

Somerset's Alternative Provision Directory

2022/23 Academic Year

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This directory lists a number of organisations currently offering a range of Alternative Provision services across Somerset. Schools should therefore ensure appropriate quality assurance checks are undertaken before commissioning a provider. The County Council has provided an evidence checklist for schools to use, which is available [from this website](#).

Name of Provider	Academy21 Limited
Address	Academy21 Sixth Floor 3 Burlington Gardens London W1S 3EP
Telephone number	07376 235629
E-mail	jonathan.mcgill@academy21.co.uk
Summary of services offered	<p>Academy21 provides live, interactive online teaching from KS - KS5 on a short-, medium- or long-term basis. By providing a student-centred approach to learning that focuses on good academic outcomes, scaffolded by pastoral support, mental health wellbeing strategies and academic mentoring we can support young people/children to re-engage with education and succeed in further education and employment.</p> <p>We view positive outcomes from the context of each child/young person, their objectives and targets and the nature and complexity of the needs they have. Live online lessons are delivered by experienced, qualified, subject specialist teachers in our virtual classroom in line with the child's/young person's personalised timetable. Our provision reflects this individualised approach by providing consistent practice based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QTS experienced subject specialist teachers • 1:1 Pastoral and Academic support • Flexible timetabling to accommodate the child's/young person's needs • Appropriateness of content based on the child's/young person's ability • Creating a positive and supportive environment - supported through praise, recognition, and awards • Interactive teaching aids designed to allow children/young people to engage how they want to engage • Online lesson and resource library • Access to Wellbeing and Study Skills Workshops
Specific needs catered for	We work with a range of learners from broad and diverse backgrounds including, but not limited to Excluded or at risk of exclusion, Medical needs, SEMH, SEND, School refusers, Challenging behaviours
Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	7 to 18
Qualifications offered	Yes (various)

Name of Provider	Alternative Education Centre
Address	Barns 2 and 3 Lower Munty Farm Churchstanton Taunton Somerset TA3 7RH
Telephone number	(01823) 601444
E-mail	office@theaec.co.uk
Website	https://theaec.co.uk/
Summary of services offered	The AEC is an alternative educational provision that offers Entry Level and Level One AQA units in carpentry, mechanics, metalwork, bricklaying, painting and decorating, multi skills, horticulture, cooking, ICT and arts and crafts. We offer a more practical style of learning whilst also aiming to improve behaviour, boost self-esteem and developed social and emotional maturity
Specific needs catered for	Challenging behaviour Learning difficulties Social and Emotional
Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	11 to 25
Qualifications offered	AQA Entry Level Units AQA Level 1 Units

Name of Provider	ARK at Egwood CIC
Address	Egwood House Egwood Merriott Somerset TA16 5QN
Telephone number	07974 658782
E-mail	office@arkategwood.com
Website	www.arkategwood.com
Summary of services offered	ARK is a land-based day service provision where we use land-based activities, horticulture, rural arts and crafts with an aim to provide individuals with a meaningful and worthwhile experience, whilst gaining skills, knowledge and confidence, to live life to their full potential, by enabling participation and inclusion.
Specific needs catered for	ARK can support young people struggling in education, Learning Disability, Autism. ARK can support either individuals or groups of young people and or families
Geographical areas covered	South Somerset
Age Range	3 to 25
Qualifications offered	ARK is a registered D of E centre

Name of Provider	Communication and Learning Enterprises Limited (Candle)
Address	Suite 103, Ulverston Business Centre 25 New Market Street Ulverston Cumbria LA12 7LQ
Telephone number	(01229) 585173
E-mail	office@candleaac.com
Website	https://candleaac.com/
Summary of services offered	We support students in mainstream and special schools with communication, literacy and curriculum access. We specialise in curriculum support at all stages, the teaching of literacy through our own tried and tested literacy programme, AAC resource development and training in AAC education
Geographical areas covered	South Somerset West Somerset
Age Range	5 to 25

Name of Provider	Conquest Centre
Address	Conquest Centre Conquest Farm Taunton Somerset TA2 6PN
Telephone number	(01823) 433614
E-mail	info@conquestcentre.org.uk
Website	www.conquestcentre.org.uk
Summary of services offered	<p>We offer disabled riding and person-centred therapy working with nature and small animals to improve physical and mental health. We are based in 20 acres of wonderful farmland and have horses, donkeys, goats, sheep and chickens. Facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two covered riding arenas and hoist • Woodland trail and forest school • Sensory room open to all • Cabins and yurt for quiet work • Playpark with accessible equipment • Gym and art room • Changing Places wet room • Cafe run by Foxes Academy
Specific Needs catered for	Everyone is welcome to Conquest Centre regardless of age and with or without a referral. Most of our facilities are open to the public and offer peaceful non-judgmental settings that can be hard to find in public areas. We work in support of the whole family.
Geographical areas	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	3 to 25
Qualifications offered	RDA Awards BHS Awards

