

Area East Chapter 2020-2021

Area + Team

	Project description	Lead Officer	Lead Service	Outcomes	Key activities/ Milestones	Qtr 1 Overview
Economy	Engage the large attractions and support the LICs to develop an overall destination offer for South Somerset and market through the TICs and Visit Somerset.	Katy Menday /Becky Cotterill	Leisure and Recreation	The high quality tourism offer is well promoted and attracts more visitors to support the local economy. Attractions are able to re-open safely as the visitor economy restarts.	New service website is designed and launched by the end of 2020, including comprehensive attractions and accommodation listings and a what's on guide. Re-opening guidance shared with tourism businesses.	Tourism businesses supported through lock down with extra tourism newsletters with up to date industry news including grants and Public Health guidance. New service website commissioned and underway as a high quality platform for tourism in the area. Free Visit Somerset bronze memberships available to businesses / attractions. LIC staff and volunteers invited to training session that had to be moved to a digital platform due to Covid19.
	Work towards providing employment land and business units of appropriate sizes readily available for uptake by business and residents.	Joe Walsh	Economy	To provide businesses with the right business units, should they wish to start, grow or relocate to the area.	Approved Planning Applications	7 Light Industrial Units Approved in Lovington, Castle Cary.
	Continue to support key businesses including work with the Chamber of Commerce and other partners.	Joe Walsh	Economy	Stronger connections with local businesses within the area. Ability to disseminate information to key networks quicker – vital during the Covid 19 period. Intelligence around business requirements / needs.	Attendance at events. SSDC being embedded into the business community. To continue to build the reputation that South Somerset is a great place to do business.	Continued engagement through Regeneration Plans. Covid 19 Grant information distributed to business networks - and grants distributed to relevant organisations.
	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	Support Volunteers and nature conservation efforts at Moldrams Ground (Near Penselwood)	Rachael Whaites	Leisure and Recreation	Moldrams Ground retains its populations of protected species and becomes part of a network of natural sites. Local volunteers are	Annual species surveys undertaken. Volunteer events arranged.	Most activity except basic maintained cancelled due to Covid. Some amphibian surveys completed.
	Campaign to address increase in fly-tipping in the area.	Vicki Dawson/Chris Cooper/Tim Cook	Environmental Health/Environment Services/Locality	Educate and raise awareness	Promote through social media and the website	Flytipping has been steadily decreasing over the last few years. There was a slight increase during April due to tips being shut but this has since levelled out and is now in comparison with last year. There were 130 recorded flytips within Area East during 19/20.

Enviroi	Support community led initiatives that combat 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.
Housing	Promote Neighbourhood Planning as a tool to deliver appropriate local housing.	Anna-Marie Lenz	Strategy & Commissioning	Support Parish to achieve local led housing	Neighbourhood Plans 'Made'	Queen Camel Examiner's Report received; if proceeds to a referendum, this cannot take place before May 2021 due to Government Covid-19 Legislation
	Promote Local Housing Needs Surveys as a way of delivering appropriate housing in rural parishes. Provide practical help when requested.	Anna-Marie Lenz / Kirsty Larkins	Strategy & Commissioning / Case Services	Support Parish consultation to assist local led housing options	Liaise with Parishes Compile and collate results where applicable	Nothing new 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 A	See Appendix A	See Appendix A
	Continue to support the South Somerset community accessible transport scheme	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.
	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 East.	Julia Booth/Terena Isaacs	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.
Appendix A - Delivery Plan						
	Advice and support to group, facilitate project management and transfer of S106 funding to Wincanton New Barns play area	Rob Parr	Locality	Successful transfer of S106 funding Delivery of new play area	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery Support with applications for funding and transfer of S106 funding	Transfer of the land is being progressed and we are waiting for the developers solicitors to progress with conveyancing.

S106 funded project support	Advice and support to group and facilitate transfer of S106 funding and possible community grant to deliver the project to Kingsdon Village Hall project	Rob Parr	Locality	Successful transfer of S106 funding Delivery of new Village Hall project	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery Support with applications for funding and transfer of S106 funding	A planning application is being determined that if approved would provide a site for a new village hall. We are waiting on this decision.
	Advice and support to group, facilitate project management and transfer of S106 funding to Milborne Port Springfield Rec play area	Rob Parr	Locality	Successful transfer of S106 funding Delivery of new Play Area	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery Support with applications for funding and transfer of S106 funding	A site survey has been carried out that will enable design work to start. A project group site meeting was held on 13th July to look at the opportunities and constraints of the site and a sketch design will be produced by end August for public consultation.
	Advice and support to group, facilitate project management and transfer of S106 funding to Donald Pither 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	Awaiting progress update from parish council
	Advice and support to group, facilitate project management and transfer of S106 funding to Milborne Port playing pitch and pavilion Springfield Rec	Rob Parr	Locality	Successful transfer of S106 funding Delivery of new playing pitch and 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	S106 funding award for playing pitch improvements has been issued but works delayed due to unfavourable weather/ground conditions. Works planned for late summer/autumn 2020
	Advice and support to Parish Councils and transfer of S106 funding to Community hall provision within Castle Cary and Ansford	Terena Isaacs	Locality	Successful transfer of S106 funding Delivery of new Community facility	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery Support with applications for funding and transfer of S106 funding	Awaiting further update from hall committee
	Advice and support to Parish Councils and transfer of S106 funding to equipped play provision within Castle Cary and Ansford	Rob Parr	Locality	Successful transfer of S106 funding Delivery of new Play provision	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery Support with applications for funding and transfer of S106 funding	Awaiting progress update from parish council
	Advice and support to group, facilitate project management and transfer of S106 funding to Sparkford Cricket Club New 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	S106 funding for new Pavilion designs completed and planning permission secured. Club are fund raising for new pavilion.
	Advice and support to group, project manage delivery of permissive path and transfer of capital funding at Wincanton Common Road footpath	Rob Parr	Locality	Delivery of permissive footpath	Provide advice and support to group in relation to all aspects of project delivery	On hold
Project support	Wayside farm development - play area and open space	Rob Parr	Locality	Delivery of play area and open space	Transfer of land from developer	In process of land being conveyed from developer