

Name of Project	Devon Rural Transport Partnership and Rural Carers Project
Date	17 September 2007
Summary of Progress	<p>Shopmobility Project: Unfortunately, the bid to the Big Lottery Fund was unsuccessful. Despite retaining the funding offered by the Local Transport Plan, the steering group has now declined this offer. Other funding sources (including Devon Renaissance and Clare Milne Trust) are felt unlikely to provide the large match-funding element required to get the project off the ground.</p> <p>The steering group has decided not to pursue the project further; instead offering knowledge, skills and support to any voluntary or community sector group that would like to take the project forward. A press release has been issued and the follow-up media coverage hopes to generate interest from grass-roots level groups.</p> <p>Devon Wheels to Work Project: Funding has been secured to extend the scheme into the South Hams, through SHDC and Devon Renaissance. The project will deliver 32 transport packages, consisting of the loan of a moped, Compulsory Basic Training, personal protective equipment, regular maintenance checks on the moped and support in progressing users towards sustainable transport at the end of the loan period. Since July, 7 transport packages have been provided to South Hams residents.</p> <p>Devon Rural Carers Project: Research for this 2 year Defra funded project, aimed at supporting carers in rural areas of Devon, has now been completed. It focused on the needs of rural carers and how to improve support to them. The research involved questionnaires being sent out to carers (return rate 9.5%), consultations with carer support organisations and carer focus groups.</p> <p>Highlights of the research findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caring responsibilities usually fall on the immediate family and as such the majority of carers live with the cared for. • Carers are often prepared to travel to their local village or town to access support services. Support services outside of these areas are not so readily accessible for rural carers. • Lack of time and not wanting to leave the person being cared for are major issues in preventing carers from accessing support services. • The Post Office, village shop and local pub are used by many carers. These local services are therefore prime targets for identifying carers. They also provide scope for additional support services in rural communities.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was demand for online and telephone support groups and more local support groups. • Over a third of carers gave up work to undertake care. However, only 18% would return to work. Further training and assurance of more flexible working patterns could help carers return to work. <p>The research findings have been used to formulate projects around: marketing, awareness raising and signposting; setting up telephone, online and informal support groups; training to enable carers to return to work and promotion of rural community transport.</p>
<p>Issues for SHSP to consider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do partners know of any voluntary or community sector group who would be interested in taking the Shopmobility project forward? • Could partners provide methods of promoting the Wheels to Work scheme to their clients / users?
<p>Action recommended</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the research finding of the Devon Rural Carers Project.

Name of Project	Community Planning
Date	17 September 2007
Summary of Progress	<p>Community Planning Database: The database is now called 'Communities in Action'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suppliers now appointed. • First design meeting held with suppliers – very positive. • Expect a prototype version to be available for test in September 2007. • Final version expected October /November 2007. <p>Town and Parish Plans: In July 2007, SHSP sent a response to Modbury regarding their Parish Plan. Wembury, Ugborough and Shaugh Prior are all in the early stages of updating their Parish Appraisals with Parish Plans. Bigbury and Ringmore are interested in producing a joint Parish Plan. This is likely to be discussed by both Parish Councils in late 2007.</p> <p>There are now a total of 36 community based planning documents across the South Hams</p>
Issues for SHSP to consider	<p>The 'Communities in Action' database will only be successful if it is useful to as many people/organisations as possible. The SHSP should use it as a source of information strategically and individual partners should use it to inform service delivery.</p>
Action recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners to contact Matthew Bell (matthew.bell@devon.gov.uk) regarding input into the Communities in Action database design process. Input required by middle of October 2007. • To arrange a dedicated meeting on community-led planning to address the future issues of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ongoing support for the process (funding for Parish Plans ends 2008); b. Mainstreaming the outputs of community based plans; c. Designing a process for the above to happen; d. Considering how the Communities in Action database can support the process.

Name of Project	Active South Hams
Date	17 September 2007
Summary of Progress	<p>Physical Activity & Community Sports Network Active South Hams is the first PA & CSN in Devon to adopt a terms of reference and have developed its own Action Plan. The emphasis is on joint partnership projects that bring additional value. It is now possible for projects to bid in for Lottery sports funds.</p> <p>Big Lottery Fund – Play Bid The successful award of a £200,000 Big Lottery grant means that the submitted projects can now start to be delivered, such as the provision of a new skate park in Totnes.</p> <p>Leisure Youth Nights Smaller numbers have been attending during summer, though this has led to high quality youth work for young people. Additional costs for providing the project has now been established.</p> <p>Health Walks The scheme continues with volunteer walk leaders. A bid has been submitted to Age Concern for extra funds to employ a co-ordinator. A walking festival is planned for October 2007 as part of an AONB promotion.</p> <p>Active Schools – College Sports Partnerships Targets for curriculum and out of school activities have been set for 2008 (linked to Devon Local Public Service Agreement).</p> <p>Devon Youth Games Rescheduled to take place in Okehampton, West Devon, Saturday 8 September 2007. Could the South Hams be a possible host for next year, 2008?</p> <p>Sport England / Active Devon County Sports Partnership Links with above are very important for work and projects of Active South Hams. New Regional Plan will be produced in early 2008.</p> <p>Public Open Space Work Meetings across the main towns are being planned to develop future provision. It is important for all partners, local parishes, town councils, schools, clubs etc to be involved.</p>
Issues for SHSP to consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could the South Hams be a possible host for the 2008 Devon Youth Games? • Partner involvement in public open space work.
Action recommended	To continue to support the activities of Active South Hams working group.

Name of Project	Engage Effectively With All Sections Of The Community (networking activities, Community Partnership Forum, website, newsletter etc.)
Date	17 September 2007
Summary of Progress	<p>Consultation activities: Joined-up youth consultation to be held in October 2007, as part of Local Democracy Week (15-21st). SHDC will be consulting on the Council's spending priorities. Work is underway to involve other partners including Police, the PCT and DNPA.</p> <p>Community Partnership Forum: Is to be held on Tuesday 2 October 2007 (10:00-12:30) at the Flavel Centre in Dartmouth. It will have a 'Healthy Communities' theme and will include short presentations from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dartmouth Health Walks Scheme ➤ COOL Recovery (mental health support) ➤ Senior Council for Devon ➤ Devon Rural Network <p>Other:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHSP Autumn 2007 Newsletter is being drafted. • An update on the SHSP was given to the Voluntary Sector Forum on 27 June 2007. <p>Overseas Workers Handbook: A handbook is being prepared for workers based at the Langage Energy Centre, with financial support from the developers (Centrica). Both the CVS and CAB have been involved in design of the handbook and in additional on-site support for workers. If you would like further information on the handbook, please contact Kay or Amanda.</p>
Issues for SHSP to consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do partner organisations have any news they wish to share at the next CPF? • Do partner organisations have any suggestions for the theme / location of the next CPF?
Action recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Kay Kilgallon with any news items for the forthcoming CPF and any suggestions for the following CPF in April 2008. • Forward any articles suitable for the SHSP Winter 2007 Newsletter to Amanda Harvey by Friday 7 December 2007.