

## APPENDIX A - BUSINESS SUPPORT AVAILABLE IN NORTH DEVON

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Scheme	Provider	Eligible businesses	Area	Support provided	Contact
4Networking	4Networking	All businesses	National	Peer networking and support, membership organisation – group meets in Barnstaple	<a href="http://www.4networking.biz">www.4networking.biz</a>
Accessing International Markets	UK Trade & Investment - Solutions for Business	All UK registered companies/SMEs	National	Tailored information and help in specific markets – support for market introductions, market visits or overseas trade shows (SMEs), support for sector events and delegations	<a href="http://www.uktradeinvestment.gov.uk">www.uktradeinvestment.gov.uk</a>
Apprenticeships	National Apprenticeship Service	All employers	National	Vocational training enabling people to earn while they learn necessary skills for their employment	08000 150 600 <a href="http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk">www.apprenticeships.org.uk</a>
Arts Matrix	Arts Matrix	Creative businesses	South West	Support for creative businesses - professional development planning, business and organisational consultancy, skills audits, sector specific seminars and training	0117 915 0190 <a href="http://www.artsmatrix.org.uk">www.artsmatrix.org.uk</a>
Aspire Fund	Capital for Enterprise Ltd	Women led businesses	National	Equity investments of between £100k and £1m need to be matched and led by an experienced co-investor – will consider start-up investments	0114 206 2131 <a href="http://www.capitalforenterprise.gov.uk/portfolio">http://www.capitalforenterprise.gov.uk/portfolio</a>
Automotive Assistance Programme	Dept. For Business Innovation & Skills – Solutions for Business	Car industry and suppliers	National	Loan guarantee package to support loans for the European Investment Bank	<a href="http://www.berr.gov.uk/whatwedo/sectors/automotive/aap/page50296.html">www.berr.gov.uk/whatwedo/sectors/automotive/aap/page50296.html</a>
Barclays “Let’s Talk “ Business workshops,	North Devon+	Pre-start businesses	Torridge & North Devon	Workshops for people who are close to starting their new business and in need of key business advice	01237 426426 <a href="http://www.northdevonplus.com">www.northdevonplus.com</a>
Bicton College	Bicton College	Rural businesses	Devon	Range of courses in including agriculture, mechanisation & engineering; countryside management & arboriculture; equine studies; Horticulture; forestry and first aid	01395 562400 <a href="http://www.bicton.ac.uk/courses/short_courses.php">http://www.bicton.ac.uk/courses/short_courses.php</a>
Bicton Rural Academy	Bicton Rural Academy	Rural businesses	Devon	Range of training courses in the areas of rural life; the environment and rural leisure	01395 562400 <a href="http://www.bictonruralacademy.co.uk/index.php">http://www.bictonruralacademy.co.uk/index.php</a>
Bideford Business Start-up Programme	Bideford Bridge Trust	Start-ups where owner unemployed or in economic hardship	Bideford area	Grants of up to £4,500 with support and guidance, to assist in preparing and submitting an application for a start-up grant	01237 479491 <a href="http://www.ttsgroup.org.uk/#/business-startup/4533267112">www.ttsgroup.org.uk/#/business-startup/4533267112</a>
Biomass Environmental Assessment Tool (BEAT <sub>2</sub> )	Defra, the Biomass Energy Centre and the Environment Agency	All businesses	national	Aid to assessing the likely environmental impact of a biomass energy project	<a href="http://www.biomassenergycentre.org.uk/portal/page?_pageid=74,153193&amp;_dad=portal&amp;_schema=PORTAL">www.biomassenergycentre.org.uk/portal/page?_pageid=74,153193&amp;_dad=portal&amp;_schema=PORTAL</a>

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Bridge Ventures	Bridge Ventures	Early stage or start-up high growth potential businesses in disadvantaged areas	National	<i>Venture Funds</i> – equity investment in businesses in 25% most disadvantaged areas with growth potential and strong social benefits  <i>Social Entrepreneurs Fund</i> - equity or quasi-equity investment in scalable social enterprises delivering high social impacts and operating sustainable business models	020 7262 5566 <a href="http://www.bridgesventures.com/our-funds">www.bridgesventures.com/our-funds</a>
Business Collaboration Networks	Business Link – Solutions for Business	Primarily SMEs, but some large businesses in a priority growth sector	National	Facilitated opportunities for businesses to collaborate in the pursuit of market opportunities	0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest">www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest</a>
Business Growth: Specialist facilities & Environments	Business Link – Solutions for Business	Growth businesses within priority sectors	South West	Facilities and specialist business support – Incubation support in North Devon not currently available	0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest">www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest</a>
Business League	Business League	Business owners, partners and directors	South West	Business networking and membership organisation – groups in Barnstaple and Bideford	<a href="http://www.thebusinessleague.co.uk">www.thebusinessleague.co.uk</a>
Business Link Training Courses	Business Link	All businesses	South West	Range of business courses, including starting up; finance & grants; taxes, returns & payroll; health & safety; environment & efficiency; IT & e-commerce and sales & marketing.	0845 600 9006 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/event?r.li=1074599246&amp;r.l1=1074400185&amp;site=106&amp;r.pp=13&amp;r.s=p">www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/event?r.li=1074599246&amp;r.l1=1074400185&amp;site=106&amp;r.pp=13&amp;r.s=p</a>
Business Networking International	Business Networking International	Small businesses	International	Business sales and referral networking and membership organisation – local chapter in Barnstaple	<a href="http://www.bni-europe.com/uk">www.bni-europe.com/uk</a>
Business Payment Support Service	HM Revenue & Customs	All businesses	National	Flexibility terms in making required tax payments for businesses affected by current economic conditions	0845 302 1435 <a href="http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/pbr2008/business-payment.htm">www.hmrc.gov.uk/pbr2008/business-payment.htm</a>
Business Premises	Business Link – Solutions for Business	New or existing SMEs looking for new or larger premises	North Devon Torridge South West	Provision of managed workspaces and business parks in priority locations	0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest">www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest</a>
Business Programme (Prince's Trust)	The Prince's Trust	Pre-starts, aged 18-30, unemployed/working less than 16 hours pw	National	Mentor support to young people test business ideas, write business plans and start-up	<a href="http://www.princes-trust.org.uk">www.princes-trust.org.uk</a>
Business Rate Start-up Top-up Scheme	North Devon Council	Start-up businesses	North Devon	Top-up relief, in addition to Business Rate Relief, in first two years of starting a business – 50% relief in year 1 and 25% in year 2	<a href="http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/index/igcl_business/igcl_business_finance/nonigcl_business_rates_econ_dev_rate_relief.htm">http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/index/igcl_business/igcl_business_finance/nonigcl_business_rates_econ_dev_rate_relief.htm</a>
Business Volunteer Mentors	Business Support (SW) Ltd	SMEs	Devon & Cornwall	Mentoring support in range of specialisms Specialists drawn from a variety of business and professional backgrounds that can help support the survival and growth of small and medium sized enterprises.	01752 211211 <a href="http://www.businessadvicecentre.co.uk/volunteer.htm">www.businessadvicecentre.co.uk/volunteer.htm</a>

