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'In 2022 we were delighted that the government awarded us £2.7m to implement our UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Investment Plan.

This is a 3-year programme of support to help our businesses and communities to

develop and build resilience.

An important key element of our programme is to support Derbyshire Dales businesses with funding and advice to grow and expand through improved productivity, creating and safeguarding jobs, reducing their CO2 emissions and implementing low carbon initiatives. Alongside supporting existing businesses, we are supporting new businesses to begin their journey with expert advice and guidance to add to our valuable business base within Derbyshire Dales.

Another key element is to support local community organisations with grants and advice to support projects which help maintain key rural services and facilities, reduce carbon emissions and boost

volunteering. A vibrant community is important to attract new businesses and maintain and grown existing businesses within the area.

Since 2022 we have been working hard to deliver these outcomes and are pleased to share with you some of the successful stories so far. Matching businesses and communities with the support they need will no doubt act as a springboard for growth in the Derbyshire Dales in future years.'

Councillor Steve Flitter,

Leader, Derbyshire Dales District Council

'The UKSPF funding is welcome support for our town centres to help increase footfall and improve facilities for residents and visitors.'

Councillor Bob Butcher,

Leader, Derbyshire Dales District Council Labour Party

'It is very pleasing to see the UKSPF investment in our businesses and communities supporting the decarbonisation agenda in the Derbyshire Dales.'

Councillor Neil Buttle,

Leader, Derbyshire Dales District Council Green Party

A lasting legacy for business growth and thriving communities...

‘Our 2022 – 2025 Investment Plan with delivery starting in Autumn 2023 includes a wide range of initiatives to benefit businesses and communities in the Derbyshire Dales, including funding for:

- **Rural Innovation Grants** from £2,000 to £40,000 to support business projects costing up to to £150,000. Support to develop projects from our 1:1 free independent locally based adviser. Grants are locally administered from a ring fenced funding pot to cut out unnecessary bureaucracy to ensure they deliver cost effective growth for local businesses.
- **Community Resilience Grants** of up to 80% of the costs for improvements to village facilities and services and projects to enable volunteer opportunities.
- Improvements to the **bus station and market hall** in Matlock – with better access, waiting areas, lighting, information, security and decoration to increase footfall and improve the transportation hub to the wider area.
- The development of a masterplan for **Ashbourne Airfield Business Park**, the biggest commercial and housing development in the Derbyshire Dales.
- Improvements in the facilities at **Hall Leys Park** in Matlock including an extension of the White Peak Loop and updating of the skate park to increase footfall in the town.
- The rejuvenation of **The Meadows** in Wirksworth to provide improved access to the Town Centre, through new pathways, a wild flower meadow, seating, wildlife habitats and flood limitation.
- **Business support and advice** for both new and existing businesses with 1:1 sessions and events taking place across the District working closely with our own Derbyshire Dales Business Adviser and partners.
- **Carbon audits and grants** to reduce business energy costs and the carbon footprint of business within the area.

Business Grants

Thompson Tree Services

www.thompson-treeservices.co.uk

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.

A £25,000 Business Development Grant from Derbyshire Dales District Council has 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.

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.



"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 Moorhouse, Commercial Director

£25,000 Business Development Grant

£67,950 Total Project Cost

The Welcome Team Ltd

www.welcometeam.co.uk



The Welcome Team is a specialist housekeeping, laundry and management service for holiday cottages throughout the Derbyshire Dales.

Previously the company could only offer a laundry hire option for cottage owners (with linens hired from a large commercial company). However it was recognised that many owners wanted to use their own linens and there was a need for a service to launder them. The company researched new premises where they could offer this service.

The requirement was to set up a facility which would be efficient and responsibly managed, providing the ability to wash, dry and iron a large quantity of linens each week. The opening of the new laundry facility in the Old Cheese Factory near Elton is enabling the company to grow in many ways. It can offer a service to more cottage owners, offer more options than previously and has a bigger and better visibility.

