



Somerset Energy Innovation Centre, Bridgwater
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Energise your business in Somerset

Into Somerset is the inward investment service for Somerset, providing bespoke advice and assistance for companies looking to grow and expand in the county.





Why invest in Somerset?

Somerset offers excellent road connections to the rest of the UK via the M5 and A303; good mainline high-speed rail links to London, Bristol and Birmingham; easy access to two International airports at Bristol and Exeter; and commercial property prices that are considerably lower than those in London and the South East, or in neighbouring Bristol and Bath.

There are key development sites in the pipeline too for major relocations. It's also a County that has significant expertise in various sectors: Advanced Engineering and Aerospace; Low Carbon Energy, including Hinkley Point C nuclear plant; Business Services; Distribution; Food and Drink; and the Creative Sector.

Innovation & Enterprise Centres

Right across the County, from east to west and north to south, there is a range of centres that can help you start up or grow your business. There are two Innovation Centres, five Enterprise Centres, and work hubs for flexible working.



Bridgwater and Yeovil Innovation Centres

A new Somerset County Council owned Somerset Energy Innovation Centre opened in February 2016. Located on the edge of Bridgwater, with good access to the M5, it will provide a hub for ambitious businesses seeking to collaborate and exploit opportunities in the energy sectors.

The Yeovil Innovation Centre has fostered growing innovative businesses for more than seven years. Working with entrepreneurs and start-up companies in the Aerospace and hi-tech sector, the centre provides on site business support and space for over thirty businesses.

somerseenergyinnovationcentre.co.uk
yeovilinnovationcentre.co.uk



Enterprise Centres

- The centres are located:**
- Frome - Keyford Court
 - Highbridge
 - Wheddon Cross, Exmoor
 - Dulverton, Exmoor
 - Minehead

- The centres offer:**
- Easy in/easy out terms
 - Business support
 - Networking opportunities
 - Landing pad/touch pad

For more information, visit:
somerse-enterprise-centres.co.uk

Work Hubs

There are work hubs for those who want to use facilities on an occasional basis. These can be found at the following locations (among others):

- Taunton - Exchange House
- Frome - The Old Church School or Cheese & Grain Centre
- Wells - The Mendip Hub
- Langport - Great Bow Wharf

Welcome to Somerset

Home to internationally known companies including Aerosystems International, AgustaWestland, Clarks Shoes, Honeywell Aerospace, Mulberry, Numatic International, Ariel Motors, Yeo Valley and the UK Hydrographics Office.

Ariel Motors

Yeovil, South Somerset

The Ariel Atom can accelerate to 60mph in just 2.5 seconds and is built in Crewkerne. The Ariel Motor Company draws on the skilled local labour pool, having good proximity to the Advanced Engineering and Aerospace sector that dominates the South Somerset economy.



Leonardo (formerly AgustaWestland)

Yeovil, South Somerset

AgustaWestland - a Finmeccanica company - designs, develops, manufactures and supports helicopters for military and commercial markets around the world. It has the widest and most modern range of rotorcraft with over 4,800 helicopters in service in 105 Countries.



Clarks

Street, Mendip

Shoemakers since 1825, Clarks was started in Somerset by James Clark. Today they're the world's largest casual and smart shoe company, selling all over the globe. They represent part of the burgeoning leather and textile sector in the county where creative design innovations are at the cutting edge.

Sheppy's Cider

Taunton Deane

Always living in Somerset, the Sheppy family continues to combine traditional farming with cider making, with the assistance of modern technology. They have invested heavily to meet the demand for authentic local cider and are part of Somerset's important Food & Drink sector.



Population:
530,000 Residents
23,000 Businesses



- West Somerset
- Sedgemoor
- Taunton Deane
- Mendip
- South Somerset
- Train Station

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Case Studies

Dennis Maps

Dennis Maps have been working with Ordnance Survey since 2010, printing nearly two million maps every year from their modern printing facilities in Frome. They use state of the art digital facilities and draw on a skilled workforce from the local area, continuing a printing tradition which goes back over 200 years.



East Brent, Sedgemoor



Haley Engineering

William Haley Engineering is one of the largest steel fabricators in England and is benefiting from its close proximity to Hinkley Point C. The company has teamed up with other local metal fabrications suppliers to bid for work related to the project worth tens of millions of pounds.

Bill Haley,
Founder

“Although we’re all engaged in steelwork, we specialise in different things so we complement each other, meaning we can cover all the demands they have at Hinkley – and beyond.”

Mundy Veneer

Alison Mundy, Co-owner

“The storage and handling of a high quality product like veneer requires affordable and flexible space. In Somerset we have the luxury of premises that are exactly suited to our needs, and yet we’re only a train journey away from our customers and buyers in London and the South East.”

Mundy Veneer is one of the UK’s premium merchants of veneer, buying and selling a huge range of natural wood veneers from across the World for the UK market.



Wellington, Taunton Deane

Singer Instruments

Dr Harry Singer, Owner

“Since moving into our new buildings, we have invested heavily in CAD design facilities and a state-of-the-art CNC machine shop. High tech, high added value specialist manufacturing businesses like ours are ideal for locations like Exmoor. What a great place for our twenty local employees to live and work.”

Singer Instruments is a high tech, high value company successfully operating within a National Park. The company has been located in the Exmoor village of Roadwater for over 30 years, designing and manufacturing laboratory robotics for cancer research, exporting to over 60 countries worldwide.



Watchet, West Somerset



RIGID Containers

RIGID containers is able to provide cost-effective packaging solutions to an array of customers in virtually all sectors. In January 2013, RIGID containers - part of the VPK packaging group from Belgium - purchased a 140,000sqft facility in Wellington, Somerset.

Paul Barber,
Site Director

“Being so near to Junction 26 of the M5 gives us the opportunity to access all parts of the West easily. We also chose Wellington because of the support provided by Taunton Deane Borough Council who helped us to identify the right property then find solutions to affordability issues, including a generous grant to assist our recruitment.”



Probiotics International Ltd (Protexin)

Dedicated to producing innovative research-based products of the highest quality for animals and humans, the company was founded in 1992.

“We soon expanded and in 2010 we moved to our own purpose built, state-of-the-art facility in Lopen Head, allowing us to be completely in control of our commitment to the highest quality standards.”

Toby Lewis, Managing Director

In April 2016 it was confirmed that for the second consecutive time, the Company had been awarded The Queen's Award for Enterprise for International Trade 2016.

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