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The Hinkley Point C community magazine



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Rob's welcome
Welcome to the Autumn 2025 issue of Plugged in.

We've hit a big project milestone as all mining works for the offshore tunnels are now complete - ready to connect our power station to the Bristol Channel. Find out more about this on page 4.

We're also continuing to support different community groups across the local area through funding, which is an important focus for us (see pages 6-9).

Finally, we're proud to be part of the annual Bridgwater Carnival, which is a much-loved community event. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed the celebration. See page 3 for more.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition. Please remember to take care of yourselves and others as we approach the colder months.

Rob Jordan
Project Construction Director

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CONGRATULATIONS...
to John Pickford from Bridgwater, who won a £100 theatre gift voucher in our Summer 2025 issue.



Your Community Relations team

Mounia Miguil, Stakeholder Relations Manager, keeps everyone informed: "I love bringing the stories of our project to life - through the magazine and online updates."

Stacy Walker, Stakeholder Relations Manager, connects the project and community: "I'm always happy to hear what matters to our neighbours."

Andrew Cockcroft, Head of Stakeholder Engagement and Social Impact, ensures Hinkley Point C creates lasting socio-economic benefits: "I am passionate about making sure our work benefits those living nearby."

Sacha Hawthorne, Communication Stakeholders Administrator and Visitor Centre Receptionist, points people in the right direction: "I'm on hand to answer any questions you might have about Hinkley Point C."



BRIDGWATER CARNIVAL

A dazzling display

Hinkley Point C was the main event sponsor for Bridgwater Carnival 2025 - and it was yet another spectacular display. Fabulous carts, singers, dancers, on-foot masqueraders, and dazzling fireworks lit up the high street during the colourful and lively parade. Dave Creedy, President of the

Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival, said: "I want to thank Hinkley Point C for their continuing support and generosity, which helps make our parade one of the largest illuminated carnivals in Europe and attracts upwards of 100,000 visitors to our historic town." Andrew Cockcroft, Head

of Stakeholder Engagement and Social Impact at Hinkley Point C, commented: "We are extremely pleased to continue our partnership with Somerset's largest community event, with many of our site team involved with the creation of the incredible carts. It truly brings people and communities together."

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GET IN TOUCH

Have an interesting story you'd like to share, or know someone who has?

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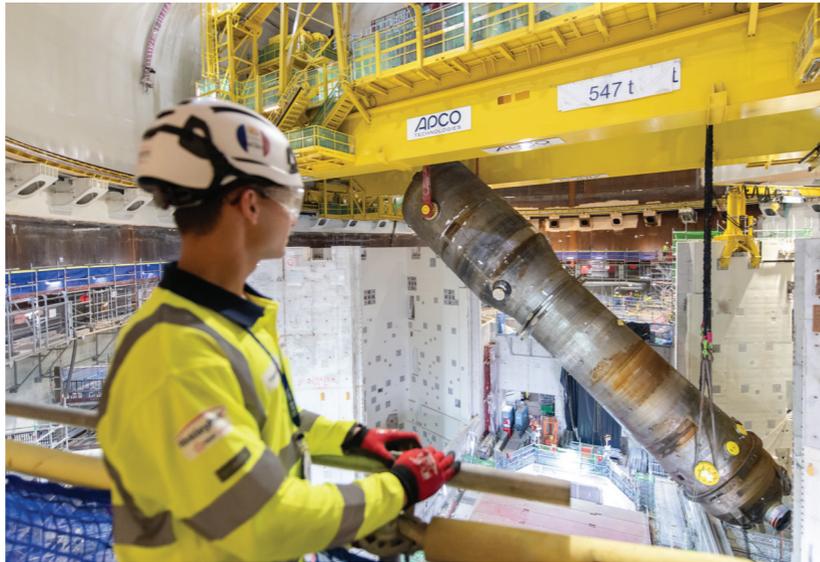
Construction Updates

Steaming ahead

The fourth and final steam generator has been installed inside the first reactor building.

Each generator stands at nearly 24 metres tall and uses heat from the reactor to create the steam that spins the turbine.

The next stage is already underway and involves welding together the full system that links the steam generators with the reactor core itself.



