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## Accelerator Case Study

### Thompson Tree Services



**Sector:** Arboricultural Consultancy **Size:** Small **Location:** Derbyshire Dales

Thompson Tree Services is an arboricultural contracting and consultancy company based in Wirksworth, Derbyshire. They offer professional, high quality tree care and vegetation management services throughout the United Kingdom and across all industry sectors.

The business was looking to grow, reduce overheads and cut CO2 output by installing solar panels. It has been working with East Midlands Chamber Business Adviser, Andy Bunn who has supported them in a number of areas through the Accelerator project.

This includes arranging a funded premises energy audit which highlighted where the business could save money and reduce consumption. Andy also helped them successfully apply for the Derbyshire Dales District Council's decarbonisation grant which has enabled them to install the solar panels and reduce their energy costs. These solar panels will provide **98%** of the company's electricity requirements and removes **two tonnes** of greenhouse gases from the environment.

A £25,000 Business Development Grant from the Council has also part-funded a tracked Mobile Elevated Working Platform (MEWP). These are used by the arboricultural teams to provide safe and efficient methods of working, removing the risks posed by putting a climber physically in a tree.



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The MEWP adds to the extensive range of modern, specialised equipment used by the company's team of qualified and experienced staff. Management systems satisfy the requirements of ISO 9001: 2015, ISO 14001: 2015 and ISO 45001: 2018 and the company is accredited by the Arboricultural Association as Approved Contractors for both amenity and utility arboriculture.

### A word from the business:

*"As we continue to secure new contracts and expand our services, the acquisition of the MEWP exemplifies our commitment to remaining at the forefront of the arboricultural sector.*

*We are grateful for the support of Derbyshire Dales, which enables us to further our mission of delivering professional, high-quality tree care services for our clients while prioritising the safety and well-being of our team members."*

**Gary Moorehouse, Commercial Director**

### Accelerator provided:

- Adviser support
- Energy audit

### Derbyshire Dales District Council provided:

- Decarbonisation Grant
- Business Development Grant

### Impact to business:

- Increased turnover by 7%
- Creation of 4 jobs
- Reduced greenhouse gases by two tonnes
- Reduced energy

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