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CAB advice	Citizen's Advice Bureau	All individuals	National	Impartial advice to individuals on rights and responsibilities	Offices in Barnstaple, Bideford, Ilfracombe, South Molton and Holsworthy <a href="http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk">www.citizensadvice.org.uk</a>
Carbon Footprinting in the Food Chain	ADAS	Food sector	National	Help for businesses to calculate the carbon footprint of products, businesses or factories	<a href="http://www.adas.co.uk/carbon">www.adas.co.uk/carbon</a>
Carbon Trust Applied Research Programme	Carbon Trust	Technology businesses	National	Grants to support the progress of low carbon technologies towards large scale deployment	0800 0825 2005 <a href="http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/">http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/</a>
Chambers of commerce and local business associations	Chambers of commerce and local business associations	All businesses	Torrige & North Devon	Membership services, networking, signposting, peer support, advice and information	Chambers in Barnstaple, Bideford, Holsworthy, Great Torrington. South Molton Business, Ilfracombe High Street Traders, North Devon Manufacturers Association, Barnstaple Town Centre Management
Coaching for High Growth (SOON TO BE LAUNCHED)	Business Link – Solutions for Business	SMEs with high growth potential	National	Coaching or mentoring to help businesses assess their performance and set action plans	Not available
Co-active	Co-active	Start-ups and existing social enterprises	South West	Free support for social enterprises comprising workshops, seminars and business development advice, delivered under the central and regional support programme for enterprise	01752 500888 <a href="http://www.co-active.org.uk">www.co-active.org.uk</a>
Collaborative R & D	Business Link /Technology Strategy Board - Solutions for Business	Consortia of companies working together	National	Grant support for research collaborations in strategically important areas of science, engineering and technology through competition awards	01793 442700 <a href="http://www.innovateuk.org">www.innovateuk.org</a> 0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest">www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest</a>
Community Enterprise Unit	Community Enterprise Unit	Start-ups and existing social enterprises	South West	Subsidised advice, support and training in setting up and running a social enterprise	01392 666281 <a href="http://www.ceultd.co.uk">www.ceultd.co.uk</a>
Continuous Improvement Network - farmers & small food businesses	Centre for Value Chain Research at Kent Business School	Small businesses with less than 50 employees	National	Self-help network, access to quarterly updates on consumer behaviour that track the changing shopping trends during the economic downturn	<a href="http://www.kent.ac.uk/kbs/cvcr/signup.html">http://www.kent.ac.uk/kbs/cvcr/signup.html</a>
Designing Demand	Business Link/Design Council – Solutions for Business	SMEs with growth ambitions	National	Help for businesses to use design to improve performance and profitability e.g. products, marketing materials, websites, packaging – workshop and facilitation support; business pays for design fees	0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest">www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest</a> or <a href="http://www.designingdemand.org.uk">www.designingdemand.org.uk</a>
Developing Your	UK Trade & Investment	All businesses	National	Information and advice to businesses who are considering	<a href="http://www.uktradeinvestment.gov.uk">www.uktradeinvestment.gov.uk</a>