"We recognised that we needed to be able to offer a better laundry solution for our clients, but the cost of setting up the right facility was prohibitive. The Business Development Grant has helped us enormously, meaning we have created a professional and energy efficient facility. This is a huge development for our company, and we are so excited to get the new premises at Grange Mill open."

Claire Woodroffe, Director/Owner

£14,272 Business Development Grant

£28,544 Total Project Cost

Alphaweld Ltd

www.alphaweld.co.uk



Alphaweld is a national company based in Calver. A Business Development Grant of £24,254 has enabled the purchase and installation of new lighting and solar panels worth £48,509.

The company offers design, fabrication, installation and mechanical site services for steel structures, structural steelwork, plate work and other materials. It has the capability and facilities to meet the needs of a wide range of clients – ranging from small independent manufacturers to large blue chip companies. Alphaweld holds a number of certifications with British and European standards.

The company wanted to reduce their CO2 emissions, electrical consumption and associated costs. This involved replacing all the florescent fittings in two workshops with LED lighting, plus the installation of solar panels on the roof. The LED lighting has the additional benefit of improving the working environment and the solar panels reduce the company's reliance on the National Grid and fluctuating prices.

"As a fabrication & welding company our industry is a high user of energy and we were keen to find ways to reduce our carbon footprint."

The Business Development Grant has allowed us to purchase solar panels and LED lighting throughout our workshops which wouldn't have otherwise been financially viable."

Gary Grant, Director

£24,254 Business Development Grant

£48,509 Total Project Cost

Business Grants

Brosterfield Engineering Services Ltd

www.peaktractors.co.uk

Brosterfield Engineering Services/Peak Tractors is a small family business which provides services in the agricultural machinery maintenance, quarry equipment, drilling and utilities industries. The company specialises in hydraulic hose and equipment repairs - offering onsite repairs for breakdowns, welding and general engineering.

The £14,252 Business Development Grant has enabled the company to purchase a new CNC Plasma Cutter to provide customers with a fast local service for producing one off special parts.

This latest technology has also allowed them to quote for work at a more competitive price and they have consequently recently won a large contract to make special drill rod baskets for one of the UK's largest drilling companies.



"With the help of this Business Development Grant it has allowed a small local family business to obtain the latest technology to move our business forward into markets we could have only dreamed of."

Jim Styles, Managing Director

£14,252 Business Development Grant

£28,505 Total Project Cost

Igloo Furniture Ltd

www.stantonfurniture.co.uk



The £8,000 Small Business Adaptation Grant was provided for an edge-banding machine – which automates a process previously done by hand. It offers a quantum leap in production speed, condensing four days work into less than one day. This enables an increase in output and turnover to make the business more competitive & productive and able to offer new services locally.

In addition to increased productivity and wages, the machine will facilitate a more diverse range of work, critical to secure employment in a rapidly changing and unpredictable environment.

The purchase has also enabled job retention of an apprentice at a higher living wage and the potential of recruiting another apprentice in the future.

"This assistance will significantly boost productivity, enable retention of staff and secure a living wage in an increasingly competitive business environment. We'll also be able to offer new services currently not available in the Derbyshire Dales."

John Boulton, Director

£8,000 Small Business Adaptation Grant

£10,974 Total Project Cost

Fountain View Bakery



Fountain View Bakery is an artisan bakery based at the Youlgreave Youth Hostel, café and bookshop in the heart of the village. The company bakes its own bread, pastries, cakes and sourdough pizzas. As well catering for visitors to the area, the business has become a natural hub and meeting place for the community.

Prior to the grant the bakery was limited to baking small numbers of sourdough pizzas and using an old and inefficient fridge and freezer. The new fridge, freezer and equipment funded by the £6,685 grant has enabled the bakery to be a lot more efficient.

New ranges of products are planned and the business is planning to employ a new full time chef.

