

developing and delivering a community plan for your town or village

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who we are

at the heart of somerset's communities

We are a charity that supports communities in Somerset to Thrive.

We enable change by listening, responding and building connections





what we do

- Support individuals & communities
- Focus on infrastructure support, food, fuel, housing, transport & health
- Work with local partners across Somerset



support for communities

what is a community plan or review?

- Document prepared by the community to develop shared understanding of the needs and characteristics of the people who live in your community
- Establishes the needs, opinions and ambitions of your community
- Translates consultation into action



why do one?

- Establish community need and a strategic response
- Test your assumptions
- Engage other people in community ideas, activities and decisions
- Evidence for funding applications
- Evidence for partners and your LCN



what does the process look like?

- **Form a steering group facilitated by the parish or town council but comprised of members of the community**
- **Develop a survey, choosing from a question bank of thousands of questions, or with bespoke questions of your own**





our support throughout

- Training and resources on how to engage with your community in addition to 1:1 support.
- Data analysis of results and the production of a simple report to guide your next steps
- Work with the steering group to develop an action plan
- Produce a funding plan

community reviews – what are parishes doing differently?

- Milborne Port Parish Council
- Langport Town Council



any questions?
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