

# UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) 2022-25 and Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) 2023-25 Statistical Report

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## Overview

The delivery of the UKSPF and linked REPF programme adopted a somewhat agile approach to maximise the positive impacts within the area. The projects achieved impactful outputs and outcomes, and generally overdelivered against targets.

The ‘Green Business Grant (GBG)’ supported both businesses and community organisations to invest in green technologies and improve their economic outputs, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 93 tonnes to date and supporting the installation of 4406 m<sup>2</sup> of low or zero carbon energy infrastructure. Although initially approved as part of the REPF Investment Plan, the Rural Broadband Scheme was subsequently refused by Department for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the £150k funding allocation was reallocated to the ‘Rural Green Business Grant’ scheme which enabled investment in a further 34 Rural Teignbridge businesses and organisations. These initiatives are crucial in promoting sustainable development and reducing carbon footprints across the district. All projects have been completed and will continue to deliver longer term outputs and outcomes.

The ‘Teignbridge Arts Project’ was a competitive grants scheme designed to enhance participation in the arts. 32 projects were funded with grants delivering a range of impacts from art murals, workshops and performances to community art events. These projects generated 444 events, involving 9,461 participants, supported 222 volunteer roles, created 58 jobs, and safeguarded 21 roles. Feedback showed positive perceptions of the events and facilities.

The ‘Markets and Town Centres’ programme supported initiatives such as enhancing town centres public realm and tourism opportunities, including building a visitor website and improving safety with the purchase of mobile CCTV. These efforts led to public realm improvements, 13 events, 2 tourism assets upgrades, 10 shop front grants, and 5

neighbourhood safety enhancements. The full impact will be reassessed in 12 months when more data is available.

The ‘Violence Prevention Against Women and Children’ project undertook a collaborative approach to co-designing, co-planning and co-deciding with young people to developing the project. The project had an amazing impact in Teignbridge, engaging with 348 young people and delivering 1:1 and group sessions. As a result of the consultations and research undertaken, the project increased the young people’s safety perception, changes in practice, policy and/or built environment. The project created a youth centre design fully led by young people, where they have been supported to identify progression routes thinking proactively about how to engage with the community and reduce barriers around how they feel they are viewed by adults within that community.

REPF supported a ‘Rural Transport and Connectivity Fund’ which enhanced rural Teignbridge’s transport and active travel routes by offering grants to community led projects. Two projects focused on improving footpaths and cycle routes to make safer and more accessible routes, leading to a 20% increase in users. Another project created a new accessible route to Moretonhampstead, averaging 82 daily users. 2 community transport buses have also been purchased to introduce accessible transport into the rural hinterland.

In conclusion, the programme's impact is significant, contributing to the economic growth and environmental sustainability of Teignbridge.

<b>UKSPF &amp; REPF Overview</b>	
Applications Submitted	276
Grants Awarded	163
<i>Grants Awarded</i>	<i>£1,552,781.39</i>
<i>Non-Grant Funding</i>	<i>£464,827.38</i>
Total Fund Award	£2,017,608.77
Engagement Numbers to Date	16,031
Local Events or Activities Supported	505
Jobs Created	70.5
Jobs Safeguarded	66.7
Volunteer Roles	222

## Green Business Grant (UKSPF & REPF)

- There were three phases of the ‘Green Business Grant’, with each phase taking part in each year of the UKSPF programme
- Phase 1 opened on Thursday 9 February 2023 and closed on 13 March 2023 with all projects completed and grants awarded by 31 March 2023.
- Phase 2 opened to applicants who submitted successful proposals in Phase 1 but were either unable to deliver due to the short timeframe or were unable to proceed as the phase 1 funding had run out. All projects were completed and grants delivered by 31 March 2024.
- Phase 3 opened on Wednesday 19 June 2024 and closed on Monday 3 August, reopening shortly after as there was spend left unallocated. Phase 3 also included an

additional £450,000 from the REPF ‘Rural Communities Fund’. All projects were completed and grants delivered by 31 March 2025.

