

Welcome to this edition of the Somerset Market Towns Forum Bulletin.

This bulletin is short on news from our members about their projects – please remember to forward news about successful bids, launches, funding or interesting projects you've heard about or would like some advice on – our other members will be interested and may be able to help!

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Climate Change Conference Report

I attended 'Communities & Energy – the Climate Change Challenge!' conference on Thursday 23d October in Taunton. It was organised by SWRAF (South West Rural Affairs Forum) and SWAN (the South West ACRE Network). This brief report highlights some points of interest and useful links to SMTF members (both Community Regeneration Partnerships with projects and Transition/Climate Action groups). [Read more here.](#)

How to reduce speeding in our towns? Modern traffic-calming methods

Swindon Borough are removing some speed cameras in built-up areas. This article looks at other more effective ways to calm traffic in town centres and residential areas. [Read more here.](#)

Online Petition against further use of Lottery Funds for the Olympics

I'm not sure if these petitions are effective, but if you feel strongly about this [you can sign up here.](#) The funding environment is tight already so any further demands from the Olympics could seriously affect our communities projects.

ACRE Headlines

You can view [ACRE's Headline news here](#), which includes funding opportunities and an item on business support for rural shops in Gloucestershire.

New design guidance launched to transform the future of play

Play England, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) have launched, for the first time in England, detailed guidance for the design of children's play spaces. [Read more here.](#)

What Makes an Eco Town?

A report from BioRegional and CABE looks at what makes an environmentally sustainable development and provides sustainability criteria allowing developers to monitor their progress. Photo of houses at Bow Yard, Langport on the cover too. [Read more here.](#)

£2million programme to revitalise English market towns

A programme to share knowledge and good practice in revitalising market towns has been launched by Action for Market Towns (AMT). [Read more here.](#) We will be learning more about this and the offer in the South West in the coming months. Being mainly web-based it may complement our services.

Government Minister calls for improvement in planning and design of Britain's towns and cities

[Read more here.](#) Ian Wright MP is saying the right things but sadly no hint of how to achieve this.

Funding

SCC Market Town Regeneration Fund

Deadline for 2nd round moved to Nov 10th. [Details of the Fund – click here.](#)

SW Funding Bulletin

As this is a large document, if you are interested in receiving this please email SVSN's Jodi Boxell at jod1s@btinternet.com

Mid Devon GRIN

Another excellent source of funding info are the GRIN's. Though out of the County, they often flag up national and regional funding suitable for our towns' projects. [Read about them here.](#)

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