PVCIC Rep's Report, December 2025

Since the beginning of November the Information Centre has been open 6 days a week, though a reduction in daily hours is anticipated during the quieter months.

A Ladies pre-Loved Boutique has opened at Vale Yard, as part of PVCIC's re-use/recycle ethos. The boutique is proving popular and is now contributing to income – more quality High Street label goods donations are always welcome to maintain stock.

Also for service provision and income generation, there is now a private and well-equipped "hot desk office" with good WiFi available to rent on a hourly/daily/ weekly basis, with its own entrance at Vale Yard.

PVCIC welcomed over 20 support organisations, guest speakers and many residents to their first community conversations event, which will be repeated in 2026. The Good Neighbour Scheme has been set up, and the Information Centre has also taken the lead to ensure that vulnerable members of our community do not miss out on receiving support and information. The Information Centre has been commended by Somerset Council for successfully reaching out to the community with information about services available to them, and there are plans to build on this further.

PVCIC have written to First Bus regarding the Exmoor Explorer bus service for 2026, and have had a favourable response acknowledging the drop in service this summer and the continued interest from the public. It is hoped that ongoing tree pruning work will make it easier to run the service next year.

Porlock Information Centre digital media stats: between the 1st of August and the 31st of October, the Porlock website, Facebook, Instagram and TikTok digital media platforms reached 1.1M people globally.

In terms of upcoming events, there will be a community Christmas event on Tuesday 9th December and the Information Centre will be participating in Late Night Shopping, the St Dubricius Christmas Tree Festival and the Santa Trail.