

# Making it Local News

September 2010

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

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## Supported Projects Update

We have now approved 32 projects, which is a total of £959,000 and have received almost 200 Initial Project Outline enquiries. Four projects have now finished - East Budleigh Village Shop, Twenty Estonians and Two AONB's DVD, Yarcombe Village Hall Extension and Sustainable Shute. The other projects are progressing well. Visit [www.makingitlocal.org](http://www.makingitlocal.org) for more information.

## Renewable Energy Projects

Funding has been approved for three renewable energy projects. These are Dalwood Community Shop, Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre and Shute Primary School, which are installing solar panels to reduce their energy costs. Other projects include the Axewoods woodfuel cooperative group, Working our Woodlands, Donyatt Village Hall Carbon Reduction project and Manor House School Forest Garden.

## Dates for your Diary

- **12<sup>th</sup> October** Making it Local Autumn Update Event and Funding Workshop, Kentisbeare Village Hall
- **18<sup>th</sup> October** Application Deadline
- **21<sup>st</sup> October** Federation of Small Businesses Business Advice Evening at Bicton College
- **15<sup>th</sup> November** Application Deadline

## October Free Funding Workshop

### 12<sup>th</sup> October 3-5pm at Kentisbeare Village Hall

Nicola and Kate, our Development Workers are holding a free 'pre-application' workshop for anyone wishing to apply for some of our funding. Please book a place to discuss your project and find how to fill in an application form. After this workshop you are very welcome to attend the below free Autumn Update Event starting at 6pm.

## Making it Local Autumn Consultative and Advisory Event Update Event

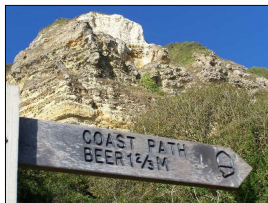
### 12<sup>th</sup> October 6-8pm at Kentisbeare Village Hall

The Making it Local team would like to invite you to our free bi-annual Consultative and Advisory Group (CAG) update event. At this event we will be discussing recent developments including some of the projects we have funded since 2009 and a couple of projects will be presenting on their experience of Making it Local. We will also be holding a short workshop to help develop the 2011 Delivery Plan for the programme.

To book a place please contact [makingitlocal@devon.gov.uk](mailto:makingitlocal@devon.gov.uk) or 01823 680626

## New Development Worker for East Devon area

We would like to welcome Kate Tobin who has just joined the Making it Local team as the East Devon Development Worker replacing Hattie Winter. Kate used to work for East Devon District Council as the Project Coordinator for Axe Estuary Wetlands and Great Trees of East Devon. She has worked in countryside management for several years. Nicola Buckingham is the Blackdown Hills area Development Worker. If you have a project idea please send us an Initial Project Outline form (available from [www.makingitlocal.org](http://www.makingitlocal.org)) and then our Development Workers will contact you to discuss your project further.



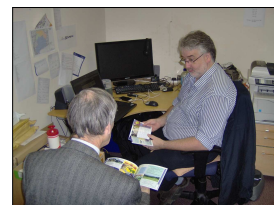
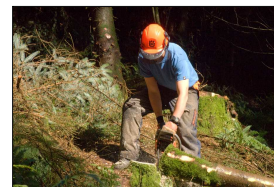
## Join the Consultative and Advisory Group (CAG)

The CAG helps to steer the process for the Programme. It is made up of representatives of organisations and individuals from the Making it Local Programme area and anyone is welcome to join. The group meets twice yearly in the spring and the autumn at our update events. The group provides general advice, helps to develop the Annual Delivery Plan, elects the Programme Management Group and monitors the programme outputs. If you are interested in joining this group please contact us.



## Main Grant Live Projects

- **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.
- **Sustainable Shute** (completed) Funding Amount: £23,446  
Install solar photovoltaic panels to enhance children's learning and reduce energy use.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Working Our Woodlands** Funding Amount: £64,704  
Improve the woodland economic resource in the local area.
- **Pilot Forestry Apprenticeships Programme** Funding Amount: £98,539  
Develop a new two year forestry apprenticeship for five apprentices
- **Digital Mentors** Funding Amount: £30,000  
Provide ICT support to local businesses, organisation and individuals through a network of Digital Mentors.
- **Making it Local Project Development Workers** Funding amount: £166,022  
Employ two project support officers to help develop project applications.



## Small Grant Live Projects

- **Whitford Village Hall Kitchen Upgrade** Funding amount: £9,544  
Improve kitchen facilities to increase usage of hall
- **Promoting Wildside Experience** Funding amount: £1,040  
Develop marketing for local business
- **Beer Cliff** Funding amount: £8,750  
Develop a model of the Beer Cliff to explain local geology and wildlife
- **Dalwood Community Shop PV Panels** Funding amount: £6,081  
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.
- **Branscombe Village Hall Kitchen Phase 2** Funding Amount: £3,579  
Improve the village hall facilities to increase hall usage and make the hall more financially viable.
- **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.
- **Yarcombe Jubilee Hall** (Completed) Funding Amount: £10,000  
Build an extension to increase the storage space for community activities.
- **Manor House Forest Garden** Funding Amount: £5,206  
Develop a Forest Garden to train adults and schools in Forest Gardening.
- **Twenty Estonians and Two AONB's** (Completed) Funding Amount: £6,450  
Create a short film of the Visit in March-April 2010 by the Local Action Group from Saaremaa in Estonia to promote local businesses, Making it Local and, East Devon and Blackdown Hills AONB's.
- **East Budleigh Community Shop** (Completed) Funding Amount: £4,695  
Improve the facilities and promotion of East Budleigh Community Shop.



For further information about any of the above please email us [makingitlocal@devon.gov.uk](mailto:makingitlocal@devon.gov.uk) visit our website [www.makingitlocal.org](http://www.makingitlocal.org) or contact us 01823 680 626

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