"We bought a new fridge, freezer, trays, mixer and weighing scales. Having all that equipment has helped us massively to bake more efficiently and manage the peaks and troughs of customer demand to avoid waste. Friday Pizza Nights especially are now a lot more manageable. It's made a huge difference to our business."

Colin Trigg, Director

£6,685 Small Business Adaptation Grant

£8,357 Total Project Cost

Business Grants

CEM Solutions (UK) Ltd

www.cemsolutions.co.uk

CEM Solutions Ltd is a national company based in Darley Dale. A Business Development Grant of £17,242 has enabled the purchase of new equipment worth £34,485.

The company services and calibrates instrumentation on industrial sites where there is a legal requirement to continuously monitor emissions to air from a combustion or incineration process.

The new piece of equipment - a 3 Gas Blender - enables CEM's engineers to carry out specific enhanced environmental monitoring tests for current customers and offer the service to a wider market.



"We have been able to purchase a 3 Gas Blender which has increased our service capabilities for emissions monitoring on industrial applications throughout the UK."

Jo Lloyd, Director

£17,242 Business Development Grant

£34,485 Total Project Cost



Cromford Cheese Shop

www.cromfordmillcheeseshop.co.uk



Cromford Cheese Shop (a trading arm of Peak Tor Training) is an independent retailer of local and artisan cheeses. The shop also sells biscuits for cheese, chutneys, pies, local beers and wines, hampers and other gifts.

The £5,423 Small Business Adaptation Grant helped the business to purchase three new energy efficient fridges to enable them to expand the range and quantities of cheeses stocked at the shop.

"Since opening the business in July 2020 we have always looked at expanding our range of local and artisan cheeses but were constrained by fridge space, particularly during peak times. The new fridges will enable us to expand our range and we are excited to be introducing the latest Derbyshire Wakebridge Dairy Ewes cheese – made less than 5 miles from the shop near Crich."

David Gibbs, Director

£5,423 Small Business Adaptation Grant

£6,780 Total Project Cost

A7 Media

www.a7media.co.uk

A7 MEDIA
VIDEO PRODUCTION AGENCY

WWW.A7MEDIA.CO.UK

A7 Media is a video production company based at Ednaston Park near Ashbourne. The company benefitted from a £6,642 Small Business Adaptation Grant which enabled them to purchase additional equipment - cameras, lenses and computer hardware - and employ an additional person.

The additional member of staff has enabled a faster more productive workflow - increasing the company's competitiveness. A quicker turnaround provides the services that clients expect in the time-frames their marketing strategies demand. The new equipment has improved the professional service offered to attract new clients and improve the service to existing customers.

"The grant provided A7 Media Ltd with the funding to purchase additional video and computer equipment and has supported the employment of a new employee for the company."

Alex Severn, Managing Director

£6,642 Small Business Adaptation Grant

£8,303 Total Project Cost

Business Grants

TDP Ltd

www.tdp.co.uk

TDP Ltd is based in Wirksworth, Derbyshire and as a family-based SME has been pioneering sustainable products for more than 30 years. In 2012 the company started to manufacture a range of outdoor furniture made from 100% recycled plastic waste so that it could have a positive impact on people and planet.

A £20,750 Business Growth Grant has helped the company to install a new Dust Extraction Unit. This new equipment has enabled them to keep up with demand, improve production efficiency and develop new products. TDP have invested heavily over the last 3 years and the new extractor was the final part of the jigsaw and has allowed them to free up more time on the machines, to allow for both organic and planned growth.

By supporting the circular economy, TDP keeps resources in the value chain by using profiles made from recycled plastics to manufacture a wide range of products including seats and benches, planters, furniture for children and memorial benches.

Their products have good environmental credentials as well as being strong, durable and maintenance free. They don't require harsh coatings and paints each year and can withstand wear and tear for a



generation. This durability means that the furniture can be used longer, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and can be fully recycled at end of life. So far the business has diverted more than 4,500 tonnes of plastic waste from ending up in landfill or our rivers and oceans, prevented more than 24 million kg of CO₂ from being released into the atmosphere and over 11,250 trees being felled. The company was honoured with the King's Award for Enterprise for Sustainable Development in 2023.

