

Subject Project Proposal to Support Rural Communities in West Somerset
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Dear Parish Council Representatives

Project Proposal to Support Rural Communities in West Somerset

We would like to invite you, as a representative of a Parish Council, to a meeting to discuss this initiative.

The meeting will be held at **Bicknoller Village Hall on Thursday 17th May at 7.30 p.m.**

The project proposal is in two parts:

1. To install Electric-Car Charge Points in a number of villages, for use by residents, visitors and local communities. The charge points would ideally be located near village halls or shops.
2. To investigate the potential for a community-owned Electric-Car Club, that would support use by Community Car Schemes and self-drive by local residents.

The project has emerged from discussions at West Somerset Together, an initiative of Forum 21, that meets monthly to debate ideas for environmental and social progress across West Somerset. A core Project Steering Group has taken the initial steps, including investigation of funding and government grants, and now invites expression of interest from local communities and a wider group of people to move the project forward.

We hope that you will be able to join us on 17th May.

Yours sincerely

Bill Butcher (Co-Convener, West Somerset Together; Director, Forum 21)
Cllr Peter Pilkington (District Councillor, Dunster and Timberscombe)
David Croxton (Chairman, Quantock Eco; Director Forum 21)

Forum 21 is a voluntary, not-for-profit organisation working for a fair and sustainable Western Somerset. Find out more at <http://www.west-somerset-forum21.org.uk/>

West Somerset Together meets on the second Monday of each month at the Kildare Lodge, Townsend Road, Minehead, at 7.30p.m. All are welcome to come along and listen or share ideas.

Subject Quantock Hills Landscape Partnership Scheme
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Dear Ms Stanley,

I've recently started work at the Quantock Hills AONB as Development Officer for the new Landscape Partnership Scheme. LPS are large grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and must cover built and natural heritage, training and education, and community development. They must also be genuine partnerships – they can't be focussed on just one organisation's' agenda.

Like all big HLF schemes, the project comes in two parts – if you get a "Stage 1" pass the lottery funds a development period when the project can be fully worked up, and that's where we are now. I've attached a flier with some more information about the proposal that AONB submitted last year. Apart from the basic need to plan budgets and work programmes, the development phase is also an opportunity to seek new project ideas, modify old ones, and build connections between people, organisations, and communities with an interest in the Scheme.

We'll be submitting the Stage 2 bid, for the money to actually deliver work, in September 2019, so we have a year or so to have lots of conversations and make the project as good as it can be.

I'm writing to all the Parish Councils and Parish Meetings in the area to ask if I could come to a convenient meeting and discuss the project with you, partly just to introduce myself and keep everyone informed but also because some interesting new ideas or contacts often emerge as a result. If you'd be willing to give me a slot in an agenda later this summer or in autumn that would be very helpful – please could you let me know if there is an opportunity.

Thank you very much, and please do get in touch if you have any questions or proposals in the meantime.

Bill Jenman

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