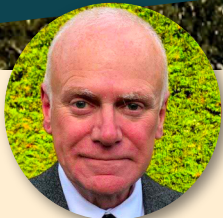


Focus On Wellington Online

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Issues covered: council tax, council houses, dog fouling, flytipping, graffiti, waste collection, grass cutting, open spaces, etc

Progress at Tonedale

Both Mark and Keith are extremely happy with two sets of good news:

Firstly, Somerset West and Taunton Council, having collaborated with Wellington Mills CIC and Transition Town Wellington, have purchased Fox's Field next to Tonedale Mills to ensure it is protected and thrives for community use.

On top of this, Somerset West and Taunton Council has successfully gained £348,420 from Historic England to help refurbish Tone Works, including repairing the roof and removing asbestos, as part of steps to renovating this historic mill into a community asset.

Somerset West and Taunton are still working towards trying to secure the future of the main Tonedale Mills site as its absentee owners continue to fall far from their expected duty to protect this listed site.



Support Local

Mark and Keith back the efforts by Somerset West and Taunton Council to help promote local businesses and organisations. This is being done through an app called ShopAppy.com which local traders can sign up to to provide a one-stop experience for customers.

This service is being provided free of charge for a year to local businesses.

Orders on ShopAppy.com can be home delivered, picked up from the shop itself, or from a collection point such as visitor centres, local pubs or cafés which allow customers to get their items outside normal business hours.

Download the app today and switch to supporting local.

New Enterprise Centre

As part of the Somerset Recovery and Growth Plan, Wellington has been identified as a potential town to receive a new business enterprise centre. The centre would support local businesses that wish to grow through technological innovation but need further understanding and training. Businesses would also have access to specialist equipment. Corams Lane has been initially identified as the centre's location.

Mark and Keith are excited at the prospect of this as Wellington continues to grow, including a new train station and more businesses moving to the town.