



## First Project Goes Live!



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## Our Management Team Needs Help!

Would you like to get involved with the SDCLAG as a member of our Management Team? The Management Team of the SDCLAG brings together a wide range of people with different backgrounds, skills, contacts and relevant programme management expertise. The Team's role is to manage the delivery of the whole programme and crucially make decisions on funding support to projects. The Management Team is currently an unincorporated partnership with their own terms of reference but plans are being developed to see the development of a Community Interest Company. We need five more members who have a broad range of skills and experience, a good geographical spread across the area, and representation from different sectors of the community. The group have particular need for more representation from the Dartmouth/ Kingswear area and Wembury/ Brixton/ Yealmpton area. But all interest will be well received.

New nominations are assessed against the current gaps within the Management Team and appointments made usually on a quarterly cycle. Nomination forms will be acknowledged on receipt and we will indicate when you can expect to receive a decision.

If you want an informal chat before completing a nomination form, or if you have any queries, please contact John Yeoman the chairman of the SDCLAG Management Team

on 01548 561232 or Robin Toogood on tel. 01803 861142 or Judy Alloway on tel. 01548 810692.



The current management team members are drawn from the LAG area and represent a broad range of interests including, public, voluntary and private

sectors. We have professionals, business representatives, officers and members of both the Parishes and District Council. They are as follows: John Yeoman, Alan Stapleton, Tessa de Galleani, Amanda Bloomer, Catherine Middleditch, Gill Claydon, Jill Davies, Judy Alloway, Peter Sandover, Robin Toogood, District Cllr Roger Croad, Sara Downham Lotto, Sue Mackechnie-Jarvis and Tony Watson.



### New project officer appointed

Cathy Heath has joined the South Devon Coastal Local Action Group (SDCLAG) as project development officer to help local communities access the SDCLAG's £1.8 million funding for a range of community, business or environmental projects. Previously working for the Rural Business School, Duchy College and Dartmoor National Park Authority, a partner in a family farming business and a local parish councillor, Cathy has plenty of

experience to offer local community groups and businesses develop their project ideas. Cathy is working for Devon Renaissance who are managing the delivery of the programme. Any community group or local business which considers they have an innovative project idea can contact Cathy Heath who is based in Kingsbridge on 01548 858805 or [cathy@ruraldevon.org](mailto:cathy@ruraldevon.org).

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European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe investing in rural areas

The community-led SDCLAG successfully applied for funding from the Rural Development Programme for England – Local Action for Rural Communities. Local Action, a major part of this EU and Defra-funded programme runs from 2007 to 2013 and aims to support the creation of genuinely sustainable farming, forestry and food sectors.