

Table of new zero/ carbon reduction support for business - Jan 2022

Geography/ Organisation	Detail
National:	
BEIS	<p>Business Climate Leaders toolkit- a toolkit for small and medium sized businesses to support the Business Climate Leaders campaign.</p> <p>The Business Climate Leaders campaign is the latest phase of the government’s UK-wide Together For Our Planet campaign, Together for Our Planet digital toolkit which is encouraging everyone, including small businesses, to cut carbon emissions and help the UK get to net zero by 2050.</p> <p>Signing up to the official SME Climate Commitment means small businesses will get access to resources and promotional materials to publicise their pledge, so they can show prospective customers evidence of their climate credentials. They will also be included on the UK Business Climate Hub’s list of businesses who have signed up and have the chance to feature in the campaign.</p> <p>Calling all small businesses to lead the charge to net zero - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) page detailing pledge</p> <p>The SME Climate Hub The SME Climate Hub highlights a number of resources that are available to support the reporting and reduction of carbon emissions. Their business playbook also contains lots of useful information around carbon monitoring and reduction. Additionally, further resources are made available if you commit to their pledge of achieving net zero by 2050. Home - SME Climate hub</p>
	<p>BSI’s <i>Little Book of Net Zero</i> The British Standards Institution’s Little Book of Net Zero explains how important it is to make a net zero pledge and identifies barriers you may face in meeting this pledge, while setting out advice on how to overcome these.</p>

	<p>Download Little Book of Net Zero (bsigroup.com)</p> <p>Zero Carbon Business A collection of resources and support for small business working towards becoming net zero Zero Carbon Business - Become a net zero business</p>
Carbon trust	<p>The Carbon Trust works with organisations to support their net zero journey. Offers advice, foot-printing, assurance, guidance, and other resources They have a large number of free resources that help to explain the process of calculating carbon emissions, outline the process of reporting emissions and explain how to develop plans to reduce emissions.</p> <p>Resources The Carbon Trust</p> <p>SME Carbon Footprint Calculator The Carbon Trust</p>
B-corps	<p>We are B Corps Certified B Corporation- certification that guarantees that a business is measuring its environmental and social impact. Scores are published online to ensure transparency.</p>
Other	<p>British Chambers of Commerce- Welcome to the Net Zero Hub (britishchambers.org.uk)</p> <p>Race to zero- 1.5C-Business-Playbook-v1.1.1.pdf.pdf (exponentialroadmap.org)- helping business to prepare and reduce emissions.</p> <p>Netzero Scape – public sector partnership helping to develop projects that leave a sustainable legacy.</p> <p>Business Climate Leaders campaign stakeholder toolkit - Together For Our Planet - Together For Our Planet - stakeholder toolkit (frontify.com)</p> <p>Carbon Literacy training for Elected Members and Officers- Carbon Literacy (climateguide.co.uk)/ Local Authorities - The Carbon Literacy Project</p> <p>Planet Mark run a sustainability workshop for small businesses which gets them going and gives them an accreditation for their website</p>

[Target 2030](#) gives an energy audit and then up to 30% grant to help with making changes.

WRAP – www.wrap.org.uk - Provides advice, guidance, roadmaps, and sources of finance to help deliver practical solutions to improve resource efficiency

Energy Systems Catapult - [Homepage - Energy Systems Catapult](#) set up to accelerate the transformation of the UK's energy system and ensure UK businesses and consumers capture Farming Investment Fund – provides grants to improve productivity and bring environmental benefits.

Igniteenergy- [Net Zero Strategy: How To Make Your Business Carbon Neutral \(igniteenergy.co.uk\)](#) -useful page outlining terms and ideas

www.cat.org.uk – an educational charity who advise/ educate on positive solutions for environmental change and achieving net zero- open to all

Championing the Farmed Environment- support and advice for farmers- <https://www.cfeonline.org.uk/home/>

Zero Carbon Forum's Net Zero Roadmap- A useful guide for those in the Brewing and Hospitality Sector on working towards net zero
<https://zerocarbonforum.com>






[SME support \(broadwayinitiative.org.uk\)](#) and their www.zerocarbonbusiness.uk


Funding:

[Find funding to help your business become greener - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Industrial Energy Transformation Fund (IETF) Phase 2: Autumn 2021 - provides grant funding for feasibility and engineering studies, and for the deployment of industrial energy efficiency and deep decarbonisation projects – Open until December 2021 - [Industrial Energy Transformation Fund \(IETF\) Phase 2: Autumn 2021 - how to apply - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