Welding win-win

Hinkley Point C has been putting its spare welding rods to good use. They are being donated to Bridgwater & Taunton College and training provider Train4All for use by their apprentices and trainees. The idea came from welders working within the mechanical and electrical workshop.

PROTECTING FISH

Did you know that Hinkley Point C will have more fish protection systems than any other power station in the world?

Four low velocity intake heads – large underwater structures – bring in water so slowly that many fish can easily swim away from the structures.

To tackle a very small remaining impact, another system is being trialled. It's an acoustic fish deterrent developed in the South West.

Experts from Swansea University are helping with the tests, which so far show the system is helping keep fish away from the area altogether.

Big step forward

The five buildings that house the first reactor's electrical transformers are now finished. That's a big step because they'll help the power station's electricity connect to the National Grid substation and the power lines that'll supply six million homes.



Tunnel vision

After seven years of work beneath the Bristol Channel, teams have completed all mining works on three tunnels that will carry seawater used to cool the power station. The tunnels were dug out by huge tunnel boring machines and the longest tunnel is nearly four kilometres long.

FAST FACT

The tunnel boring machines were named after inspirational women: suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst; palaeontologist Mary Anning; and engineer Beatrice Shilling OBE – names chosen by local schoolchildren.

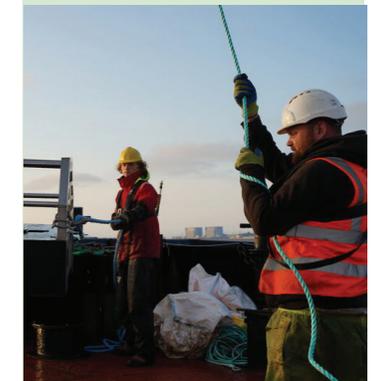
CALL OF THE WILD

Environment teams are using new technology based on 'bioacoustics' to record and analyse the sounds of wildlife living around Hinkley Point C. The information is used to identify the types of animals living in the area. It's also helping teams to better understand how new habitat improvements are working in nearby areas.

FAST FACT

20+

More than 20 species never previously recorded have been identified - including wading birds like the greenshank.



Boost for local landscapes

Hinkley Point C has funding available for landowners, community groups and businesses who want to enhance their local landscape.

Hinkley Point C has worked with the Quantock Hills National Landscape Service (QHNS) since 2015 and supported more than 50 projects, including creating a pond and planting trees at Kilve Court and new hedges at Kilve Cricket Club.

Sally Pheasant from QHNS said: "You can apply for funding up to £5,000 through us. Visit [quantockhills.com/landscape-development-fund](https://www.quantockhills.com/landscape-development-fund) or email sally.pheasant@somerset.gov.uk and I can send you details."





Profound impacts

Hinkley Point C's Community Fund is designed to support local community groups and projects. From relaunching a netball club and ensuring the future of a wellbeing drop-in, to supporting the work of a charity that helps people with Down syndrome, it continues to make a real difference.

Ups and Downs Southwest

The Hinkley Point C Community Fund has recently provided £47,445 to Ups and Downs Southwest, a Westonzoyleland-based charity supporting local families of children with Down syndrome.

The funding will be used to support the salary of a school liaison officer working across Bridgwater and rural communities, better equipping schools to support children with Down syndrome in a mainstream setting. The officer will work with families, teachers and children to ensure the best possible educational outcomes are achieved.

Joanna Thorn, CEO of Ups and Downs Southwest, commented: "Thanks to this funding, we've been able to deepen our support in schools across the impact area - reaching more pupils, strengthening educator confidence and creating a more inclusive environment for children with Down syndrome. This grant has truly enabled us to bring sustainable change where it's needed most."

£47,445 GRANTED

Sydenham Netball Club

A £4,000 grant has been awarded to Sydenham Netball Club to support the relaunch of its senior team. The money will pay for court hire and equipment, including netball posts, netball kits, balls and bibs.



£4,000 GRANTED



Restarting the club has enabled players who've been unable to play netball for many years to return to the game they love, as well as offering an opportunity for new members to participate."

NICOLA HALE, SYDENHAM NETBALL CLUB MEMBER

Team member contributions



AN UNFORGETTABLE FUNDRAISER

Three charities were the true winners when more than 150 golfers from Hinkley Point C teed off at the annual Purdie Cup, held at Taunton & Pickeridge Golf Club.