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International Trade Potential	- Solutions for Business			exporting or entering new overseas markets – SMEs seeking to enter new markets can access co-funding for agreed access export capability projects	
Devon & Cornwall Business Council	Devon & Cornwall Business Council	All businesses	Devon & Cornwall	Sub-regional economic partnership organisation	<a href="http://www.dcbc.co.uk">www.dcbc.co.uk</a>
Devon Food & Drink – Love the Flavour	Devon Food & Drink	Farmers, food & drink business	Devon	Membership services, marketing and promotional support, training events	01803 712393 <a href="http://www.lovetheflavour.co.uk">www.lovetheflavour.co.uk</a>
District Council Economic Development Officers	Torrige District Council & North Devon Council Economic Dev/Regeneration Teams	All business	Torrige & North Devon	Business advice and assistance, inward investment, signposting services	Torrige 01237 428708 North Devon 01271 388216
Downturn Readiness Review (MAS-SW)	MAS South West	Manufacturing businesses	South West	Free independent review of business circumstances and plans in light of economic downturn to assist survival and growth	0845 6083838 <a href="http://www.swmas.co.uk/info/index.php/downturn_readiness_review">www.swmas.co.uk/info/index.php/downturn_readiness_review</a>
Duchy College Rural Business School	Duchy College	Rural businesses	Devon & Cornwall	Education, training, business support and research for rural industries	0845 458 7485 <a href="http://www.cornwall.ac.uk/rbs">www.cornwall.ac.uk/rbs</a>
Empowering Communities	Transform	New and existing community enterprises	North Devon	Advice and assistance from a Community Enterprise Advisor on all aspects of start-up, running and developing community enterprises	01271 879018 <a href="http://www.transform-northdevon.org.uk/empowering-communities.php">www.transform-northdevon.org.uk/empowering-communities.php</a>
Energy Crops Scheme	Natural England/RDPE	Farms	National	It offers grants to farmers in England for the establishment of miscanthus and short rotation coppice	<a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/ecs/default.aspx">http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/ecs/default.aspx</a>
Energy Efficiency Loans	Carbon Trust	SMEs trading for at least 12 months	National	Interest free loans to purchase energy saving equipment - £3,000 to £400,000	0800 085 2005 <a href="http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/energy/takingaction/about-loans">http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/energy/takingaction/about-loans</a>
Energy Survey	Carbon Trust	All businesses	National	Free surveys to businesses with energy bills greater than £50,000 per year	0800 085 2005 <a href="http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/energy/assessyourorganisation/energy_survey.htm">www.carbontrust.co.uk/energy/assessyourorganisation/energy_survey.htm</a>
English Food & Farming Partnership	English Food & Farming Partnership	Agri-food businesses	National	Consultancy help for farmers for collaborate with the food chain. Business development advice to reduce costs and to maximise the impact of marketing farm produce	0207 213 0430 <a href="http://www.effp.com">www.effp.com</a>
Enhanced Capital Allowances	HM Revenue & Customs	All Businesses	National	100% first-year capital allowances for spending on energy-saving technologies	<a href="http://www.eca.gov.uk/etl">www.eca.gov.uk/etl</a>
Enterprise Coaching (NOT	Business Link –	Residents of deprived areas,	Not available	1:1 coaching to develop an interest and pathway to	Not available

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YET AVAILABLE)	Solutions for Business	people from groups who are under-represented in enterprise, economically inactive individuals		enterprise amongst people who would not normally consider starting a business	
Enterprise Europe Network	SWRDA, UKTI and GWE Business West	SMEs and entrepreneurs	South West Network	Information, advice and support in doing business in the EU, help with R&D and innovation challenges, guidance and support on EU funded programmes	0845 60 60 969 <a href="http://www.enterpriseeuropesw.org.uk">www.enterpriseeuropesw.org.uk</a>
Enterprise Finance Guarantee Scheme	Business Link – Solutions for Business	Small businesses turnover of up to £25 million	National	Government guarantee to support bank lending of between £1,000 and £1 million	Contact through participating banks <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/gsdDetail?type=GSD&amp;itemId=1081834978">www.businesslink.gov.uk/bdotg/action/gsdDetail?type=GSD&amp;itemId=1081834978</a>
Entry Level Stewardship	Natural England	Farmers	National	Payments in return for contracted environmental land management practices	<a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/es/els/default.aspx">http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/es/els/default.aspx</a>
Environmental Land Management Advisory Service	Natural England	Farms and landed businesses	National	Free advisory service to improve land management for the benefit of wildlife, landscape, public access, and other environmental purposes	0300 130 1647 <a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk">www.naturalengland.org.uk</a>
Environmental Land Management Funding	Natural England	Farms and landed businesses	National	Funding for farmers and land managers to reward them for managing land in ways that improve the environment – includes Environmental Stewardships, Energy Crops Scheme,	0300 130 1647 <a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk">www.naturalengland.org.uk</a>
Envirowise	Envirowise	Any business	National	Advice line and Free, independent and practical environmental advice to improve business processes, profitability and competitiveness	0800 585794 <a href="http://www.envirowise.gov.uk">www.envirowise.gov.uk</a>
Envision	Envision	SMEs	South West	Environmental consultancy advice, training and events to reduce costs and develop green markets – subsidised rates	0845 456 9350 <a href="http://www.envisionsw.org.uk">www.envisionsw.org.uk</a>
EUREKA	EUREKA	All businesses	European Union	Pan-European network for encouraging market orientated collaborative research and development	<a href="http://www.eureka.be">www.eureka.be</a>
Exmoor Upland Livestock Initiative	EULI/North Devon+/RDPE	Livestock farmers and livestock related businesses	Exmoor	RDPE grants, advice and support for projects to improve the economic viability of Exmoor's livestock sector	To be launched
Expert South West (South west Universities and HE Colleges)	HERDA South West	All businesses	South West	Support from the region's university and HE colleges - training, student and graduate placements, research and development, consultancy, networking opportunities	<a href="http://www.expertsouthwest.com">www.expertsouthwest.com</a> and individual University contacts
Export Credit Guarantee	UK Trade & Investment	All businesses exporting or	National	Insurance policies for export contracts	<a href="http://www.uktradeinvestment.gov.uk">www.uktradeinvestment.gov.uk</a>

