



Your Local Community Network

**Cheddar and
Axbridge LCN**

Agenda

1. Elect the Chair of the Local Community Network
2. Appoint the Vice-Chair of the Local Community Network
3. Consider the Yearly Report of the LCN's work in the last 12 months
4. Overview of Highlights from LCNs across Somerset
5. Consider the Priorities and areas of focus for the LCN for the next 12 months
Snapshot – The Space- Cheddar, Village Agents, Men's Sheds
6. Agree the schedule of meetings for the next 12 months

Highlights from Yearly Report

- Creation of a Highways Working Group which includes partners from the Mendip Hills National Landscape and Somerset Local Access Forum.
- Beginning to explore Access to Services
- Attendance by majority of towns parishes and beginning to plan engagement with a wider set of partners

Next steps and outstanding actions

- To arrange the second meeting of the Highways Working Group with SC colleagues
- Consider setting up Access to Services Working Group
- To engage with wider community and partners to increase participation in LCN work

LCN Highlights Children and Young People

Taunton Young People's working group

- Collaborative networking group of organisations working with CYP
- Development of new free training for volunteers working CYP delivered by Somerset Youth Alliance
- New Safe Spaces in Taunton and Yeovil supported by collaborative working with SASP and MIND
- Taunton Minster supported by Somerset Youth Alliance with new working model to deliver space for young people.
- Violence Reduction Unit now funding Young Somerset to deliver walking hub sessions in Taunton McDonalds and Coffee #1 Bridgwater
- Other LCNs have facilitated Children and Young People Working Groups, bringing a wide range of statutory and VCFSE partners together, supporting and enabling the delivery and development of local action plans to fill gaps in local services and meet local need.

LCN Highlights – Highways and Traffic

- Exmoor Pilot LCN – **Highways and Traffic Working group**
- Significantly improved communications between SC and the parishes regarding planned work on the Highways Network – with regular meetings informing the planning of works around local events and business priorities.
- Delivery of a major capital project which involved a 5 month road closure on Exmoor through a cooperative approach to planning and delivery through the facilitation of the LCN bringing the project delivery in ahead of schedule and with a positive community response.
- Almost all LCNs (with the exception of Bridgwater and Taunton to date) have now had their initial Highways and Traffic working group with very positive feedback received in main LCN meetings.

LCN Highlights – Flooding and Emergency Planning

- Delivery of **Flooding and Community Resilience workshops** across many LCN areas has significantly increased the number of City, Town and Parish Councils who now have up to date and realistic Emergency Plans.
- These plans have been developed in collaboration with neighbouring parishes improving the experience of residents and reducing risks across communities.

LCN Highlights – Active Travel

- LCNs including Bridgwater and Levels and Moors have **Active Travel Working Groups** delivering a series of actions :
 - New and extended active travel and multi -user routes
 - Development of new Active Travel Hub in Bridgwater
 - Links between Colleges and local campaigns and groups
 - New Bike workshops
 - Planning for extended Bikeability courses

LCN Highlights – Other

LCNs are also starting to consider:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Housing
- Economic Development
- Support for businesses
- Climate, Environment and Conservation.

Some LCNs have facilitated local conversations about local topics with guest speakers discussing significant projects and local issues including bus services, illegal raves, road safety and the Tone Dale Mill project.

Priorities for Year 2

- What matters to residents in our communities?
- Reflections from previous speakers and discussions
- Are there topics / areas missing from the initial list?
- How can we find out more from residents?

Themes identified by the LCN

Transport

Economy

Community Safety

Communication:
with SC
and between
parishes

Access to Services

Housing

Planning

Climate and
Environment

What next?

- Working Groups
- Themes for Future Meetings
- Consulting Residents
- Expanding Participation

Dates for future Meetings

- Thursday 12th September
- Thursday 12th December
- Thursday 13th March
- Thursday 12th June AGM