	<p>Plug-in car grants - reduces purchase prices for eligible pure electric cars by £2,500 (up to £35,000 purchase price). Low-emission vehicles eligible for a plug-in grant - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>Plug in van grants – reduces purchase prices by up to £6,000 for eligible vehicles. Low-emission vehicles eligible for a plug-in grant - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>Workplace charging scheme – offers up to £350 per charging socket for up to 40 sockets. Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) https://www.edfenergy.com/electric-cars/government-grants</p> <p>Electric vehicle home charging scheme - up £350 for installing a charge point at home, if the driver has off-street parking. Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</p> <p>Grants for goods- for social enterprises that have an average annual income of less than £50,000 Grants for Good – Matthew Good Foundation (Reg Charity 1143550)</p> <p>Green Business Fund The Carbon Trust –no current funding available just to keep our eye on it</p>
HotSW footprint	
	<p>https://heartofswlep.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/HotSW-LEP-Blueprint-for-Clean-Growth-Final.pdf</p> <p>South West Energy Hub - www.swenergyhub.org.uk helps public sector and not-for-profit organisations establish green energy projects</p> <p>BBFA partnership have a sub group looking how to support businesses become more sustainable.</p> <p>The Government Green Homes Grants Phase 2 (LAD2) is being delivered by Eon and Happy Energy Solutions in the Heart of the South West. A total of £13.2 million in grant funding for domestic energy efficiency improvements, to tackle fuel poverty and reduce carbon emissions, for residents in Devon and Somerset and this funding must be spent before</p>

	<p>the end of March 2022. Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery scheme, Phase 2: funding allocated to Local Energy Hubs - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).</p>
Growth Hub	<p>Heart of the South West Growth Hub Environment pages for live schemes, guidance and tools, and links for further support.</p> <p>Thrive- new support programme for the self-employed and small to medium size enterprises (SMEs), offering up to 12 hours of tailor-made support that will enable businesses to improve and grow. Thrive is part funded by ERDF and is completely free. Businesses can register here https://www.heartofswgrowthhub.co.uk/business-support-programmes/thrive/ Enrolled businesses will be able to access 1-2-1 support, webinars and specialist support around topics such as digital skills, finance, marketing, HR, business planning and more.</p>
FSB	<p>Resources for businesses to start to become a net zero business: sustainability hub on the FSB website: - https://www.fsb.org.uk/campaign/small-business-sustainability-hub.html</p> <p>Ten steps to net zero for small businesses Green Growth from Business Growth Hub (green-growth.org.uk)</p> <p>Sustainability and net zero support for small businesses FSB FSB, The Federation of Small Businesses</p> <p>Have regular events- www.fsb.org.uk link to recent net zero event here: https://www.fsb.org.uk/resources-page/fsb-small-business-virtual-conference.html</p> <p>Webinar-FSB South West: What is Net Zero and why is it important to my SME business? 9 September -Slides from event:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  FSB Net Zero Event - Reynold Leming - Thewebinar 9.9.21 - why </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  FSB Net Zero </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Matt Hocking Leap FSB Net Zero.pdf </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  SWRegionNetZeroAg endaplus-090921.ppt </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  What is Net Zero SMEs FSB.pdf </div> </div> <p>New report has some recommendations - https://www.fsb.org.uk/resource-report/accelerating-progress.html.</p>

	Survey results - https://firstvoice.fsb.org.uk/first-voice/south-west-smes-not-yet-prepared-for-net-zero-challenge.html
SWMAS	<p>Make it net zero A support program for SME manufactures that offers advice and guidance about the journey to net zero (all businesses eligible) Make it Net Zero SWMAS Open to all businesses - look to support companies to baseline their current performance, commit to Net Zero by either 2030, 2040 or before and start improving in line with their commitments Can support all sectors at the moment across HoSW but with limited support for primary agriculture due to the nature of the funding) Make it Net Zero - Expression of Interest (swmas.co.uk)</p> <p><u>Events plan:</u></p>  <p>EVENTS PLAN (HotSW AND PLYMOI)</p> <p>The first event on the 27th Jan is live on the following link the others will be available shortly: Make it Net Zero - Programme Overview SWMAS</p>
NFU	Advice and support for agricultural and horticultural businesses- https://www.nfuenergy.co.uk
Exmoor NP	<p>Declared climate emergency and working through county/ LA groups – Devon and Somerset- to flag any opportunities rather than duplicate schemes.</p> <p>Producing vision for ENP- mapping activity and good/ ethical practice</p>

	<p>Exmoor - Climate Action (exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk) https://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/living-and-working/business-and-economy/rural-enterprise-exmoor-vision</p> <p>Partnership Fund – small grants of up to £2,500 for voluntary / community based groups including a current priority for projects that address climate and or nature emergencies. https://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/living-and-working/grants-and-funding/partnership-fund</p> <p>Recently adopted a new vision for Rural Enterprise on Exmoor – this recognises the climate / nature emergency is key drivers of change</p>
<p>Devon/ Plymouth/ Torbay:</p>	
	<p>Resources for Organisations – Devon Climate Emergency</p> <p>Low Carbon Devon A project run by the Sustainability Hub at The University of Plymouth to support SMEs across Devon shift to a low-carbon economy. Offering events, and linking businesses with expertise held by those within the University. Sustainability Hub: Low Carbon Devon - University of Plymouth</p> <p>DCC’s Green Innovation Fund- being evaluated</p> <p>Devon and Plymouth Chamber Net Zero Hub A collection of tools and resources to support businesses across Devon reduce their carbon emissions and work towards net zero. Net Zero Hub - Devon & Plymouth Chamber of Commerce (devonchamber.co.uk)</p> <p>Future Plymouth 2030 - A series of webinars that explore the pathways to low carbon and sustainable development in Plymouth Future Plymouth 2030 - University of Plymouth</p>