The event raised nearly £18,400, which will be shared between Alzheimer's Society, Prostate Cancer UK and Bridgwater Foodbank.

The Purdie Cup is held in memory of much-loved colleague Matt Purdie, Environmental and Sustainability Lead, who passed away in 2015.



SCORING FOR CHARITY

It may have ended in a scoreless draw, but a fundraising football match between Hinkley Point C and Hinkley Point B still delivered a big win - raising around £650 for Alzheimer's Society.

On the pitch, the match at Bridgwater United Football Club led to a nail-biting penalty shoot-out, with Hinkley Point B emerging as the delighted victors.



St Mary's Church

Weekly 'Wellbeing Wednesdays' are held at St Mary's Church in Bridgwater. These sessions bring people from the community together by offering a welcoming place for them to meet over crafts, games and hot drinks.

A £20,000 grant from Hinkley Point C's Community Fund will help deliver wellbeing events over the next three years - which is really positive news for the local area, as Reverend Suse Osmond said: "The funding we received from the HPC Community Fund has been truly transformational.

"The wellbeing drop-in is a lifeline for those struggling with their mental health. It offers a safe and supportive space for people

who find themselves in difficult places, and we're already seeing the difference it's making. One participant shared that, as someone with anxiety, they've gained a confidence they didn't know was possible. We're deeply grateful for this support, which is changing lives every week."



£20,000 GRANTED



Rigged up for the future

A new mechanical training rig has been unveiled to help team members at Hinkley Point C gain hands-on construction skills.

Located at Hinkley Point C's Mechanical Centre of Excellence (MCoE) at Cannington College, the rig simulates a construction site.

The facility provides realistic learning experiences, allowing individuals to practice working within the galleries on site, as well as pipefitting, lifting, mechanical fitting, rigging, working at height, and more.

It'll play a pivotal role in supporting the Mechanical, Electrical, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (MEH) phase of the project, which involves fitting out the power station with cables, pipes and equipment.

It also strengthens the pipeline of skilled workers needed to deliver the project. And the rig will not only benefit the project, but also the wider community - offering local people, via our Hinkley Support Operative programmes, access to opportunities that can lead to long-term careers.

FAST FACTS

■ Hinkley Point C used nearly £300,000 of Engineering Construction Industry Training Board grant money to establish the new facility.

■ Alongside the MCoE, there are other purpose-built training facilities, such as the Electrical Centre of Excellence and the Construction Skills and Innovation Centre, which help thousands of people gain valuable skills and experience.



“This investment is a fantastic demonstration of Hinkley Point C's ongoing commitment to skills in nuclear and skills in Somerset.”

SIMON LAFFERTY, MEH PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

In conversation with...



Letty Smith and Lilli Thompson

Former apprentice Lilli and current apprentice Letty swap insights...



Name: Letty Smith
From: Wedmore
Role: Project Controls Degree Apprentice
Joined Hinkley Point C: 2021

Lilli: Hi Letty. How are you finding your apprenticeship?

Letty: It's a perfect mix of hands-on experience and academic learning. It's challenging, but in the best way, because I'm growing personally and professionally. I particularly enjoy that everyone is working towards a common goal, and that there's a strong culture of support and learning.

Lilli: What inspired you to join the project?

Letty: Knowing I could be part of the biggest construction project in Europe while also contributing to the future of the UK's energy industry made it an opportunity I couldn't pass up. It's exciting to be part of something that will make a real difference.

Lilli: What are your key tasks?

Letty: Project Controls is all about monitoring the schedule, cost, risk and change within a project, ensuring everything stays on track.

Lilli: What are your aims?

Letty: To continue developing my career in nuclear, eventually taking on a leadership role.

IN THE MEDIA



Letty was featured in the 2025 Socio-economic Impact Report. Scan the QR code for insights into the project's benefits.



Lilli appeared in Hinkley Point C's 2024 end-of-year video, which she says is one of her biggest highlights so far. Scan the QR code to watch.



Name: Lilli Thompson
From: Taunton
Role: Senior Concrete Mechanical Supervisor
Joined Hinkley Point C: 2018

Letty: Can you tell me about your role?

