



# South Somerset News

The latest news, information and events in South Somerset

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# Regeneration will help to revitalise three South Somerset town centres



Above: South Somerset District Council wants to create a town centre for Yeovil that will be a vibrant place to live, work, learn and visit.

South Somerset District Council is focussing on three priority projects to help regenerate town centres in the district.

Chard, Wincanton and Yeovil are all set to see improvements to their town centres over the coming years.

Project work has started in Chard and Yeovil while Wincanton will see a town centre action plan created and implemented later this year. We take a look at the projects under way on page 2.

**Ninesprings Café** Visit the Ninesprings Café & enjoy a drink after a venture into Yeovil Country Park.  
 Visit [www.southsomerset.gov.uk/ninespringscafe](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/ninespringscafe)

# Chard Regeneration Scheme: Five great things you have told us so far

More than 500 residents attended the Chard Regeneration Scheme consultation launch at the Guildhall in June which offered the opportunity to learn more about the scheme.

The scheme focusses on regenerating the Boden Mill site and proposed components could include a new leisure centre and swimming pool, alongside a blend of housing and commercial developments. In addition to this, the scheme proposes a number of other measures to boost business in the town, support events and revitalise the market.

The consultation continues until September but here are five things you have told us so far:

- 1 You would love more green and open spaces for the community where public events could be held
- 2 You would like more places to eat and socialise
- 3 You would like a new leisure centre including a swimming pool, alongside affordable attractions for young people
- 4 The idea of creating a community hub is something you would welcome
- 5 You would like to see the scheme incorporate ways of helping small, independent retailers and welcomed the idea of a covered market.

Please give your  
feedback on Chard  
Regeneration



[southsomerset.gov.uk/business/chard-regeneration](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/business/chard-regeneration)



[chard.refresh@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:chard.refresh@southsomerset.gov.uk)



Suggestion box at The Guildhall



## Priority projects for Yeovil Refresh

Following positive support in the community consultation earlier this year, implementation of the Yeovil Refresh programme has commenced. Delivery will be phased over a 4 to 5 year programme with an early priority given to:

- A review of car parks in Yeovil to ensure they support the ambitions for the town centre
- Developing detailed proposals for improving access to the town centre
- Developing a "Public realm design guide" which will set out the look and feel of the streets and how they will be improved
- Improved pedestrianisation of parts of Middle Street
- Progressing the redevelopment of key sites in the town

You can learn more about the Yeovil Refresh project by visiting our website at [www.southsomerset.gov.uk/Yeovilrefreshproject](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/Yeovilrefreshproject)

**Quiz Nights**

Every last Wednesday of the month  
8pm

**Westlands Entertainment Venue**

Test your knowledge each month.

www.westlandsyeovil.co.uk

**Laughing Boy Comedy Club**

Monthly - Various dates

**Westlands Entertainment Venue**

A monthly opportunity for laughter and fun with well-known faces and young guns. www.westlandsyeovil.co.uk

**Winter Ridge screening**

7 September 2018

6.30pm

**Westlands Entertainment Venue**

A feature film produced in the South West. www.westlandsyeovil.co.uk

**Ukulele Festival**

9 September 2018

11.00am - 9.00pm

**Haselbury Mill, Crewkerne**

Experience the wonders of the Ukulele. www.yeovilukulele.club

**Great Inflate-a-Race**

9 September 2018

10.00am - 1.00pm

**Aldon, Two Towers Lane, Yeovil**

The bounciest fun run is back! Visit the Yeovil Hospital website for details

**Tribute Triple Header**

15 September 2018

7.30pm

**Westlands Entertainment Venue**

Three of the UK's biggest tribute bands Oas-is, Kazabian and Kings Ov Leon come together. Ticket only.

**Yeovil Super Saturday**

22 September 2018

10.00am - 4.00pm

**Yeovil Town Centre**

A day of fun for all the family. www.yeovil.gov.uk/super-saturday

**yeovil literary festival** **FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS**  
IN THE OCTAGON AUDITORIUM  
Box Office 01935 422884 Book Online yeovilliteraryfestival.co.uk  
Thu 25 - Mon 29 Oct 2018



Tue 23 October - 7.30pm  
PRE-FESTIVAL EVENT  
**An Evening with Sir Michael Parkinson**

Thu 25 October - 7.30pm  
**Wildlife Road Trip With Martin Hughes-Games and Iolo Williams**

Fri 26 October - 2pm  
**Helen Pankhurst: Deeds Not Words**

Fri 26 October - 6pm  
**Paddy Ashdown: Nein! Standing up to Hitler 1934-45**

Sat 27 October - 12 noon  
**An Afternoon With Aggers**

Sat 27 October - 4pm  
**William Roache MBE: Life and Soul**

Sat 27 October - 6pm  
**Benedict Allen**

Sat 27 October - 8pm  
**Gregg Wallace**

Sun 28 October - 12 noon  
**Alan Johnson: In My Life - A Music Memoir**

Sun 28 October - 2pm  
**Lucy Worsley: Queen Victoria**

Sun 28 October - 6pm  
**Baroness Floella Benjamin: Coming to England**

Mon 29 October - 8pm  
**Ruby Wax: How To Be Human**



Proud to be the Main Sponsor of the Yeovil Literary Festival.