Name of Provider	Core Creative Education CIC
Address	Limemead Farm Halstock Leigh nr Yeovil Somerset BA22 9QU
Telephone number	(01935) 891248
E-mail	office@coreprojects.org.uk
Website	https://coreprojects.org.uk/
Summary of services offered	We run a successful Outdoor Environmental Education Programme for young people at Limemead Farm in Halstock, Dorset close to the Somerset border. We deliver bespoke 1:1 Mentoring Programme for to learn from and about our natural world, through the arts, natural crafts, environmental awareness, caring for farm animals and wildlife and developing appreciation for the history and traditions of rural living. Our courses also incorporate developing skills in problem solving, risk taking, creativity and teamwork. We also run holiday Forest & Farm clubs for children.
Specific needs catered for	We work with all young people who have an EHCP, additional support for ASD and mental health
Geographical areas covered	Mendip South Somerset Taunton Deane
Age Range	7 to 18
Qualifications offered	We provide ASDAN qualifications for the secondary age students and some functional skills

Name of Provider	Currypool Equestrian
Address	109 Currypool Cannington Bridgwater Somerset TA5 2NH
Telephone number	07835 579960
E-mail	currypoolequestrian@outlook.com
Website	www.currypoolequestrian.co.uk
Summary of services offered	We are a small equestrian centre offering The British Horse Society programme "Changing Lives Through Horses"
Specific needs catered for	The programme is aimed at children 5-25 who may be disengaged with education & or have additional SEN that would benefit from access to an alternative provision pathway. Post 16 students may be NEET or at risk of social exclusion
Geographical areas covered	Sedgemoor
Age Range	5 to 25
Qualifications offered	The programme is mapped to the school key stages curriculum with the opportunity to achieve BHS Achieve Awards

Name of Provider	Divoky Riding School
Address	Manor Farm Downhead Shepton Mallet Somerset BA4 4LG
Telephone number	07971 207037
E-mail	pat.divoky@gmail.com
Website	https://divoky.co.uk/
Summary of services offered	Equestrian based education, ridden and non-ridden. Riding for the Disabled accredited. BHS Changing Lives Through Horses linked to the national curriculum suitable 5yrs - 25yrs, Excluded and partially excluded welcome, provision by the hour/half & full day/week during term time. After school provision, holiday clubs, 5* rated by Mendip DC
Specific needs catered for	Disengaged students, low self-esteem, behavioural issues, mute and elective mute, eating disorders, physical and mental fitness. Students who have difficulty in attaining key stage learning who benefit from embedded functional skills.
Geographical areas covered	Mendip
Age Range	5 to 25
Qualifications offered	BHS Stages 1 and 2, Progressive riding tests, Pony Stars, Changing Lives through Horses awards. Pony Club tests and badges. Riding Road Safety. We are now able to offer a Personal Development Certified Qualification at Entry level 3, level 1 and level 2. This is not an equestrian qualification, but an Ofqual recognised qualification in personal development delivered in an equestrian setting.

Name of Provider	Drift Education
Address	8 Windsor Crescent Chard Somerset TA20 2HG
Telephone number	07432 613431
E-mail	biss.em@outlook.com
Website	Not applicable
Summary of services offered	I run a small on farm education centre providing an alternative provision for children and young people struggling in mainstream education. This is achieved through the use of farm animals and gardening.
Specific needs catered for	Not applicable
Geographical areas covered	South Somerset
Age Range	3 to 25
Qualifications offered	Not applicable

Name of Provider	EAQ Manor Farm CIC
Address	Owl Street Stocklinch Ilminster Somerset TA19 9JG
Telephone number	01460 394375
E-mail	ian@eaqmanorfarm.co.uk
Website	www.eaqmanorfarm.co.uk
Summary of services offered	Equine Assisted & Outdoor Learning Centre
Specific needs catered for	Children, Young People & Adults who are overcoming isolation, exclusion, social / emotional difficulties, anxieties or have been diagnosed as having a SEND requirement
Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	4 to 25
Qualifications offered	OCN Level One vocational qualifications in 'Skills for Professions in Animal Care'

Name of Provider	Education & Bass
Address	1 Billing Road Northampton Northamptonshire NN1 5AL
Telephone number	07394 130567
E-mail	raff@educationandbass.online
Website	www.educationandbass.online
Summary of services offered	<p>Education & Bass is an online and in-person (hybrid) music education platform which specialises in providing the highest quality of music technology tuition. Our provision is focused mainly on music production, Dj'ing and music business.</p> <p>We are not based in Somerset but we are able to travel where necessary. We are hoping to work in as many areas of the country as possible as we have a very hard working and dedicated team of instructors which will allow us to positively impact the lives of many young people.</p>
Specific needs catered for	We are able to accommodate any young person who is facing challenging circumstances whether that may be Mental health, SEN/D, Exclusion etc. They would not need any previous experience or music equipment and would simply require a keen interest in music.
Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	11 to 25
Qualifications offered	We offer RSL awards music production grades 1-8, Level 4 Diplomas and Vocational Qualifications

