

Area Chapter –Area North 2020-2021

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

Complete signage improvements and refurbishment at 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

Support local events and initiatives aimed at encouraging the footfall in local high streets

Engage Town Councils to develop programme of investment through the Market Town Investment Group



Environment

Pending the outcome of a development phase application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (March 2020) progress a delivery phase application for March 2021 focusing on a sustainable future for the heritage monument and visitor attraction at Ham Hill

Support community led initiatives that contribute towards combatting climate change

Re-launch the refurbished River Parrett Trail in Spring 2020.



Housing

Promote and support new Community Land Trusts where appropriate

Complete Housing Needs Surveys when requested



Healthy, Self-reliant Communities

Support a range of improvements to community facilities

Tackle social isolation by maintaining the network of volunteer led health walks through promotion, training and support

Deliver a programme of Play days in towns/villages in Area North

Tackle social isolation by improving community transport links

Deliver weekly volunteering opportunities at Ham Hill Country Park