- Grants of between £2,000 and £25,000 were offered with an intervention rate of 80% for businesses and 100% intervention rate for community organisations and charities.
- In phase 3 the criteria altered slightly to allow grants of up to £20,000 and a maximum grant award of £10,000 for solar panel applications with a 50% intervention rate. This was to ensure that large solar panel applications did not take up all the funding and to encourage more innovative schemes.
- Decarbonisation plans were encouraged to support applications, with 20 funded through a different UKSPF scheme, ‘Business Support for Clean Growth and Diversity’. 9 of these businesses used their decarbonisation plans to support their Green Business Grant applications.
- 140 applications were submitted through all 3 phases of the Green Business Grant. unfortunately, some of the approved applications were not able to complete projects by the project deadline meaning we were unable to proceed with their funding. This resulted in an underspend.
- We worked closely with the ‘DR Company’ who assessed all the Green Business Grant, Rural and Urban applications.
- £170,766.28 was awarded to 16 Green business grant projects within areas (a locally designated) ‘urban’ area (Newton Abbot, Kingsteignton, Teignmouth and Dawlish).
- Projects included investments in solar panels, heat pumps, double glazing / secondary glazing, LED lighting, heat pumps and loft insulations.
- Newton Abbot – 7, Teignmouth – 6, Kingsteignton – 1, Dawlish – 1 and Decoy – 1
- Based on the carbon savings in Phase 1 and Phase 2 it is estimated that at least 90 tonnes of carbon will be saved through the installation of 4,406sqm2 of low or zero carbon infrastructure through this project in year 3.

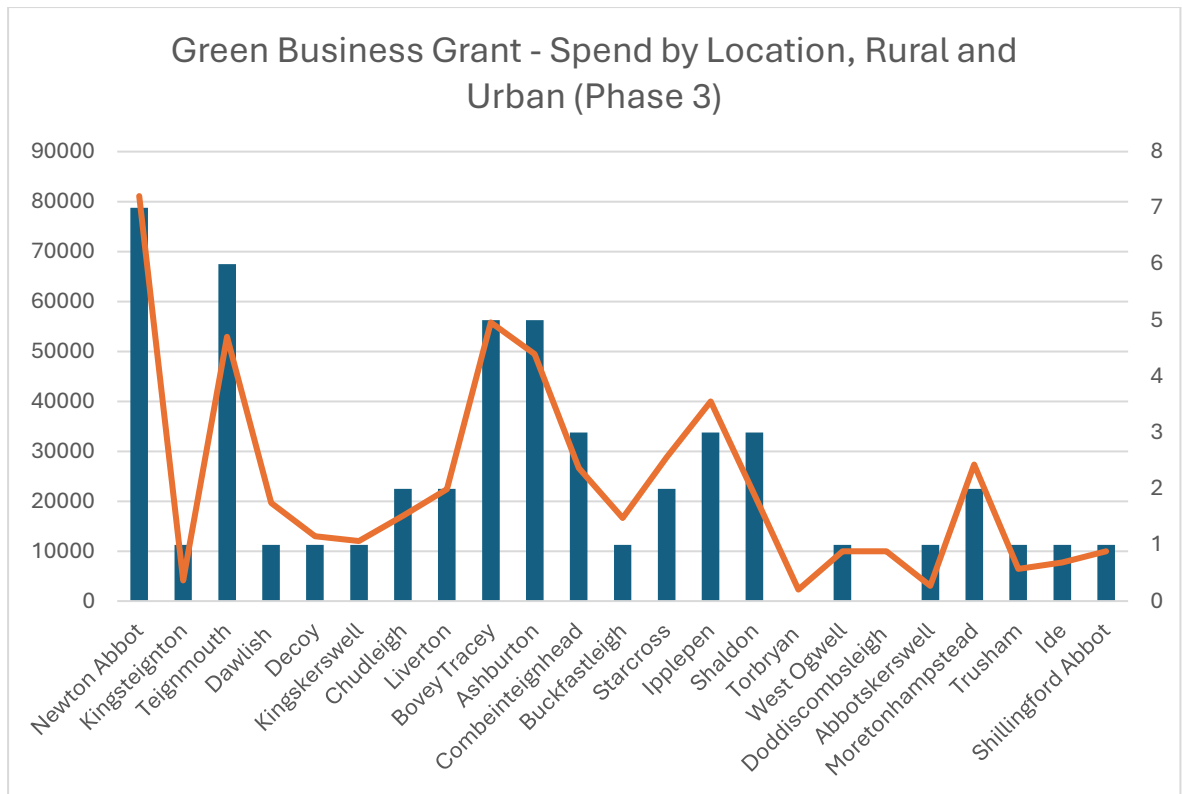
	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Total
<b>UKSPF Specific</b>				
Number of organisations receiving grants	12	14	12	38
Amount of low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed sqm2	2285	693	1428	4406
Number of decarbonisation plans developed	1	0	0	1
Jobs created	5	6	1.5	12.5
jobs safeguarded	23	6.5	4.7	34.2
Greenhouse Gas Carbon (kg)	52546	20848	20538	93932