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	- Solutions for Business	investing overseas			
Farm Crisis Network	Farm Crisis Network	Farm businesses	National	Help for families in farming and related activities who are experiencing problems	0845 367 9990 <a href="http://www.farmcrisisnetwork.org.uk">www.farmcrisisnetwork.org.uk</a>
Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group	Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group	Farming and land managing businesses	National Devon Office	Environmental advice services, on-farm visits for improved environmental gain and business benefit	01392 364392 <a href="http://www.fwag.org.uk">www.fwag.org.uk</a>
FarmPlas Network	FarmPlas	Farms	National	Network of collection schemes which collect and recycle all types of farm plastics	<a href="http://www.farmplas.com/">www.farmplas.com/</a>
Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)	Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)	Self-employed and owners of small businesses	National	Package of business and membership services and discounts including financial health check and consultation, legal help	Devon office 01803 322499 <a href="http://www.fsb.org.uk">www.fsb.org.uk</a>
Finance for Business	Business Link - Solutions for Business	SMEs	South West	Three schemes: <i>Enterprise Capital Funds</i> – range of funding for SMEs seeking early and development stage equity funding - max of £2M <i>South West Angel &amp; Investor Network (SWAIN)</i> – help for SMEs obtaining equity finance, linking with private investors <i>South West Loans Fund</i> - Loans of up to £250,000 for viable growth businesses where mainstream funding not available	0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest">www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest</a>  For Enterprise Capital Funds; <a href="http://www.capitalforenterprise.gov.uk/portfolio.html">www.capitalforenterprise.gov.uk/portfolio.html</a>
Food Innovation Service	Duchy College	Food & drink businesses	South West	Advice, support, scientific and practical resources and facilities for food and drink preparation, packing and testing	01579 372353 <a href="http://www.foodinnovation.co.uk">www.foodinnovation.co.uk</a>
Food Processing Knowledge Transfer Network	Technology Strategy Board	Food processing businesses	National	Technology network for food processing businesses	<a href="http://www.foodprocessingktn.com/">www.foodprocessingktn.com/</a>
Framework Programme 7	European Union	All businesses	EU	Grants for international collaborative research and development within the European Union in selected priority areas	0870 600 6080 <a href="http://www.fp7uk.dti.gov.uk">www.fp7uk.dti.gov.uk</a>
Fresh Start Academy - Devon Young Farmers Clubs	Fresh Start	New farming entrants (members of DYF Club)	National, Devon	Help for new entrants to find their feet – includes skills development, training and mentoring, business opportunity matchmaking	01392 272189 <a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/working/new-entrants/national.htm">http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/working/new-entrants/national.htm</a>
Fund Energy	Fund Energy	All businesses	National	Interest free loans of up to £100,000 to finance energy saving projects	<a href="http://www.fundenergy.co.uk/">http://www.fundenergy.co.uk/</a>
Grant for Business Investment	Business Link - Solutions for Business	All businesses	South West	Capital grants for high-quality, innovative, knowledge-based projects that lead to increased productivity, skills and employment in assisted areas. £10K to £2m. In North Devon, 7½-15% for small business	0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest">www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest</a>
Grant for Research and	Business Link -	Individuals and SMEs	South West	Grants to help individuals and SMEs research and develop	0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest">www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest</a>

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Development	Solutions for Business			technologically innovative products and processes. 4 types of projects supported, from £5K to £500K. Grant rates vary.	<a href="#">west</a>
Grazing Links	Devon Wildlife Trust	Land owners	North and West Devon	Free consultation and advice to landowners looking for graziers to graze Culm grasslands	01409 221823 <a href="http://www.devonwildlifetrust.org/index.php?section=champions:cn:grazing">www.devonwildlifetrust.org/index.php?section=champions:cn:grazing</a>
Higher Level Stewardship	Natural England	Farmers	National	Payments in return for contracted higher level environmental land management practices	0300 060 1118 <a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/es/hls/default.aspx">http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/es/hls/default.aspx</a>
Hill Farm Allowance	Rural Payments Agency	Upland farms	National	Payments that recognise the difficulties that upland farmers face and help to preserve the farmed upland environment	<a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/uplands/support.htm">http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/uplands/support.htm</a>
HM Revenue & Customs	HM Revenue & Customs	All new and existing businesses	National	Assistance in understanding tax rules for businesses	<a href="http://www.hmrc.gov.uk">www.hmrc.gov.uk</a>
Improving Your Resource Efficiency	Business Link/Carbon Trust – Solutions for Business	All businesses	National	Identification of cost-saving actions businesses to improve energy efficiency, reduce waste, reduce, reuse and recycle materials, water use, discharges and pollution – advice from the Carbon Trust	0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest">www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest</a>
Incubation North Devon	Torridge District Council	Start-up and new knowledge-based businesses	Torridge & North Devon	Incubation and start-up unit workspace for knowledge-based businesses with high growth potential with targeted business support, signposted services and networking events	<a href="http://www.incubationnorthdevon.co.uk">www.incubationnorthdevon.co.uk</a>
Innovation Vouchers (NOT YET AVAILABLE)	Business Link – Solutions for Business	SMEs with interest in collaborating for innovation	National	Voucher to enable businesses to buy support from a knowledge institution to explore opportunities for collaboration	Not available
Innovation, Advice & Guidance (NOT YET AVAILABLE)	Business Link – Solutions for Business	SMEs (including social enterprises)	National	Advice and guidance on innovation to overcome barriers to growth – aim is to provide businesses with expert knowledge and highly specialised, technical and advanced skills to innovate and improve performance	Not available
Intensive Start-up Support (NOT YET AVAILABLE)	Business Link – Solutions for Business	Individuals or groups who are under-represented in enterprise and thinking of starting a business	Not available	Personal support from an adviser, coach or mentor, one-to-many workshops, small grants to overcome specific barriers - from up to 6 mths before and 36 after start-up	Not available
Knowledge Transfer Networks	Technology Strategy Board	All businesses	National	Business network focused on particular technology areas to encourage innovation and knowledge transfer amongst businesses	01793 442700 <a href="http://www.innovateuk.org">www.innovateuk.org</a>
Knowledge Transfer	Business Link	All businesses interested in	National	Grant to enable the placement of a graduate in a business	0845 600 9966

