

Area Chapter –Area North

The area chapter presents the priority work in Area North for the coming year. Many of the projects are led by others working in our communities and SSDC will take an enabling approach to provide advice and practical support to help others deliver.

Area+ teams are made up of officers from across the council with specific knowledge, skills and experience needed to support the delivery of the Area Chapter. Details of the Area+ team, key activities, and milestones to be presented in the delivery plan.

Key priorities for Area North:



Economy

Attract tourists and increase spend in and visits to the area and wider district.

Develop and refurbish Cartgate Tourist Information Centre, creating a hub for tourists and encouraging visitors to stop in Somerset.

Continue to support individual businesses including local food and drink producers.

Encourage shop front improvements.

Encourage small and artisan businesses.

Bring forward suitable land for small business units.



Environment

Support the delivery of a Community/ Neighbourhood Plan to address balance of housing/employment land in Curry Rivel.

Promote opportunities for enhanced service delivery through SSDC Environmental Services offer including parish warden scheme.

Develop a round one Heritage Lottery Fund bid to cover a range of elements of heritage and visitor management at Ham Hill, ensuring its sustainable management for the future.

Tourism and Countryside will work with SCC to deliver a project to rebrand and relaunch the River Parrett Trail.



Housing

Promote and support new Community Land Trusts where appropriate.

Complete Housing Needs Surveys when requested.



Healthy, Self-reliant Communities

To deliver improvements to Somerton Memorial Field

Support a range of improvements to community buildings. - Programme of live schemes to be set out in the delivery plan.

Increase the network of volunteer led health walks through promotion, training and support.

Deliver 8 Play days in towns/villages in Area North

Improve community transport links to address issues of loneliness and isolation

Support the existing youth delivery organisations.

Work with partners to tackle rural crime