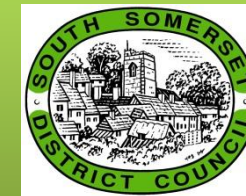
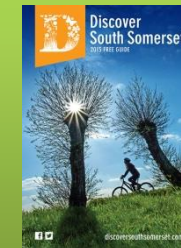
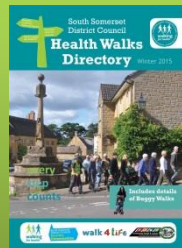


Monthly

Snapshot

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- In the past month, SSDC's Community Support Assistants helped over 2,100 customers face to face; assisting them with a range of enquiries including 750 housing and benefits claims. Other enquiries coming through the doors varied from giving out food parcels, searching for tree preservation orders, helping with pension credit enquiries, signposting for disabled badges and bus passes amongst many others.
- Positive promotion of Careline continues to see a large increase in referrals to the service with 80 referrals last month (January). This is twice the normal monthly figure.
- The Community Health and Leisure team have recently distributed 1,000 new district health walks brochures which is now available via the District Council website. Since April 2014, there have been 4,771 attendances at health walks across the district.
- An additional 35,000 copies of Discover South Somerset have been printed this year thanks to additional funding by the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills as part of a fund to directly address the perception of ongoing flood issues on Somerset's Level's and Moors.

Latest headlines:

- SSDC came to the rescue of 30 stranded residents on the evening of Thursday 5 February after a fire broke out at a warehouse in Chard and threatened their homes. Civil Contingencies were able to find temporary accommodation for the evacuated residents at the Lordleaze Hotel. More information can be found at www.southsomerset.gov.uk/evacuatedresidents.
- The Yeovil Crematorium project has now been completed with the overall management of the facility transferring to South Somerset District Council from 1st February 2015.
- In the last month twenty community volunteers helped Community Health and Leisure officers to plant nearly 400 trees and hedging plants at the new £115,000 play area at King Arthurs Drive, Yeovil. Brympton Parish Council, Knightstone Housing Association, Yarlinton Housing Group and the local Police Community Support Officer have also been key partners in delivery of this new facility.
- The Countryside Team and Friends of Ham Hill secured £1,000 of funding from the International Tree Fund to put towards the purchase of 1000 native trees and shrubs including hazel, rowan, oak, sweet chestnut and birch for planting in Pit Wood at Ham Hill. 34 members of the public joined the ranger's on Valentine's Day to plant trees, and the project was completed by the regular volunteers.