

August 2022 District Councillor Report

Somerset Retrofit Accelerator Project

Mendip District Council is part of a cross county project working with the other Somerset Authorities and Glastonbury, Bruton and Frome Town Council aiming to help people increase the energy efficiency of their homes.

As part of the project, they are offering:

- 50 discount retrofit plans are available to homeowners, delivered in partnership with The Centre for Sustainable Energy.
- 30 free training places for those involved in the building trade interested in learning more, delivered in Partnership with The Green Register.

Currently the discount retrofit plans are 25% of their normal price and are nearly all sold out with just 5 left. The training places are also nearly all gone with only 3 spots left. If you know of anyone that might be interested this offer available across Somerset so book now before it's too late!

More information can be found on the Somerset Retrofit Accelerator Webpage.

They have also been running some virtual open homes with homeowners showcasing what they've been up to. To see what we've done so far check out our videos online Somerset Retrofit Accelerator Project - YouTube.

Current funding opportunities

- **The Tree Council are offering funding to plant trees** between £200 - £2000 for schools, community groups and parish/town councils for winter 2022/2023. If you're interested, please get in contact as we're now a member of their Tree Warden Scheme. More information can be found on their website [Branching-Out-Guidance-final.pdf](#) (treecouncil.org.uk)
- **Local School Nature Grants.** Funding of up to £500 towards an assortment of nature equipment such as bird boxes and bee hotels for schools. <https://naturegrants.ltl.org.uk>
- **DWF Foundation.** Funding for registered charities towards a range of areas such as health and wellbeing, environment and sustainability, education etc DWF Foundation | DWF (dwfgroup.com)
- **Morrisons Foundation.** Up to £25,000 to fully fund a wide variety of projects Grant Funding Request | Morrisons Foundation

- **Prince of Wales Charitable Fund**– Funding of up to £5000 for small grants and £15,000 for larger projects focused around themes including Heritage & Conservation, Education, Health & Wellbeing, Social Inclusion, Environment and Countryside. Prince of Wales Charitable Fund
- **Screwfix Foundation** – Grants for improving, repair and maintaining homes and community facilities Screwfix Foundation