"The help provided by Derbyshire Dales District Council's Economic Development Department was invaluable to us in applying for the grant. This support for our manufacturing sector is very encouraging. We are now looking at further expansion including recruitment to add another member to our busy production team". Rob added, "A big part of our positive impact falls in the realm of sustainability and our carbon emissions. Early indications show that this new dust extractor uses only a third of the energy of the older unit."

Rob Barlow, Managing Director

£20,750 Business Growth Grant

£51,875 Total Project Cost

Israel Newton and Sons Ltd

www.israelnewton.co.uk



The business, run by two brothers, undertakes work on historic steam railway locomotive boilers and associated specialist engineering work. They undertake a complete service – from the smallest repair to the design, manufacture and assembly of an entire steam boiler.

The £3,680 Small Business Adaptation Grant enabled the purchase of an industrial plasma cutter. This is a machine which uses electricity and compressed air to cut metal plates - including materials such as copper and stainless steel which cannot be cut by traditional oxy-propane cutting torches. The new equipment enables the cutting of thick copper boiler plates and saves labour and carbon emissions when cutting steel boiler plates.

"This machine saves us time and effort almost every day and has allowed us to venture into a new business area, supplying bespoke formed copper boiler plates alongside our standard steel boiler plates. This sort of support is invaluable to support our growth as a small business."

John Eastwood, Managing Director

£3,680 Small Business Adaptation Grant

£4,600 Total Project Cost

The Clayrooms

www.theclayrooms.co.uk



The Clayrooms is a pottery studio in Ashbourne offering workshops, courses and memberships. The owners wanted to grow the business by increasing their offsite activities.

A £5,477 grant has enabled them to equip the rear area of the shop. This has enabled the business to make better use of their retail space and stay on the high street. In time they plan to employ a part time member of staff to manage it.

Development of the hub has involved refitting the rear of the shop with shelving, upgrading materials for the additional workshops plus new IT hardware to handle increased volume of bookings and enable the use of professional graphic software. This will facilitate the running of workshops in various hospitality venues (pubs, breweries, cafes etc) a branch of the business which is already seeing growth.

"Pottery@ThePub is growing from strength to strength, we now have approx 20 venues across the region and we are growing!"

Sarah Reed, Owner

£5,477 Small Business Adaptation Grant

£6,847 Total Project Cost

Business Grants

Holdsworth Chocolates

www.holdsworthchocolates.co.uk

Established in Bakewell in 1988, Holdsworth Chocolates is a family-run business which makes high quality chocolates using the finest ingredients sourced both locally and from around the world. With a team of chocolatiers passionate about their products the result is a selection of authentic handmade English chocolates, truffles and creams which are packaged into designer boxes and bags and distributed around the UK and the world.

The grant has enabled the purchase of a large 80/100 litre Planetary Mixer which will enable the manufacturer to produce larger mixes more efficiently. It enables the machines to be fed quicker, thus producing around 3 times more chocolates in a day than previously.

By increasing capacity the company will be able to carry on expanding into the domestic market as well as new international markets. It will have the ability to service more customers whilst not having to extend lead times, thus increasing turnover and hopefully profit. Looking ahead the business will be in a strong position to move to larger premises in the future.

£7,999 Business Adaptation Grant

£9,999 Total Project Cost



"Derbyshire Dales District Council has once again proved its commitment to help SMEs in the Peak District"

David Sharples, Managing Director



XRO Chemical Services Ltd

www.cleaning-chemical-manufacturers.co.uk



Ashbourne-based XRO Chemical Services Ltd formulate and manufacture bespoke 'own label' cleaning chemicals, which are distributed both nationally and internationally. The company supports many industries, including medical, healthcare, engineering, transport, marine, graffiti-removal, agriculture, and food processing.

