

Carbon Action Fund Grant Recipients

The Carbon Action Fund (CAF) provided grant funding to both businesses and community organisations to decarbonise their premises and production processes. Applicants could request up to £50,000, with a 10% match funding commitment from community organisations and a 30% commitment from businesses.

The 28 successful projects are listed below.

Community Organisations

Applicant Name	Grant Award
Axe Valley Swimming Association	£37,007
The Axe Valley Swimming Association runs the Flamingo Pool in Axminster. They received funding to install a smart management system in the pool, add more solar panels to their existing array, and upgrade their LED lighting. This is forecast to reduce their energy usage by 72%.	
Axe Yacht Club	£18,664
Axe Yacht Club received funding to carry out the third stage of their decarbonisation plan by replacing their Calor Gas system with an air source heat pump. They forecast this will save them around £6,000 a year and remove their dependence on gas.	
Axminster Town Council	£43,000
Axminster Town Council received a grant to upgrade the energy efficiency of Axminster Guildhall. Their project includes roof insulation, a solar battery, five heating, ventilation and air conditioning units (HVACs), and new electric radiators. This 'whole building' approach is expected to save them £7,500 a year to reinvest into community projects.	
Budleigh Salterton AFC	£15,000
Budleigh Salterton Amateur Football Club will use their grant to install a 17kW solar panel system and battery. The cost savings realised will support the operation of the club and secure its future.	
Chardstock Community Shop	£9,000
Chardstock Community Shop received funding to install an 8kW solar array with batteries and an inverter on their roof. This will halve their energy bill and support the shop to grow and expand the goods available to residents.	
Gittisham Parish Hall	£16,065
Gittisham Parish Hall's project involves installing an 8kW solar PV system and battery and replacing all current light fixtures with LEDs. This will support their community kitchen project and provide external lighting to make the hall safer at night.	
Honiton Community Spaces (CUB)	£33,981
The Honiton Community Use Building received a grant to support its renovation works, including roof insulation, replacement windows, and solar panels on the roof. This will create a better environment for the ten community groups who regularly use the building.	
Honiton Rugby Club	£15,000
Honiton Rugby Club received a grant to install solar panels and a battery to continue their decarbonisation journey, which has already included installing LEDs	

and insulation. The £3,000 a year savings will be reinvested into improving the junior and ladies provisions.	
Offwell Recreation Ground and Village Hall Charity	£19,463
Offwell Recreation Ground and Village Hall received funding to install solar panels and a battery, which is forecast to save them around £3,000 a year. They plan to reinvest this in insulation and LED lighting to decarbonise further.	
Pippins Community Centre	£3,835
Pippins Community Centre's grant will be used to replace the current lighting with LED fittings and bulbs. This will support their ongoing work offering grassroots support to local community groups.	
Royal British Legion Club West Hill	£26,400
Royal British Legion Club West Hill's grant will go towards an 18kW solar array and battery storage. This will save them around £3,000 a year, with financial savings going towards an EV charge point.	
Seaton Bowling Club	£11,000
Seaton Bowling Club have received a grant to install solar panels and a battery at the club. With the savings, they plan to encourage greater use of the club and promote it as a warm meeting space in the winter months.	
Seaton Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club	£3,629
Seaton Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club will use their funding to upgrade all the lighting in their clubhouse and pavilion to LED lighting and replace their old heaters. They are expecting this will reduce their energy consumption by 30%.	
Sidmouth Hospice at Home	£10,846
Sidmouth Hospice at Home received funding to install a 9kW solar panel system with a 20kW battery. This will save them around £3,400 a year, reducing the running costs of a vital community facility.	
Sidmouth Rugby Football Club	£30,000
Sidmouth Rugby Football Club received a grant to install a 30kW solar PV system with battery storage on its main roof slopes. They predict this will save the club around £4,000 a year and allow them to export excess energy to the grid.	
Whimble History Society	£20,011
Whimble History Society will install a 6kW solar PV system with a 13kW battery at the Whimble Heritage Centre. This will save them around £1,000 a year and support the conservation of their artefacts by reducing the impact of national grid disruptions.	

Businesses

Applicant Name	Grant Award
Alpine Park Cottages	£16,386
Alpine Park Cottages have received a grant to install solar panels on two of their buildings, which power their laundry facilities and EV charger. They forecast this will save them £2,000 a year and help them attract eco-conscious visitors.	
Chilcotts Auctioneers Ltd	£13,624
Chilcotts Auctioneers will use the funding to install solar panels and battery storage on the roof of their Honiton building, as well as installing two EV charge points. This will save them around £6,000 a year and will help them to diversify into providing 'green property clearance' services.	
Cobalt Communication Solutions Ltd	£7,372

Cobalt Communications have already invested in some solar panels and have received a grant to expand this to a 42-panel array. They expect this will save them £2,000 a year and support them on their journey to B-corp status.	
Comfort Linen Ltd	£50,000
Comfort Linen have received a grant to install an Aquatherm filtration system in their industrial laundry in Axminster. This will enable them to recycle a third of their water used, saving 5,000 litres per day and reducing gas consumption by 40%.	
D W Rowe and Sons (Higher Uphay Farm)	£20,000
Higher Uphay Farm, near Axminster, will use their grant to install a 51-panel solar system and 14kW battery to power the dairy parlour and farm buildings. They expect to save £4,000 a year and have made a commitment to expanding tree and hedgerow planting on the farm.	
Gathered and Grown	£8,300
Gathered and Grown received funding for solar panels and battery storage to decarbonise the operation of their herbal tea business. They also plan to purchase an EV charger in preparation to purchase an EV with the financial savings.	
Hamnett House Ltd (Durham House Hotel)	£17,150
Durham House Hotel received a grant to install 10kW solar panels with a 37kW battery. This will see the Beer-based B&B save around £2,600 per year and support its long-term resilience.	
J W Voysey and Sons (Colcombe Abbey Farm)	£32,175
Colcombe Abbey Farm will use their funding to install a 53Kw solar array with a 46kW battery. They are expecting to save £9,000 a year and use the electricity generated to run robotic milking machines, also enabling them to achieve a better rate on their milk.	
Layzell Funeral Services	£14,336
Layzell Funeral Services received a grant to purchase a solar PV array and decarbonise their Honiton funeral home with renewable energy. They are forecasting a £3,500 saving annually from the installation.	
Ramer Ltd	£43,598
Ramer Ltd received funding to install a 117kW solar PV system on their premises in Honiton. These will provide around 1/3 of their annual energy requirements and support their decarbonisation journey, with savings directed towards recycling plant machinery.	
Sidmouth Hotels	£29,008
Sidmouth Hotels ' project involves installing solar panels on three sites owned and operated by the group. This builds on their net zero commitments and is expected to save the business around £5,000 a year.	
Whitehall Farms	£20,181
Whitehall Farms received a grant to place solar PV on their agricultural buildings. They will install a 20kW system with a battery to realise a saving of close to £4,000 a year which will support their high nature value farming operation.	