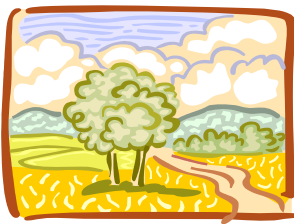




The latest edition of the South Hams Strategic Partnership (SHSP) newsletter is designed to keep you informed on the progress of the South Hams Sustainable Community Strategy and its action plan. We hope you find these short up-dates useful.

The South Hams Sustainable Community Strategy is now available to view online, hosted at [www.southhams.gov.uk](http://www.southhams.gov.uk)

## Working Group Project Updates



### Environment South Hams

This group is looking at ways of providing more joined up support to community led environmental projects including better signposting between appropriate partner funding pots and practical project support. The group intends to use parish and town plans to identify environmental projects that may benefit from partner support

however if you are aware of a community-led environmental project or initiative that is just starting out or is looking for funding to help it develop, the following information may be useful:

**South Hams District Council Community Grant Fund.** This fund can provide up to 50% match funding for new community projects that help to meet a council priority e.g. retaining the districts distinctive environment or maintaining a clean environment. For further information please visit [www.southhams.gov.uk](http://www.southhams.gov.uk) and look for community grants under the Residents/Community section. Alternatively call the Community Development Team on 01803 861234 or e-mail [community@southhams.gov.uk](mailto:community@southhams.gov.uk)

### South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - Sustainable Development Fund.

This grant scheme supports projects that bring social, environmental and economic benefits to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The scheme can provide up to 50% funding to local authority and business projects and 75% funding for not-for-profit and voluntary sector projects. For further information on this fund please visit [www.southdevonaonb.org.uk](http://www.southdevonaonb.org.uk) or contact Liz Davey on 01803 861183 (Tuesday to Thursday).

### Dartmoor National park – Sustainable Development Fund

This fund is open to individuals or organisations from the public, private or voluntary sectors, from within or outside the National Park and can help projects that further Dartmoor National Park Authority's purposes and that are sustainable in terms of economic, social and environmental progress. Further information can be found at [www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk](http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk) or by contacting the Sustainable Development Fund Officer on 01626 832093 or e-mail: [dsdf@dartmoor-npa.gov.uk](mailto:dsdf@dartmoor-npa.gov.uk)

### South Hams Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)

The South Hams CVS exists to help local voluntary organisations, community groups and charities to flourish. They offer free advice and information on a wealth of topics including; finding funding for projects, attracting volunteers via the South Hams Volunteer Centre and legal and management issues. Please visit their website at [www.southhams cvs.org.uk](http://www.southhams cvs.org.uk) for further information or contact them on 01803 862266.



### Affordable Housing

This group has been compiling a database of partner's assets (buildings and land) in and around Totnes to help identify sites that may be suitable for affordable housing development when they are no longer required. The group is encouraging greater involvement of other Registered Social Landlords to help build up a better picture of the land and buildings that they own in the South Hams. The work is linked to the forthcoming Local Development Framework document for Totnes. Other towns will follow in due course.

### Competitive Local Economy

A study has been completed looking at the 'Greening' Totnes Employment Estate. A questionnaire was sent to all the businesses on the estate followed-up with workshop events. Some of the key actions to come out of the study include: a feasibility study into the potential for renewable energy generation on the estate; the establishment of an estate business group to help the businesses form stronger links with the local community; and initiatives to encourage greater use of sustainable travel options onto the estate.



### Active South Hams

The Leisure Youth Nights are now operating across all 4 leisure centres and are proving a success with young people. A further attempt to get young people active and healthy is a new project called 'Step to it'. This has given out Step-o-meters to primary school year 5 classes for a 12 week physical activity project. Fun learning events including healthy eating sessions have been delivered in the schools with parents involved to ensure the messages get home too.

### South Devon Rural Transport Partnership

Unfortunately the SDRTP will cease in March 2007 as funding has come to an end. However, key agencies will be coming together to look at how projects, such as South Hams Shopmobility scheme, can be supported in the future. Our thanks and best wishes go to Zoe Harris, the project coordinator, who has been working with groups in the South Hams over the past 3 years.

## Dates for your diary

What's On	Date and details
Renewable Energy For All Workshops	<b>Sat 14 April, 1.30-5pm, Totnes Civic Hall</b> <b>Sat 28 April, 1.30-5pm, St John's Church, Bridgetown, Totnes</b> <b>Sat 12 May, 1.30-5pm, Totnes Civic Hall</b> <b>Sat 19 May, 10.30am-1pm &amp; 2-5pm, Quayside Leisure Centre, K/bridge</b> For further information please telephone 01803 840683 / 862750
Dartmoor Climate Circle Meeting	<b>Sat 12 May, 10am-2pm, Town Hall, Bovey Tracey</b> Please contact <a href="mailto:info@boveyclimateaction.org.uk">info@boveyclimateaction.org.uk</a> by Fri 4 May if you'd like to attend.

**Gossip on the grapevine...** is that the lottery funding pot – 'Playful Ideas' is undersubscribed. They are seeking to fund projects with a creative and novel approach to play. Check out: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) if you think you may have an eligible project!

**And finally**, thank-you for your support at the recent Community Partnership Forum, it was good to see so many of you turn up. The attendee list was over 60 people, the best it has been for some time! Minutes of the meeting will be available shortly at:

[www.southhams.gov.uk/index/residents\\_index/ksp-community-support/sp-living\\_and\\_residents-community\\_strategic\\_partnership.htm](http://www.southhams.gov.uk/index/residents_index/ksp-community-support/sp-living_and_residents-community_strategic_partnership.htm)

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