The Yeovil Literary Festival is a partnership between:



**Yeovil Literary Festival takes place between Thursday 25 October and Monday 29 October. The festival sees an exciting programme of literature and arts events from well known literary figures, comedians, celebrities and exciting new writers.**

**bibic charity Footballathon**

28 September 2018

**Yeovil Town Football Club**

bibic is hosting its first ever 12-hour footballathon! Get involved at www.bibic.org.uk/get-involved/footballathon

**Halloween Bugfest**

27 October 2018

10.00am

**Westlands Entertainment Venue**

New shows and talks! www.westlandsyeovil.co.uk

**Levels Best Farmers Market**

27 October 2018

10.00am - 2.00pm

**Montacute House, Montacute**

A array of stalls offering local produce. www.levels-best.co.uk

**Haunted Haynes Week**

27 October - 4 November 2018

9.30am (27 Oct) - 4.30pm (4 Nov)

**Haynes Motor Museum**

Free October half term activity. www.haynesmotormuseum.com

**Halloween Trail**

31 October 2018

11.00am (last entry 2.00pm)

**Yeovil Country Park**

Can you find the witch to tell her the missing word to get your treat? £2.00

**Ham Hill Bonfire**

2 November 2018

5.30pm - 7.30pm

**Ham Hill Country Park**

Have a warm and wonderful evening beside our bonfire at Ham Hill.

**Ilminster Christmas Festival**

23 November 2018

6.00pm - 8.30pm

**Ilminster town centre**

See the stunning Christmas Lights of Ilminster's famous Christmas Festival

**Aladdin**

7 December 2018 - 6 January 2019

Various times

**The Octagon Theatre**

Get your tickets for a magical carget ride at www.octagon-theatre.co.uk

# Save food, money and lives as you sizzle

Parties and barbecues are great. But planning the food, controlling your costs and avoiding waste, can be tricky. Our handy hints:

- Get everyone to bring and share food
- Avoid a glut by coordinating dishes for all tastes
- Let people serve themselves to cut waste
- Keep supplies in the fridge at 0C-5C so food stays fresher for longer and open food packs only when needed. Keep raw meat covered on the bottom shelf
- No single-use plastic cutlery, plates, straws or cups; use your own washable items, borrow or hire
- Offer “doggy bags” or reusable boxes for takeaway leftovers
- Have the food waste bin ready and recycling boxes for rinsed plastic and glass bottles, glass jars, food and drink cans, and aluminium foil.



Metal beer kegs cannot be recycled in kerbside boxes; drop them off at any recycling site with all rinsed and squashed plastic pots, tubs and trays (and 12 sites take Tetra Paks).

Finally, do not put your family in danger with a barbecue. Ensure any ash is completely cool before throwing it out or you risk a bin blaze.

For more on food and barbecues, visit and search at [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk).

## Home composting

Compost at home and turn your unwanted garden waste, vegetable peelings and non-cooked kitchen waste into a free, nutritious material that puts the goodness back into the garden.

Save money – good compost can make excellent soil conditioner and save time, money and effort.

Improve your environment – the more you compost, the less you send to landfill.

Improve your garden – compost puts nutrition back into the soil, improving your garden or allotment.

Find out about the current offer on reduced price compost bins available through [evengreener.com](http://evengreener.com) on the Somerset Waste Partnership website at [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/home-composting](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/home-composting).



Love gardening but dislike the time, mess and cost of putting garden waste in your car and driving to the recycling centre?

A 12 month green wheelie bin subscription is just £55.40. At just over a pound a week, this service remains good value and offers a quick and easy way for your garden waste to be collected and composted.

Make a saving by subscribing to the service for 24 months for £103.50.

As an alternative to bins, you can purchase garden sacks which cost £27.40 for 10 sacks.

### HOW TO JOIN:

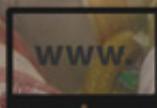
Online: [www.southsomerset.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

Call: 01935 462462

Visit: call in to one of our offices

[www.southsomerset.gov.uk/find-us](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/find-us)

Missed refuse or recycling collection?



[www.southsomerset.gov.uk/online-services](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/online-services)



# New Council Leader appointed

Val Keitch has been elected as the new Leader of South Somerset District Council.

Her appointment, which came into effect from 1 September 2018, was confirmed at a meeting of Full Council on Thursday 19 July as Cllr Ric Pallister, who has served as Leader for the past seven years, steps down.

