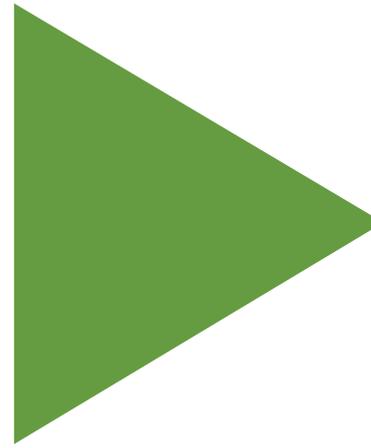




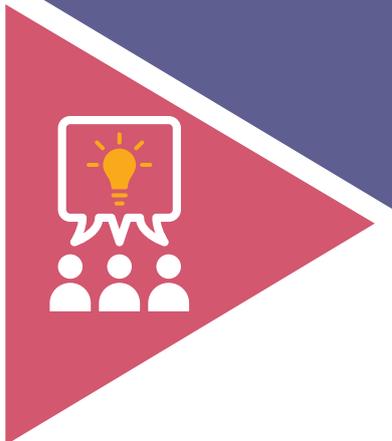
**Devon Communities Together**

helping communities help themselves



**DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL GRANT FUNDING AGREEMENT**

**Q1 REPORT 2018/19**



July 2018

# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



**2495**  
HOUSEHOLD  
HOUSING NEEDS  
SURVEYS

**265**  
MEMBERS OF DCT



**12**  
DALC  
TRAINING/  
NETWORKING  
EVENTS



**15**  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
PLANS



**40**  
RURAL  
BUSINESSES  
SUPPORTED



**2**  
YOUNG PEOPLE  
ACCESSED WORK  
EXPERIENCE



**3**  
ENERGY SAVINGS  
ADVICE TO  
HOUSEHOLDS



**323**  
RURAL  
ENTERPRISE  
HUB MEMBERS



**193** RURAL  
HOUSEHOLDS  
IN DOC



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ANNUAL LOVE  
DEVON MAGAZINE  
AND 2017/18  
IMPACT REPORT



**£4733**  
RESILIENCE  
GRANTS



**28** COMMUNITIES  
AT RESILIENCE  
EVENT



**189** PARTICIPANTS  
AT 15 TRAINING  
& NETWORKING  
EVENTS

SUPPORTED  
**34**  
COMMUNITY  
BUILDINGS AND  
PLAY FACILITIES



## OBJECTIVE

COMMUNITIES HAVE INCREASED CAPABILITY, SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE IN ADDRESSING LOCAL ISSUES



Citizens Advice Devon Benefits System training course

## DEVON COMMUNITY LEARNING ACADEMY

The DCT Training Hub has been rebranded and was relaunched in June as the Devon Community Learning Academy. We ran 15 learning events in Q1 2018/19 with 189 participants, collaborating with 7 external training providers in addition to a further set of external providers as part of our Community Unity project.

We have a 2018/19 partnership agreement with Citizens Advice Devon for exclusive promotion & administration of Citizens Advice training events, as well as partnership agreements with Hub4 (online learning modules), Age UK Devon and Leadership 4 Tomorrow (Chartered Institute of Management accredited Leadership training courses & online modules).

### Courses and events delivered in Q1

- Online Marketing Made Easy, *Anthony Lovell de Souza*
- Community Led Housing, *Devon Communities Together Rural Housing Enablers*
- Disability Awareness, *Living Options Devon*
- Effective Project Management, *Triformis*
- Neighbourhood Planning, *Devon Communities Together*
- Social Media Strategies, *Anthony Lovell de Souza*
- Universal Credit x2, *Citizens Advice Devon*
- GDPR, *COSMIC*
- Personal Independence Payments, *Citizens Advice Devon*
- How to Create a Wordpress Website, *Anthony Lovell de Souza*
- Seated Vitality Training, *Age UK Devon*
- Benefits for Older People, *Citizens Advice Devon*
- Becoming Resilient, *Devon Communities Together*
- Community Connectors Event, *Devon Communities Together*

“Well designed and delivered.”

“Excellent, surpassed expectations - really comprehensive knowledge of the sector.”

“Thank you, increased my confidence to take first steps.”

### New external providers identified in Q1

Creativity Centre • COSMIC • Petroc College • Learn Devon •

Wessex Resolutions CIC • Make Amends • Proud2Be

## OBJECTIVE

### COMMUNITIES BECOME MORE RESOURCEFUL AND RESILIENT



## LOVE DEVON WALK FOR WIDECOMBE

DCT and the Widecombe Village Hall Committee have engaged with the local community via surveys and studies to demonstrate the overwhelming appetite for a new village hall. DCT has:

- Helped secure funding to work with architects on site selection and building design
- Undertaken a Review and Gap Analysis of the feasibility work to ensure investment readiness
- Researched and produced a capital investment and fundraising strategy to move the project forward

The strategy was presented to the Widecombe Steering Group at a public meeting in June

DCT has also chosen Widecombe as our 'community cause' for 2018. We will be raising awareness of the Village Hall project and helping the community to raise funds through a 'Walk for Widecombe' sponsored event on 16th September. There will be a sponsored walk or ride from the Jimmy Frost stables, Buckfastleigh, to Widecombe followed by refreshments, pony rides and family activities.

