.co.uk/>
- The Book Barn (Hallatrow), huge range of books to browse and a lovely café with plenty of large tables for chatting and playing games.  
<https://www.bookbarninternational.com/visit/>

### **Mells**

- The Walled Garden at Mells, lovely café with a wood fired pizza oven. Open March – October  
<https://www.thewalledgardenatmells.co.uk/>

## **Chew Valley**

- Chew Valley Community Farm  
<https://www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk/>
- Chew Valley Animal Park (near Chew Magna). A wide range of animals with a cuddle corner to get up close with different animals.  
<https://chewvalleyanimalpark.co.uk/>
- Chew Valley Lake. Beautiful lake with lots of different walks around the lake in different directions: feed the ducks and watch a range of other birds around the lake. Amazing swift and swallow behaviour in the summer months. Nice outdoor play area. Parking available at the lake in two different car parks. Great café with a range of refreshments, brilliant fish and chips available at the Salt and Malt chip shop.  
<http://www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk/reserves/chew-valley-lake>
- Folly Farm Centre. A beautiful 250-acre nature reserve owned by Avon Wildlife Trust. The farmhouse is used for weddings and conferences, but the woodland and meadows are open to the public for exploring with several marked footpaths and trails around the site.  
<https://www.follyfarm.org/about-us>
- New Manor farm shop and café (between Bishop Sutton and West Harptree), lovely tearooms with great homemade refreshments. Large tables for playing games and chatting.  
<http://newmanorfarmshop.co.uk/>
- East Harptree woods, lovely woods easily accessible from East Harptree. Please let your practitioner know before you visit here.  
<http://www.mendiphillsaonb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/East-Harptree-Woods-Walk.pdf>

## **Shepton Mallet**

- East Somerset Railway  
<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/east-somerset-railway>

## **Writhlington**

- Writhlington Leisure Centre – climbing wall open all week except Monday, clip and climb with auto belay lines, prices from £5.00. There is also an extensive soft play area with café, prices from £3.40. Writhlington leisure centre offers badminton, tennis and table tennis facilities.  
<https://www.writhlingtonleisure.co.uk/>
- Ammerdown Woods (near Writhlington), a lovely area to discover. Great circular walks in the wood. Parking at the crossroads by the Faulkland junction. Please let your practitioner know if you're exploring here with your mentee.

## **Keynsham**

- Keynsham Leisure Centre offer squash, badminton and basketball facilities  
<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/banes/keynsham-leisure-centre/activities>
- Keynsham library – great space to read, play games and chat. Nice little café at the back of the library.
- Keynsham memorial park – beautiful park to explore with a circular walk by the river. Two play areas at the top and bottom of the park.
- Avon Valley Country Park (Keynsham). Closed Mondays in term time. Lots of indoor and outdoor activities with animals, large outdoor play areas and massive indoor soft play. Take your Mentoring Plus ID for free entry – only pay entrance for your mentee.  
<https://www.avonvalley.co.uk/>
- Whitehall Garden Centre (Whitchurch); café and restaurants, lovely displays at Christmas.

## **Chilcompton**

- The Holy Cow café  
<http://theholycowchilcompton.co.uk/>
- Norton Green Garden Centre  
<http://www.nortongardencentre.co.uk/>
- Midsomer Quilting  
<http://www.midsomerq.com/index.html>
- Two parks: a skateboarding park in the recreation ground which also has a football pitch and tennis/basketball court, one other park with a small play area and 5-a side pitch



### **Peasedown St John**

- Peasedown Youth Hub, a range of drop in sessions on different evenings.  
<https://www.bathnes1bd.org.uk/organisations/21930-peasedown-youth-hub>
- Allotment (we now have our own plot! Let me know if you are interested and I'll link you up with our wonderful gardening practitioner Andrew)
- Peasedown Youth Club – every Monday night from 7.00pm for 11+ year olds to try different activities and make new friends
- Play park in Eckweek Lane and recreation ground on Bath Road  
[http://www.peasedownstjohnparishcouncil.gov.uk/Parks\\_and\\_Open\\_Spaces\\_20161.aspx](http://www.peasedownstjohnparishcouncil.gov.uk/Parks_and_Open_Spaces_20161.aspx)
- Community space in Peasedown with a kitchen to use for cooking and baking. Donation appreciated, contact Becky:  
[becky.stratford@curo-group.co.uk](mailto:becky.stratford@curo-group.co.uk)

### **Wellow & Shoscombe**

- Wellow Trekking Centre, with a lovely café, play area and animals to view on the farm. Contact for details of riding.  
<http://www.wellowtrekking.com/>
- The Rectory riding stables at Shoscombe  
<https://www.rectoryfarmridingstables.co.uk>

### **Timsbury & Farmborough**

- Mead Gate Farm Shop - Timsbury. Lovely café with well priced items and large tables to play games/read.
- Connies Café Timsbury, great local café with plenty of refreshments on offer and large tables for chatting and playing games.
- Timsbury YMCA – with a drop in hub, place to meet and chat.  
<https://www.timsbury.org.uk/facilities/halls-rooms/timsbury-ymca/>
- Large park and recreation ground in Timsbury
- Large recreation ground and small park in Farmborough
- Lots of local, circular walks around Timsbury and Farmborough – 20 circular walks in and around Timsbury  
<https://www.timsbury.org.uk/activities/walks/>

- Farmborough Community Shop – small café in community shop with homemade refreshments. Nice outdoor area to sit.

