

## Area North Chapter 2020-21

### Area + Team

	Project description	Lead Officer	Lead Service	Outcomes	Key activities/ Milestones	Qtr 1 Overview
Economy	Complete signage improvements and refurbishment at Cartgate Tourist Information Centre, creating a hub for tourists and encouraging visitors to stop in Somerset.	Katy Menday	Leisure & Recreation	Increased footfall at TIC resulting in better visitor numbers and spend in South Somerset	Signage designed, printed & erected. Marketing drive with new logo and higher profile building to encourage visitors to stay in Somerset.	Artwork complete but print and erection delayed due to Covid and building closure.
	Continue to support individual businesses including local food and drink producers.	Joe Walsh	Economy	A Food and Drink sector which continues to thrive and continues to act as a USP for South Somerset.	Food and Drink Directory Produced to support the sector and communities during the Covid 19 period.	Fully engaged with Ruritage - a regeneration programme that is funded by EU monies to combine food and drink providers with creatives to increase social inclusion. Meetings scheduled to explore Circular Economy initiatives with the Ellen Macarthur Foundation and exploring the possibility of being involved in a University of Exeter project which focuses on the Circular Economy in the food and drink sector. Covid 19 Grants distributed to relevant organisations - many of which were food and drink. Covid 19 Food and Drink directory produced and distributed including over 100 local businesses.
	Support local events and initiatives aimed at encouraging the footfall in local high streets.	Joe Walsh	Economy	A thriving Town Centre with a strong schedule of events.	Events held throughout the year.	Re-opening of the high street work conducted in line with Government Guidance - surrounding Covid 19. Signs distributed to all TCs who requested them.
	Engage Town Councils to develop programme of investment through the Market Town Investment Group	Joe Walsh	Economy	Regeneration projects in Market Towns through an existing capital fund.	To be listed when funding is spent.	Meetings postponed due to Covid 19 however a newsletter was produced and distributed to all towns involved within the MTIG which incorporated updates from all of the towns as well as a specific focus on how they have 'coped' during Covid 19. Additionally, we have requested that each town provide a list of possible projects by September – to act as an EOI stage. Can be distributed to Members upon request.
Environment	Progress the 1.6 million Ham Hill National Heritage Lottery Fund (NHLF) project. Make progress against the development phase timetable (£98K)	Katy Menday	Leisure & Recreation	Residents, site users and wider stakeholders are consulted and engaged with the project. Ham Hill has a vibrant and sustainable future with protected heritage, conserved biodiversity and superb visitor spaces.	Development phase complete and submitted in autumn 2021. Consultation activities are reviewed and Covid secure activities commence from late summer 2020. Fundraising towards £16K match funding for development phase is complete by Jan 2021.	Project manager, activity consultant and fundraiser appointed. Research and planning ongoing. Face to face engagement events cancelled due to Covid but consultation and events being re-thought with safe alternatives. Learning from Covid being incorporated into project; value of outside spaces and importance of meeting places.
	Support community led initiatives that contribute towards combatting climate change.	Tim Cook	Locality	Engagement with Environment Strategy  Delivery of projects which help to protect the environment	Promote Community grant process through the Environment Champions, social media channels etc  Adapt Community grant form/process to incorporate and score against climate change initiatives	Form/process updated. Promotion through press release and new SSDC Environment news letter. Survey sent and completed by Environment Champions on how we can best help parishes. 2 x Community grant applications received and being processed.

