

Monthly

Snapshot

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- Countryside hosted the annual Christmas volunteer party for their dedicated practical volunteers and Friends group members. 60 volunteers attended; enjoying the quiz hosted by the Rangers and good food at the Muddled Man in West Chinnock. Over 2,400 days of practical work were donated by volunteers at the countryside sites in 2015, and £35,000 of grant income raised by the dedicated Friends Groups.
- £50,000 has been secured in principle from Badminton England by the Community Health and Leisure team, towards future sports hall improvements at the Westland Leisure Complex.
- Discover is hot off the press and is South Somerset's main tourist guide. It's hoped that the publication will build on last year's success, as 92% of tourist's surveyed used print as their key source of information whilst on holiday. Discover will be distributed in January via Take One, Tourist Information Centres and Local Information Centres.

Latest headlines:

- The winter edition of South Somerset News, the residents' newsletter from South Somerset District Council, is now available to download. Residents can view the latest newsletter online at <http://goo.gl/JG1aWk>.
- Funding of £5,000 from Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service will help pay for the installation of 250 smoke alarms in Careline customers' homes in the next year. The grant has been awarded to increase safety in the homes of South Somerset District Council's (SSDC) Careline's customers. Find out more information about the scheme at <http://goo.gl/3i8qBZ>.
- Recently published Sport England data has shown a 5.8% increase in adult participation in sport and active recreation in South Somerset; the highest increase of any district over the 10 year recording period.
- For the fourth consecutive year, South Somerset District Council's Octagon Theatre has broken last year's Box Office record and 'Sleeping Beauty' is now officially the most successful pantomime in the history of the theatre. Over 25,114 tickets have been sold (as of Monday 21 December morning) and there are still plenty of tickets and time to purchase before the end of the pantomime season. A press release confirming the overall ticket sales will be distributed later in January.