City Change Fund- Plymouth- supporting local projects for local people. This means if your organisation is planning a project that further Plymouth response to the climate emergency, you may be eligible to additional funding. [Crowdfund Plymouth | Crowdfunder UK](#)

[Invest Plymouth](#) website- targeted at the business community- great shop window to celebrate success. Other useful pages: [Funding Help - Invest Plymouth \(visitplymouth.co.uk\)](#)

'Make it Net Zero - Plymouth' is funded until March 2022 <https://www.swmas.co.uk/business-support/make-it-net-zero/make-it-net-zero-plymouth>

Exeter - [City Science](#) -. A virtual platform that SME's can use to create energy usage reports and recommendations on how to reduce these

Regen- Exeter based company offering renewable energy advice.

Torrige- Recently employed a Nature Tourism Officer- role is to work with local tourism businesses to explore adaptations they can make within their models to embrace our setting in northern Devon, be it as part of their marketing, purchasing, offer or making more substantial changes such as the introduction of renewables.

Waiting for CRF announcement - part of the delegated grant scheme that North Devon+ formulated was focused on the adoption of innovation and / or green approaches

North Devon:



361 - Sustainability
map - JAN 2022.pdf

'Set Squared' funded by Exeter Uni are planning an event in Barnstaple North Devon on 2nd Feb – (Via Plastic Free Devon)- keep looking at- <https://setsquared.exeter.ac.uk/>

	<p>East Devon - Innovation & Resilience Fund- targeted at East Devon businesses. Project proposals don't 'have' to be green focussed, but it is very much prioritised in the scoring matrix and so roughly 50%+ of all submissions cite specific carbon reduction implications of their projects.</p> <p>The Devon Net Zero Innovation Fund – funding up to £7,500 per enterprise.</p> <p>Plymouth City Council's Workplace travel grant - match-funded grants with the Council investing up to £25,000, per site, in a scheme that reduces the environmental impact of your business travel. The Council's contribution is a maximum of 75% of the pre-VAT scheme cost.- Workplace travel grants PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK</p>
Somerset:	
	<p>Climate Emergency (somerset.gov.uk) – Somerset Climate Emergency page</p> <p>Climate Emergency (somerset.gov.uk) – Somerset Climate Emergency Business page</p> <p>Carbon Audit Toolkit for Businesses (somerset.gov.uk)- requires some updating</p> <p>Somerset County Council have recently had a pilot carbon reduction grant scheme – info to follow and are planning to review the Somerset green grant scheme and hope to increase funding available for a future round</p> <p>BRR funded Somerset Boost website (a VESP project) includes a Sustainable Growth section for tourism and hospitality businesses to increase their knowledge and skills https://www.somersetboost.co.uk/sustainable-growth/</p> <p>Countywide Environment Officers Exchange meetings are being held.</p> <p>Skill-Up Somerset is the apprenticeship and skills advisory service for the county. Businesses or individuals looking to access local training/upskilling opportunities in green skills can be supported via this free, impartial service. www.skillupsomerset.org.uk</p>

Mendip District Council are trialling a food waste training scheme with BEIS which will include mentoring provision . Due to run Dec- March 2022. If successful it will then roll out nationally.

Sedgemoor District Council had a recent grant scheme whereby businesses were assessed against their commitment to climate change/ net zero outputs.

Taunton Chamber held an online round table where businesses will give practical examples of things you can do and how you get started- watch back here- [Watch back the Taunton Chamber 'Making Green Normal' Round Table Event - Taunton Chamber \(taunton-chamber.co.uk\)](#)

Newsletters:

[Great Green Directory | Environment \(southsomersetenvironment.co.uk\)](#)

[Get SuSSed - Newsletter | Environment South Somerset - South Somerset District Council Monthly Environmental Newsletter \(southsomersetenvironment.co.uk\)](#)

Sustainable Sedgemoor and Environment Champions – Anna Meares

[Mendip Climate News - Mendip District Council](#)

Key sustainability projects across Somerset for COP 26 include:

- SCOP 26+ bringing the parishes of Somerset together on 6th Nov in Somerton at the Edgar Hall
- Zipp Scooters in Taunton
- Wells and Eco Churches
- Good Vibe Veg
- Avalon Energy
- Green Wedmore

Other examples:

- The Gravity Site <https://thisisgravity.co.uk/why-gravity/>;
- The Energy Skills Centre at Bridgwater College is a base for skills training

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