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Partnerships	/Technology Strategy Board -Solutions for Business	innovating		to enable knowledge transfer between knowledge base and businesses	<a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest">www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest</a> 01793 442700 <a href="http://www.innovateuk.org">www.innovateuk.org</a>
Lantra Women and Work: Sector Pathways Initiative	West Devon Business Information Point	Employed and self employed women within environmental and landed sectors	National	Offers a development plan along with mentoring and funding for training for women who wish to progress in these non-traditional occupational areas	0800 592 872 <a href="http://www.bipwestdevon.biz">www.bipwestdevon.biz</a>
Leader 4 Small Business Grants (NOT YET AVAILABLE)	RDPE funding hosted by North Devon+	Micro-businesses (less than 10 employees) over 12 months old	N. Devon & Torridge districts	Grants to support business growth (to be finalised)	North Devon+ 01237 426423 <a href="http://www.northdevonplus.com">www.northdevonplus.com</a>
LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming)	LEAF	Farmers and growers	National	Support for the uptake of Integrated Farm Management through practical guidelines and the LEAF Audit	02476 413911 <a href="http://www.leafuk.org/leafuk">www.leafuk.org/leafuk</a>
Living Options Devon	Living Options Devon	All businesses	Devon	Advice and audits for businesses on access for the disabled	01392 459222 <a href="http://www.livingoptions.org">www.livingoptions.org</a>
Local Employment Partnerships	Jobcentre Plus	Large businesses	National	Assistance to meet skills needs through provision of employment and training opportunities to disadvantaged jobseekers	0845 600 8192 <a href="http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk">www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk</a>
Low Carbon Energy Demonstration (NOT YET AVAILABLE)	Business Link – Solutions for Business	Businesses engaged in low carbon demonstration projects	National	Finance to assist a business in a range of demonstration activity to commercially exploit R&D in low carbon energy generating technology	Not available
Marketing Support for UK Farmers & Small Food Producers	Centre for Value Chain Research (VCR <sup>2</sup> ) at Kent Business School	Farmers and small food producers	National	Training and access to consumer market information	01227 824766 <a href="http://www.kent.ac.uk/kbs/standard.php?page_id=349">http://www.kent.ac.uk/kbs/standard.php?page_id=349</a>
Maximising Foreign Direct Investment	SWRDA - Solutions for Business	Overseas companies	National	Information, advice and assistance for potential and existing inward investors	<a href="http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/business-growth/inward-investment/">www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/business-growth/inward-investment/</a>
Meat South West	South West Food & Drink/RDPE	Businesses involved in the red meat supply chain	South West	Marketing and supply chain support for the red meat sector – abattoirs , producers, processors, suppliers and buyers	<a href="http://www.southwestfoodanddrink.com/sectors/meat-south-west/meat-south-west.shtm">www.southwestfoodanddrink.com/sectors/meat-south-west/meat-south-west.shtm</a>
National Industrial Symbiosis Programme	National Industrial Symbiosis Programme	All businesses	National	Facilitate communication between organisations to identify opportunities for one company's waste or surplus to be used by another company	0845 094 9519 <a href="http://www.nisp.org.uk">www.nisp.org.uk</a>
Networking for Innovation	Business Link – Solutions for Business	All businesses	National	Support to help businesses build relationships with other businesses, intermediaries, knowledge based institutions	0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/south">www.businesslink.gov.uk/south</a>

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				and government to develop and exploit new ideas	<a href="#">west</a>
New Deal - Self Employment Test Trading	Jobcentre Plus	Start-ups - JSA claimants unemployed for 6 months	National	Support to try out business idea for up to 6 months whilst receiving benefits, with ongoing support and advice from a self-employment advisor	0845 600 8192 <a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Employment/Jobseekers/LookingForWork/DG_173931">www.direct.gov.uk/en/Employment/Jobseekers/LookingForWork/DG_173931</a>
New Entrants Training Scheme (NETS) and Rural Apprenticeships	Hereford College of Technology	Rural crafts businesses	National	Craft training programme that provides a traditional work-based apprenticeship programme	<b>01432 365314</b> <a href="http://www.hct.ac.uk/Courses/pt_nets.html">http://www.hct.ac.uk/Courses/pt_nets.html</a>
North Devon College	North Devon College	All businesses	Torrige & North Devon	Support for training, skills development, apprenticeships	01271 338225 <a href="http://www.ndevon.ac.uk">www.ndevon.ac.uk</a>
North Devon Food & Drink	North Devon+	Food & drink producers	Torrige & North Devon	Support for food & drink businesses – barriers to sector growth, supply chain development, marketing and promotions support	01237 426426 <a href="http://www.northdevonplus.com">www.northdevonplus.com</a>
North Devon Pathfinder Trust	North Devon Pathfinder Trust	All businesses	Torrige, North and West Devon	Training, skills development and ICT consultancy	01271 818072 <a href="http://www.path-finder.org.uk">www.path-finder.org.uk</a>
North Devon Wireless Broadband Project	North Devon Council	Rural micro-businesses	North Devon Exmoor	Small grants to remote rural businesses to install wireless infrastructure in areas in and around North Devon portion Exmoor – links with similar project in West Somerset	North Devon Council 01271 388864
North Devon+ Business membership scheme	North Devon+	All businesses	North Devon & Torrige	Membership services, training, business advice	01237 426426 <a href="http://www.northdevonplus.com">www.northdevonplus.com</a>
North Devon+ Food & Drink membership	North Devon+	Food & drink businesses	North Devon & Torrige	Membership services, training, business advice, sector development support	01237 426426 <a href="http://www.northdevonplus.com">www.northdevonplus.com</a>
North Devon+ Tourism membership	North Devon+	Tourism-related businesses	North Devon & Torrige	Area Tourism Partnership for North Devon - membership services, training, business advice, promotion of the area and member businesses	01237 426426 <a href="http://www.northdevonplus.com">www.northdevonplus.com</a>
Obsidian Learning Solutions	Obsidian Learning Solutions	All businesses	Torrige & North Devon	Training and skills development for management and staff	01769 561101 <a href="http://www.o-l-s.co.uk">www.o-l-s.co.uk</a>
On-site Reviews (MAS-SW)	MAS South West	Manufacturing businesses	South West	Visit and on-site review of operational improvement opportunities, resource efficiency, strategic planning	0845 6083838 <a href="http://www.swmas.co.uk">www.swmas.co.uk</a>
Organic Apprenticeship Scheme	Soil Association	Farm and land-based businesses	National	Organic apprenticeships with farm and food businesses with practical training and direct experience	0117 914 2400 <a href="http://www.soilassociation.org/Takeaction/Learning/Apprenticeshipscheme/tabid/240/Default.aspx">www.soilassociation.org/Takeaction/Learning/Apprenticeshipscheme/tabid/240/Default.aspx</a>
Organic Conversion	Natural England	Farmers and landowners	National	Information and advice on converting to organic farming	<a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/our">www.naturalengland.org.uk/our</a>

