

Other Business Support

A range of support and information is available for both new and existing businesses, some of which are listed below:

South Somerset Supporting New Businesses

Are you thinking about starting a business?

Getting good advice at the start means that you can avoid any pitfalls later on. South Somerset District Council has teamed up with Somerset Business Agency (SBA) and partners from across the county to deliver a free event to help anyone thinking about, planning or having just started a business in South Somerset.

To book onto your free session, just call the Somerset Business Agency on 01458 211272 email: contact@somersetbusinessagency.org or <http://www.somersetbusinessagency.org/dareto dream5.html> to book online

Co-operation between South Somerset District Council (Area East Development Team) and Connect South West Ltd has resulted in small businesses being offered the opportunity to help identify any gaps in expertise and arrange appropriate training for employees. For more information email: info@connectsouth.co.uk

Check out our website at: www.southsomerset.gov.uk to find other business support available. Click on 'Business'

Heart of the South West Business Support

Launched in September 2013, Heart of the South West Business Support is here to help businesses across predominantly rural Devon and Somerset.

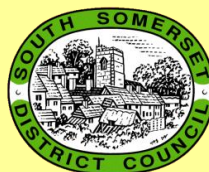
It delivers a range of business support services for people looking to start a business and for existing businesses looking to develop and grow.

To register your interest please go to: <http://www.business-supportsw.com>

More information is available from:

- ✉ Area Development, Council Offices, Churchfield, Wincanton BA9 9AG
- 💻 www.southsomerset.gov.uk
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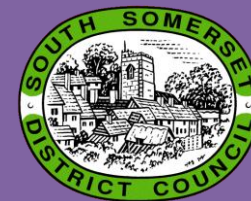


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Retail Support Initiative



Funding support for:

shops, farm shops,
public houses, restaurants
& other
service businesses in
South Somerset District
Council's Area East

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Grants for New and Existing Businesses

Grants of up to 50% towards project costs are available:

- Maximum grant of up to £1500 for shop front improvements to farm shops or retail units, which visually enhance the heart of the town or village

All applicants will be expected to provide photographs of their premises before any work has been carried out (with their application form) and again after completion



Eligible Support

Projects should not commence before a grant has been approved – grants cannot be paid retrospectively

Eligible support includes:

- Shop front improvements which visually enhance the heart of the town or village for new and existing business
- Projects that add to the viability of towns/villages such as multi trader loyalty schemes
- Business rates assistance during first 2 years of trading (new businesses only) which do not compete with other businesses in their town/village (up to 50% assistance of actual payments due)



Business Rate Support

Small Business Rate Relief

The Small Business Rate Relief scheme is designed to reduce the amount of Business Rates payable by small businesses

Who is eligible for the relief?

You may be eligible for this relief if your business occupies one property with a rateable value of £17,999 or less.

If your business occupies more than one property, you may still be eligible for some relief if:

- each additional property has a rateable value of £2,599 or less; and
- the total rateable value of all your properties is £17,999 or less

If your business has more than one property we may apply the relief only to the main property

How much relief will my business receive?

- If your business qualifies and has a rateable value of £6,000 or less you will receive 100% relief. If your business property has a rateable value of between £6,001 and £12,000 the level of support will reduce by 1% for each £120 of rateable value above £6,000
- If the rateable value is between £12,001 and £18,000 you will not receive a rate reduction but your Business Rates will be calculated using a lower 'small business' multiplier

For more information please contact the Business Rates department on 01935 462462