Name of Provider	Futures Taunton Ltd
Address	13 School Lane, Combswich, Somerset, TA5 2QS
Telephone number	07907 949 162
E-mail	futures.reflect@outlook.com
Website	https://www.reflectfutures.co.uk
Summary of services offered	<p>We are a day service for adults (18+) with profound, multiple disabilities (PMLD). Our key focus is on learning and development, but ensure that every person we support has excellent care and support, and have a rich, rewarding experience every day that they are with us. We currently support around 45 people across 4 Somerset bases - our main base being at Hestercombe Gardens. Given the needs of the people we support, we work on a minimum of a one-to-one basis, and each member of the Reflect teams share the same passion for making sure they make a difference to people's lives, every day.</p> <p>We support people with a full range of personal and eating/drinking needs (including PEG), epilepsy and a range of associated health needs. We are specialised in the delivery of Intensive Interaction, support the implementation of physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy programmes, and ensure that people develop and maintain their communication, mobility, flexibility and overall physical and emotional wellbeing. One of our bases is set up for the provision of Rebound, and another accesses an existing Rebound centre. We can enable people to spend time out of their wheelchairs, use standing and walking frames, and for those people we support who can walk, to get out and about in the countryside and town.</p> <p>We pride ourselves on building very close working relationships with the families and carers of the people we support, as well as with a range of community organisations. These include the Bristol Bears Community Foundation, the Frozen Light theatre group and the Somerset Wildlife Trust and SENSE, amongst many others. We are open from Monday to Friday, 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m., although have started offering a Saturday service at our Hestercombe base.</p>
Specific needs catered for	Learning Disabilities, physical disabilities, communication development, epilepsy, PEG feeding, epilepsy (including support with VNS).
Geographical areas	Mendip, Sedgemoor, South Somerset, Taunton Deane
Age Range	18+
Qualifications offered	Not Applicable

Name of Provider	Greenwell Forest School
Address	Woodhouse Hill Uplyme Dorset DT7 3SL
Telephone number	07889 672292
E-mail	greenwellforestschool@gmail.com
Website	www.greenwellforestschool.co.uk
Summary of services offered	Greenwell Forest School is based near Lyme Regis and aims to provide a calm, nurturing and empowering Forest School experience for children who cannot settle in a school environment. Building up confidence, communication skills and resilience. I have a bespoke Forest school cabin built in 2019 for extreme weather conditions and so will not be forced to close.
Specific needs catered for	Children with EHCP or excluded
Geographical areas covered	South Somerset
Age Range	5 to 14
Qualifications offered	Not Applicable

Name of Provider	Holly & Hawthorn CIC
Address	1a Cats Ash, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 5EH
Telephone number	07484 768348
E-mail	smforestschool@yahoo.co.uk
Website	http://hollyhawthorn.org
Summary of services offered	<p>Forest School & Outdoor Education. All ages.</p> <p>Our regular sessions include - forest school sessions for local schools, a weekly parent & toddler group and a school holiday club. In addition, we run an annual adult mental health group and other 'one off' sessions (usually a specific group or specific skill base - traditional craft/bush craft/nature day).</p> <p>Among our work we have run sessions for Children Looked After, Young Carers, small, specialised groups & 1:1 sessions for children excluded from school.</p> <p>Sessions often include skills such as green woodworking, whittling, natural & traditional crafts, bush craft and nature activities as well as play & exploration in a woodland setting.</p>
Specific needs catered for	<p>We work with all ages and aim to get people outside, to encourage development and inspire individuals and groups through positive outdoor experiences.</p> <p>We prefer to work locally as part of our sustainability commitment.</p>
Geographical areas covered	Mendip
Age Range	3 to 11, 19 to 25
Qualifications offered	<p>We are trained to deliver the John Muir Award.</p> <p>https://www.johnmuirtrust.org/john-muir-award</p>

Name of Provider	In The Mix Youth Project
Address	The Hub Centre Hartswell South Street Taunton Somerset TA4 2NE
Telephone number	(01984) 629510
E-mail	info@inthemixproject.org.uk
Website	http://www.inthemixproject.org.uk/
Summary of services offered	ITMP provides professional youth work support and advice to young people, relating to issues prevalent to themselves, their communities and their environment. We provide youth provision based on core youth work principles and values to young people living and working in Somerset and further afield. Our projects provide informal educational activities, and positive opportunities that enhance their learning and personal, social, emotional and professional development, as well as expanding their skills and experiences, boosting self-esteem and confidence whilst promoting teamwork and citizenship.
Specific needs catered for	Employment and Enterprise Alternative Provision Outdoor Education Leadership / Volunteering / Social Action
Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	7 to 25
Qualifications offered	Youth Achievement Awards

Name of Provider	Knights Care Farm LLP
Address	Lower Cotley Farm Fluxton Devon Exeter EX11 1RJ
Telephone number	07958 548009
E-mail	Care@knights-Farm.co.uk
Website	www.knightscarefarm.co.uk
Summary of services offered	A working livestock farm supporting individuals with land- based education
Specific needs catered for	Individuals from 12 + into adulthood. Social and educational needs
Geographical areas	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	11 to 25
Qualifications offered	N/A

Name of Provider	L&F Training Ltd
Address	106 Church Street Highbridge Somerset, TA9 3HW
Telephone number	(01278) 550261
E-mail	info@landftraining.com
Website	https://www.landfeducation.com/
Summary of services offered	<p>L&F Education Support Services' provide services under three headings:</p> <p>1) Behaviour Support Programmes The purpose and aim of the Behaviour and Support Programme is to successfully integrate a student back into mainstream education and our support staff can provide support in school, alongside a package of interventions and activities at a local L&F centre.</p> <p>2) Learning and Support Programmes As part of L&F's range of services specialist tutoring and education coaching service allows school to access additional teaching and learning.</p> <p>3) Alternative Education Provision L & F alternative education provision provides an alternative to school programme that engages with young people and gives them the skills, qualifications, and a Post 16 pathway to enable them to be successful in the transition to the next part of their lives.</p>
Specific needs catered for	<p>Emotional and Behavioural (ADHD, Stress, Trauma, Lack of Confidence)</p> <p>NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)</p> <p>'Pushed Out' Learners</p> <p>Learning Difficulties (e.g., Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia)</p>
Geographical areas	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	11 to 25
Qualifications offered	<p>Personal and Social Development, Wellbeing, Employability</p> <p>Hairdressing, Beauty</p>