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Information Service				and Organic Entry Level Stewardship (OELS).	<a href="http://work/farming/ocis/default.aspx">work/farming/ocis/default.aspx</a>
Organic Entry Level Stewardship	Natural England	Farmers	National	Payments in return for contracted organic land management practices	0300 060 1118 <a href="http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/es/oels/default.aspx">http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/farming/funding/es/oels/default.aspx</a>
PESCA Business Development Fund	South West Investment Group	New or existing businesses connected to the fish industry	Devon, Cornwall, Dorset	Loans for viable businesses up to £20K over 5 years	<a href="http://www.southwestinvestmentgroup.co.uk">www.southwestinvestmentgroup.co.uk</a>
PRIME Initiative	PRIME Initiative	Pre-starts, aged over 50	National	Information, events and training to help older people get back into work by starting their own business	0800 783 1904 <a href="http://www.primeinitiative.co.uk">www.primeinitiative.co.uk</a>
Product Development Support (MAS-SW)	MAS South West	Manufacturing businesses	South West	New product development support - initial idea assessment, scoping, implementation and review	0845 6083838 <a href="http://www.swmas.co.uk">www.swmas.co.uk</a>
Prowess membership	Prowess	All businesses	National	Advocacy and membership network that supports the growth of women's business ownership	01603 762355 <a href="http://www.prowess.org.uk">www.prowess.org.uk</a>
RABI Gateway Project	Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution	Farming families	National	Funding for low-income farming families to develop and gain recognised accreditation for their skills - enabling them to earn extra income from beyond the farm business	01865 727888 <a href="http://www.rabi.org.uk/about_rabi/Gateway.html">www.rabi.org.uk/about_rabi/Gateway.html</a>
RE4D	Renewable Energy 4 Devon	All businesses	Devon	Free advice and support for the implementation of renewable energy options. Capital grants available up to 25%. Max £30,000	01752 235 185 <a href="http://www.re4d.org">www.re4d.org</a>
Recruitment Advisory Service	Jobcentre Plus	All businesses	National	Assistance in filling vacancies	0845 600 8192 <a href="http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk">www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk</a>
Reduce, Re-use, Recycle and Renewables for Farms (R4F)	Business Link (SWARM)/ RDPE	Farmers	South West	Advice and on-farm reviews to help farmers and growers improve farm profits through better management of energy, water and inorganic waste (e.g. plastics) - 40% grant up to £10,000	<a href="http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/regeneration/eafrd/swarm.shtm">http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/regeneration/eafrd/swarm.shtm</a>
REG 1 to 1	Rural Enterprise Gateway	Farmers	South West	Individual consultancy to help farmers get most from their livelihood - 70% funded	0845 600 9966
Regen SW	Regen SW	Renewable energy sector	South West	Targeted business support to develop the renewable energy sector in the South West, includes new business brokering, advice on funding and policy	01392 494 399 <a href="http://www.regensw.co.uk">www.regensw.co.uk</a>
RISE	RISE	New, start-up and established social enterprises	South West	Membership services, business information and advice for new, start-up and existing social enterprises	01392 435775 <a href="http://www.rise-sw.co.uk">www.rise-sw.co.uk</a>
Royal Agricultural	Royal Agricultural	Farming community	National	Help for members of the farming community who are	01865 727888 <a href="http://www.rabi.org.uk">www.rabi.org.uk</a>

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Benevolent Institution	Benevolent Institution			suffering hardship	
Rural Development programme for England – grants for Social Enterprises (SOON TO BE LAUNCHED)	Rural Enterprise Gateway	Social Enterprises	South West	Details and criteria to be announced	<a href="http://www.regsw.org.uk">www.regsw.org.uk</a>
Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) Business Support	Business Link – Solutions for Business	Farming, food and forestry businesses	South West	Support for businesses to access specific training and knowledge transfer, and grants for business development and expansion	0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.sw-reralgateway.info">www.sw-reralgateway.info</a>
Rural Enterprise Gateway	Business Link	Rural businesses, in particular, agricultural and land-based business groups	South West	Information, training and business development support as well as a gateway to other initiatives that can help rural businesses	<a href="http://www.regsw.org.uk">www.regsw.org.uk</a>
Rural Rate Relief	Torrige District Council & North Devon Council	Post Office, General Store, Public House or Petrol Filling Station in rural settlements	National	Rate relief for certain businesses in ‘rural settlements’	Torrige 01237 428985/86 North Devon 01271 388361
Seafish Industry Project Fund	Seafish	Seafood industry	National	Funding for research and development partnership projects, grant assistance for innovative ideas and bursaries for students.	<a href="http://www.seafish.org/funding.asp">http://www.seafish.org/funding.asp</a>
Seasonal Agricultural Workers Scheme (SAWS)	Home Office UK Borders Agency	Farmers and growers	National	Scheme enabling farmers and growers to employ students living outside of the European Economic Area to work in agriculture	<a href="http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk">www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk</a>
Shell Step Programme	Shell Step	All businesses	National	Short-term student and graduate placements within businesses to focus on a development project	0870 036 5450 <a href="http://www.shellstep.org.uk">www.shellstep.org.uk</a>
Skills for Life - Devon Federation of Young Farmers Clubs	Devon Federation of Young Farmers Clubs	Rural businesses & employees	Devon	Courses offered include chainsaw courses, all terrain vehicle training and test, and foot trimming and AI courses	01392 272189 <a href="http://www.devonyfc.co.uk/skills4life.html">www.devonyfc.co.uk/skills4life.html</a>
Small Business Rate Relief	Torrige District Council & North Devon Council	Small businesses	National	Relief on Business Rates for small businesses	Torrige 01237 428985/86 North Devon 01271 388361
Small Business Research Initiative	Technology Strategy Board	All businesses, but likely to be of most use to SMEs	National	Help for early stage, high-technology SMEs to gain access to R&D opportunities supporting the future procurement needs of Government Departments through competitive R&D contracts	<a href="http://www.innovateuk.org">www.innovateuk.org</a>
Small Loans for Business (South West Loans Fund)	Business Link/SWAIN - Solutions for Business	SMEs	South West	Loans of up to £50,000 for viable growth businesses which will result in new employment where mainstream funding not available – key criterion is number of jobs created	0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest">www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest</a>

