



Area East Bulletin



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1. **Annual Parish Meeting – 28 January 2014**
 2. **Snow Shovel Scheme**
 3. **South Somerset Family Focus Programme**
 4. **Staff Changes – Area East Development Team**
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1. Annual Parish Meeting – 28 January 2014

The Annual Parish Meeting is being held on Tuesday 28 January 2014 at 7:00pm in the Council Offices, Churchfield, Wincanton. It will focus on how local Councils are taking more control over planning & delivering locally important services & facilities, with presentations from some individual Parishes to share their experience. To book your place please contact: Anne Herridge on 01935 462570 or email: anne.herridge@southsomerset.gov.uk

2. Snow Shovel Scheme

Last year traders in Bruton, Castle Cary and Wincanton praised the Snow Shovel scheme set up by the District and Town Councils following a spell of severe weather. SSDC were pleased to be working in partnership with the 3 Town Councils and local businesses to provide snow shovels, which were sourced from a local supplier. The shovels will mean that, again this year, the retailers can make a head start on clearing ice and snow from the pavements outside their premises, making the towns a safer place to shop, should the need arise. Retailers said that the shovels had been extremely useful, well worth doing and a great initiative.

3. South Somerset Family Focus Programme

Family Mentors play a key role in the South Somerset Family Focus Programme delivered through Yeovil4Family, the aim being to help families to help themselves. Family Focus are looking for people willing to volunteer to become trained Family Mentors - do you have the heart to help a local family in need of support? Could you spare just 2 hours a week? To find out more about becoming a Family Mentor please contact Saveria Moss, Programme Manager for Family Focus on 01935 462109 email: saveria.moss@southsomerset.gov.uk or Rachel Dyer at Yeovil4Family on 01935 530050 email: lorna.storey@yeovil4family.org.uk for an informal chat.

4. Staff Changes – Area East Development Team

Mike Allen has now retired and James Divall has joined the Area Development Team as Neighbourhood Development Officer – Communities (Wed, Thu & alt Fri) tel: 01963 435023 email: james.divall@southsomerset.gov.uk. Sam Dyke, Community Support Assistant, is currently on maternity leave, having recently given birth to Harry - Poppy Pollitt is covering her role in the support team whilst she is on maternity leave.