## Rural Communities and Business Fund (Rural Green Business Grant) (REPF)

- £300,000 was originally allocated to this fund, with an additional £150,000 reallocated from the Rural Transport and Connection Fund when our Broadband Scheme was withdrawn by DEFRA.

- The £450,000 was used to extend the successful UKSPF Green Business Grant scheme to businesses and community organisations within Rural Teignbridge in year 3 only.
- Although the whole of Teignbridge is considered rural for the purpose of REPF, a local urban/rural designation was suggested and agreed by Councillors stating that the monies should be ringfenced to rural areas outside of the main towns of Newton Abbot, Kingsteignton, Teignmouth and Dawlish.
- The ‘Rural Green Business Grant’ opened on Wednesday 19 June with a real push to rural communities and businesses to apply.
- To generate interest and encourage applications from all over the district, digital posters were sent to rural towns, parishes and Dartmoor National Park to display and share on their social media channels. Also advertised through Teignbridge’s Business Newsletter and social media channels, as well as leaflet dropping within Teignbridge’s more rural areas.
- Projects included investments in solar panels, heat pumps, double glazing / secondary glazing, LED lighting, EV charging stations, heat pump tumble dryers and catering equipment.
- The actual carbon reduction will be measured after a 12-month period, however, it is estimated based on the average of Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects of approximately 50 tonnes of carbon being saved through the installation of around 3,500sqm of low / zero carbon infrastructure.

<b>REPF Outcomes and Outputs</b>	
Number of businesses supported	12
Number of farm businesses supported	7
Number of organisations receiving grants	17
Number of facilities supported, created or installed	36
Number of enterprises adopting to the firm technologies or processes	36



## Teignbridge Arts Project (TAP) (UKSPF)

- ‘The Teignbridge Arts’ project (TAP) was a competitive grants scheme aimed at enhancing the opportunities to participate and experience the Arts.
- A volunteer group of local art experts joined to create an ‘Advisory Board’ who helped guide the project.
- We worked closely with ‘DAISI’ an arts consultancy who assessed the applications and worked with applicants and Teignbridge in promoting the scheme.
- The scheme opened on Wednesday 5 June and closed on Friday 21 June 2024.
- 120 applications were received, totalling over £600k of projects
- All applications were assessed and scored against a matrix.
- 32 applications were funded in rural locations across the district. Totalling £260k worth of grant funding.
- Projects included – art murals, various workshops focussing on different methods of arts for local school children and local people. Performances to watch and participate in, improvements to community arts centres and arts exhibitions.
- The projects took place all over the district with many projects taking place in multiple locations including rural settings. For example; Haytor, Teignmouth, Ashburton, Moretonhampstead, Powderham, Bovey Tracey, Teignmouth and Exminster amongst others. Many groups, activities and events were hosted within rural communities.
- The 32 projects generated 444 local events or activities within Teignbridge resulting in 9,461 direct participants.
- The project supported 222 volunteer roles, created 58 jobs and safeguarded 21 roles. Many projects, such as ‘Silver Session’ a music group for over 50’s and ‘Drum Devon - Takio workshops’ have generated such an interest that they are able to continue the sessions after the project and funding has completed.

- Feedback recorded from the events show that an average of 62% recorded the perception of the event being good or very good and 58% recorded that the facilities are good or very good. All events were new and therefore an improved perception was unable to be recorded.
- The Community Tree mural is painted on the side of a building within an entrance point to Newton Abbot town centre. The Artist created the tree with the help of the community and local school children and their words can be seen painted on the branches of the trees. The project has generated a lot of interest in the town centre and created a lot of positive media, footfall will be monitored within the town over the next 12 months to assess the impact.