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Social Enterprise Link	RISE	Start-up and existing social enterprises	South West	Free information and advice to everyone developing social enterprises	<a href="http://www.rise-sw.co.uk/modules.php?op=modload&amp;name=News&amp;file=article&amp;sid=405">http://www.rise-sw.co.uk/modules.php?op=modload&amp;name=News&amp;file=article&amp;sid=405</a>
Social Enterprise Service	Community Council of Devon	Pre-start and start-up community enterprises	Rural parishes of Devon	Free support from Social Enterprise Worker to help identify project development needs and support through the process of establishing enterprise	01392 383681 <a href="http://www.devonrcc.org.uk/page/community_enterprise.php">www.devonrcc.org.uk/page/community_enterprise.php</a>
Soils 4 Profit (S4P)	Natural England/RDPE	Farmers	South West	Audits, advice, training and small grants to help farmers to improve profits by encouraging best practice in the management of nutrients, manure, soils and air quality – 40% grant up to £10,000	<a href="http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/regeneration/eafrd/swarm_shtm">http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/regeneration/eafrd/swarm_shtm</a>
South West Food & Drink	South West Food & Drink	Food & drink producers	South West	Membership trade organisation focused on the development of the food and drink industry throughout South West England – membership services, support for marketing, distribution	01392 878333 <a href="http://www.southwestfoodanddrink.com">www.southwestfoodanddrink.com</a>
South West Healthy Livestock Initiative (NOT YET AVAILABLE)	Defra/SWRDA/RDPE	Livestock farms	South West	Training and advice package on methods of treating or controlling disease	<a href="http://www.swhli.co.uk">www.swhli.co.uk</a>
South West Science & Industry Council	South West Science & Industry Council	All businesses	South West	Events and dissemination of information on policy, resources and funding for science and technology	0117 933 0200 <a href="http://www.sciencesouthwest.org.uk">www.sciencesouthwest.org.uk</a>
South West Screen	South West Screen	Creative media businesses	South West	Programme of business support, including support to attend tradeshow, R&D funding, events and business support, advice on coping with the economic downturn	0117 952 9977 <a href="http://www.swscreen.co.uk">www.swscreen.co.uk</a>
South West Tourism	South West Tourism	Tourism-related businesses	South West	Regional Tourist Board for the South West - dissemination of information, research, delivery of training for tourism businesses	<a href="http://www.swtourism.org.uk">www.swtourism.org.uk</a>
Springboard Funding	Springboard	Any organisation	Devon & Cornwall	Grants and loans to support the development of innovative ideas that will have a strategic and significant impact on the economy of Devon and Cornwall - £50K to £2M	Business Link 0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.springboardfund.co.uk/default.html">http://www.springboardfund.co.uk/default.html</a>
Starting a Business	Business Link – Solutions for Business	Anyone starting a business	National	Information and advice, telephone support, self-help materials, workshops, 1:1 diagnostic support	0845 600 9966 <a href="http://www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest">www.businesslink.gov.uk/southwest</a>
Starting a High Growth Business (SOON TO BE LAUNCHED)	Business Link – Solutions for Business	Start-up businesses with high growth potential - from up to 6 mths before and 36 after start-up	Not available	Coaching and mentoring support around developing the proposition and business as a high growth enterprise	Not available