### **High Littleton**

- High Littleton recreation ground and park – great large area for playing and walking with an outdoor table tennis area and football pitch
- Greyfield Woods (near High Littleton). Beautiful extensive woodlands with a stream and waterfall area through an open meadow. Please let your practitioner know before you visit here.  
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/wood/4797/greyfield-wood/>

### **Paulton**

- Camvale Tennis Club. Free use of tennis courts for mentors and mentees: contact your practitioner to book.  
<http://www.camvaletennis.btck.co.uk/>
- Paulton Library – space to read, play games and chat with a coffee bar.
- Three parks: Memorial Park has tennis and basketball courts and an outdoor gym. Miners' Welfare Recreation Ground has a BMX track, youth shelter and wildlife area, Wallenge Open Space with children's play equipment.  
[http://www.paultonparishcouncil.org.uk/Parks and Open Spaces 18633.aspx](http://www.paultonparishcouncil.org.uk/Parks_and_Open_Spaces_18633.aspx)  
[http://www.paultonparishcouncil.org.uk/ UserFiles/Files/community-information/parks-location-map.pdf](http://www.paultonparishcouncil.org.uk/UserFiles/Files/community-information/parks-location-map.pdf)
- Paulton Rovers Football Club  
<http://www.paultonrovers.co.uk/>

### **Radstock**

- Centurion Health Club, Radstock – a place to play pool in Radstock  
<http://www.centurionhotel.co.uk/>
- Radstock Museum, displays about the life of miners in Somerset with different events and exhibitions through the year. Café at the museum.  
<http://radstockmuseum.co.uk/>
- Swallows Café (next to St Nicholas Church), open Tuesday – Friday 11-3. A wonderful community café with great food and drink at reasonable prices and lots of space to chat and play games. There is a basketball court outside the café.
- Café inside Radco (Radstock co-op) with reasonably priced food and drink.
- Riverbank Café, lovely little café near the museum.

- Radstock library
- Radstock play park - opposite Radco with free parking and some great play activities.
- Radstock cycle path – a lovely cycle path between Radstock and Midsomer Norton. If you cycle away from Radstock on the path towards Kilmersdon you will go through beautiful countryside and the remains of the old railway (please wear helmets when cycling)  
<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/policy-evidence/the-impact-of-our-work/new-cycle-path-between-radstock-and-midsomer-norton>
- Bike rides and walks around Radstock:  
[http://www.colliersway.co.uk/rides\\_and\\_Walks.php](http://www.colliersway.co.uk/rides_and_Walks.php)
- Bike shop (take their bike/scooter or ask if you can learn how to repair a bike)  
<http://www.bike-it.uk.com/>
- The Paint Room – walk in studio for a variety of arts and crafts activities including pottery painting, clay modelling and canvas painting. £2.50 per person to create then an additional cost for the item created. Open term-time only, check their timetable for session times.  
<http://www.thepaintroom.co.uk/>
- Victoria Hall (sometimes shows films) <http://www.victoriahallradstock.co.uk/>
- Somer Valley campus has some birds, looked after by the Animal Care students. I'm just finding out if we are allowed to visit
- Lots of local, circular walks around Radstock – 14 circular walks in and around Radstock  
<http://radstockmuseum.co.uk/fourteen-circular-walks-in-and-around-radstock/>

### **Midsomer Norton**

- Jessem Coffee Shop, Midsomer Norton – every Friday night 6.30-9.30. 11-17 year olds can hang out in a safe place together: 01761 410598
- Midsomer Norton Youth Club – every Thursday night from 5.30pm for 11+ year olds to try different activities and make new friends  
<http://www.midsomernortontowncouncil.co.uk/youth-project-and-youth-council/>
- Midsomer Norton Skate Park and playground – next to the leisure centre. Great adventure playground and skate park – please wear helmets etc. when skating
- Midsomer Norton Leisure Centre – small café and badminton, tennis and table tennis facilities.  
<https://www.writhlingtonleisure.co.uk/>

- Range of cafes in Midsomer Norton on the High Street and inside Holly Court. Lovely ice-cream parlour on the top level of Holly Court.
- Midsomer Norton Library – newly refurbished, easily accessible and a nice area to read books/chat/play games
- Silver Street Nature Reserve  
<http://jamesedwards7.wixsite.com/silverstreet-lnr>
- Somerset & Dorset Railway, on Silver Street. With a museum, restaurant and train rides at certain times of the year.  
<https://www.sdjr.co.uk/images/General-leaflet-2015.pdf>  
<https://www.sdjr.co.uk/>
- Orchard Hall Community Centre (they have a kitchen available to hire, so you could do some baking)  
<http://www.midsomernortoncommunitytrust.co.uk/orchard-hall/>
- Somer Centre community hall (they have a small kitchen you could hire)  
<http://midsomernortoncommunityassoc.btck.co.uk/TheSomerCentre>
- Walking routes and cycle paths in Midsomer Norton:  
[http://www.colliersway.co.uk/midsomer\\_Norton\\_and\\_Radstock.php](http://www.colliersway.co.uk/midsomer_Norton_and_Radstock.php)
- Check out what's on in the Midsomer Norton events diary:  
<http://www.midsomernortoncommunitytrust.co.uk/events-diary/>