

Carbon Action Fund 2 Grant Recipients

The Carbon Action Fund 2 (CAF) provided grant funding to both businesses and community organisations to support their decarbonisation projects. Applicants could request up to £30,000, with a minimum 10% match funding commitment from community organisations and a 30% commitment from businesses. The 15 successful projects are listed below.

Community Organisations

| Applicant Name | Grant Award |
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| 1st Sid Vale Scout Group | £7,457 |
| The 1st Sid Vale Scout Group have received a grant to expand their existing solar array and add battery storage. They propose to install 8.9kW of additional solar panelling on the roof of their building to reduce the amount they currently pay for import electricity. This will reduce their carbon emissions by around 2t per year. | |
| Axmouth Village Hall | £23,400 |
| Axmouth Village Hall have received funding to upgrade their building with the installation of new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units and full LED lighting. Their project will reduce operating costs at the hall, whilst creating a more comfortable environment for users. | |
| Exmouth Community College | £25,000 |
| Exmouth Community College will use their grant to convert their existing astroturf floodlights to LED. These pitches are widely used by local community sports groups and booking capacity is close to 100%. This will save them thousands per year, with environmental benefits including a 9t reduction in carbon emissions, reduced light pollution, and the longer lifespan of the LEDs reducing the number of bulbs disposed. | |
| Offwell Recreation Ground and Village Hall Charity | £6,150 |
| Offwell Village Hall plan to replace the existing heating system with smart radiators to make the hall a warmer space. This is expected to save the charity almost £2,000 per year and encourage more users to book the hall, whilst reducing their carbon footprint by 1.5t per year. | |
| Ottery St Mary Bowling Club | £15,000 |
| Ottery St Mary Bowling Club have received a grant to install 30 solar panels and battery storage on their clubhouse roof. They forecast that the project will save them around £3k per year, which they can reinvest in other sustainability measures at the club. The club expect that the project will cut their emissions by 3.5t per year. | |
| Ottery St Mary Cricket Club | £24,000 |
| Ottery St Mary Cricket Club will use their grant to install a 20.9kW solar panel system and battery. The Club is already all electric, so the solar power can be used to run both their space and water heating systems. With the savings, they want to build a new changing room for women and girls to encourage wider participation in cricket. | |
| Royal British Legion Club (West Hill) Ltd | £14,951 |
| The Royal British Legion Club (West Hill) have received a grant for an air sourced heat pump to use the spare capacity generated by their existing solar panels. They anticipate this will reduce their running costs by over £1,000 a year and get them | |

close to net zero emissions for the building, with over 3t of carbon saved per annum.

Whimble Victory Hall | **£10,906**

Whimble Victory Hall's grant will go towards the installation of 12 solar panels and a battery storage system on their south-facing roof. This is part of their project to modernise the hall, and they plan to reinvest the savings on their energy bills into the wider building improvement efforts.

Businesses

Advanced Arboriculture Ltd | **£6,448**

Advanced Arboriculture Ltd is a consultancy firm that specialises in providing expert advice regarding trees in the built environment. They have received a grant to install a 7kW PV array and a 10kWh battery on their offices, which is expected to reduce their building's carbon emissions by over 4t per year.

Mariners Hotel | **£14,918**

Mariners Hotel will use their grant to install solar panels on the roof of their hotel, saving them nearly £5k in energy costs. This will support them to keep their restaurant open year-round for residents. They will also install an EV Charge Point to attract eco-conscious visitors to the hotel, cutting their emissions by almost 4t.

Lower Westwater Farm | **£21,739**

Lower Westwater Farm have received a grant to install solar panels on their dairy farm alongside battery storage. They estimate this will save them around £7,000 a year on their energy bills and improve their resilience amongst fluctuating milk prices. The farm is forecasting a 7t reduction in their carbon emissions per year.

Park Group SW Ltd | **£30,000**

Park Group are a manufacturer and supplier of printed packaging. Their grant will contribute to new solar arrays across four industrial units at Heathpark Industrial Estate in Honiton. This will significantly lower their energy costs and save over 25t of carbon.

Skala Camping Ltd | **£21,310**

Skala Camping operate a caravan park and three holiday cottages in the East Devon countryside. They have received a grant to install a new solar PV and battery storage system on one of the holiday cottages which will serve the park. They estimate this will save the business almost £3,000 a year, whilst promoting the site to tourists looking for more environmentally friendly accommodation options.

Stovesonline Ltd | **£20,000**

Stovesonline Ltd design and supply heating equipment and systems. They have received a grant to install a 156-panel solar array with battery storage on their Dunkeswell unit with the aim of generating a significant surplus to their operational needs. 60% of the revenue from the excess energy will fund the work of Exeter Community Energy (ECO). Their project will save almost 13t per year.

The Blacksmiths Arms | **£13,500**

The Blacksmiths Arms is the village pub of Plymtree. Their grant will be used on a 14kW solar PV system and battery storage, which should produce 95% of their energy requirements. This should halve their on-site emissions and save them £3,000 per year, supporting the rural hospitality business' financial resilience.