Name of Provider	Learn Solutions Ltd
Address	2 Ducketts Wharf, South Street, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, CM23 3AR
Telephone number	(01279) 657193
E-mail	sales@tlclive.com
Website	www.tlclive.com
Summary of services offered	<p>TLC LIVE provide Individualised tutoring sessions, delivered by fully qualified teachers to children in a collaborative, engaging format via our online learning programme. Our service focuses on improving academic engagement and attainment by providing personalised one-on-one support. As such, outcomes are geared towards removing barriers in education and supporting children to re-engage in learning, ultimately leading to attainment of qualifications or entry back into mainstream school. Sessions delivered are designed to target skills gaps identified in the assessment, ultimately working towards larger outcomes such as improving academic ability and enhancing confidence through bespoke learning at a level the student is able to engage with.</p> <p>Our service comprises a range of tools for working towards and monitoring achievement / progress towards outcomes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline assessments to identify their current academic level and initial learning gaps. • Further assessments are usually carried out every 10 lessons to track academic progress, this can be adapted to suit the requirements of the student or customer. • Monitoring of improvements in their behaviour and level of engagement. • Completion of feedback forms by the child and the tutor at the end of each session. • End of intervention assessment to track overall progress.
Specific needs catered for	TLC LIVE support students with a wide range of needs including Anxiety, School Refusers, Behavioural needs, SEND
Geographical areas	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	5 to 18
Qualifications offered	<p>TLC LIVE can provide Level 1 and 2 NCFE qualifications delivered through online tutoring sessions</p> <p>TLC LIVE are able to deliver ASDAN short courses</p> <p>TLC LIVE can provide functional skills examinations with online invigilation</p>

Name of Provider	Make It Education Ltd
Address	Long Sutton Support Centre Cratt Buildings Long Sutton Langport Somerset TA10 9PZ
Telephone number	07957 377756
E-mail	jon@makeiteducation.co.uk
Website	https://www.makeiteducation.co.uk/
Summary of services offered	Make it! supports students with a wide range of educational and behavioural needs. Make it! Uses creative craft projects to teach practical skills, improve self-esteem and develop socio-emotional abilities. We work with small groups and individuals, to support successful outcomes.
Specific needs catered for	Make it! is focussed upon supporting Secondary students at KS3 and KS4 but we are currently working with an older primary pupil and are talking to an organisation about offering some sessions to a 19 year old, so if something outside of what we do is needed.... maybe we can still help.
Geographical areas covered	Mendip Sedgemoor South Somerset Taunton Deane
Age Range	Make it! Is focused upon supporting secondary aged students in KS3 and KS4, but has worked successfully outside this focus group
Qualifications offered	We can offer Arts Award Qualifications and are always happy to collaborate with our partner schools on Art, Design and Vocational Qualifications

Name of Provider	Minehead Eye CIC
Address	Minehead Eye 1A Mart Road Minehead Somerset TA24 5BJ
Telephone number	(01643) 703155
E-mail	paulmatcham@minehead-eye.co.uk
Website	http://mineheadeye.co.uk/
Summary of services offered	Work placements Work experience Mentoring Targeted youth support Supporting pupils with SEN Support for pupils accessing PRU
Specific needs catered for	We work closely with local schools and support organisations. We provide a range of activities connected to sport, art, I.T. hospitality and music. Using our facilities and resources to support individuals and small groups.
Geographical areas covered	West Somerset
Age Range	5 to 25

Name of Provider	National Extension College
Address	Woolpack House 70 High Street, Sawston Cambridgeshire, CB22 3HJ
Telephone number	07393 349682/ (01223) 400210
E-mail	esther.chesterman@nec.ac.uk
Website	https://www.nec.ac.uk/
Summary of services offered	National Extension College is an online distance learning college and education charity. Our self-study, tutor-supported model suits students who cannot access learning in a traditional way. All tutors work online and have QTS and are DBS checked. We deliver our courses on our Learning Management system which has a range of accessibility settings. Our student support team and pastoral officer support students to ensure they progress.
Specific needs catered for	As all learning is asynchronous, students study at their own pace. Tutor interaction is via the learning management system and can be tailored to the students' needs, but in general is written. This supports the progression of learning for students who would struggle with face to face or live online interaction.
Geographical areas	All areas of Somerset (online service)
Age Range	11 to 25
Qualifications offered	The National Extension College has over 30 GCSE, AS and A Level courses as well as Functional Skills in Maths and English and a range of skill certifications from Level 2 to Level 5. Our GCSE and A level programmes are academically robust whilst allowing students the space to study a range of qualifications that may not be available within their school setting, such as Astronomy, Classical Civilisation and History of Art.

