

Innovation Location



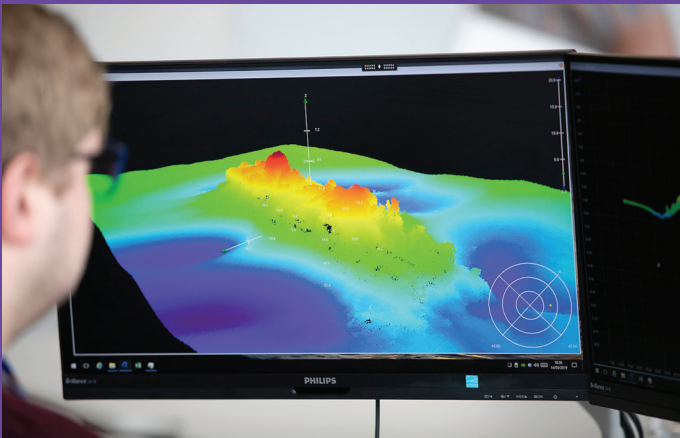
England's most beautiful county attracts people and businesses looking for the optimum balance of future opportunity, stunning environment and exceptional lifestyle. Invest Somerset provides a seamless one-stop shop approach to facilitate more jobs and investment by working closely with potential new and existing businesses.



Innovation in Somerset

Across Somerset you will find a common thread of innovation that unites people and businesses. From global leadership in clean energy and future mobility through to biomanufacturing and the circular economy, our passion for innovative solutions presents major opportunities for collaboration.

We celebrate all of our great innovators, from the aerospace researchers creating a net zero future, to the construction pioneers using the world's largest crane at Europe's biggest engineering project; and from the agri-tech scientists redefining our food and drink capabilities to the digital experts working at the Hydrographic Office.



Centres of Innovation

Business hubs like the **Somerset Energy Innovation Centre** in Bridgwater, are supporting the growing low carbon energy supply chain. The building is BREEAM Excellent, the highest environmental accreditation and is located 5 minutes from Junction 23 of the M5, and just 12 miles from Europe's largest construction project, Hinkley Point C.



A new **Digital Innovation Centre** in Taunton will open in 2023 to provide high-quality accommodation and services to foster innovation, collaboration and growth in Somerset's digital economy.

The **iAero Centre** in Yeovil is at the forefront of research, design and innovation in the aerospace sector. It supports the competitiveness and growth of the aerospace and associated high-value design and engineering technology supply chains. The Centre offers high-quality office, light industrial and collaboration space as well as innovation support services.

The centres provide innovation support to tenants and users, as well as other local SMEs looking to move into the clean energy, aerospace, or digital sector within Somerset.

Connecting Ideas

In 2022, the inaugural **Somerset Innovation Exchange** took place in Taunton. This flagship event brought together people and organisations that seek to connect ideas and develop new ways of working, and attracted entrepreneurs, designers and civic innovators eager to drive Somerset's innovation ambitions.