

Our Commitment to Localities



Introduction

The newly formed Somerset West and Taunton Council covers a very large and diverse area, including Exmoor National Park, the Quantock and Blackdown Hills Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, an extensive coastline and the Somerset Levels and Moors. It is made up of sparsely populated rural areas, market and coastal towns and villages and Somerset's County Town of Taunton. We understand that different places have different needs, priorities and aspirations. Our commitment to localities is to understand and respect those differences and to work with our communities and partner organisations to improve the wellbeing of our people and places.

Our Localities Compass

Our localities compass will guide and inform our activity with communities, partner agencies, businesses and customers. It represents the whole Council's commitment to every locality across Somerset West and Taunton.



What can you expect of us?

We have a team of locality managers and engagement lead officers dedicated to bringing our localities commitment to reality. Together we will:

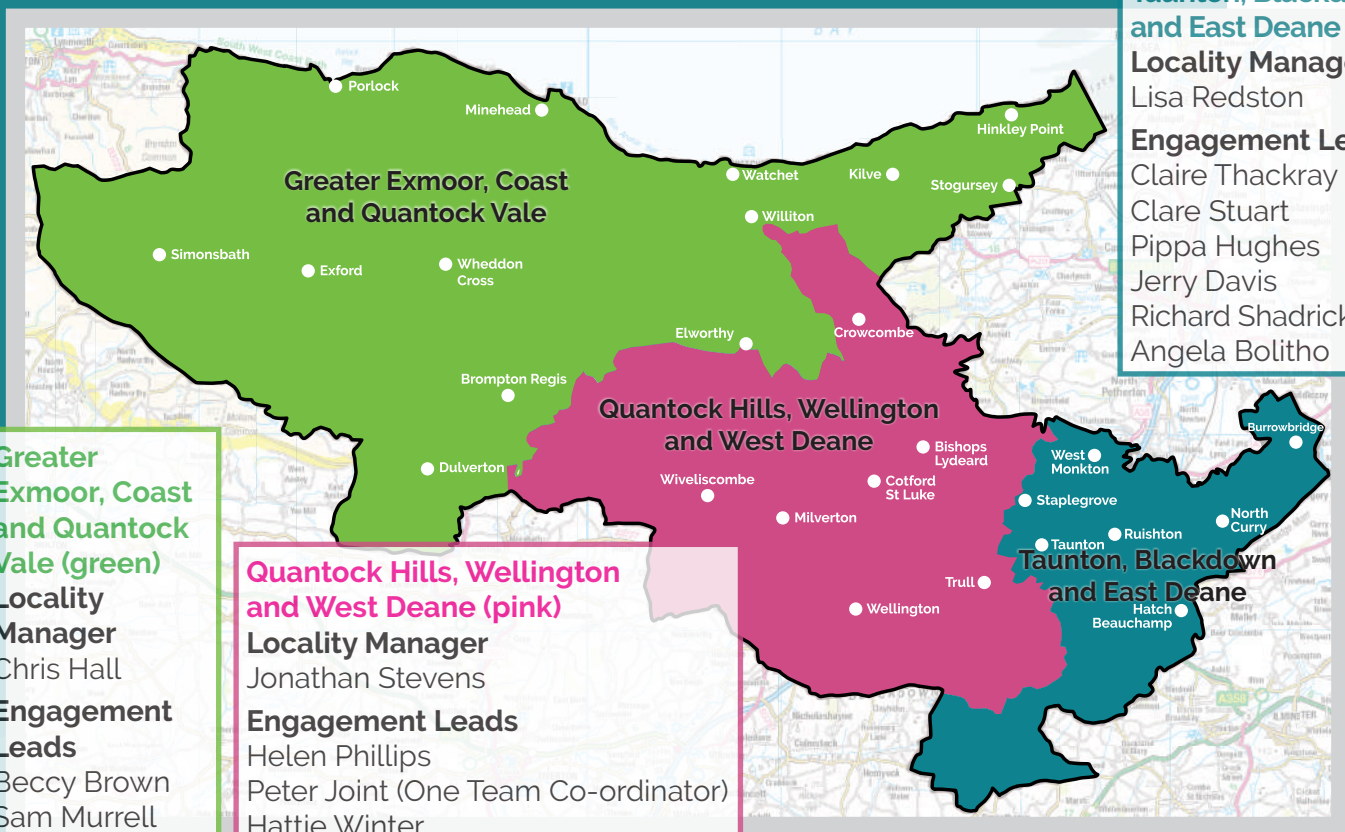
- Be available to our communities
- Work alongside ward councillors and partners to tackle issues and help to realise local aspirations
- Build strong links with town and parish councils, businesses, voluntary and community groups
- Help our customers and communities to access our services, promoting self-serve and being their advocate.
- Provide user friendly information to support local initiatives and funding bids
- Influence strategies and proposals affecting our communities, customers and places
- Promote awareness of Council and community responsibilities
- Celebrate achievements



We also employ a dedicated team of front line operational staff acting as Locality Champions – maintaining and improving our housing and property, our green surroundings and our open spaces.

Our Localities

The map below shows how our team of Locality Managers and Engagement Leads are working in different areas across Somerset West and Taunton. Engagement Leads will be the main point of contact for communities and partner organisations in the areas shown below:



Key Contacts



Area: Greater Exmoor, Coast and Quantock Vale (green area)

Locality Manager: Chris Hall

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Engagement Leads and area responsibility:

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Beccy and Sam collectively cover all wards in green area.



Area: Quantock Hills, Wellington and West Deane (pink area)

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Area: Taunton, Blackdown and East Deane (blue area)

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Clare, Pippa and Jerry collectively cover wards: Manor & Tangier, North Town, Victoria, Vivary and Wilton & Sherford.

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Richard covers wards: Halcon & Lane and Blackbrook & Holway.

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