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supply2gov.uk	Business Link	Businesses interested in public sector contracts	National	Web-based service which provides an interface between public sector buyers and private sector suppliers	<a href="http://www.supply2.gov.uk">www.supply2.gov.uk</a>
Sustainable Woodland South West (SWSW)	Silvanus Trust/RDPE	Forestry and land-based businesses	South West	Capital funding for forestry and related projects	01752 846 400 <a href="http://www.silvanus.org.uk">www.silvanus.org.uk</a>
SWARM Innovation Fund (NOT YET AVAILABLE)	South West Agricultural Resource Management/SWRDA/RDPE	Farmers	South West	Grants for innovative technologies to improve resource management on farms in relation to priority issues –funding rounds	<a href="http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/regeneration/eafrd/swarm.shtm">http://www.southwestrda.org.uk/what-we-do/regeneration/eafrd/swarm.shtm</a>
Tackling the Impacts of Economic Downturn	Devon Welfare Rights Unit	Self employed, employers (under 20 employees), employees	Devon	Rapid response visits and advice to maximise eligible tax and welfare benefits for employers and employees to improve economic stability	0845 605 6002 <a href="http://www.dwru.org">www.dwru.org</a>
Taste of the West membership	Taste of the West	Food & drink businesses	South West	Membership organisation that works to develop the region's food and drink industry – membership services, business advice, networking events, trade shows	01392 440745 <a href="http://www.tasteofthewest.co.uk">www.tasteofthewest.co.uk</a>
Torridge Training Services	Torridge Training Services	All businesses	Torridge & North Devon	Training and skills development	01237 479491 <a href="http://www.torridgetraining.org.uk">www.torridgetraining.org.uk</a>
Tourism Business Excellence Programme for 2009/10	Tourism Skills Network South West, British Qty Found'n, European Found'n for Qty Management	Tourism businesses	South West	Support to achieve the international 'Committed to Excellence' EFQM standard Tourism Business - workshops, master classes, organisational self-assessment, and business improvement projects	01275 370 920 <a href="http://www.swtourism.org.uk/news/g/date/2009/06/18/tourism-business-excellence-programme-for-2009-10/">http://www.swtourism.org.uk/news/g/date/2009/06/18/tourism-business-excellence-programme-for-2009-10/</a>
Tourism Skills Network South West	Tourism Skills Network South West	Tourism-related businesses	South West	Delivery of training programmes in partnership with training agencies to improve the industry's skills base	Devon Contact 01392 383144 <a href="http://www.tourismskillsnetwork.org.uk">www.tourismskillsnetwork.org.uk</a>
Trade Credit Insurance Top-up Scheme	Business Link – Solutions for Business	Businesses with a trade credit insurance whole-turnover policy	National	Top-up cover for businesses where credit limit has been reduced	<a href="http://www.business-link.gov.uk/creditinsurance">www.business-link.gov.uk/creditinsurance</a>
Train to Gain	Business Link – Solutions for Business	All businesses	National	Advice on training needs and funded training programmes including numeracy, literacy, English language skills, apprenticeships, level 2 & 3 qualifications, management skills - Leadership & Management Advisory Service grants	0845 600 9 006 <a href="http://www.traintogain.gov.uk">www.traintogain.gov.uk</a>
Understanding Finance for Business (NOT YET AVAILABLE)	Business Link – Solutions for Business	SMEs – start-ups and growth businesses	National	Advice and support to help businesses understand financing options for getting the money they need and introductions to potential sources	Not available
University of Exeter	University of Exeter	All businesses	South West	Business advice, skills development, bespoke training, research and innovation support and partnerships, research	<a href="http://www.exeter.ac.uk/business/index.html">http://www.exeter.ac.uk/business/index.html</a>

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				and testing facilities	
University of Plymouth	University of Plymouth	All businesses	South West	Business advice, skills development, bespoke training, research and innovation support and partnerships	<a href="http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/pages/view.asp?page=23003">http://www.plymouth.ac.uk/pages/view.asp?page=23003</a>
UnLtd Millennium Awards UnLtd Advantage	UnLtd	Social entrepreneurs	National	Funding and support for social entrepreneurs with potential to generate significant social benefits: <i>UnLtd Millennium Awards</i> – grants and package of support to advance ideas for social enterprise – level 1 up to £5,000; level 2 up to £15,000 <i>UnLtd Advantage</i> - investment readiness programme - preparing social enterprises for introduction to the appropriate investment provider	<a href="http://www.unltd.org.uk">www.unltd.org.uk</a>
Vehicle Scrappage Scheme	Dept. For Business Innovation & Skills – Solutions for Business	Car industry	National	Support for the car industry – consumer incentive to replace vehicles over 10 years old with a new vehicle	<a href="http://www.berr.gov.uk/whatwedo/sectors/automotive/scrappage/page51068.html">www.berr.gov.uk/whatwedo/sectors/automotive/scrappage/page51068.html</a>
Visit Devon membership	Visit Devon	Tourism-related businesses	Devon	Destination Management Organisation for Devon - membership services and training, promotion of the county and member businesses	<a href="http://www.destination-devon.com">www.destination-devon.com</a>
Vocational Training Scheme	Duchy College/RDPE	Land-based businesses	South West	Education, training and support for land-based businesses	<a href="http://www.cornwall.ac.uk/rbs">www.cornwall.ac.uk/rbs</a>
Wessex Reinvestment Trust	Wessex Reinvestment Trust	All businesses	South West	Business Loans to people who want to start or develop small businesses but have been unable to obtain bank finance	<a href="http://www.wessexrt.co.uk/business.html#who">http://www.wessexrt.co.uk/business.html#who</a>
West Devon BIP	West Devon BIP	All businesses	North & West Devon	Range of training workshops including: management; financial skills; marketing; computing; agricultural skills & vocational skills	0800 592 872 or 01837 659059 <a href="http://www.bipwestdevon.biz/training.php">http://www.bipwestdevon.biz/training.php</a>
Westcountry Networking	Westcountry Networking	Business owners	South West	Business networking and events	<a href="http://www.westcountry-networking.com/">http://www.westcountry-networking.com/</a>
Whole farm Approach	Defra	Farmers	National	Online resources and services to seek advice and guidance and enable farming transactions to be completed online	<a href="https://secure.services.defra.gov.uk/wps/portal/wfa">https://secure.services.defra.gov.uk/wps/portal/wfa</a>
Women and Micro-Enterprise	Community Council of Devon	Women entrepreneurs	Rural parishes of Devon	Networking opportunities and support	01392 383443 <a href="http://www.devonrcc.org.uk">www.devonrcc.org.uk</a>
Women in Business	Business Support Network	All businesses	National	Membership services, network and events to encourage more women to become business owners and support women who own their own business	<a href="http://www.businesssupportnetwork.com">www.businesssupportnetwork.com</a>
Woodland Grants	Forestry Commission	Land businesses	National	Grants for creating, regenerating and managing woodlands	01626 890666

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					<a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/ewgs">www.forestry.gov.uk/ewgs</a>
Woodland Renaissance RDPE Support	Silvanus Trust	Woodland and forest owners, woodland-related businesses	South West	Advice for businesses to access funding through the RDPE programme	01752 846 400 <a href="http://www.silvanustrust.org.uk/woodland_renaissance.php">http://www.silvanustrust.org.uk/woodland_renaissance.php</a>
Woodworks South West	Silvanus Trust	Wood-producing/wood-using sector	South West	Support and advice for business start-ups and business growth	01579 372100 <a href="http://www.silvanustrust.org.uk/woodworks/about_us.htm">http://www.silvanustrust.org.uk/woodworks/about_us.htm</a>