

# Community response to the climate emergency?

Devon Energy Collective CIC

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**Who is Devon Energy Collective CIC (DEC)?** DEC is a not-for-profit community interest company set up by a network of community energy enterprises across Devon. Our vision is to help Devon transition to net zero by helping communities like yours to respond to the climate emergency ([www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk](http://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk)). In doing so, we also want to ensure that Devon's communities benefit from the low carbon transition.



**Take real action on the climate emergency and reap the benefits too!** It is evident from conversations with the Parish Council that you, the people of Shaugh Prior are committed to taking action on the Climate Emergency. We would like to support your community in working towards the Devon wide commitment to achieve net-zero by 2030. We have a vision for a **community-owned** wind farm on and around the clayworks, which could transform the historic china clay landscape into a community asset for future generations. A project like this would not only be generating green energy, but also **substantial benefits** for the local community. Run on a not-for-profit basis, surplus income could be reinvested in a Deep Retrofit programme for local homes, making them warmer, more energy efficient and tackling fuel poverty. Our studies indicate that, within the 25-year operating lifetime of the project, we could enable every household within the parishes of Cornwood, Shaugh Prior and Sparkwell to transition to net zero. There would also be annual income to support local community projects, a number of skilled local jobs would be created and there would also be a significant positive impact on the local economy.

This is an opportunity for Shaugh Prior to be seen to be 'doing it's bit' in response to the climate emergency and, in doing so, to make a substantial contribution to assist the whole county of Devon to achieve its net-zero target. The clayworks area is one of the **very best sites in Devon in terms of wind resource** and you, the local community, are uniquely placed to benefit from it.



**What next/ how can I get involved?** So far, we have talked with parish councils, the local Commoners Association, Dartmoor National Park, local landowners, Gary Streeter MP and both Devon and South Hams District Councillors about the idea for the project. We have had a lot of positive feedback and now we would like to talk to the local community about the vision and ask if anyone would like to get involved in taking the project further.

South Dartmoor Community Energy (SDCE) are facilitating these initial conversations, so please contact Teresa Godfrey ([teresa@sdce.org.uk](mailto:teresa@sdce.org.uk)) if you would like join our mailing list to be invited to a **Zoom meeting** for all local people (date TBC). We would love to hear your thoughts, invite you to ask us questions and ask who might like to be part of a **community steering group**. This group would aim to explore this opportunity further and then work, with our support, to develop the project. Please also visit our website to find out more: [www.devonenergycic.co.uk/](http://www.devonenergycic.co.uk/)