



Putting Young People First Will Improve Somerset

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**Young
Somerset**



What we do...a youth work charity

Engagement & Support

- build relationships
- social, economic, educational
- encourage inclusion
- promote life-long learning
- young people & their experience
- Somerset (and beyond)



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Who we are...

YOUNG SOMERSET'S
YOUTH BOARD

- Established April 2019
- 8 members
- Meet monthly
- Promote change

How we do it...



Project based approach



Responsive to need



Innovate & create



Led by young people



Co-designed & co-tested

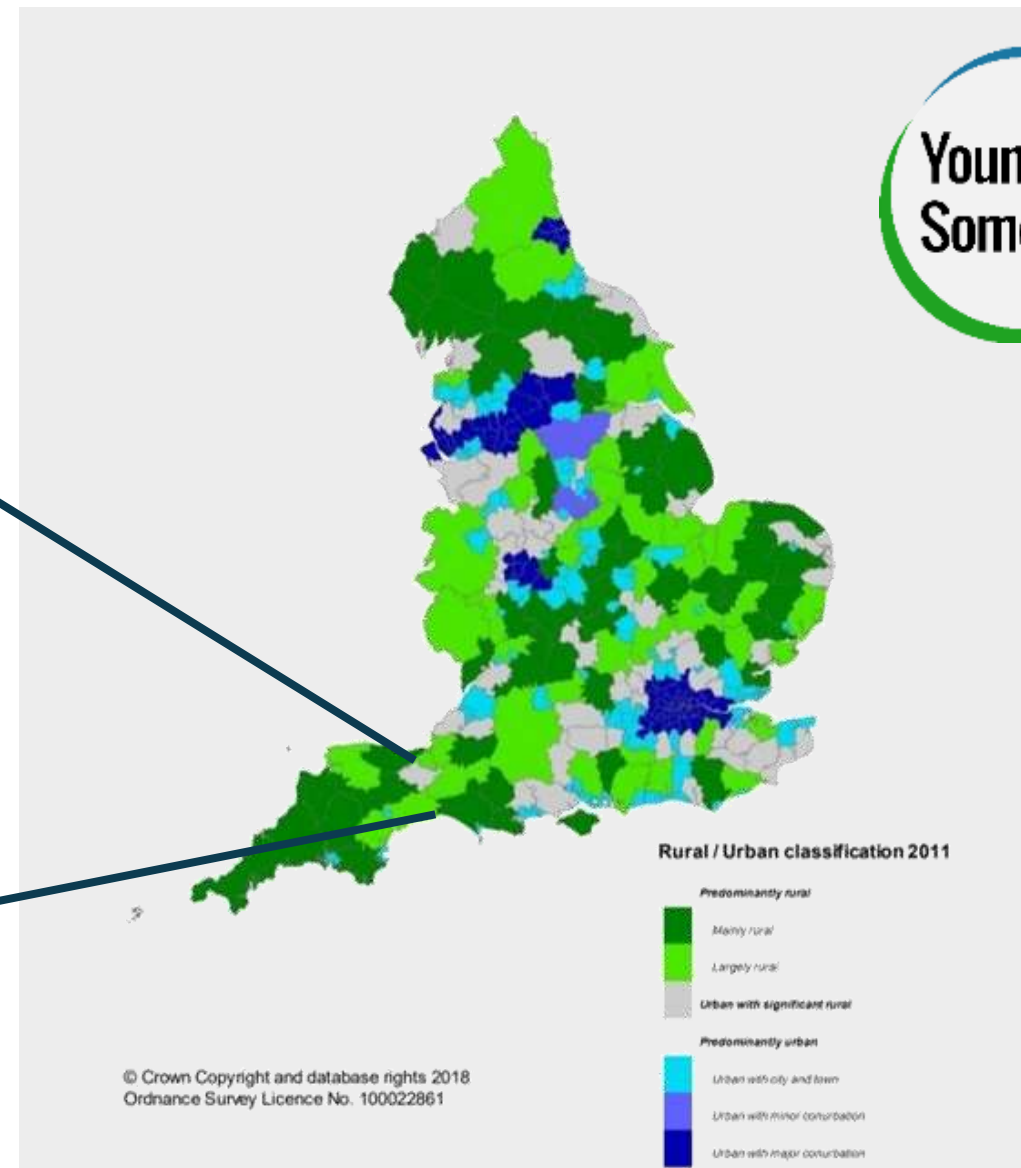
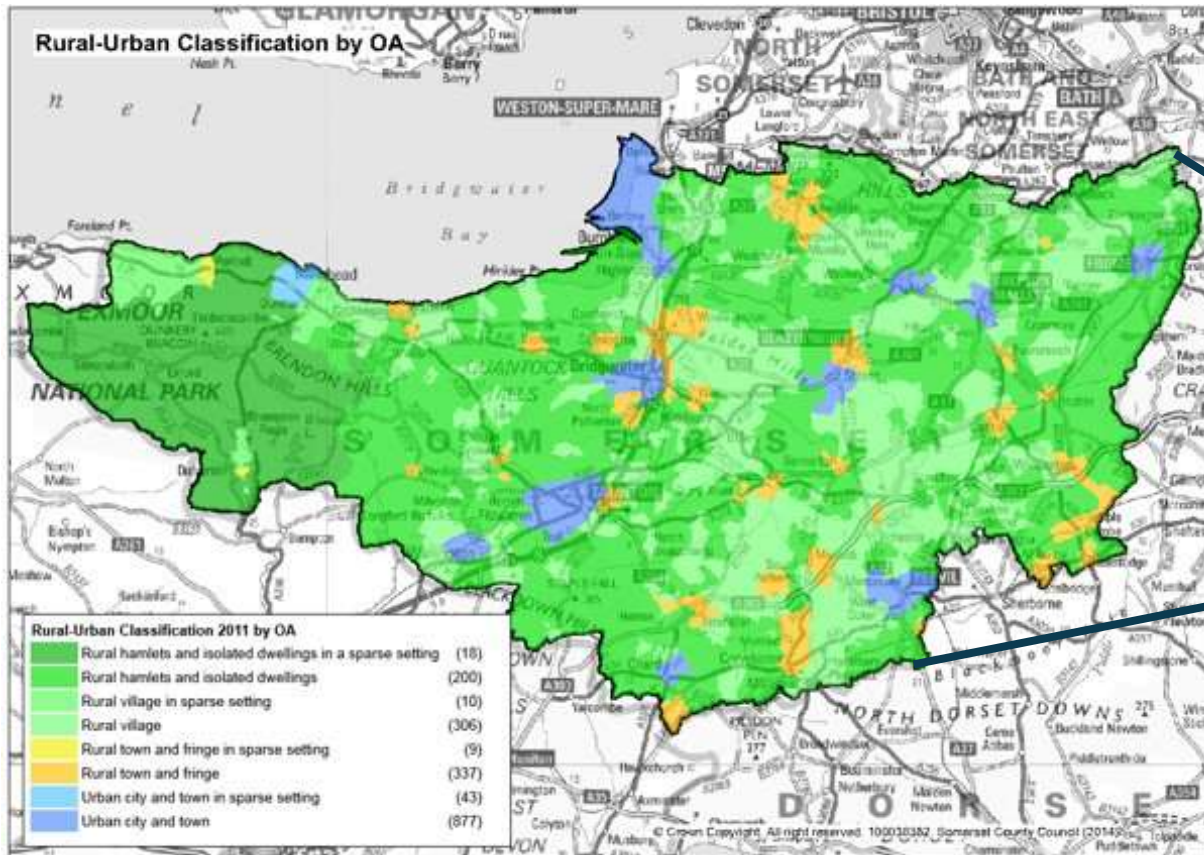


Collaborative: locally,
nationally, internationally



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Rural Isolation



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DEPRIVATION LACK OF UNIVERSITY LACK OF OPPORTUNITY
LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE
POOR MENTAL HEALTH LOWERED ASPIRATIONS
RURAL ISOLATION
LOW SOCIAL MOBILITY FIGURES IN ENGLAND
POOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT
LOWER PAID JOBS LIMITED JOB PROSPECTS

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Transportation



In parts of Exmoor households can be on average around 40 minutes by public transport from their nearest food store and 50 minutes from a GP.



Almost 2,000 rural students rely on a County Ticket in order to reach college by bus, and the current non-discounted cost is £810 a year.

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Lack of Infrastructure



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