

# MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Outfield Festival

I was first in line to collect [Outfield Festival Tickets](#) for my family and me.

With headliners The Hoosiers and Dodgy, this will be the third Outfield Festival held at the Midsomer Norton cricket ground. Like the previous events, [Midsomer Norton Town Council](#) contributed from its grant budget but this year with a slightly different twist. Half of the £3,000 funding will be spent providing tickets for children and their families who might not normally be able to attend such events.

I think it's a really inclusive, community-minded idea. This is an incredible festival to have right here in Midsomer Norton so we want as many people to experience it as possible. We've just had a successful free Music Festival at the Town Park, organised by the [Community Trust](#) which saw over 3,000 people visit over the day. While Outfield Festival isn't free, it is amazing value and their budget allows a pretty spectacular show.

Outfield Festival is on the 27th August.



Outfield organisers, Matt Dando and Mark Harris



## New Dog Shop and Café

On the 18th June I was delighted when Kate and Clint invited me to the grand opening of a fantastic new shop and café on the Island.

The Dog Lover Shop & Coffee Stop offers the 'Pawsome' experience of pawpacchinos, pick n pick natural treats, leads, harnesses, collars, toys and just about everything you can think of for dogs. Humans are well looked after too, with great coffee, cakes and panini.

The café has bunk bed style seating so dogs can sit up and look out the window, a cosy hidey hole, and dog beds to lay down on next to their owners. They have lots to offer the dogs while they are in the shop like healthy treats, ice cream, jelly-filled enrichment meats to keep them entertained, and of course loads of fuss and cuddles.



Cllrs Plant and Thatcher

The owners are keen to point out you don't need to own a dog to visit, in fact it's a good place to find a dog hug if you want one! The shop will be open 7 days a week to make sure they are always there for you and your doggos, with inside and outside seating available.

## Staddlestones Park

Sandy and I have been out delivering leaflets letting residents know about the Staddlestones Park Improvement consultation

<http://tinyurl.com/staddlestones>

The consultation is now available online as part of the Somer Valley Rediscovered project. Residents are being asked for feedback on the draft designs to improve the park in a way that benefits those that use the park most often, so opinions are important to allow the project to progress.

It is hoped the proposed improvements will increase biodiversity in the local area, improve accessibility for visitors, increase community engagement with nature and improve the health and wellbeing of local communities.



Mini Police with Sgt Humphreys and PCSO Thatcher

## Mini Police Presentation

Children from [St John's Primary](#) have become Midsomer Norton's first official [Mini Police](#) receiving their qualification certificates at a special presentation held at the school on Wednesday. The children also received the [Duke of Cornwall Community Safety Award](#) in recognition of the knowledge and skills they had learnt during the course.

Handing out the awards was Sgt Lee Humphreys of [Avon and Somerset Police](#) with local PCSOs Katie Allwood-Coppin, Glyn Samways and Paul Thatcher.

Sgt Humphreys gave special thanks to PCSO Thatcher in recognition of the tremendous time, effort and enthusiasm he had given to the scheme.

Mini Police is an innovative police engagement programme, which is delivered in schools with the support of local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). The scheme provides a fun and interactive way to introduce children to a positive experience of policing and to get them involved in the local community.



PCSO Paul Thatcher

# Farmers' Market



Saturday 1st July was market day in Midsomer Norton with a great turnout of shoppers, Councillors and radio presenters!

Midsomer Norton is lucky to have this excellent market every month and it's really important the Town Council not only supports it with grant money, but also by attending and, of course, shopping. By sharing a gazebo with Somer Valley FM The Town Council is providing a very visible presence every month engaging with residents and traders.

Thanks to Cllrs Tim Wells and Martyn Plant for attending and extra special thanks to Cllr Lynda Robertson for handing out so many flyers for the Town Fayre!

It would be good if all Councillors could think about more ways we can use this opportunity to interact with the public and promote our town.



Timmies Chillies



Louise Hall: Market Manager



White Lake Cheese