Name of Provider	New Chapters Support and Wellbeing Ltd
Address	Penstone Farm Lypiatt Lane Cheddar BS27 3QT
Telephone number	07468 432046
E-mail	Seanmurray@newchapters.info
Website	www.penstonelearningandwellbeing.com
Summary of services offered	Learning centre for 16-25 year olds working towards NCFE qualifications that include functional skills and land-based qualifications
Specific needs catered for	Autism, Learning disabilities and mental health
Geographical areas	Mendip Sedgemoor
Age Range	8 to 25
Qualifications offered	NCFE

Name of Provider	Next Steps Tutors
Address	2 Cleveland Park Northam Bideford Devon EX39 3QH
Telephone number	0330 460 4650
E-mail	hello@nextstepstutors.com
Website	www.nextstepstutors.com
Summary of services offered	We provide tuition services for children from 5-16 who are struggling to access learning in a school setting. Our tuition can take place online or face to face (location dependent) according to the needs of the student. Our academic tutors are all qualified teachers with extensive SEND knowledge and experience. Our learning mentors also have a wealth and wide variety of experience with working with young people.
Specific needs catered for	We support students who are not able to access learning in school for a variety of reasons. This could be as a result of a medical need (both physical and mental) or behavioural. Some of our students are aiming to integrate back into school over a period of time and others are with us longer term, working towards an exam or another end goal
Geographical areas	All areas of Somerset.
Age Range	5- 18
Qualifications offered	GCSEs in English, maths, science, humanities. SATs in all primary school areas

Name of Provider	Nisai Group
Address	Samanvaya Cultural Centre Milton Road Harrow HA1 1XB
Telephone number	(0208) 4248475
E-mail	david.lester@nisai.com
Website	
Summary of services offered	An online school delivering high quality education by qualified teachers. We provide live friendly online class, which is recorded and a supportive learning community offering our students incredible opportunities. In essence, we support learners from Key Stages 3 to 5 and help create pathways to further education and employment through personalized learning. Our goal is to ensure that every student can complete their education and gain accredited academic and vocational qualifications within Functional Skills, GCSEs and A Levels. Our support also covers: Personalised Learning Support Plan (PLSP) - Additional support for students in lessons, help with assignments, or need behavioural or emotional support. Units of Sound – A literacy intervention tool that supports anyone with low levels of literacy by providing credible, affordable interventions for ages eight and above
Specific needs catered for	Learners who have some form of SEND, physical or social, emotional and mental health needs
Geographical areas	All areas of Somerset (online service)
Age Range	11-18
Qualifications offered	We prepare students for GCSE and A Level Examinations as well as certain NOCN qualifications and teacher training CPD certificates

Name of Provider	Project One Alternative Provision Ltd
Address	Putham Farm Putham Lane Minehead Somerset TA24 7AS
Telephone number	07956 391302
E-mail	cwright@project1.org.uk
Website	www.project1.org.uk
Summary of services offered	Providing Specialist educational needs solutions to schools and colleges across Somerset and Devon
Specific needs catered for	ASD, SEMH, Anxiety, ADHD, Trauma, County Lines, SEND, Schizophrenia Any student that cannot access or needs a break from mainstream schooling
Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset We have 3 centres, Exmoor, Taunton and Bridgwater
Age Range	5 to 18
Qualifications offered	We offer a full range of bespoke AQA unit accreditations, IMI (Institute of the motor industry) Qualification and Asdan Qualifications.

Name of Provider	Pyramid Mentoring Ltd
Address	18 Rodborough Way Kingswood Bristol BS15 9YH
Telephone number	07718 985277
E-mail	info@pyramid-mentoring.co.uk
Website	www.pyramid-mentoring.co.uk
Summary of services offered	Pyramid Mentoring provides a high-quality mentoring service that supports clients to achieve person centred goals. With our expertly trained mentors we develop confidence, skills, independence, resilience and positive experiences through a bespoke programme that inspires change to help clients on their journey to reach their potential. Mentoring is a structured, consistent and purposeful relationship between a mentor and a client to provide support, encouragement, guidance and concrete assistance to promote healthy development and effect positive change. Pyramid Mentoring is an organisation that understands the needs of both the commissioning organisations and the client. Pyramid Mentoring is passionate about supporting our clients to achieve agreed outcomes. Pyramid Mentoring understands the need for providing high quality cost effective mentoring services. Pyramid Mentoring has developed an extensive "best in class" training programme to ensure our staff are highly trained and equipped with the skills needed to meet the needs of our clients. Pyramid Mentoring has a thorough safer recruitment process, ensuring all staff have an enhanced DBS. We know that all our clients have different needs, and we match the skill sets of our mentors to best deliver the agreed program for their development.
Specific needs catered for	We have years of experience working with a wide range of YP including ASD, ADHD, Anxiety/ self-esteem, behavioural issues, at risk of PEX, NEET, SEND, Learning Difficulties, Social and emotional, mental health and ACES.
Geographical areas covered	Mendip, Sedgemoor and Taunton Deane
Age Range	5 to 25
Qualifications offered	N/A

