



District Councillor Report July 2016

Don't forget the annual free Playdays will once again be available throughout South Somerset during the summer offering a variety of activities ranging from arts and crafts to challenging adventures on mobile climbing walls. Curry Rivel's playday will be taking place on Saturday 17 September.

Last year's event was a great success with over 700 people coming to enjoy the play opportunities in a relaxed atmosphere. So put the date in your diary! For more information, and to find out about all the free Playday's in the area, visit www.southsomerset.gov.uk/playdays or go to the Facebook page www.facebook.com/playyouthsouthsomerset.

The devolution revolution for the South West took another step forward this month. Devolution would see more powers and finance devolved from Westminster to the region to work together to deliver more for the residents in key areas such as the economy, homes, health and social care and to close the productivity gap, improve road, rail and broadband links. There will be a full public consultation on any proposal to introduce a Combined Authority, which would consist of representatives from Devon and Somerset county councils, Plymouth and Torbay councils, the 13 district councils in the two counties and Dartmoor and Exmoor national parks. Each council now needs to formally approve the Combined Authority proposals after which the negotiations for finance, powers and responsibilities will take place between the region and central government. However, all areas have been reassured that their devolution proposals do not require an elected mayor.

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