

Bath & West Community Energy Generating local energy







# Sophie Hooper Lea Chair of Trustees Bath & West Community Energy Fund







- Independent charity the Bath & West Low Carbon **Community Fund**
- Set up in 2014 to redistribute surplus BWCE income to local projects for community benefit
- Focus: reducing carbon emissions and tackling fuel poverty
- Signatory of the Funder Commitment on Climate Change



Bath & West **Energy Fund** 

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https://www.bwce.coop/community-benefit

#### **Our Fund**



- Grants from £500 £5,000
- Annual funding round
- Fund will open (pending member approval) on 21<sup>st</sup> September and close on 4<sup>th</sup> November
- Guidelines available on the Quartet website
- Grants announced in January 2022
- Administered by Quartet Community Foundation

https://quartetcf.org.uk/grants/bath-west-community-energy-grant



- Small, local organisations: charity, community, voluntary or self-help groups
- Same geographical area as BWCE
- Portworthy covered by South Dartmoor Community Energy
- Particularly welcome applicants close to BWCE projects
- Wide range of projects e.g. schools and community education and awareness, boiler replacement, insulation, energy efficiency surveys, solar PV, edible food garden, community orchard



## Since 2014, BWCE has given the BWCE Fund £267,000 and has given a further £23,000 to South Dartmoor Community Energy

Total community benefit to date: £290,000



### To date, the BWCE Fund has handed out grants worth £238,905 to 82 projects representing **53** different local community organisations



#### £31,706 awarded to 11 projects plus £5,000 to South Dartmoor Community Energy

- First Steps Bath Community Nursery
- FACE Family Action on Climate Change
- Carers Centre B&NES
- Zero Carbon Compton
- Bath Share & Repair
- Percy Community Centre

- Bath City Farm
- Middle Ground Growers CIC
- Freshford Village Memorial Hall
- Trowbridge Environmental
  Community Group
- Corston Community Orchard
  and Garden

#### **Grant Recipient: Corston Orchard**





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#### **Grant Recipient – Share and Repair**







# Thank you for your support for the BWCE Fund

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