Lilli: I look after a team of four who are responsible for the erection, dismantling, commissioning and maintenance of 38 concrete placing booms, which deliver concrete to hard-to-reach areas of the construction site. We also repair and maintain the concrete pumps.

Letty: Have you experienced any challenges?

Lilli: Joining the project as an 18-year-old girl was pretty scary. But I've gained masses of confidence. As a woman in construction, I could've felt the need to prove myself, but I haven't had to do so. It's just come naturally.

Letty: What are the benefits of an apprenticeship?

Lilli: You earn and learn at the same time, and the knowledge you can gain here is next level.

Letty: What advice would you give to someone looking to join?

Lilli: Do it! I've built myself an incredible career from doing an apprenticeship, and so can you.

MAKE YOUR MARK

Hinkley Point C has trained more than 1,500 apprentices to date. Interested in joining? Visit hpcjobsservice.edfenergy.com for more information.



Meet the new Station Director

Nicola Fauvel has been appointed as Hinkley Point C's new Station Director.

Nicola's job will be to oversee the commissioning and operation of the power station.

Nicola has 26 years of experience in the nuclear industry, having worked at Torness Power Station in Scotland, EDF Paris and Flamanville 3, the now operational power station based on the same design as Hinkley Point C.

She has also worked at Hinkley Point C before and most recently spent three years at Hinkley Point B.

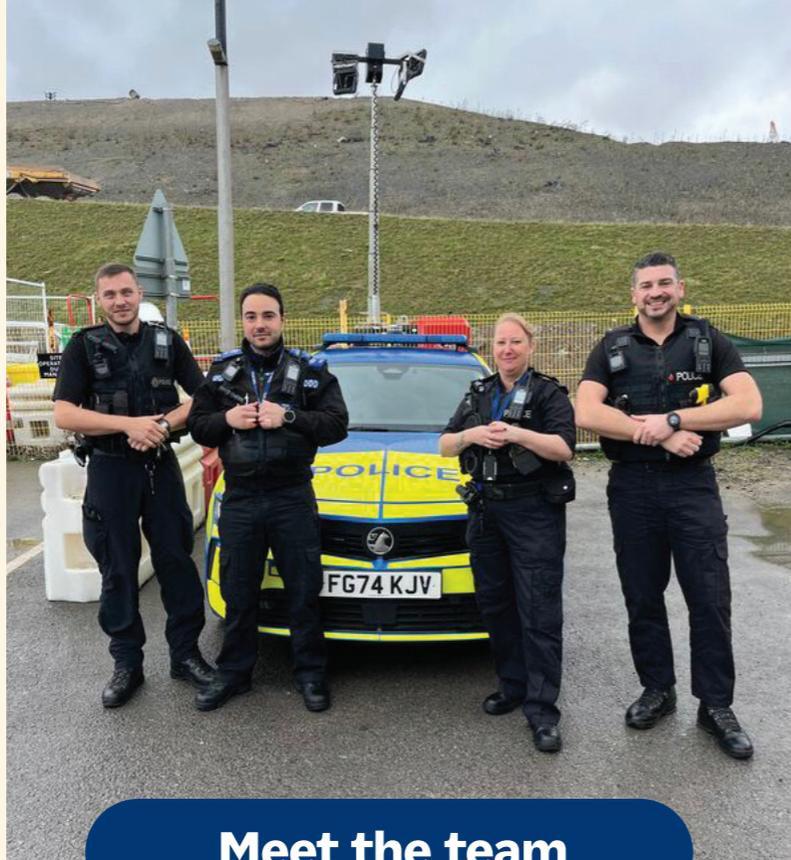
Nicola said: "I have loved leading the team at Hinkley Point B as custodians of the site as there is such a proud heritage and real sense of community."

"I am excited to be taking on the challenge of preparing Hinkley Point C for generation."



WHAT IS COMMISSIONING?

It's the stage after construction when all equipment and structures are tested to ensure they meet key design and safety requirements ahead of electricity being generated.



Meet the team

The Hinkley Point C Neighbourhood Police team

Hinkley Point C's Neighbourhood Police team supports the local community throughout the construction of the power station.

Based in Bridgwater and the construction site, they are an important link between Hinkley Point C and the wider community. Each of the six experienced team members brings a different area

of expertise, from community engagement to road safety.

