

Agenda Item 5

For information – Green and Healthy Future (Lottery funded project) - year one programme update

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Summary

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1. Green and Healthy Future for Frome

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Frome Town Council leads three of seven strands of work in the programme: Healthy Homes, Cycle Together and the evaluation of the programme in partnership with the University of Plymouth.

The G&HF project team recently presented a 1-year update to the National Lottery. In August 2022 the project team will start the process of putting together a bid for continuation funding to scale up the project.

2. Programme update

Appendix 1 is a presentation shared with the Lottery's Climate Action Fund to mark the end of the first year of the programme. [Appendix 1 can be viewed on the website here](#). Highlights include:

- The project is saving nearly 200 tonnes of CO₂e per year (equivalent to taking 95 cars off the road for a year) the ambition is to scale this up in year 2
- 40 participants have taken part in the Cycle Together E-bike trial scheme run by Frome Town Council in partnership with Pronto; this has included 42 hours of cycle confidence classes to date. Participants have cycled 1283 miles so far.
- 150 people have received energy advice from the Centre for Sustainable Energy through the Healthy Homes project via monthly drop-ins in the town centre & ASDA; 647 letters and 381 texts have been sent to at-risk patients by Frome Medical Practice
- We have seen 130 referrals to the Centre for Sustainable Energy in Frome since the project began in July - double during the same period in the previous year.

- 120 Green Community Connectors have been trained via in-person and online training sessions to date
- As part of the evaluation project a baseline town-wide survey had 300 participants giving a good sample size for follow up on social and environmental factors.

3. Project development

Frome Town Council's focus for the next year will include supporting a bid for continuation funding and continuing to develop the strands we lead on, including:

- Skilling up people in Frome to provide energy advice so we can have our own, Frome-based energy advice hub
- Exploring the possibility of expanding our fleet of E-bikes
- Ethical approval of qualitative evaluation plan from University of Plymouth