## COMMUNITY UNITY

A partnership initiative between Devon & Cornwall Police, DCT and local community organisations, Community Unity is an asset-based community development project in Holsworthy, South Molton and Lynton and Lynmouth.

"Community Connector" events have been planned for all three communities to:

- Strengthen relationships within the communities, facilitate communities to act as a team, ready to assist vulnerable community members.
- Empower communities, strengthen relationships with statutory agencies and blue light services and provide training, tools and skills to make them more resilient.

In June the Community Connector event in South Molton brought together 14 local representatives and established a number of new collaborations.

A range of training courses have been scheduled in response to local needs including cyber-security and post-falls care.

A Call for Action in September will focus on a 'Knock for your Neighbour' campaign in each community to encourage neighbourliness between residents, particularly the vulnerable

"The event last night went really well it ran smoothly, was effective and everyone came away feeling very positive indeed." Emma Webber, Senior Coordinator - Citizens in Policing

The logo for Love Devon, featuring the words 'LOVE DEVON' in a white, sans-serif font. The letter 'O' in 'LOVE' is replaced by a stylized heart shape. The logo is set against a dark blue background.

LOVE  
DEVON



## OBJECTIVE

COMMUNITIES BECOME  
ECONOMICALLY  
STRONGER



Rural Enterprise Launchpad Event at Dartmoor Distillery

## EMPOWERING ENTERPRISE

Empowering Enterprise is a unique project to support 18 to 24-year-olds not in education, employment or training. One project partner is working with a young person in East Devon who wants to work in mechanical engineering. DCT, as the employer engagement partner, worked to identify potential opportunities for this youngster, accessible from Honiton. Our officer met with the partner and the young person to fully understand the requirements and, having researched car mechanics and similar businesses in the area accessible by bus, contacted a number of shortlisted potential firms to explore opportunities.

An aircraft engineering firm at Dunkeswell aerodrome offered to meet with the participant and their mentor with a view to a work experience placement and possible extension to an apprenticeship.

## RURAL ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS

The Rural Enterprise Solutions project has been an 18th month programme to encourage and stimulate local rural enterprise by providing access to an online peer networking hub and an innovative package of support to individual budding entrepreneurs, community enterprises and developing rural businesses. Members use this peer-to-peer support group to offer mutual support and advice.

The final element of the programme, delivered throughout this quarter in partnership with the School of Social Entrepreneurs Dartington, was a bespoke training programme attracting 22 entrepreneurs from different business areas such as:

- Media Consultancy
- Marketing
- Hospitality
- Landbased Practises
- Housing
- Health and Wellbeing
- Agriculture
- Education and Training

Participants completed a distance travelled survey pre and post course. Before business planning was the biggest challenge with 81% having no Business encouraged participants to create a plan with the average score (out of 5) for 'I understand how to build on my business plan' increased from 1.6 to 3.9.

*"If it wasn't for the Rural Enterprise Solutions I wouldn't be where I am now and pushing for the dream I want to see become a reality...[It] has helped me iron out my plan and give it life. Thank you"*

22 entrepreneurs  
attended a bespoke  
training programme



*"Thank you for holding such a comfortable and inspiring learning environment."*

**OBJECTIVE**  
COMMUNITIES BECOME  
HEALTHIER, MORE  
VIBRANT AND INCLUSIVE  
WITH IMPROVED  
WELL BEING



Devon Senior Voice members

## DEVON SENIOR VOICE MERGED WITH DCT

On 1st June 2018 DSV became part of DCT through a business transfer, and DCT was pleased to welcome over 1,800 DSV members. Working with DSV volunteers we will develop the network and help the existing branches to grow and thrive. To date we have:

- carried out a successful business transfer
- distributed 2000 newsletters
- carried out a review of the DSV records to ensure compliance with GDPR
- established a programme of meetings with Branch representatives and agreed financial and other procedures
- started the process of re-forming the Ivybridge Branch
- held a workshop to establish a Strategy Group
- offered a range of volunteering opportunities

## RURAL HOUSING IN IDEFORD

The Rural Housing Team has worked with Ideford Parish Council to reassess housing need and identify what opportunities there are in the parish for affordable self-build housing. We supported the parish with:

- Meeting the Parish Council to discuss an action plan
- A public meeting to explore who is in housing need and how to register that need
- Drop-in event to collect details of households in housing need

As a result, 7 households were identified as in affordable housing need, an updated Housing Need Report was produced and an Options Appraisal was presented to the Parish Council.

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identified as  
in affordable  
housing need



**Outcomes:** Increased awareness of the issues of affordable housing with the Ideford community • Empowered the Parish Council • Robust figure of housing need • Well-considered plan of how to proceed with an affordable housing project