Name of Provider	Quantock Outdoor Education
Address	Quantock Outdoor Education Unit 2, Prockters farm Taunton, Somerset, TA2 8QN
Telephone number	(01823) 756100
E-mail	info@quantockedu.co.uk
Website	www.quantockedu.co.uk
Summary of services offered	<p>We deliver outdoor and agricultural programmes to children and young people living in Somerset. Our Programme Coordinators, Mentors and Youth Workers are committed to children & young people. We provide support plans, interventions, activity programmes and outreach support services to students, working closely with schools across Somerset.</p> <p>We are an ASDAN and John Muir Award provider, we encourage our students to connect with and enjoy wild places through our bespoke learning opportunities. We deliver tailored and bespoke project work in or out of school, outdoor activities, forest schools, equine therapeutic activities and much more. All work is recorded and partnership working encouraged to support and share success outcomes, We support SEN Schools, Childrens homes and Foster families with our alternative support and education services.</p>
Specific needs catered for	<p>All young people.</p> <p>We support students in mainstream and special schools</p> <p>SEND</p> <p>Looked After Children</p>
Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	0 to 18
Qualifications offered	<p>ASDAN</p> <p>John Muir Award</p>

Name of Provider	Rama Life CIC
Address	Phoenix @Watergore Farm, South Petherton, TA13 5JQ
Telephone number	(01460) 510042
E-mail	info@ramalife.co.uk
Website	www.ramalife.co.uk
Summary of services offered	<p>Rama Life offer a range of education provisions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative Provision from our rural site at South Petherton (we currently have a focus on supporting primary aged young people) • Academic Home Education sessions covering various subjects of the KS2 and 3 curriculum (with GCSE's coming soon) • Cross-curricular, social and life skill Home Education groups • Youth groups, holiday clubs and family groups <p>Our alternative provision is flexible and bespoke and can be tailored to EHCP aims and outcomes. Our team (including SENCO) produce an ILP and work closely with schools (and family where possible) to deliver sessions that support wellbeing in addition to providing cross-curricular activities. We have a strong outdoors ethos and our site offers opportunities for sports, gardening, basic DIY, crafting and STEM, in addition to academic subjects.</p> <p>The Rama Life team is made up of experienced teachers, youth leaders and other skilled practitioners. We are friendly and approachable, child focused and promote growth mindset.</p> <p>We can support young people 1:1 or in a small group and can sometimes offer TA led sessions on our site. We work with a range of young people with varying neurotypes, abilities and overall need.</p>

	Rama Life is registered on the Ofsted Voluntary and Compulsory childcare registers, have comprehensive policies and our team all have enhanced DBS clearance and safeguarding training.
Specific needs catered for	We are able to support most young people and work with those in and out of school. We have staff members who specialise in Home Education, SEN and wellbeing.
Geographical areas covered	South Somerset Taunton Deane
Age Range	5 to 18
Qualifications offered	We currently offer Duke of Edinburgh Award and are in the process of adding additional qualifications.

Name of Provider	Reach Opportunity Centre
Address	Units 13 & 14 Badgworth Barns Axbridge BS26 2JU
Telephone number	01934 707430
E-mail	office@reachcentre.org.uk
Website	https://www.reachcentre.org.uk/
Summary of services offered	<p>Reach is an innovative, purpose-built day centre for adults with learning disabilities. Set up in 2014, The Reach Centre is dedicated to bringing the highest levels of expertise to support and improve life chances for people with a learning disability. Through its unique approach its aim is to enable people with learning disabilities to reach their potential and to lead a fulfilling and as independent a life as possible. We offer programmes designed and overseen by qualified experienced staff. Programmes individually designed and tailored to meet different individual needs and interests. Use of symbols and strategies to support differing learning styles, with the focus on developing skills for life. Regular meetings to review progress and set targets. We aim to promote Independence, develop personal skills and self-confidence. Learning will be fun and disguised in real life situations whilst continually promoting independence.</p>
Specific needs catered for	Young adults with learning disabilities
Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	19 - 25

Name of Provider	Reach Youth Alternative Education
Address	PO Box 37 Martock Somerset TA12 6WN
Telephone number	07966 281959
E-mail	info@reachyouth.co.uk
Website	https://reachyouth.co.uk/
Summary of services offered	<p>Alternative Education Provision supporting the social and emotional needs of Young People. Our team made of a diverse range of youth workers including ex-students, focus on creating safe connections that promote development.</p> <p>Activities, the outdoors and life skills used as a tool to engage. Non reward / non punishment model. Strong SEMH & SEN support plus safeguarding team.</p>
Specific needs catered for	We support any young people. No thresholds.
Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	6 to 18
Qualifications offered	Food hygiene / First Aid courses can be delivered as part of programme

Name of Provider	Science Boost CIC
Address	The Welsh Mill Hub Park Hill Drive Frome BA11 2LE
Telephone number	07852 946743
E-mail	scienceboostfrome@gmail.com
Website	www.scienceboostfrome.com
Summary of services offered	Online tuition for KS3/KS4 science and A Level Biology. We also provide science activities and workshops
Specific needs catered for	Individual students struggling to access mainstream education or needing additional support with their science studies.
Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	11 to 18
Qualifications offered	N/A

