

Item 3f Partner Updates

Organisation	Environment South Hams & Environment Agency
Date	14 December 2009
Summary of Progress	<p>ESH has four key outcomes as part of the Community Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage partners to sign up to a Green Travel Plan – we set up a sub-group that met to make recommendations • Encourage allotments (to get the local food, reduced food miles benefits). We hosted a fruitful ESH meeting to map out what we can add value to. This included Tina Henry from Health and Wellbeing theme and Lesley Smith Ivybridge TC. • We received an update on South Hams Public Space Strategy which we keep a watching brief on for the SHSP. • Encourage tree planting as a multi-faceted community activity – to improve community vibrancy, to improve the environment and to help people take physical exercise. <p>Environment Agency has published its 5 year strategy 2010-2015: So what? Paul wants to emphasise that our strategy puts working with the community alongside and key to achieving other key priorities such as helping people adapt to and reduce climate change.</p>
Current / Shared Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We reflected on does ESH truly reach and make a difference for the better for people in the South Hams? We think so and think we can add more value by connecting communities to policy and advice. Similarly with the Environment Agency: to what extent do you feel we work with the community? Feedback welcomed!! Does the SHSP have any resource to support this community connection work? • Tree planting: we took advice from South Hams Tree Warden ranger that we should consider where ESH can add value on tree planting “later rather than sooner”!
SHSP Action Recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green travel plans: Our key recommendation is: Devon County Council, as a primary partner dealing with Work Place Travel Plans, work with the other partners to bolster existing travel plans and look for opportunities for collaborate. • Encourage Local Community Food Growing – this is a

<p>SHSP Action Recommended continued</p>	<p>more accurate title for what we can add value to. It includes allotments. Please see the mind-map below which we produced – have we missed anything, do you want to get involved helping us? Let Paul or Amanda know.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join us in celebrating the continued Safe Access/Greenways work which we in some small way facilitated: Devon County Council interested in rolling out the step by step guide for people elsewhere. 14 local path/cycle route projects in progress across South Hams now including community projects at Berry Pomeroy, Collaton Camp to Newton Ferrers and South Pool Link Path (this one provides a strategic link). South Hams Public Space Strategy: We're halfway through the strategy period 2008-2012. Promoting and improving the quality of public spaces in South Hams. Working with specific groups / projects currently e.g. community gardens in Totnes, Salcombe, Modbury.
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The mind-map below attempts to capture outcomes, activities and facts/barriers connected to Local Community Food Growing:

The story of local food in South Hams - as captured by ESH in November 2009