Leading the team is Sergeant Esther Lawson, who is keen to ensure the team is visible and approachable.

She said: "We adapt our patrolling and focus to respond to the needs of the community and the construction workforce."

GET IN TOUCH

If you would like to contact the Hinkley Point C Neighbourhood Police team for non-urgent matters, call **07385371364** or email hinkleypoint@avonandsomerset.police.uk.

Speaking out

Esther is an advocate for the prevention of violence against women and girls. She recently spoke at a Women's Institute event in October, raising awareness and celebrating women working across Hinkley Point C.



Tackling fly parking

Fly parking continues to be the most frequently reported concern from the local community – and it's taken very seriously.



Fly parking is when a worker parks away from their designated Park and Ride site or lodgings when they go to work. It is not tolerated at Hinkley Point C and the project is tackling it by bolstering its fly parking team and investing in new digital systems.

While the number of persistent offenders remains proportionally small, it's understandable that even a few cases can cause frustration. That's why Hinkley Point C is constantly looking for better ways to manage the challenge.

The fly parking enforcement team, now expanded to nine members, responds to and investigates complaints and enforces the project's Code of Conduct, which bans fly parking in local neighbourhoods.

The majority begin working at 3:30am, which is when the bus services start for the daytime employees at Hinkley Point C, but two team members work from 8am to 8pm.

Sharon Small, Parking Enforcement Manager, Somerset Passenger Solutions, said: "The team patrol areas in Bridgwater and the surrounding villages – ticketing, taking photographs and loading reports of suspected fly parkers."

"They have a great rapport with residents and always take the time to chat, listen to complaints, be advised about probable fly parkers and act accordingly."

Every Hinkley Point C employee should be allocated to either a Park and Ride service or bus stop within walking distance from their registered address. If they choose to instead park in residential streets to be closer to Hinkley Point C and avoid a longer bus journey, action will be taken.

There's a four-stage process in place that could lead to site access removal and dismissal. In the event of a vehicle being ticketed three times or more, the fly parking team may involve the police.

GET IN TOUCH

REPORTING FLY PARKING

Hinkley Point C's fly parking team are ready to support the community and respond to any reports of fly parking in the local area.

If you suspect a vehicle has been fly-parked, get in touch with the Hinkley Point C enquiries team on

0333 009 7070

or email

hinkley-enquiries@edfenergy.com.

You'll just need the number plate of the vehicle you are concerned about, together with its location.



Education Initiatives

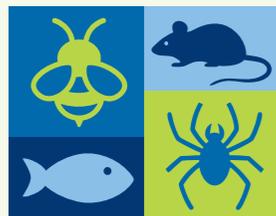
PUZZLE TIME:



Quick quiz

Test your knowledge of Hinkley Point C with our quick-fire quiz.

- 1> Which annual local event, held in November, does Hinkley Point C sponsor?
- 2> What is the name of the team that monitors team members' parking?
- 3> What kind of equipment digs out the tunnels?



- 4> Deterrent technology is in place to protect which animal?
- 5> Where does our community bus travel to and from?

Answers: 1) Bridgwater
2) Fly parking team
3) Tunnel boring machines
4) Fish 5) Bridgwater and Minehead



Little voices, big questions



As Education Visit Coordinator, Dr James Mansfield delivers talks about Hinkley Point C during primary school visits. His job involves speaking to many inquisitive children about complicated topics. Here's how he addresses their tricky questions...

Q Why is it called Hinkley Point C?

The 'C' helps avoid confusion with the two stations that were already there: Hinkley Point A and B. The 'Hinkley Point' part refers to the location where Hinkley Point C is being built. The land around there has always been called 'Hinkley Point', even before we arrived. That could be because 'Hinkley' comes from the Old English word for 'horse's meadow'. 'Point' could be because the area is a headland pointing out to the sea.

Q How much electricity will Hinkley Point C make?

Lots! Hinkley Point C will generate enough electricity to power about six million homes. That's enough to run approximately 20 million games consoles, or charge around 320 million mobile phones.

Q If it's nuclear, does that mean it glows in the dark?

No, but we might light the power station up using lightbulbs to help build it, or to see who's coming and going once it's operational.

Q Can I visit and press the big red button?

