

Area Chapter –Area South 2020-2021

The area chapter presents the priority work in Area South 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 South:



Economy

Continue to support key businesses including work with the Chamber of Commerce and other partners

Support others to deliver Town Centre Events

Re-locate Yeovil Tourist Information Centre creating a new visitor hub for Yeovil and South Somerset

Develop opportunities for joint working between the family history research centre and the Community Heritage Access Centre to increase research and promote through Visit Somerset



Environment

Support the Friends Group and community partners e.g. Yeovil Rivers Community Trust to deliver schemes to enhance the biodiversity at Yeovil Country Park

To deliver the extension to the Ninesprings building to maximise community potential from schools, groups, café visitors and include new heritage and visitor displays

Deliver sessions that celebrate the heritage and natural history of Yeovil and Ham Hill whilst also increasing and diversifying volunteering opportunities

To develop Milford Valley into an ecological site

Support community led initiatives that contribute towards combatting climate change



Housing

Promote and support new Community Land Trusts and community led housing initiatives.

Support rural parishes in Area South with Housing Needs Surveys when requested.



Healthy, Self-reliant Communities

Work towards replacement of current wheeled play facilities in Yeovil

Support the delivery of community facilities at Wyndham Park (subject to detailed land negotiation)

Deliver a diverse public events programme at Yeovil Country Park

Support Yeovil Town Council's organisation and delivery of VE day celebrations at Yeovil Recreation Centre

Finalise funding package for pavilion improvements at Yeovil Recreation Centre, construct a new community space and café to open in Summer 2020

Work with partners to develop and deliver wellbeing projects at Yeovil Country Park

Target support with partners to tackle health inequality

Deliver the National Play Day

Organise events at Yeovil Recreation Centre including celebrations of Euro 2020 and the Olympics 2020

Develop engagement programmes at Yeovil Recreation and encouraging participation in hard to reach groups