

Monthly Snapshot

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- In the past month, Careline has enabled 27 patients to be discharged from hospital by installing a Careline alarm as part of their hospital discharge package.
- Over 25,000 people came to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at The Octagon – breaking all box office records and raising £4,599 for St Margaret's Hospice.
- The Area Development teams have successfully supported community groups to develop bids to the Somerset Armed Forces Community Covenant Grants Scheme bringing just under £300k to fund local projects in South Somerset.
- In a recent consultation survey carried out by the Environmental Health Team, 100% of businesses surveyed strongly agreed or agreed that contact from our Food Safety Team was helpful. 99% felt that the information or advice given was very easy or fairly easy to understand.

Latest headlines:

- The Community Health and Leisure team launched another new Sport50 session in Tatworth during December as part of their Active Communities programme. Sport50 offers anyone over the age of 50 the opportunity to try a range of adapted sports in a local venue, thus making access to physical activity opportunities easier. Over 140 people regularly attend Sport50 sessions across the district every week.
- On the 8th January 2015, South Somerset District Council received the Inspector's Report into the South Somerset Local Plan (2006 - 2028). The report, written by Inspector David Hogger, concludes that the plan is 'sound', subject to the Council making a series of modifications. The next step is for the Council to make the proposed changes and present the final Local Plan to a meeting of Full Council on the 5th March 2015. Councillors will be asked to approve and adopt the plan and allow the policies to come into full effect.
- South Somerset residents are being given the opportunity to improve their home for free, thanks to grant funding which is immediately available. Supported by South Somerset District Council, the Home Energy Team offer free and impartial energy saving advice and are on hand to give the latest information about the grants available. Both South Somerset District Council and the Home Energy Team support the aim of the initiative to offer free insulation to everyone.
- Filming for the new TV drama series Wolf Hall, which debuted on Wednesday 21st January, was extensively filmed within Somerset. A lot of the filming was shot at a couple of South Somerset locations - Montacute House and Barrington Court.