You can visit by emailing hinkleypointtours@nnb-edfenergy.com or calling **0333 006 9950**. We don't have any big red buttons to press at the moment, but if you study hard, maybe one day you could become a reactor operator who gets to push that button! I was allowed to press the emergency stop button in a reactor simulator once. It was fun, but it made lots of different-sounding alarms. One was like a doorbell and one sounded like a robot singing!



Support at every stage

When one job ends, another begins – and that's where Hinkley Point C's Jobs Service comes in.

At Hinkley Point C, change is constant. As projects evolve and contracts conclude, the Jobs Service team ensures that skilled workers aren't left behind – they're guided forward.

The Jobs Service are committed to supporting workers to find new opportunities on site, and utilise their experience and skills across all project phases.

If the right opportunities aren't available on site, the team will also support connections to other positions in the local area or other projects. Their work

not only supports individual careers, but also strengthens the local economy, construction skills and the community.

The Jobs Service plays a vital role helping colleagues whose contracts have ended. By signposting new opportunities, they help keep careers moving and support community impact.

They also hold weekly drop-in sessions offering practical guidance on CV writing, job applications, and current vacancies. Evening sessions are also available for nightshift workers.



Sarah's story

Sarah Dray from Stolford joined Hinkley Point C as a Document Controller for H&E Engineering. However, when her contract ended, the Jobs Service helped her land a role with contractor Linxon.

Sarah explained: "The team took my details, offered reassurance and worked hard behind the scenes. I was so grateful for their support."

"The Job Service is invaluable. It's clear they value local people. For many, it's not just a job – it's a chance to grow professionally and financially while gaining new skills."



Ask Sacha

Sacha Hawthorne,
Visitor Centre
Receptionist, manages all public enquiries at Hinkley Point C.

Q How can I report fly parking?

"If you spot a vehicle that you suspect has fly-parked, you can report it by calling **07813232358** or **0333 009 7070**. You'll need to provide the following details: the car registration and the location of the vehicle. I'll then pass this on to our fly parking team."

GET IN TOUCH

If you have a question for Sacha, you can reach out via **0333 009 7070** or hinkley-enquiries@edfenergy.com.



Did you know that Hinkley Point C provides a complimentary community bus service?

Jump on our community bus

The service runs between Bridgwater and Minehead, from Monday to Friday, for residents of these areas. Here are the latest timetables:

Bridgwater - Minehead			
SERVICE NUMBER	HPC	HPC	HPC
Bridgwater Bus Station	09:30	10:30	13:40
Cannington Cemetery	09:45	10:45	13:55
Combwich, Crossway Farm	09:49	10:49	13:59
Stogursey, Acland Arms	09:59	10:59	14:09
Nether Stowey, Pooles Close	10:14	11:14	14:24
Nether Stowey, Castle Street	10:16	11:16	14:26
Holford, The Plough Inn	10:23	11:23	14:33
Kilve, The Hood Arms	10:28	11:28	14:38
Doniford, Letterbox	10:37	11:37	14:47
Watchet, Liddymore Road shops	10:42	11:42	14:52
Watchet, WSR Rail Station	10:46	11:46	14:56
Carhampton, Community Hall	11:04	12:04	15:14
Dunster Steep	11:07	12:07	15:17
Minehead Parade	11:13	12:13	15:23
Minehead Lidl	11:17	12:17	15:27

Minehead - Bridgwater			
SERVICE NUMBER	HPC	HPC	HPC
Minehead Lidl	-	13:45	14:35
Minehead Parade	09:30	13:55	14:45
Dunster Steep	09:36	14:01	14:51
Carhampton, Community Hall	09:39	14:04	14:54
Watchet, WSR Rail Station	09:57	14:22	15:12
Watchet, Liddymore Road shops	10:01	14:26	15:16
Doniford, Letterbox	10:06	14:31	15:21
Kilve, The Hood Arms	10:15	14:40	15:30
Holford, The Plough Inn	10:20	14:45	15:35
Nether Stowey, Pooles Close	10:28	14:53	15:43
Nether Stowey, Castle Street	10:30	14:55	15:45
Stogursey, Acland Arms	10:44	15:09	15:59
Combwich, Crossway Farm	10:53	15:18	16:08
Cannington Cemetery	10:57	15:22	16:12
Bridgwater Bus Station	11:12	15:37	16:27