

Pier to Pier Way to open in the spring

A long-awaited cycling and walking route between Weston-super-Mare and Clevedon will open in the spring.

The Pier to Pier Way is a new 13-mile route designed to appeal to commuters, leisure users and tourists.

It features quiet roads and new or improved traffic-free sections and is a 'missing link' and the central section of the North Somerset Coastal Towns Cycle Route.

The new route, which has been funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, Sustrans, National Highways and North Somerset Council, includes several areas of improvement at Tutshill Sluice, Marshalls Field and Clevedon seafront.

The opening of the route has been delayed after works had to be paused at Tutshill Sluice

due to further discussions with landowners regarding access arrangements.

A new farm track will separate the existing farm use from the public path and this must be completed before work on the main path can be finished.

The bridges and cycle route will still be used as an agricultural track until the new bridge is fully connected by the new track.

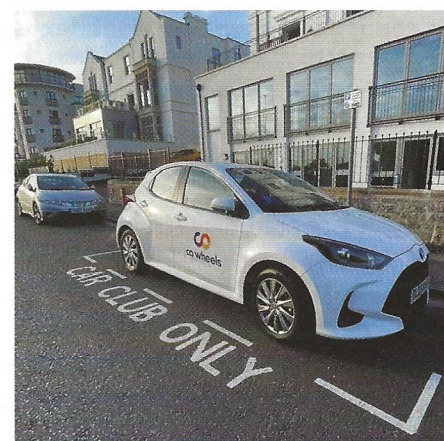
North Somerset Council has now received tender submissions and selected a contractor for the farm track and a start date has been agreed.

Once the track is finished, work to complete the public path can be finalised.

The route will open in the spring with an official launch and ride.

Find out more at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/piertopierway

New on-street car-sharing club launches



A new pay-as-you-go car rental scheme has launched in Weston-super-Mare.

The hybrid petrol car is operated by CoWheels, one of the largest car club operators in the UK, and is parked on Birnbeck Road near the seafront.

To celebrate the launch, CoWheels is offering Weston residents free membership to the club plus £15 driver credit.

Car clubs offer residents a convenient alternative to private vehicle ownership, particularly in locations where parking is limited.

This new location is in addition to two other car clubs in North Somerset.

These are operated by Enterprise and can be found at Enterprise Rent-A-Car, in Winterstoke Road, Weston-super-Mare, and the Marina Gardens development, in Martingale Way, Portishead.

It's hoped that car clubs will become a more common sight across North Somerset.

Find out more at www.co-wheels.org.uk/weston-super-mare

Find where your home loses heat

Find out exactly where your home is losing energy this winter by borrowing a thermal camera.

Fifteen thermal imaging cameras are available to borrow for free from any North Somerset library, including mobile libraries, for one week.

The cameras use infrared technology to find heat loss spots in the home.

In North Somerset, energy consumption in our homes accounts for 25 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions.

Common reasons include small gaps around doors, windows and exterior outlets like letterboxes, and connections to outside such as plumbing fixtures.

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