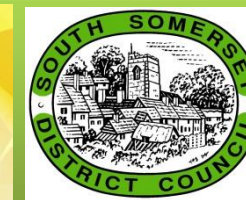


## Monthly

## Snapshot

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- The Licensing Team recently held a training day for partners in Public Health, A & E and Ambulance services on working together to improve data sharing in relation to alcohol related harm. Further meetings to work on data sharing protocols are being arranged between the services and Council. This work will lead to better more targeted enforcement and hopefully a reduction in attendances to A & E for alcohol related harm.
- The Environmental Protection Team has seen a big rise in the number of abandoned vehicles they are having to deal with in the first four months of 2016. The numbers have more than doubled with 140 reports being investigated this year compared to 63 in the same period last year. This has resulted in 22 vehicles being removed over the four months compared to just one last year. The reasons for the increase are not fully known although a drop in the price of scrap metal is most likely.
- The Leisure Team were busy recently helping to install a new bridge at Cale Park in Wincanton. The bridge is the first step to help transform the play area.
- Environmental Health Enforcement Officers are continuing to implement new microchipping legislation following the success of two free microchipping events held by them in March. 197 dogs were microchipped at the two events; 102 at Yeovil Country Park and a further 95 at Ham Hill Country Park. All breeds of dogs from Chihuahuas to Huskies and from ages 10 weeks to 14 years old were successfully microchipped before the legislation came into effect on 6th April requiring all dogs to be microchipped.

### Latest headlines:

- A consultation into possible changes to planning controls of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) in parts of Yeovil is underway. The consultation runs until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June and proposes that a planning application would be required to use a dwelling in particular areas of Yeovil as an HMO for more than 3 unrelated people. To find out more information about the consultation, visit <http://goo.gl/uakNYe>.
- Residents are being reminded to make sure they are registered to vote in the EU Referendum by the deadline of Tuesday 7 June. A booklet from the Electoral Commission which contains important information for voters on the referendum, how to register and how to cast your vote. For more information, visit <http://goo.gl/EPFodF>.
- A generous donation from The Lions Club of Yeovil to the Friends of Yeovil Country Park has enabled them to buy children's binoculars for use in Yeovil Country Park. Read more about this at <http://goo.gl/zub9M8>.