

Making it Local

Funding for rural businesses and communities in the Blackdown Hills and East Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

It has been very busy start of the year in the office at Making it Local! There has been a great amount of interest in our funding. We have had over 180 project enquires by email and phone, over 100 Initial Project Outlines, 14 Main Grant Applications of which 9 projects have been approved and 11 Small Grant Applications (details of approved projects to be announced soon).

Making it Local Background

Making it Local is a five year grants fund offering up to £100,000 support for projects that make the most of the outstanding landscape and local skills and bring long lasting prosperity and economic benefit to the area. The programme has two funding schemes; the Main Grants Fund (£10,000-£100,000) and the Small Grants Fund (£1,000-£10,000). The Programme area covers East Devon and Blackdown Hills Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The programme will run from 2009 to 2013. Funding of £2.4m has been secured for Making it Local from the Rural Development Programme for England, through the South West Regional Development Agency. Decisions are made locally by a Local Action Group. The Making it Local Team are employed by Devon County Council and are based within the two AONB offices.

Live Projects – 9 Main Grant Projects have been approved up to March 2010

Digital Mentors

Organisation: Cosmic

Location: Whole Making it Local area

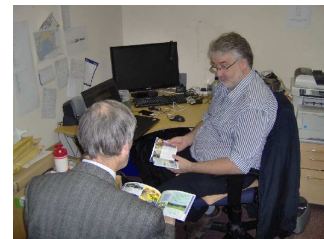
Project Period: Sept 2009 to Sept 2010

Funding Amount: £30,000

Total Project Cost: £65,582

This project aims to provide ICT support to local businesses, organisation and individuals through a network of Digital Mentors.

Website: <http://digitalmentors.ning.com/>



Pilot Forestry Apprenticeships Programme

Organisation: Forestry Commission

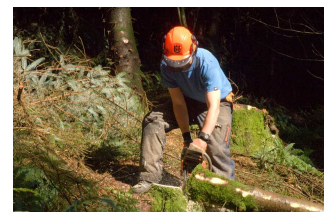
Location: Whole Making it Local area

Project Period: Oct 2009 - Jan 2012

Funding Amount: £98,539

Total Project Cost: £315,051

This project will help to develop a new two year forest apprenticeship for five apprentices in the local area. The apprenticeship will be delivered by the Silvanus Trust and Bicton College and the apprentices will be hosted by the Forestry Commission, Clinton Devon Estates, Forest Fuels Ltd and Kleen Kutt Ltd.



East Budleigh Community Shop

Organisation: East Budleigh Community Shop

Location: East Budleigh, East Devon

Project Period: Sept 2009 to Dec 2009

Funding Amount: £4695



Update March 2009

Total Project Cost: £6708

This project will improve the facilities and promotion of East Budleigh Community Shop.

Website: <http://home.btconnect.com/eastbudleighvillage.org.uk/page3.html>

Building Sustainable Business Networks

Organisation: West Devon BIP

Location: Whole Making it Local area

Project Period: Oct 2009 to Apr 2011

Funding Amount: £77,499

Total Project Cost: £155,000

This project aims to enable businesses to improve their prospects and long term viability by providing support in the workplace. This project will achieve this by delivering business support through a combination of business networks, classes and individual training sessions in local venues.

Website: www.bipwestdevon.biz

Working Our Woodlands

Organisation: Silvanus Trust

Location: Whole Making it Local area

Project Period: Oct 2009 to Sept 2011

Funding Amount: £64,704

Total Project Cost: £76,904

This project aims to improve the woodland economic resource in the Blackdown Hills area. It will work with local woodlands to develop a woodland network, create a database, organise publicity events, develop a woodland quality standard and improve the supply of local wood to local markets.

Website: www.woodbiz.co.uk



Axewoods Development Project

Organisation: English Food and Farming Partnership (EFFP)

Location: East Devon AONB area

Project Period: January – August 2010

Funding Amount: £15,100

Total Project Cost: £21,700

This project aims to create a pilot cooperative organisation for the local community to enable them to access a reliable, local source of Woodfuel, whilst enhancing woodland management in small woodland areas and allowing the community to benefit from interaction with woodland.

Sustainable Shute

Organisation: Shute Community Primary School

Location: Shute

Project Period: February-May 2010

Funding Amount: £23,446

Total Project Cost: £49,592

Shute Community Primary School aims to be a carbon neutral organisation by 2018. This project will help towards achieving this goal by installing 51 solar photovoltaic panels on a currently unused, raised area of land behind the school.

Website: www.shute-primary.devon.sch.uk



Other Recent Making it Local Activities

Market and Coastal Towns and the Rural Hinterlands: 'collaboration' priorities paper

This paper has been produced to help market and coastal towns understand Making it Local priorities and plan their projects. Copies of this paper can be downloaded from our website or by contacting the office for a copy.

Comings and Goings

In April we will be saying goodbye to Jenny Archard, the Making it Local Programme Manager. Jenny has got the programme up and running and is leaving to develop her freelance facilitation work, forest school and bushcraft. Jenny will be replaced by Mel Sealey who has been working for the Renewable Energy 4 Devon (RE4D) programme at Devon County Council. Mel has a long experience in renewable energy and project management.

Upcoming Dates

- 28th April Spring Update Event, funding workshops and Programme Management Group Elections
- 17th May Small Grants and Main Grants Application Deadline
- 19 July Small Grants and Main Grants Application Deadline

For further information about any of the above please email us makingitlocal@devon.gov.uk visit our website www.makingitlocal.org or contact us 01823 680 626

"Making it Local is a locally managed grants scheme in the Blackdown Hills and East Devon AONB areas incorporating funding from the EU, Defra, South West RDA and Leader"

