
Bath & North East Somerset Council

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Rural 'Place' Update
Chew Valley Area Forum
27 September 2023

Rural priorities

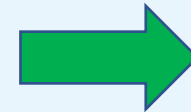
Chew Valley	Bathavon
Transport	Transport
Climate and nature emergencies	Planning
Affordable Housing	Forum area identity
Flooding	Climate and nature emergencies
Access to services particularly health care	Access to services (esp health care)
Cost of Living	

Priority actions for Chew Valley during 2023

- Sustainable transport / rural buses
- Rural consultation on Local Plan and Economic Strategy
- Community conversations (CSE) on renewable energy
- Chew Valley Reconnected – new partnership group in place
- Better use of community buildings (linked to Rural UKSPF funding)

Issues raised at July Area Forum

- Traffic is an issue in Chew Magna and Stowey Sutton.
- Travel choices is challenging in this area – it will be interesting to see what the Council does.
- Strengthening Neighbourhood Plans and the right homes in the right places – we need some new, smaller houses.
- Parishes are getting frustrated with their views being rejected by Planning Committee.
- Dangerous driving/speeding and Bath centric-projects. More funding is needed to address these issues in Chew Valley.



- **Transport / traffic**
- **Planning / housing**
- **Funding / resources**

Group discussion

- Does it feel like we're making progress on Chew Valley priorities?
- Are we focused on the right things?
- Are there other priorities we should be looking at?