

Locally Trusted Organisations (LTO) – Shared Values

Through our Somerset Coastal Place Partnership, we want to work with Locally Trusted Organisations (LTO) to truly embed our work within each place across the Somerset Coast. LTO's are an organisation or group who really understand their local community and what it is like to live in that place. We have developed a set of shared values to help us find people and organisations that we might be able to work with on this exciting journey:

- **Building and Maintaining Trust** – Your organisation is trusted by your community—and our Place Partnership recognises and values that trust.
- **Understanding the community** – Your organisation cares deeply about the place where you live or work. You listen to local people and have a clear understanding of what makes your community special, as well as the challenges that need addressing.
- **Embedded in the community** – Your organisation feels approachable and inclusive. Community members see it as run by people like them—or by people they know and trust.
- **Leadership** – Your leaders demonstrate passion, persistence, and a sense of purpose. They act as the 'glue' that brings together different people, groups, and ideas across your organisation and community.
- **Strong Relationships** – Your organisation has positive, well-established relationships across community groups, local organisations, and networks. These relationships help unite people and make the work more collaborative and sustainable.
- **Having capacity and being consistent** – Your organisation ensures your resources and capacity are aligned so you do what you say you will do. You follow through on commitments and can be relied upon by both your community and your partners.
- **Mutual Respect** – Your organisation values the partnership with SASP and the Place Partnership, and this respect is mutual. We recognise the expertise, insight, and lived experience you bring.
- **Responsiveness and flexibility** – Your organisation understands that every place is different. You are adaptable and open to change, responding to the specific needs, challenges, and opportunities within your community.

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