

## **Welcome to Monksilver!**

From Monksilver Parish Council

We hope you enjoy living in this beautiful village, and that the following information will be helpful as you settle in.

Monksilver lies at the eastern end of Exmoor National Park, nestling in a valley between the Quantock Hills (An Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), the Brendon Hills and Exmoor. It has around 100 residents and 54 properties.

### **Services in Monksilver**

#### **Notley Arms pub/restaurant and hotel**

Hugely popular venue that is the main meeting point for villagers and people from surrounding areas. Excellent food, beers and wines, plus an eight-bedroom hotel. A warm welcome is assured. [www.notleyarmsinn.co.uk](http://www.notleyarmsinn.co.uk)

**Simon and Caroline 01984 656095 [notleyarmsinn@hotmail.com](mailto:notleyarmsinn@hotmail.com)**

#### **EMN Community Hall**

Serves the villages of Elworthy, Monksilver and Nettlecombe. A range of activities is available including Pilates, art classes, a gardening club and social events through the year. <http://emnhall.co.uk>. [emnhalldiary@gmail.com](mailto:emnhalldiary@gmail.com)

#### **All Saints' Church**

Lovely Grade I church dating from the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The church has a square west tower, built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century.

**Rector Rev Nicky Morgan 01984 636667 [rectoryqtb@gmail.com](mailto:rectoryqtb@gmail.com)**

**Wardens Rosamond Stace 01984 656330 and Caroline Hykiel 07757095219**

#### **Monksilver Parish Council**

Possibly the smallest active parish council in Somerset. Deals with a wide range of village matters. Regular meetings are held at which residents are welcome.

<https://monksilver.org>

**Clerk Mary Jacobs 07500961116 [monksilverparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:monksilverparishcouncil@gmail.com)**

#### **Other services in Monksilver**

Bins are collected three weekly, and recycling bins weekly, on Thursday mornings. Garden Waste bins are collected fortnightly on a Monday for which an annual fee is charged.

**Somerset Council 0300 123 2224 [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk)**

**Pathways** is the monthly parish magazine for Monksilver, Bicknoller, Crowcombe, East Quantoxhead, Elworthy, Nettlecombe, Sampford Brett, Stogumber and West Quantoxhead. It has a wealth of information about church activities, local events, and also adverts for local trades and services.

**To receive a copy Frances Vere Hodge 01984 656664**

**To include an item in Monksilver Musings Mary Jacobs 07500961116  
adamah@hotmail.co.uk**

**To advertise Maggie Inglis 01984 631793 qtbpathways90@gmail.com**

A notice board at the top of the Notley Arms car park gives details of local events including parish council information.

**The village website is <http://monksilver.org>**

One of the delights of Monksilver is the network of footpaths and bridleways in the area. Including the acclaimed Coleridge Way. Monksilver sits on the route from Nether Stowey to Lynmouth, a total distance of some 51 miles.

A monthly mobile library service calls at the Notley Arms car park. Dates and times are on the village notice board or [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk).

A home library service for people who are unable to access library facilities, often people who are vulnerable or may have disabilities or mobility needs.

**0300 123 2224 [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk)**

**Williton** is a large village, three miles to the north of Monksilver, with extensive facilities.

### **Doctors' surgery – West Somerset Healthcare**

Large practice with nine resident doctors plus nursing staff. Robert Street.

**01984 632701**

(The following surgeries are possible alternatives:

Dunster surgery, Knowle Lane, Dunster 01643 821244

Lister House surgery, Croft Way, Wiveliscombe 01984 623471)

### **J Hoots Pharmacy**

Next door to Williton doctors' surgery **01984 632512**

### **Williton Community Hospital**

20 in bed patient beds, 10 of which are for stroke rehabilitation, No A&E.  
North Street **01984 631414**

### **Stoneleigh Dental Practice**

NHS and private treatment available. Not currently taking on new NHS patients. 13  
High Street **01984 631414**

### **The White Lodge veterinary clinic, St Peters Close. 01984 634013**

[williton@whitelodgeeventclinic.co.uk](mailto:williton@whitelodgeeventclinic.co.uk) [www.whitelodgeeventclinic.co.uk](http://www.whitelodgeeventclinic.co.uk)

### **Somerset Council Offices**

**Killick Way, Williton 0300 123 2224 [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk)**

The council offices is also the home of the Response and Neighbourhood Policing teams.

### **Williton Library**

Killick Way (opposite Council offices) Closed on Tuesdays and Sundays.

**0300 123 2224 [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk)**

In Williton there is a Post Office, a good old-fashioned hardware store, a butcher / fishmonger / delicatessen, two small supermarkets (co-op and Spar). In addition there is an Indian restaurant, a fish and chip shop/pizzeria, a petrol filling station and hairdressers. There is also a recycling facility on Roughmoor Industrial Estate, to the east of Williton open Saturday to Tuesday 9.a.m – 4 p.m. Other businesses on Roughmoor include car repairs and sales, printers, an equestrian centre and livery and several light industrial trades.

**Watchet** is a small market and ancient harbour 4.6 miles west of Monksilver, with extensive facilities including museums, art centre and West Somerset Steam Railway station and beach.

**Quantock Pharmacy**, 11 Swain Street is an independent and locally owned pharmacy. **01984 631343.**

**Watchet Community Library** opens Thursday – Saturday (limited hours). **01984 631380**

In Watchet there is a post office, hardware store, a butcher, several take-aways, and a co-op. There is also a fishing tackle shop, small boutiques, gift shops, tea rooms/bistros, ice cream parlour, antique shops and pubs. There is a Wednesday

market on the esplanade (summer season only). Liddymore Road has 3 small supermarkets. hairdressers, fish and chip and Chinese take-aways. The South Road industrial units include a farm shop and greengrocers (home delivery available), glazing company, domiciliary care and a tree surgeon.

### **Minehead**

A small seaside town, 10 miles north-west of Monksilver.

Facilities include four good-sized supermarkets (Tesco, Morrisons, Co-op, Lidl), three banks, a community hospital with a minor injury unit (not 24 hours), library, the Regal Theatre, Avenue Cinema, dental and veterinary practices. It teredhas several independent shops as well as major brands including Boots, W.H.Smith and Peacocks. There are several pubs, coffee shops, restaurants and hotels. It has a farmers' market on a Friday morning. The famous West Somerset Steam railway runs from Minehead to Bishops Lydeard. The South-West coastal path commences in Minehead and continues to Weymouth (630 miles). The enterprise and industrial parks offer a range of local services including builders' merchants, plumbers and household stores.

### **Taunton**

County town of Somerset, 13 miles south of Monksilver.

Has all the facilities expected of a large town, including Musgrove Park, a large NHS hospital with A&E. All the major supermarkets have branches here. The town centre has most major retailers, including Marks and Spencer, as well as independent retailers such as Phil Bowditch, fishmonger, and The Little Wine Shop, both in Bath Place. There is a farmers' market on Thursdays. The county library in Paul Street has extensive lending facilities. There is also the Brewhouse Theatre, Odeon cinema, a bowling alley and numerous bars, restaurants, bistros and coffee shops. There is a mainline railway station.

### **Wiveliscombe**

A large village, 7.5 miles south of Monksilver.

Boasts Thornes, an award-winning butcher, and has a Farmers' Market on Saturday mornings.

### **Wellington**

A small town 14.5 miles south of Monksilver.

It has three supermarkets (Asda, Waitrose, Co-op) and the Wellesley Cinema, as well as a number of independent shops.

*Information correct as at February 2025.*