

Parish report for Blackdown and Tatworth Oct/Nov

- 1) As part of the new Council plan the Area committees have now set their key priorities which will form part of the plan, these were identified at workshops attended by all members for our Area (West). The new Council plan should be adopted by Full Council in February. The key areas which will affect our ward are as follows

Economy

Attract more visitors to the area

Support rural diversification

Support individual businesses and associations such as chambers of trade.

Environment

Support community led initiatives that contribute towards combatting climate change

Support the Blackdown hills ANOB

Maintain pressure to deliver the stop line way

Housing

Promote and support any emerging community land trusts

Complete housing needs survey when requested

Healthy self-reliant communities

Develop options to improve links to Crewkerne station

Tackle social isolation

Deliver a programme of Play days in towns and villages in Area West

Provide support to local community safety groups within Area West

The Committee meets every third Wednesday (normally in Chard Guildhall at 5.30pm) it comprises of all members of SSDC who represent Chard, Crewkerne, Ilminster and the villages surrounding them. This meeting will be where all planning applications which have been referred to the committee will be heard (mostly those that have had refusals from parish councils or comments made from local residents) they are referred by your ward members and have to be then agreed by the chairman before they are heard here.

- 2) Following the announcement of the general election, the drop in public events organised to discuss the Somerset wide climate emergency strategy have been moved to the New Year. They will be run by Somerset climate action network on behalf of Somerset's 4 districts and the County Council.