<b>Outputs and Outcomes</b>	
Number of organisations receiving grants	32
Number of organisations receiving non-financial support	18
Number of local events or activities supported	444
Number of volunteering opportunities supported	222
Jobs created	58
Jobs safeguarded	21.5
Improved perception of facilities / amenities (% increase) Number of people who see it as 'very good'	100% (52% response)
Number of community-led arts, cultural, heritage and creative programmes as a result of support (numerical value)	32
Improved perception of events – the amount of people who perceive the event as good or very good	100% (62% response)
Direct Participants	9461

## Markets and Town Centre Promotion and Coordination (UKSPF)

- This UKSPF scheme encouraged towns to submit projects that would help increase visitor and footfall numbers.
- It was originally agreed that the focus of this scheme would be on 'Markets and Town Centre Promotion and Co-ordination' but after further consultation with the Towns, approval was sought and agreed to extend the parameters to address established local needs and pipeline projects (which met broader UKSPF interventions, outputs and outcomes) and to ensure spend across the district. However, this caused a delay which did have an impact on spend timescale and project delivery.
- 3 towns continued with projects that they began planning in year 2 through feasibility work funded through this fund.
- 8 towns successfully carried out projects such as building a visitor website, improvements to town centres such as new benches and shop front grant schemes. Making town centres more desirable, safer and easier to navigate.
- The projects resulted in 85 public realm improvements, 13 events or activities achieved, 2 tourism culture or heritage assets being improved, 10 businesses receiving grants to

improve their shop fronts and 5 neighbourhood improvements undertaken in the form of improving safety via deployable CCTV cameras.

- Because of the UKSPF spend deadlines, some towns were not able to fully complete all elements of their projects. This has led to an underspend.
- Due to the towns projects only completing towards the end of March 2025, it hasn't been possible to collect all output and outcome data. This data should become available over the next 12 months, when the impact of the improvements can be compared to the baseline data from previous years.

<b>Outputs and Outcomes</b>	
Number of town councils receiving grants	8
Amount of public realm improved	85
Amount of public realm improved sqm	517
Number of people receiving grants	1
Number of local events or activities achieved	
Number of tourism culture or heritage assets created	2
Number of businesses receiving grants	10
Increased visitor numbers	23% (actual figures from March 2026)
Increased footfall	15% (actual figures from March 2026)
Improved perception of facilities / amenities	49% (actual figures from March 2026)

## Business Support for Clean Growth and Diversity (UKSPF)

- The 'Business Support for Clean Growth and Diversity' project was contracted to Libraries Unlimited who ran a series of training and support programmes for businesses.
- The 'Decarbonise your Business' course was attended by 37 and led to a total of 20 decarbonisation plans being completed. These plans were then able to be used to support the 'Green Business Grant' applications.
- Co-working hubs for women were held in Newton Abbot Library providing opportunities to work and network with businesses across the district.
- 'Women in Business', 'Boost your Startup' and 'Advanced Business Boost' programmes were successfully carried out throughout the year.
- 2 further events were run in January looking at 'Finance' and 'Tools to Create New Businesses'.
- A Christmas event was held and attended by 70 people from local businesses to provide further networking opportunities.
- In total this scheme supported 232 businesses.

Attendance of Women in Business Programme	376
Attendees of Boost your Startup Programme	406
Attendees to Date (inc standalone events)	827
Businesses Provided with non-financial support	232
No of women supported	686

No of people living with a disability supported.	83
No of people belonging to an ethnic minority supported	25

## Violence Prevention against Women and Girls (UKSPF)

- The ‘Violence Prevention against Women and Girls’ scheme, later renamed ‘Safer Spaces, Safer Places’ started in year 1 of the programme and continued to deliver until March 2026.
- It was split into two projects; ‘Project 1’ – making town centres feel safer for all and placing young people at the heart of the communities, and ‘Project 2’ – A community approach to addressing Harmful Sexual Behaviour and reducing violence.
- The delivery of the projects involved a collaborative and participatory approach to support the voices and issues experienced by young people. It included a series of online workshops called ‘Let’s Talk’ aimed at parents and carers of young people (teens and pre-teens) and raises awareness of the issues young people face in our communities, whilst offering simple tips and techniques, in school support sessions for young people to access when needed and 1:1 and group sessions for young people to be able to discuss their experiences and concerns.
- Sessions were carried out on healthy / unhealthy relationships, pornography and safe social media, violence and abuse in relationships, consent and balance of power, awareness of support services available. A young women’s voice group was also set up and a Police Training Video produced [Young Devon CA Police Training Video - YouTube](#).

