**Chairman's Report – 19/01/2026**

The chairman would like to thank:

1) Santa and his elves for visiting our village on many occasions: by float, by tractor, on foot and finally by reindeer on Christmas Eve.

2) All of those involved in arranging/participating in Christmas/New Year events in our village. These events are always well attended/appreciated.

3) Local businesses for their efforts in making our village look festive.

4) Any residents and councillors who have helped to clear drains and report issues on fix my street. All help (even just for one nearby drain) is very much appreciated.

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The Chairman would also like to wish all members of the council, ward councillor and parishioners a "VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR".

**3 vehicle accident at Triangle Junction**

There was an accident on the morning of the 15/01/2026. One of the cars was badly damaged and is still on the double yellow lines on the triangle awaiting recovery.

**Speeding / Antisocial behaviour / PC/PCSO events**

Next meeting: 24/02/2026 – 10-11 am - Can anyone attend? If not, please can we ensure we obtain / circulate the minutes.

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| PC/PCSO events – | 15/01/26 | 10:30-12:00 | Bishop Sutton Library |
| | 28/01/26 | 10:00-11:00 | Chew Valley Lake Café |
| | 12/02/26 | 10:30-12:00 | Bishop Sutton Library |
| | 24/02/26 | 10:00-11:00 | Chew Valley Lake Café |

**Chew Valley Lake Recreational Trail**

We have received minutes from the "Chew Valley Lake Recreational Trail" plans and understand that New Manor Farm are objecting to the route across their farm, due to littering and unsociable behaviour. Observations of cyclists in our village/nearby cycle tracks suggest that most cyclists (especially large groups) continue to use the road rather than the tracks.

They wish to arrange another meeting in February.

**Other notes / Discussion points:-**

1) AGAR assertation 10 – Tues 20/01/2026 – 7:30pm Webinar – who can attend?
2) PSPO (Public Places Protection Order) – Harptree Cemetery – 2m dog leads / prompt removal of dog faeces. BANES consultation until 2/2/26.
3) Fireworks – Several horses were injured due to fireworks on New Years Eve. Reminder to residents: Many animals/young children become distressed by fireworks so if you are intending to have a display, please provide notice to close residents /neighbours especially those with animals. (Facebook?)
4) Triangle Planting – The begonias in the planters have now gone over, should we replace them with some other plants? / Are any wallflowers still available?

5) Litter – A lot more litter is accumulating outside of the village centre.
6) Stenhorn fields (Western Lane near the top end of Harptree Coombe).
7) Defibrillator / Defibrillator Training?
8) Highways: Bristol Road potholes look dangerous and have not been fixed. They have been reported. Simon, could you look into this as our ward councillor?

**Other Information:**

West Harptree churchyard – there are several unsafe gravestones that need resetting – could the history society help trace the relatives? / Grants? / funding? etc. The church is currently raising funds for heating.

Ben Dogley – "Harptree Books" has made us aware that he has recently published a book entitled "The three mosquito nets". This is a work of climate themed fiction.

Consultation Notice: Chew Magna post office is closing permanently on Friday 27th March due to the resignation of the postmaster and withdrawal of the premises.