

# Community Ventures

Somerset Market Towns Forum are working in partnership with the Community Council for Somerset to promote **Community Ventures** – an exciting project that could have a significant impact on the way you work in your local area.

If you are interested in this opportunity, you will work closely with a specialist recommended by the Market Towns Forum. Whether you need to know more about the parish planning process or you need business planning and marketing support to improve the effectiveness of your community enterprise, then this could be just the ticket!

**Community Ventures could help your group in many ways,** including one to one support with:

- Business Planning
- Fund raising
- Marketing
- Performance Management
- Formalising your group, for example, establishing a constitution
- Income generation and asset management issues



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## Are We Eligible ?

You need to be;

- A voluntary sector or community organisation. This can include an informal group who are in the process of agreeing a constitution, groups with a constitution, charities and companies limited by guarantee.
- The group needs to be serving a rural community or rural town (not Bridgwater, Taunton or Yeovil).
- Your group needs to be taking an active role in meeting needs identified by their community.

## Background to the Somerset Market Towns Forum

The forum was established in late 2003 with the aim of bringing together representatives of all the market towns and larger villages across Somerset in a network, so as to share issues of common concern, and help in the economic, social and environmental regeneration of the local communities.

## Our Objectives

1. To promote mutual support and collaboration between Somerset Market Towns and the larger villages – by sharing good practice through visits, invited speakers and the circulation of information.
2. To develop the capacity of the Forum and its members to serve and assist Somerset's communities - by organising appropriate seminars and training for its members.
3. To establish an active role for the Forum in promoting regeneration in Market Towns – by acting as a 'voice' from across the County in discussions with other bodies and forums.

