

Making it Local News

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

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Making it Local is a five year grants fund (2009-2013) offering 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 the East Devon and Blackdown Hills Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



What have we been up to?

To date we have now approved funding for **23 projects**. We have had lots of project enquires and over 170 Initial Project Outline Forms have been submitted. We have received 16 Main Grant Applications of and 21 Small Grant Applications. A total of £588,990 has been allocated to projects since 2009 but we **need more projects to apply because there is over £250,000 to spend this year**. We have also been busy holding free funding workshops and have held 7 workshops to date with over 150 attendees. Coming up soon will be our next grants deadline on **20 September 2010** and more funding workshops in September.

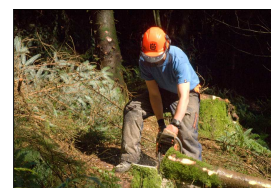
Dates for your Diary



Small and Main Grants Application deadline 12noon	Small grants decision making meeting (£1000-£10,000)	Main grants decision making meeting (£10,000+)
20 th September 2010	2 nd November 2010	16 th November 2010
18 th October 2010	1 st December 2010	14 th December 2010
15 th November 2010	11 th January 2011	18 th January 2011
17 th January 2011	23 rd February 2011	15 th March 2011
14 th March 2011	27 th April 2011	17 th May 2011
16 th May 2011	23 rd June 2011	July 2011

Main Grant Live Projects

- **Making it Local Project Development Workers**
Funding amount: £166,022
Employ two project support officers to help develop project applications and deliver the Making it Local programme aims.
- **Digital Mentors**
Funding Amount: £30,000
Provide ICT support to local businesses, organisation and individuals through a network of Digital Mentors.
- **Pilot Forestry Apprenticeships Programme**
Funding Amount: £98,539
Develop a new two year forestry apprenticeship for five apprentices in the local area
- **Building Sustainable Business Networks**
Funding Amount: £77,499
Enable local businesses to improve their prospects and long term viability by providing support in the workplace. It will achieve this through business networks, classes and individual training sessions.
- **Working Our Woodlands**
Funding Amount: £64,704



Improve the woodland economic resource in the local area by developing a woodland network, creating a database, organising publicity events, developing a woodland quality standard and improving the supply of local wood to local markets.

- **The Otter Brewery Interpretation Centre**

Funding Amount: £24,500

Build a new interpretation centre for the Otter Brewery, which will expand the existing range of facilities for visitor and educational groups.



- **Axewoods Development Project**

Funding Amount: £15,100

Create a pilot cooperative organisation for the local community to enable them to access a reliable, local source of Woodfuel.

- **Sustainable Shute**

Funding Amount: £23,446

Installation of solar photovoltaic panels on a currently unused raised area of land behind the school to enhance children's learning and reduce energy use.



- **Donyatt Village Hall carbon footprint reduction project**

Funding amount: £13,539.78

Reduce the carbon footprint and running costs of Donyatt Village Hall (DVH) to the lowest practical level for an old building.

Small Grant Live Projects

- **East Budleigh Community Shop**

Funding Amount: £4,695

Improve the facilities and promotion of East Budleigh Community Shop.



- **Manor House Forest Garden**

Funding Amount: £5,206.49

Develop a Forest Garden that can be used to train both adults and school groups in the art of Forest Gardening.

- **Yarcombe Jubilee Hall**

Funding Amount: £10,000

Build an extension to increase the storage space in the village hall for community activities.

- **Twenty Estonians and Two AONB's**

Funding Amount: £6,450

Create a short film of the Visit in March-April 2010 by the Local Action Group from Saaremaa in Estonia. The film will be used to promote local businesses, Making it Local and, East Devon and Blackdown Hills AONB's.



- **Neroche Parish Plan**

Funding Amount: £1,500

Carry out a full parish appraisal with the involvement of the local community. Consultation events and meetings will be held and a report produced.

- **Branscombe Village Hall Kitchen Phase 2**

Funding Amount: £3,579.20

Improve the village hall facilities by purchasing new kitchen equipment and cutlery/crockery in order to increase hall usage and make the hall more financially viable.

- **Dalwood Community Shop PV Panels**

Funding amount: £6,081.46

Purchase 12 solar panels to reduce the shop's electricity bill overhead.

- **Taste the Harvest**

Funding Amount: £4,860

Run a local food and farming 2 day event for primary school children and volunteers and create a network of Countryside and Educational Visits Accreditation Scheme trained farmers.



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

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