Name of Provider	Shared Earth Learning	Important note – this provider currently does not have capacity to take on children and young people who have not been referred through the Frome Learning Partnership or local schools
Address	16 Woodland Road Frome Somerset BA11 1LE	
Telephone number	07935 068254	
E-mail	sharedearthlearning@gmail.com	
Website	https://www.sharedearthlearning.org	
Summary of services offered	We aim to nurture a love of nature. We offer forest school, outdoor education and wellbeing sessions in Frome and locally: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest school sessions for children struggling to access learning in the more formal (school) environment• Horticulture project for 16–18-year olds• Adult wellbeing sessions• Play rangers for primary school aged children in less affluent areas of our town• Holiday Forest school for local children during the school holidays• Drop-in forest school activities at community events - Community events, such as tree planting events and gardening sessions	
Specific needs catered for	Supporting young people who are ‘at risk’ or struggling to access mainstream education. Engaging with a range of young people and adults, including those with low self-esteem or confidence, those at risk of exclusion, those struggling with mental health issues, with SEN, EBD or physical disabilities. To empower people to develop confidence and skills to take greater advantage of life’s opportunities. Providing opportunities for those that are often under-represented in similar activities	
Geographical areas covered	Mendip	
Age Range	5 to 25	

Name of Provider	SSE Outdoors (Somerset County Council)	
Address	Kilve Court Kilve Quantocks Somerset TA5 1EA	Charterhouse Blagdon Mendips Bristol BS40 7XR
Telephone number	(01278) 741270	
E-mail	SSEOutdoors@somerset.gov.uk	
Website	www.sseoutdoors.co.uk	
Summary of services offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilising outdoor and adventurous activities to support young people's wellbeing and develop grit, resilience and the ability to work with others. • Putting young people at the heart of what we do, young people choose activities, and help plan their progression, which aids engagement and impact. • Integrating our programmes with the aims set by formal education settings; our success is not simply the progress young people make with us, but the ways they utilise this learning back at school/college and progress there. <p>We run programmes with small groups and 1:1 with young people, depending on their needs</p>	
Specific needs catered for	We can adapt our programmes to meet individual specific needs and aim to integrate young people with specific needs into programmes with a mix of other young people where possible	
Geographical areas covered	We cover the whole of Somerset, but our provision is based in Mendip, near Cheddar (Charterhouse); and between Bridgwater and Wilton, north of Taunton (Kilve)	
Age Range	7 years and above	
Qualifications offered	Duke of Edinburgh Award programmes and John Muir Awards.	

Name of Provider	Support Youth UK
Address	Unit 7 Hatters Lane Chipping Edge Estate Chipping Sodbury BS37 6AA
Telephone number	0843 1226361
E-mail	educ@supportyouthuk.com
Website	www.supportyouthuk.com
Summary of services offered	Support Youth UK (SYUK) is an education support service, providing Social, Emotional and Mental Health programmes, professional training and provision development. SYUK are a CPD accredited organisation
Specific needs catered for	SEMH Behaviour intervention Therapeutic provision and support
Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	11 to 18
Qualifications offered	All our professional development training is CPD accredited

Name of Provider	The Equivalent Project CIC
Address	14 Bennett Gardens Frome Somerset BA11 4PB
Telephone number	07432 077200 / 07495 796075
E-mail	info@theequivalentproject.co.uk
Website	www.theequivalentproject.co.uk
Summary of services offered	We offer Equine Facilitated Learning to young people aged 9-25 suffering with their mental health, SEND, challenging behaviour, those who are unable to attend school, social anxiety, as well as for women survivors of trauma and domestic abuse. Sadly due to the rustic facilities, we do not currently offer our services to physically disabled children and adults, but we aim to in the near future.
Specific needs catered for	Our courses are designed to build confidence, trust, mental wellbeing, communication and social skills, team building, as well as other mental health related needs
Geographical areas covered	Mendip South Somerset
Age Range	7-25
Qualifications offered	N/A

Name of Provider	The Heard Therapy
Address	The Heard Therapy c/o Garden Cottage West Lambrook Somerset TA13 5HA
Telephone number	07825 787880
E-mail	theheardtherapy@gmail.com
Website	www.theheardtherapy.co.uk
Summary of services offered	<p>I offer room based, nature and equine assisted therapy programmes for young people aged 12 plus, working with trauma, neurodiversity, LGBTQ+, childhood trauma and attachment.</p> <p>We are running from Spring Term 2023 'The Echo Project ' an equine and nature assisted therapy based, experiential learning programme for 11 to 14 year olds.</p> <p>A 6-week programme for young people who find the school learning environment challenging. Running from 10.00am to 2.30pm on a Tuesday.</p>
Specific needs catered for	Young people who have experienced trauma, neglect, abuse and/or are neurodivergent.
Geographical areas covered	South Somerset Taunton Deane
Age Range	11-25
Qualifications offered	N/A

