

PRESS RELEASE

Somerset Carers Service Launch!

On Thursday 8th February the Community Council for Somerset officially launched its Carers Service – a service designed to support individuals who care for others in an unpaid capacity.

CCS hosted a high profile event where leaders of the County Council, District Councils, MP's, CEO's of Stakeholders, Partners and other key charities and organisations from across Somerset attended to understand how they can link in to the fantastic network of support that CCS offer to the people of Somerset, from the individual person, to the local Parish Council or Community Charitable Group. Councillor David Huxtable attended the event and summed up the informative presentations with his closing remarks.

The Somerset Carers Service has Carers Agents in each District across Somerset, as well as a dedicated Advice Line, Text service, online 'live chat' and online Carers Forum – all formulated to give Carers every opportunity to reach out and seek support and advice to help with their challenging role. The service is working in partnership with the Somerset Partnership NHS Mental Health Carers Service and Spark and Engage, who support the service with finding the volunteers who add so much value. CCS also works closely with Carers Voice to ensure that Carers have the opportunity to help shape services to ensure their needs are met.

Keeley Rudd, CEO for CCS said “Caring for another person is very rewarding, but can be overwhelming and lonely at times, and some people may not even recognise that they are a carer, especially if it involves looking after a close family member. Somerset Carers Service can help link people to groups & events in their area, to find facts and information that will help the person they are caring for with their particular needs.”

“We are very proud of all our Agents and how they put the needs of the individual at the heart of their work.”

The website www.somersetcarers.org has specific support for each persons unique situation; and Carers Agents are on hand to help. The CCS Carers Agents make up a part of a huge support framework that includes Village and Community Agents. See www.somersetccc.org.uk for further details of other projects in Somerset.

For further information please contact info [@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:info@somersetccc.org.uk) or call the Community Council for Somerset on 01823 331 222.

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Editor Notes:

CCS supports people who live and work in Somerset communities. 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. See [our work](#) to see what projects are running across Somerset. & also www.somersetcarers.org



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