Number of young people engaged with 1:1	14
Number of 1:1 session	49
Number of young people engaged with in groups	334
Number of group sessions	84
Lets Talk – Engagements	4476
Changes being made to increase safety as a result of sessions (changes in practice, policy and or build environment)	4

From these groups the following change have been implemented

- Police training video to address negative stereotypes of young people. This has been created by young people and has been launched with a group of police officers
- A group of girls had concerns over local public toilets that they did not feel safe in due to the doors not starting from the floor. This concern was reported to Teignbridge Council and the physical change to the toilets was in place within 3 weeks.
- Young people identified safe areas within towns. The feedback was reported to the police, which has led to a change in patrol routes and CCTV cameras being moved.
- A need and possible space for a youth centre has been identified and young people are involved in creating the concept and design of the space itself.



<b>Q1 “How safe do you feel?”</b>	<b>Total number of Young People</b>	<b>% feeling safe</b>
Space HSB	71	31.9% Safe 86.1% Not Safe
Space Youth Voice	12	Young people were asked to rate their feelings of safety on a scale of 1 - 10 (1 being not safe, 10 being extremely safe) daytime average 8.5/12 and nighttime average of 6.9/12
Young Devon	12	All but one YP answered ‘Good’ to this question. (More qual info included below)
<b>Q2 Do you feel more able to increase your own safety in the community?</b>	<b>Total number of Young People</b>	<b>% feeling able to increase own safety</b>
Space	71	56.6% Yes 43.4% No
Space youth voice	12	All the young people felt able to identify what they could do if they don’t feel safe  (3/12 felt they were able to help create this change in the community 2/12 didn’t know and 7/12 said no)
Young Devon	12	The majority of YP answered ‘Good’, however 3 YP answered ‘Neutral’.  (More qual info included below)

## Rural Transport and Connection Fund (REPF)

- The ‘Rural Transport and Connectivity Fund’ opened on Wednesday 17 July 2024 for projects that would enhance rural Teignbridge’s transport and active travel routes for the local community.
- We received 5 applications, 4 of which were successful, with all projects benefiting rural towns and villages in Dartmoor National Park (Fingle Bridge, Steps Bridge, Bovey Tracey – Parke and Moretonhampstead).
- The smallest award was £10,197.20 and largest award was £150,000.
- 2 projects with the focus on improving footpaths and cycle routes to make them more accessible and safer for users. It’s estimated from the baseline data that the improvements have meant a 20% increase in users, however, a clearer picture can be seen in early 2026. The quality of work and increased accessibility has been recognised by all users of the paths.

- 1 project focussing on creating a new accessible footpath and cycle route that connects a popular moorland footpath to a safer and more accessible route to the town centre of Moretonhampstead. The new route has resulted in an average of 82 people using the path a day since it opened in March 2025, with users being grateful that they can now walk a direct route to the town or path without having to walk along the busy road without a pavement.
- These 3 schemes have resulted in 3,980m<sup>2</sup> of new or improved and wheelchair accessible footpaths / cycleways.
- 1 project focussing on connecting both residents and visitors of the area in and around Dartmoor by the purchase of 2 community buses. The minibuses will be used to increase the current provision of services to Dartmoor and the rural hinterland. This includes the ring and ride service, minibus hire service, with Dartmoor based coffee mornings and excursions planned. In addition, working in partnership with Dartmoor National Park to transport people onto the moors for leisure activities to reduce the number of cars on the Moor and the associated carbon footprint. It's estimated that the buses will increase engagement numbers by approximately 40%.
- These projects all completed in February – March 2025. Therefore, the outcomes and outputs provided are estimated based on the limited time they have been up and running.
- Overspend monies reallocated from Rural Green Business Grant underspend.

<b>Outputs and Outcomes</b>	
Number of grants	4
Amount of new or improved cycleways or path (m2)	3980
Amount of land made wheelchair accessible or step free (m2)	3980
Increased use of cycleways	Data from Feb 2026
Increased use of facilities or amenities	Data from Feb 2026