The £38,458 Business Growth Grant helped the company to install electrics and plumbing for a much improved and efficient production line in new larger premises, to enable both efficiency and growth. Their largest customer was predicting a large increase in sales and to achieve this XRO needed to increase their capacity.

When a larger adjacent property became available, the company felt it would be the ideal opportunity to enable an increase in their sales volumes in a more suitable environment with more energy efficient electrics.

"The grant has proved invaluable in helping us to expand into the new larger premises and in making us more efficient. We are already reaping the benefit with increased turnover and have taken on a further 5 employees, since the production line was installed."

Wendy Greatorex, Director

£38,458 Business Growth Grant

£96,144 Total Project Cost

Lang Architects

www.langarchitects.co.uk



Lang Architects is an RIBA chartered architectural practice based in Matlock. The company undertakes architect and sustainable design services for extensions, new build and conversion projects across Derbyshire.

The £2,000 Small Business Adaptation Grant enabled Clare Lang to complete the Passive House Design course and exam to gain accreditation as a Passive house designer, the first in Derbyshire.

Passive house design creates a low energy building that is efficient, comfortable and affordable. Buildings are so well constructed, insulated and ventilated that they retain heat from the sun and the activities of their occupants, requiring very little additional heating or cooling.

"We now have the knowledge and accreditation to design passive houses whilst also incorporating the principle of low energy design into our other projects."

Clare Lang, Architect

£2,000 Small Business Adaptation Grant

£2,500 Total Project Cost

Business Grants

Longbow Bars and Restaurants Ltd

www.theashfordarms.com

Longbow Bars and Restaurants Ltd is a hospitality company which runs three historic pub hotels in the Derbyshire Dales. A Business Development Grant of £23,070 enabled the purchase of kitchen equipment for the Ashford Arms at Ashford in the Water prior to its reopening in March 2024.

The independently owned company, founded by local Rob Hattersley, took on the lease of the historic 17th century Ashford Arms in 2023. The property had sat empty for four years and following a £1.6m refurbishment the doors have now reopened to offer bars, a restaurant and nine boutique hotel bedrooms – with riverside gardens and eating out areas. The pub is once again an integral part of the community and attracts local residents and visitors to enjoy its hospitality.

The Business Development Grant enabled the company to invest in specialised kitchen equipment essential for handling high volumes of customers efficiently. With the grant, they were able to enhance the kitchen's capabilities to prepare and serve premium quality, fresh meals sourced from local suppliers.

£23,070 Business Development Grant

£46,141 Total Project Cost



"The kitchen grant from Derbyshire Dales District Council has truly transformed our operations at The Ashford Arms. It has provided us with the essential resources and specialist equipment needed to cope with the high demand of customers that the venue has seen. This support has allowed us to consistently deliver high-quality, fresh dishes sourced from our wonderful suppliers, enriching the experience for both our team and our patrons."

Robert Hattersley, Founder/Managing Director



Adventure Expeditions

www.adventure-expeditions.net



Hathersage-based Adventure Expeditions is a not-for-profit outdoor education provider working with a wide range of young people. The outdoors is used as an environment for personal development and growth, particularly for young people moving through adolescence into adulthood.

The company identified a need to diversify their activities following changes in the outdoor industry after the Covid-19 pandemic and rising costs. The project aims to safeguard and expand jobs for the immediate and long-term future and help the stability of their operations. It will reduce the problems associated with seasonality - including cash flow and job retention issues.

The £22,453 Business Development Grant has helped fund the purchase of equipment to use in a variety of year-round outdoor education activities. Also to facilitate a bespoke training/upskilling programme for staff to use the equipment and work with young people who often have specialist or complex needs. Activities such as caving, canoeing and rock-base activities are part of the diversified programme, with funding provided for specialist equipment and clothing - including headlamps, waterproof jackets, harnesses and a canoe trailer.