	Re-launch the refurbished River Parrett Trail in Spring 2021.	Katy Munday	Leisure & Recreation	More visitors are attracted to South Somerset supporting local businesses and the wider economy.	Route walked, checked and maintenance issues escalated with SCC. Route guidance text written. Artwork and film making complete to launch trail. New service website available to host the free walks pack and marketing materials. Trail launched with event at revised date of Spring 2021. Final evaluation completed.	Walks text complete and maintenance on the ground ongoing. Links made with Langport Town Council and their town and river development project. Delay in project due to Covid19 and tentative re-opening of visitor economy. Baseline evaluation data established and shared with stakeholders. Plan to launch in Spring 2021 to hit the start of the walking season for next year.
Housing	Promote and support new Community Land Trusts where appropriate.	Anna-Maria Lenz	Strategy & Commissioning	Support Parish to achieve local led housing	Liaise and support Parishes	Nothing new to report on this item
	Complete Housing Needs Surveys when requested.	Anna-Maria Lenz / Marie Collins	Strategy & Commissioning / Case Services	Support Parish consultation to assist local led housing options	Liaise with Parishes Compile and collate results where applicable	Nothing to report on this item
Healthy, Self-reliant Communities	Support a range of improvements to community facilities. – Programme of live schemes to be set out in Appendix A	Tim Cook	Locality	See appendix	See appendix	See appendix
	Tackle social isolation by maintaining the network of volunteer led health walks through promotion, training and support.	Julia Booth	Locality	Encourage health, fitness and social activity	An annual training event Collection of data of attendees on walks	Health Walks some starting after lockdown, Government guidelines being followed.
	Deliver a programme of Play days in towns/villages in Area North	Julia Booth/Terena Is	Locality	Encouragement of free and activity play with families within local communities	Delivery of 8 play days during the summer holidays	Summer play days have been cancelled this summer due to Covid -19. This year we are delivering 2000 free Activity boxes and Activity booklet to encourage fun and safe activities at home.
	Tackle social isolation by improving community transport links	David Crisfield	Strategy & Commissioning	Report on options to address gaps with high level costs including recommendations on how to: • Improve transport access to essential services such as health-care, education, employment and recreation • Improved transport access to opportunities for social interaction • Improved ease of travel across the district.	1. Audit Current Provision 2. Assess Need 3. Review learning and identify gaps and issues 4. Agree which gaps are a strategic priority to fill 5. Outline options for addressing strategy priorities	Due to Covid19 and the redeployment of key staff to other priorities work on this project has been temporarily suspended.
	Deliver weekly volunteering opportunities at Ham Hill Country Park	Rachael Whaites	Leisure & Recreation	Diverse volunteering opportunities are available that enhance the physical and mental wellbeing of residents. People feel	500 days of volunteering donated each year. Practical volunteering, wildlife surveying and community support groups all available. Enhanced volunteering opportunities	Volunteering suspended from end of March 2020 due to Covid19. Weekly Zoom meetings held to keep volunteers and rangers in touch with each other.
	<b>Appendix A - Delivery Plan</b>					
Support	Seavington Recreation Field - improvements to play area	Adrian Moore	Locality	Successful transfer of \$106 funding  Delivery of new play equipment	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery  Support with applications for funding and transfer of \$106 funding	Project now complete. Play equipment installed and both \$106 funding and Community grant funding paid.
	Langport Recreation Ground - improvements to changing rooms and new skate park	Adrian Moore	Locality	Successful transfer of \$106 funding  Delivery of new skate park for the community	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery  Support with applications for funding and transfer of \$106 funding	Projects have been paused due to their capacity to deliver. We will re-engage when requested.

S106 funded project s	South Petherton Recreation Ground - Recreation ground master plan. Pavilion project	Rob Parr	Locality	Successful transfer of S106 funding Delivery of new Pavilion	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery Support with applications for funding and transfer of S106 funding	At the request of the parish council these projects have been paused due to their capacity to deliver. We will re-engage when requested.
	South Petherton Recreation Ground - Recreation ground master plan. Play Area project	Rob Parr	Locality	Successful transfer of S106 funding Delivery of new play equipment	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery Support with applications for funding and transfer of S106 funding	At the request of the parish council these projects have been paused due to their capacity to deliver. We will re-engage when requested.
	South Petherton Recreation Ground - Recreation ground master plan. Pitch Maintenance	Rob Parr	Locality	Successful transfer of S106 funding Delivery of new play equipment	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery Support with applications for funding and transfer of S106 funding	At the request of the parish council these projects have been paused due to their capacity to deliver. We will re-engage when requested.
	Martock recreation ground - pavilion and play area improvements	Adrian Moore	Locality	Successful transfer of S106 funding Delivery of new play equipment	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery Support with applications for funding and transfer of S106 funding	Advice and support given to Parish Clerk. When parish council sub-committees regroup, will re-engage when requested.
Project support	Isle Brewers church refurbishment and Community Space.	Adrian Moore	Locality	Successful transfer of community grant funding Delivery of new community space	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery Payment of SSDC grant award	Final interior works being completed. Final invoices will be submitted when all works complete. Official opening planned, pending Government guidelines.
	Stoke Sub Hamdon (Hamdon Community Arts Project (HCAP) - Purchase of ex-United Reform Church.	Adrian Moore	Locality	Successful transfer of community grant funding Delivery of new community space	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery Payment of SSDC grant award	Advice and support given to group. Negotiations under way regarding building purchase. Awaiting invoice to download funds.