Cllr Keitch, the Liberal Democrat representative for Ilminster Town, thanked her fellow members for their confidence in her and expressed her thanks to Councillor Ric Pallister for his leadership of the Council.



She said: "The Council in line with all local authorities is facing very challenging times, I look forward to working with all councillors and staff to ensure that we continue on the path we have set for facing those financial challenges. South Somerset has been a leading authority and respected in local government circles I would intend to work across the Council to ensure that remains the case. I feel privileged to have been selected to lead the authority."

# Housing Officer recognised for making a difference with homelessness

Barbie Markey, SSDC's Senior Housing Options Officer, was awarded a National Recognition Award at the National Practitioner Support Service Homelessness conference for the difference she makes in alleviating homelessness in South Somerset.

South Somerset has bucked the trend of rising homelessness across the country and instead has seen a steady decline in the number of homeless applications from 361 in 2012/13 to 208 in 2017/18.



# Affordable Housing delivery increased

Residents in South Somerset have benefitted from seeing an increase in the number of affordable homes built in the district last year and can look forward to more affordable homes being created in the future.

69 affordable homes were built in the last financial year across South Somerset, an increase of 10 from the previous year's figures.

Six different Housing Associations delivered nine housing schemes in South Somerset, with 57 of the 69 homes being developed in urban areas, whilst the remaining 12 were delivered in rural areas.

Affordable Housing is designed to meet the needs of those whose financial circumstances mean that they are unable to access open market housing, either to buy or rent. As house prices and rents have risen faster than wages in recent years, the problem continues to grow. Typically, the range of affordable housing includes rented housing, shared ownership and discounted market homes.

Find out more about affordable housing delivery in South Somerset and the future delivery at [www.southsomerset.gov.uk/housingdelivery2017-18](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/housingdelivery2017-18).



# Thousands of children attend popular Playdays

Parents and children have been enjoying free family fun at Playday events across South Somerset. Several thousand people have attended the Playday events with the National Playday being the most popular. Other sessions, such as Somerton, have seen in excess of 800 people come and join in the fun.

Playdays are organised and funded by the Community Health & Leisure Team at South Somerset District Council (SSDC) and offer a huge variety of activities and experiences for children and young people across South Somerset.

Playdays celebrate our right to play and give a chance for children to learn and play through the summer holidays. Visit [www.southsomerset.gov.uk/playdays](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/playdays) or [www.facebook.com/PlayYouthSouthSomerset](https://www.facebook.com/PlayYouthSouthSomerset) to find out more on summer holiday Playday events.



# Feel the physical and mental benefits with our Health Walks

South Somerset's Health Walks Scheme is run by SSDC's Healthy Lifestyles Team and is an accredited Walking for Health Initiative. Our Health Walks are led by trained Health Walk Leaders and are a great way of getting exercise and meeting people.

From beginners to challenging walks, there are walks suitable for everyone. Why not take a health walk and enjoy the beautiful South Somerset countryside? You could make new friends, relieve stress and benefit your health. Walking is simple, free and one of the easiest ways to get more active, lose weight and become healthier. It is ideal for people of all ages and fitness levels, who want to be more active.



Regular walking has been shown to reduce the risk of chronic illnesses, such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, asthma, stroke and some cancers.

Find out more about Health Walks and the locations and times best for you at [www.southsomerset.gov.uk/healthwalks](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/healthwalks).

# Food Hygiene Ratings

The National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme provides customers with at-a-glance information about hygiene standards in food businesses. Businesses in South Somerset are rated by food hygiene inspectors and this helps customers make informed choices about where they buy and eat food.

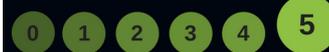
Restaurants, takeaways, cafes, sandwich shops, pubs, hotels, supermarkets and other retail food outlets and any other business where consumers eat or buy food, are all given a rating.

You can view all the food businesses that have recently achieved "5" on our Twitter account @Southsomersetdc.

Recent food premises that have scored 5 during their recent inspections can now be found on Twitter.

Follow @southsomersetdc for more

FOOD HYGIENE RATING



Very Good

For more ratings go to: <https://goo.gl/sTh8hM>



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email us: [ssdc@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:ssdc@southsomerset.gov.uk)

Text SSDC to 66777 followed by your query  
(standard network rates apply)

Write to us: Council Offices, Brympton Way,  
Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 2HT

Contact your local councillor:  
[www.southsomerset.gov.uk/councillor](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/councillor)

Call us: 01935 462462

## Staying social on social media

[www.twitter.com/southsomersetdc](https://www.twitter.com/southsomersetdc)

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Enter our competition for the best Playday photos. The winning entry becomes our new Facebook cover photo. Just send us your photo, name and which Playday you attended to [communications@southsomerset.gov.uk](mailto:communications@southsomerset.gov.uk). Competition ends 10th September

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