"This grant has enabled us to not only widen our provision and expand the skills of our team, but to work with young people who have been excluded, or are at risk of exclusion, from school and where the outdoors creates a different learning environment and opportunities to thrive in a different way."

Cat Charlton, Director

£22,453 Business Development Grant

£48,776 Total Project Cost

White Peak Design & Build Ltd

www.wpdb.co.uk



This design and build company has purchased innovative new drone technology with the aid of a £13,663 Business Development Grant.

White Peak Design and Build are a Rowsley based company specialising in high quality timber framed buildings. Projects include annexes and bespoke houses for residential clients as well as holiday pods and lodges for hospitality businesses.

A £13,663 Business Development Grant has helped the company purchase a Matrice 350 RTK drone with a zenmuse L2 Lidar scanner. This technology sends out up to 2.2million lasers a second, records the distance to each point, matching it with an image it takes, and creates a digital map of an area.

The drone and mounted scanner will be used in their own projects and also offered as a stand-alone service available to clients - including architects, engineers, developers and estate managers plus heavy industry operations such as quarrying.

"This new innovative technology will help our business to grow and diversify. Advancing our current services with the adaptation of a new technology improves our resilience and our productivity. Offering this standalone service will develop and extend our business services, increase revenue and profit and help create a new role working with new clients in an emerging sector utilising new cutting-edge technology."

Tim Taylor, Founder

£13,663 Business Development Grant

£27,326 Total Project Cost

Business Grants

Eyam Brewery

www.eyambrewery.com

Eyam Brewery is a local microbrewery that makes beers for supply to the licenced trade and direct to the public.

The company has grown since it opened a real ale shop in the village in 2015, selling local ales and ciders. A couple of years later the brewery was established in a unit next to the shop. It is now based in the neighbouring village of Great Hucklow.

The company had previously marketed their beers in 500/750 glass bottles and wished to appeal to a broader demographic market. In an increasingly challenging market, with rising costs, there was a need to diversify.

A £4,599 Small Business Adaptation Grant helped the purchase of a 1,000 litre Conical Fermenter, a can filler and a can seamer. This has enabled the company to diversify into selling force carbonated beers in cans.

The company's range of beers all relate to Eyam's history as the 'plague village' in the 1660s. The villagers made the decision to limit the spread of the plague by cutting themselves off from the surrounding settlements, thus saving thousands of lives. Beer names such as 'Riley Gold' and 'Ring o' Roses' remind us of this remarkable sacrifice.

£4,599 Small Business Adaptation Grant

£5,699 Total Project Cost



"This will allow us to broaden the appeal of our products from those who enjoy bottled beer to those who prefer canned beer. In turn, we will be able to experiment with more modern styles of beer to attract a different market demographic."

Gervaise Dawson, Owner



Handmade Design

www.handmadedesignashbourne.co.uk



Handmade Design is a specialist gift shop in the market town of Ashbourne. The shop sells unique, handcrafted gifts and supports over 100 other creative small businesses from across the Midlands and the UK. Customers can purchase a wide range of gifts that are sustainable and not mass produced, either in person at the Victoria Square shop or online.

The £6,268 Business Adaptation Grant is for a professional e-commerce website that fully integrates with all the business's existing systems and social media platforms. Search engine optimised to increase traffic to the site, the new design aims to improve the conversion rate from visitors to customers. The investment means that the business's technology and systems can now match the in store shopping experience making it easy and convenient for customers to repeat purchase.

"Receiving a grant from Derbyshire Dales District Council is life changing for my small business. The money we've received will allow me to take my business to the next level by outsourcing a professional ecommerce website. The grant is going to help me to future proof us for years to come – it's truly mind blowing."

