



Become a Parish Environment Champion

This is an exciting opportunity to contribute towards positive change within South Somerset. Significant environmental impacts are becoming more regular, so creating a region that can demonstrate environmental resilience is essential to our continued prosperity.

South Somerset District Council (SSDC) launched the Parish Environmental Champion network in 2021 and we currently have representatives from over 60 parishes across the district – for more information on the network visit our website here:

www.southsomersetenvironment.co.uk/parish-environment-champions

Our Environment Champion network is a growing group of local residents, passionate about the environment, willing to volunteer their time to share best practice and support each other to deliver local eco projects in their community.

Environment Champions are volunteers whose role will include:

- Being the recipient of any environment information SSDC wishes to share with parishes, through emails and attendance at forums;
- Compiling and returning information on their parish which would be useful for SSDC to know (environment groups, EV charging points, opportunities for re-wilding areas, etc.);
- Encouraging specific green measures in the parish, helping embed environmental sustainability at the core of the parishes' decision making; and
- Collaborating with surrounding parishes where possible to maximise impact and share expertise.



The network is vital to the success of the District environment strategy. Environment Champions act as the 'eyes and ears' in their local area as well as acting as a conduit for sharing materials and initiatives, such as our Great Parish Wildflower Giveaway.

There are no limits to the number of Environmental Champions that can sign up within a parish, and there are no specific time commitments – this is a voluntary role!

So if you see a need for a champion where you live and would like to nominate yourself or know of someone in your parish who would be interested we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch with us here: ssdcenvironment@southsomerset.gov.uk