

# SOMERSET COUNCIL

## Frome Town Council

### Cllr Dawn Denton

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**Somerset Press Releases:** You can view all the Somerset County Council press releases for the last month using this link: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/newsroom/>

**Slip 'n Slide (Beckington):** I accompanied the Somerset Council Health and Safety practitioner to the site. A report has been compiled and the council will issue their findings in due course.

**Business & Education:** I did a short talk at the Frome Chamber of Commerce breakfast to invite businesses in Frome to engage with the education sector. There are opportunities to speak at schools, help with mock interviews, or to take on work experience students or apprentices. I have connected a few businesses to the existing programmes and hope more will come forward: <https://www.somerset-ebp.co.uk/>

**Recycling collection issues:** There have been some missed collections since the new collection programme and routes started in June. The Waste Management Officer is aware of the problems and is keeping an eye on the tracking on the trucks for the areas of concern.

**Saxonvale decision:** The Somerset Council Executive committee are hoping to make their decision about either Acorn or Mayday Saxonvale to develop the site. They were hoping to make the decision before August, but if they are issued with another Judicial Review, this will push it later in the year. Once the developer has been selected, the plans will come to the Planning Committee.

**Open spaces:** A number of open spaces in Frome have been neglected. I have reported a few over the past month, which have been sorted out. If there are overgrown parks or broken equipment, please let me know directly.

**Waste Contracts:** The Executive have a week to consider waste collection options in Somerset after SUEZ disclosed that they are running at a loss on its Somerset contract. If payments don't increase, SUEZ has said it will break its contract and Somerset council will need to cover the financial penalty. The decision needs to be made this week.

**Domestic violence during international football games:** People facing domestic abuse are being strongly encouraged to seek support, especially during periods when incidents are anticipated to surge. Research from the National Centre for Domestic Violence reveals that domestic abuse incidents increase by 26% when our national team plays, 38% if they lose, and 11% the day after, regardless of the outcome. The Somerset Domestic Abuse Service, provided by Somerset Council, offers support and advice to anyone experiencing domestic abuse, with services tailored to meet individual needs: <https://somersestdomesticabuse.org.uk/>

Best wishes,

*Dawn*