Name of Provider	The Outdoors Group	
Address	Head Office: Western Lodge Western Road Crediton, Devon EX17 3NH	Address for the woodland where we offer the 1:1 sessions: Wellington TLP Site @ Park Farm Park Lane, Stallards Wellington, Somerset, TA21 9NP
Telephone number	07933 821761	
E-mail	sheridan.couch@outdoorsgroup.co.uk	
Website	https://www.outdoorsgroup.co.uk/	
Summary of services offered	<p>We offer Forest School sessions and outdoor transitional learning 1:1 support which can help learners re-engage by improving mental health, self-confidence, resilience, and self-esteem. It is also proven to build and maintain positive relationships with peers, social groups and trusted adults. We have found that learners gain an ability to access, understand, and appropriately display feelings. Learners also develop coping strategies for behaviour and learning.</p> <p>We also offer Forest School sessions for Home Educated groups of children and we offer Forest School Holiday Clubs.</p>	
Specific needs catered for	We work with young people who have an EHCP and we offer additional support to help overcome behavioural difficulties and support young people with ASC and SEMH needs	
Geographical areas covered	Sedgemoor, South Somerset, Taunton, West Somerset	
Age Range	5 to 18	
Qualifications offered	Forest School Leader Level 1 (ITC) National Outdoor Learning Award	

Name of Provider	Train4All Construction & Engineering Academy
Address	Units 1-4 Jubilee Park Badgers Cross Lane Somerton Somerset TA11 7JF
Telephone number	(01458) 274043
E-mail	cat.godfrey@train4all.co.uk
Website	https://train4all.co.uk/
Summary of services offered	We are a medium sized independent training provider delivering construction-based education programmes for young people and adults through, amongst others, Apprenticeship and Traineeship programmes.
Specific needs catered for	School leavers, key stage 4 transition, hard to reach young people (PRU, YOT, CLA referrals), one to one mentoring to engage young people where mainstream provision does not meet their needs
Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	14 to 25
Qualifications offered	Entry to Level 3 Construction Skills (Bricklaying, Carpentry)

Name of Provider	Tubers
Address	15 Silver Street, Taunton, TA1 3DH
Telephone number	(01823) 213660 Option 1
E-mail	provision@tubers.uk
Website	https://tubers.uk/provision/
Summary of services offered	<p>Tubers Alternative Provision is a welcoming learning environment where young people with additional needs develop professional video production and digital media skills. Each Centre has multiple professional studios where members learn about technical equipment and are able to produce, film and edit videos of varying content in line with a custom-built curriculum.</p> <p>Students learn 1:1 through a 4-stage growth path of skills and video projects, helping improve their feeling of achievement and self-worth as well as their communication and interaction skills with social gaming.</p>
Specific needs catered for	SEMH needs
Geographical areas covered	West Somerset, South Somerset, Taunton Deane, Sedgemoor, Mendip.
Age Range	Key Stage 2 (ages 7-11); Key Stage 3 (ages 11-14); Key Stage 4 (ages 14-16); Key Stage 5 (ages 16-18);
Qualifications offered	N/A

Name of Provider	Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team CIC
Address	c/o 7 Gipsy Lane Warminster Wiltshire BA12 9LR (Postal address only)
Telephone number	(01225) 976405
E-mail	info@wolt.org.uk
Website	www.wolt.org.uk
Summary of services offered	<p>The Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team is a dynamic organisation delivering outdoor learning activities across Wiltshire and surrounding areas with outdoor learning sessions designed to challenge, develop, educate and make the outdoors enjoyable</p> <p>The team has a vast experience of delivering quality programmes for a wide range of ages, abilities, and groups – including mainstream & SEN schools, corporate groups, tourists, and one-to one coaching. The team specialise in working with young people with challenging behaviour and one-to-one coaching. Tuition is also available</p>
Specific needs catered for	The Team has a vast experience of working with students with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties. We have developed a variety of programmes that can be used to meet the needs of the students
Geographical areas covered	Mendip Sedgemoor
Age Range	3 to 25
Qualifications offered	Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Approved Activity Provider for Expeditions and Residentials

Name of Provider	Young Somerset
Address	Unit 2 Suprema Estate Edington, Bridgwater Somerset TA7 9BF
Telephone number	(01278) 722100
E-mail	admin@youngsomerset.org.uk
Website	https://www.youngsomerset.org.uk/
Summary of services offered	<p>Young Somerset is the largest youth work charity in Somerset and our mission is to put young people first.</p> <p>Our aim is to work with young people, encouraging them to take responsibility for themselves and become actively involved in shaping the communities in which they live. Young Somerset works to achieve social and economic outcomes with young people, through the delivery of measurable outputs and outcomes.</p> <p>Young Somerset's Alternative Provision (AP) specifically focuses on four main subject areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation, environment and land-based • Mechanics and light engineering • Hair and beauty • Retail (working in partnership with our retail and youth hub – Bold and Brave, Taunton) <p>AP works in partnership with our Youthwork team, which can deliver supplementary sessions in team building, life skills, sports and games, arts, cooking, and outdoor activities. AP also works closely with our Wellbeing Service which provides early intervention mental health services to young people across Somerset.</p>
Specific needs catered for	Young people struggling with mainstream education and who would benefit from responsive, skills based and more practical forms of education either individually or in small groups. Older young people who are officially classified as NEET

Geographical areas covered	All areas of Somerset
Age Range	11 to 24
Qualifications offered	<p>Entry Level 3 Skills Towards Enabling Progression (Step Up) Car Maintenance</p> <p>Level 1 Awards in Work Preparation (Mechanics and Light Engineering, Land-based Sector, Hair and Beauty)</p> <p>Level 2 Awards in Work Preparation (Mechanics and Light Engineering, Land-based Sector)</p> <p>Arts Awards Bronze and Silver level</p>

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