Laura Cooper, Owner

£6,268 Business Adaptation Grant

£7,835 Total Project Cost

Independent Hostels Ltd

www.independenthostels.co.uk



Independent Hostels Ltd was founded 32 years ago. This Matlock-based company is a membership organisation which supports a network of over 300 accommodation providers in the hostel and bunkhouse sector. Members are included on the Independent Hostel website, in an annual Guidebook and on social media. In 2022 Independent Hostels Ltd was ranked as the third most ethical booking platform by Ethical Consumer magazine.

The £7.8k Business Development Grant has funded an upgrade to the members' online booking system, allowing bookings for rooms and dorm beds whilst preserving dates further into the future for exclusive use bookings. This specifically developed new software – a Cascading Accommodation Release tool – thus provides additional functionality for the membership and will enable the company to move into new markets.

"We are delighted to have recently been awarded a grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund through Derbyshire Dales District Council so we can push forward with revolutionising how hostel bookings are made."

Our booking system makes it easy for hostels and bunkhouses to take reservations without paying commissions to the large booking platforms. This grant will enable the accommodation to take more last-minute bookings for couples, families and solo travelers and stay economically secure."

Samantha Dalley, Managing Director

£7,840 Business Development Grant

£9,800 Total Project Cost

Community Grants

Hartington Village Hall

www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk

The Village Hall is a community-owned hub which hosts a wide range of activities for residents from the village and surrounding areas. In addition the space is used for events such as concerts, birthday parties and meeting of local organisations. The trustees of the village hall, built in 1924, have recently undertaken improvements to the hall, in particular the bar and kitchen facilities.

The £13.6k Community Resilience Grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund was used to help refurbish the toilet/washrooms that were built around 40 years ago. The existing

sanitaryware and flooring was stripped out and a partition wall removed. New sanitaryware was fitted, walls were panelled, new flooring installed and hygienic warm air hand driers added. Volunteers then redecorated the rooms.



"The Village Hall is an essential community hub and offers so many varied activities. As a result of the Community Resilience Grant we now have first rate, modern toilet/washroom facilities that are accessible to all who use the Hall."

Keith Quine, Chair of the Trustees



£13,600 Community Resilience Grant

£17,103 Total Project Cost

Bakewell Historical Society

www.oldhousemuseum.org.uk



The Bakewell and District Historical Society owns and runs Bakewell Old House Museum, a unique Tudor house overlooking the Wye valley. It tells the story of Bakewell and nearby, engaging visitors to the area as well as local community groups and school groups from across the country. Guided walks and other events are also offered.

Prior to the £11,436 grant being awarded the museum operated with one member of paid staff and around 65 volunteers and opened 5 days a week. With the help of the grant the Society has been able to employ a part-time Museum Assistant, enabling the building to open 7 days a week.

The positive impact was quickly seen - with more people visiting the museum; a better events programme, improvements to the management of the collection and more weekend volunteering opportunities.

"This Community Resilience Grant has been nothing other than transformative for Bakewell Old House Museum. We have increased visitor numbers and the level of engagement, as well as developing how we work with local communities. It has given us the confidence to ensure we can build on this work in the future, and we are very appreciative of the support this grant programme has provided."

Mark Copley, Managing Curator

£11,436 Community Resilience Grant

£14,296 Total Project Cost

Growing Rural Enterprise

www.growingruralenterprise.co.uk



The WELLIES Project offers therapeutic learning activities with animals, plants, creativity and the countryside for people recovering from mental ill health.

The £12,000 Community Resilience Grant has enabled the company to develop staff and volunteer skills including chainsaw training, woodwork, sustainable floristry and crafts – to enable them to pass these skills onto participants.

It has also enabled more volunteers to be involved in the project and helped build the social enterprise aspect.

"We're very pleased to have been awarded this funding as it's paid for training we've wanted to do for some time. It will help us to undertake large scale floristry installations and to adopt floristry practices that are environmentally friendly. The chainsaw and welding training will help us to develop our social enterprise activity."

Julie White, Creative Director

£12,000 Community Resilience Grant

£14,825 Total Project Cost

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