



June 2015

4 NEW JOB VACANCIES WITH CCS, updates, and workshops.



JOB VACANCIES

Finance Officer – We are seeking an experienced finance person with excellent Excel and IT skills. Suitable accounting qualification and experience and knowledge of Sage accounting systems. Charity finance knowledge essential.

- 21 hours per week (worked over a minimum of 3 days).
- Salary £24,472 – £27,924 p.a. pro-rata (depending on experience)
- Application deadline 12 noon 30th June 2015
- **Management Support Officer** – Experienced office administrator needed with additional book-keeping/accounts knowledge. Good Excel and IT skills and attention to detail are a must.

Management Support Officer – Experienced office administrator needed with additional book-keeping/accounts knowledge. Good Excel and IT skills and attention to detail are a must.

- 24 hours per week (worked over minimum of 4 days). Salary £21,519 p.a. pro-rata
- Application deadline 12 noon 30th June 2015
- Download the Finance Officer & Management Support Officer job descriptions, application form and person specification here

Two Village Agents vacancies

The Somerset Village Agent project is still recruiting. We have 2 Village Agent positions available. A car is essential for these positions.

2 x Village Agent positions:

Village Agent Clusters 13 + 14: 16 Hours per week
Village Agent Cluster 17: 10 Hours per week.
The hours for these posts are to be worked flexibly.
These are fixed term posts to 31 March 2018.
Salary £17,980 (pro rata)..
These are all home based positions.
The closing date for applications is noon on Thursday 25th June 2015.

Interviews will be held on 1st & 2nd July 2015, with a desirable start date of mid July 2015 (negotiable).

Please state on your application which parish cluster area you are applying for, by writing the number of the cluster on your form. It is essential that you live in, or very close to (<5 miles) away from the cluster that you are applying for.

To view the Job Descriptions and Person Specifications, please see the Village Agent page on our website <http://somerstrcc.org.uk/vajobs> or call 01823 331222

Last chance to attend the NEW Digital Community Training Event

CCS are running a FREE training event on 'How digital technology can help your community'.

This training is open to all. Aimed at Community Buildings, Parish / Town Council's, Community Groups and anyone interested in technology to improve your communications within your committee, community and with other organisations.

Date: 12th June 2015
Venue: Merriott Village Hall
Time: 10 am - 1 pm
Refreshments will be provided

If you would like to book your FREE space please complete the booking form and return to us via email: managementsupport@somerstrcc.org.uk

Or post directly to Debbie Dennis, Community Council for Somerset, Victoria House, Victoria Street, Taunton, TA1 3JZ

Download the booking form here.

Or if you would like to hold this event in your community please contact CCS on 01823 331222.

A successful month for the Somerset Village Agent Project!

CCS is delighted to announce that it has been awarded £499,933 of funding from The Big Lottery Reaching Communities Fund to contribute towards its Somerset Village Agent Project until March, 2018. This not only allows for the current work to continue but also to extend the Somerset Village Agents' roles to just over half of Somerset.

Somerset Village Agents support the communities they live in, working at the very heart of those communities being the eyes and ears on the ground. Working with individuals and groups and responding to community need, they were really put to the test when the Somerset Levels and Moors flooded along with flash flooding across the county.

Princes Trust Awards Finalists
To add to their successes the Village Agents were in the top five finalists for the Princes Trust Awards 2015 presented at the Royal Bath & West Show.



Audrey Mansfield and Kate Symonds went to the awards to represent the team. Although the Village Agents were not the final winners they were chosen from a large group across Bristol, Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire, Hampshire, Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire and is was a great achievement to make to the top five.

Trustee Recruitment

CCS has an exciting opportunity for a volunteer to join our team of trustees. We are a locally based charity steeped with history and have been supporting communities for almost 90 years. We are a registered charity and Company Limited by Guarantee, the Trustees of this charity also become Directors of the limited company.

We are looking for a new trustee who is community minded, willing to assist with the leadership and direction of this Somerset wide organisation and to be part of a vibrant team that drives forward our vision.

We are specifically looking for people with backgrounds in charity fundraising, strategic business planning and good knowledge of influential local contacts.

Get a flavour of our work and some of the projects we are running by visiting our website .

Interested?

Visit our recruitment page here or please contact CCS on 01823 331222 or email: info@somerstrcc.org.uk

Digital Champions

Do you have an enthusiasm for digital technology and the internet? Become a Digital Champion!

Get up to Speed is a support service designed to help businesses and communities across Somerset boost their digital skills to harness the benefits of superfast broadband.

We are on the lookout for volunteers keen to help their area make the most of faster broadband.

What will the roles involve?
As representatives of the Get up to Speed service, Digital Champions form an important contact point within the community, signposting residents and local businesses to the support available and promoting events running in the area. Champions may be individuals or representatives of businesses, organisations or community groups.



To become a Digital Champion please register your interest
Email: info@somerstrcc.org.uk or call 01823 331222

Mentoring- it's about giving something back to the local community! Can you help?

Bridgwater Education Trust (BET) was set up in 2008 to strengthen partnerships between secondary schools and local employers in the Bridgwater area.

The Mentor Scheme now provides over 40 volunteer mentors to the schools. Once a fortnight mentors offer support to young people who need encouragement to help them achieve their potential.

How do students benefit?
Schools are very enthusiastic about the BET project and report that the students on the scheme benefit hugely from mentor support. Benefits include improvements in self-esteem and attendance.

For more information and to find out how to join the scheme, please contact the BET team:
e: lauren@somersestbusinessagency.org
t: 07854 208369

WE ARE A CHARITY PLEASE DONATE

CCS like other charities relies on fundraising to deliver work across Somerset. You can help us do this in a number of ways:

- Recycle your stamps
- Raise money for FREE when you make purchases online with 'Easy fundraising' - simply follow the guide and support Community Council for Somerset
- Make a one off Donation - online or by cheque
- Become a Friend of CCS
- Donate in Memory

To find out how you can support CCS [click here](#)

USEFUL INFORMATION

LSI Utility Brokers TOP TOPS:

Calling all shop owners... Research confirms shops waste more energy when closed

Do you run a shop? Faced with high energy bills month after month, are you determined to implement ways to cut back on energy costs and ultimately save your business money? If this sounds familiar, you may be interested to learn that shops waste more energy when they are actually closed.

According to a study conducted by WEMSIinternational, a wireless energy management firm, retailers waste approximately 40% of their total energy use when the shop is closed for trading. This is primarily due to lighting and unnecessary air-conditioning being left on.

The WEMSIinternational CEO highlights several modifications retailers could make to bring down energy costs after closing hours.

In a separate study, researchers at Cambridge University revealed that up to 50% of a shop's energy is wasted by leaving the door open.

In its 'Close the Door on Energy Waste' report, Cambridge University noted that closing a shop front door when the heating is being used can:

- . Reduce energy by up to 50%
- . Reduce a shop's annual CO2 emissions by up to 10 tonnes
- . Enhance comfort to employees and customers
- . Maintains low-use energy levels
- . Allows heating to be shut off before the end of the day without affecting internal temperatures
- . Eradicates the need for 'air curtains' to be hung over the door

As both the research compiled by WEMSIinternational and Cambridge University proves, retailers can make significant monthly savings on energy bills by making simple measures, such as introducing light monitoring techniques and, even more simply, shutting the door.

For assistance with all matters related to energy be it procurement or energy management please contact the LSI team for further information – 01727 877 020 or enquiries@lsitoolitybroker.co.uk.