



March 2015

**Welcome to the March edition of our newsletter, this month we have a job vacancy, events, information and updates**



**CCS JOB VACANCY**

Emotional Health & Wellbeing Worker – Somerset Levels & Flood affected areas, fixed term 12 months.

21 hours a week – salary £24,892 (pro rata)

The Somerset Village Agent project is recruiting an Emotional Health and Wellbeing worker, specifically supporting clients who live in flood affected areas in Somerset with distress and trauma resulting from flooding and maintaining their emotional wellbeing through recovery.

Candidates must have a relevant qualification or experience in community mental health work, be able to provide interventions to people with mental health conditions, and be able to manage case work. Knowledge of the impact of rural isolation on emotional wellbeing, as well as knowledge of the flood affected areas would be an advantage. Car Essential.

Closing date for applications is 12 noon on 18th March; interviews will take place on 25th March, 2015.

[Click for full details and download the application forms](#)

**Plan for your community's future**

In conjunction with Somerset Association of Local Councils, CCS are running 2 exciting free events in March. The free training will cover:

- Neighbourhood plans
- Community plans and effective community engagement
- Housing needs surveys
- The role of the parish council and clerk
- Using digital media to engage your community



**16th March at Cheddon Fitzpaine Memorial Hall, TA2 8JY**

**23rd March at Compton Dundon Village Hall, TA11 6PQ**

[Click here to review the agenda](#)

Places are limited so please book your free place by contacting Jane Birch on [jane@somersetcc.org.uk](mailto:jane@somersetcc.org.uk) or call on 01823 331222.

**Get up to SPEED**

'Get up to Speed' hopes to boost digital skills across Devon and Somerset, encouraging those who are less familiar with IT to explore the benefits of the internet, while improving the IT skills of those who need to access web-only public services.

See all the events across Somerset

- 11/03/15 Love Digital Workshop - Bridgwater**
- 13/03/15 Love Digital Workshop - Martock**
- 20/03/15 Get to grips with the Basic Payment Scheme - Glastonbury**
- 30/03/15 Get to grips with the Basic Payment Scheme - Kilmersdon**
- 09/04/15 Get to grips with the Basic Payment Scheme - Minehead**
- 20/04/15 Get to grips with the Basic Payment Scheme - South Petherton**

Book your FREE space visit <https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/get-up-to-speed/events/>

Or call 0845 094 6108.

**Volunteer Recruitment**

The following organisations and projects are recruiting volunteers. Please click on each role for further information:

- CCS Trustees
- Somerset Warmer Families - Supply Switching Champions
- Bridgwater Education Trust (BET) Seeking School Governors
- Digital Champions

**ARE you a member of CCS**

**Support and advice for you and your Community**

CCS works to support community groups, parish / town councils, organisations and individuals in Somerset. We have a dedicated team of local professional advisers and pride ourselves on offering independent and impartial advice. We do this through a range of diverse projects which bring together people who care about local community life in Somerset. We focus our energy on helping you and your community, to see all our work and projects visit: [www.somersetcc.org.uk/our-work](http://www.somersetcc.org.uk/our-work)

**There are 3 types of membership available:**

- Community Buildings**
- Community Groups**
- Parish & Town Council**

**Download your membership forms above or visit:**

**[www.somersetcc.org.uk/join-us](http://www.somersetcc.org.uk/join-us)**

**Advertise your community events for FREE**

It's simple to post your notices or search for events visit: [www.somersetcc.org.uk/community-notice-board](http://www.somersetcc.org.uk/community-notice-board)

The Notice Board allows you to search for information about all the groups, activities, meetings, events and services happening across Somerset.

You can search by month, Village/Town, District, Type of event or Keyword.



**Are you signed up for the Hallmark Scheme?**

Developed by CCS and now a nationally recognised award, Hallmark level 1, 2 and 3 awards recognise good management and practice by the Community Building Management Committees. Community Buildings with Hallmarks benefit from insurance discounts and gain recognition on funding applications as the awards evidence the high standard of the committee members and the merit of the hall.

There are three Hallmark Awards to achieve:

- Hallmark 1 focuses on the management and administration of the charity
- Hallmark 2 focuses on health, safety, security and licences
- Hallmark 3 focuses on community and social awareness, communications, forward planning and development.

**If you have any questions please contact Nicola Greenslade**

**Email: [nicola@somersetcc.org.uk](mailto:nicola@somersetcc.org.uk)**

**or call 01823 331222**

**Application Deadline is 31st March, 2015.**

**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**

**Take advantage of the lowest energy prices in years!**

It's a new year. And you really can make it a new beginning by saving some money.

Which is where one of our member benefit partners, LSI Utility Brokers, comes in. (call 0800 019 95 95)

Here at the CCS, we've partnered with LSI to help our members save money on one of their largest expenditures, GAS AND ELECTRICITY PRICES and benefit from the lowest standard of energy prices in years. Established for over 20 years, LSI is one of the UK's leading energy consultancy specialists, working with businesses from large commercial organisations to smaller community organisations.



**Request your free assessment from LSI today and see how much you could save!**

**Call: 0800 019 95 95 / 01727 877 039.**

**E-mail: [barrie@lsiutilitybroker.co.uk](mailto:barrie@lsiutilitybroker.co.uk)**

**Somerset County Council have a new telephone number**

**Tel: 0300 123 2224**

**For all enquiries**