

Somerset Micro-enterprise Project

Supporting local people to provide local support

Are you interested in helping older people in your community?

Would you like to make a difference, work for yourself, working hours that suit you?

The Micro-enterprise project can help. Delivered in partnership by Somerset County Council and Community Catalysts, the project offers free support, advice and information to people who have an idea for a small local service (called a micro-enterprise) that supports or cares for people in their community.

These services could support older people to:

- Live independently at home
- Live a full life and keep well
- Maintain or make new relationships
- Get around in their community
- Go shopping...and a whole lot more

How the Project can help

We are here to work with people who are already offering services, and people with new ideas. We can:

- Offer advice and practical information on everything from regulation to training and sources of funding plus direct you to other organisations who can help
- Help to connect you with people who need services
- Listen to your ideas and give you friendly and supportive feedback

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Are you interested in setting up something for local people in your area or want to find out more?

Please get in touch with Rhys Davies, Somerset Micro-enterprise Co-ordinator by phone on 07595 411945 or by email: rhys.davies@communitycatalysts.co.uk

Here are some people who have set up their own micro-enterprise

Claire's Homecare

Claire, an experienced nurse and social care worker, has set herself up as a sole trader offering care and support in Othery, a village on the outskirts of Taunton. Keen to make a difference and put her experience to use, Claire offers a range of services to local people who want to maintain their independence.



Taking steps to ensure she offers a safe, quality service Claire has received great interest and is already supporting several local residents.

H.A.I.L (Helping Aid Independent Living)

Being a carer for her son, Anna Corrigan knows what good support looks like.

In setting up H.A.I.L she saw that older people needed a range of support to keep well, that often does not fall within traditional care services.



By offering services from befriending to shopping to accessing aids and equipment H.A.I.L are able to be flexible and provide the tailored support people need to live an independent life.

Anna is passionate about her new enterprise and its ability to make a difference to people in her community.

Planned Works in the Exmoor Panel Area

Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross 9 June 2016

	Parish/Town	Location	Description	Start	Finish	Duration
Completed						
SCC	Luccombe	A39 Minehead Road	Carriageway resurfacing between Porlock and Allerford.			Completed
SCC	Cutcombe	B3224 Summerway, Wheddon Cross	Carriageway resurfacing			Completed
SCC	Luxborough	Vellors Way	Carriageway reconstruction.			Completed
SCC	Nettlecombe	B3190 Sticklepath	Drainage works.			Completed
SCC	Cutcombe	Dunkery Hill Road	Drainage works.			Completed
SCC	Dunster	Nutcombe Bottom	Damage to bridge.			Completed
SCC	Dulverton	Barns Close	Footway resurfacing.			Completed
Ongoing						
SCC	Upton	Leeford Road	Replacement of culverts. Temporary road closure.	6 June	8 July	5 weeks
Future						
SCC	Withypool & H	Sandyway Road	Drainage work. Temporary road closure.	13June	24June	2 weeks
SCC	Sampford Brett	A358 Taunton Road	Carriageway resurfacing. Temporary road closures between 19.00 and 07.00.	15June	17June	2 nights
SCC	Huish Champflower	Scotts Hill	Verge/embankment repairs. Temporary road closure.	20June	10 July	3 weeks
Private	Treborough	B3224	"British Eventing Treborough Horse Trials", based at Higher Court Farm, Treborough.	25June	26June	2 days
Private	Brompton Regis, Upton & Skilgate	B3224, C200, A396 & B3190	"IRONMAN 70.3 UK Exmoor", based at Wimbleball Lake.	26June	26June	1 day
Other						
SCC	West Somerset	Various	2016 surface dressing programme.			



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Exmoor Area Panel Meetings items for discussion / community information by DSFRS.

Meeting Date: 09/06/2016

Location: Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross

Operational News for Community information relevant to the areas covered by area panel meeting (Remember Data Protection):

- Porlock crews have attended 19 calls since the last panel meeting. These have been 9 Co-Responder calls, 4 Heathland fires, 3 alarms operating, 2 Road traffic collisions and 1 assisting the ambulance service.
- Porlock station currently operates with 10 personnel, 1 Watch Manager, 2 Crew Managers and 7 Firefighters.
- Co – Responders. Porlock still currently has 7 personnel who are co-responders and in partnership with South West Ambulance Service Trust, continues to offer assistance to life critical calls around the Porlock area.

Community Safety news and activities within the areas covered by the relevant area panel meeting:

- Porlock station has been Co-Responding since the year 2000 and since then the Porlock Carnival committee and several local residents have donated money towards helping to buy essential lifesaving Co-Responder equipment. However in recent years SWAST has been responsible for providing all of the Co-Responder equipment we use so the monies collected over the years had sat unused in a bank account. The station felt that we would like to give this money back to benefit the community. On 11th May the Station presented Porlock Parish Council with a cheque for £1603 which is going to be used to purchase equipment for a community evacuation centre in the event of wide scale flooding etc.