

## OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

### In a sustainable future, we will all:

- Conserve **ENERGY**, use Renewable Energy (RE) sources and buy “green” electricity.  
USE LESS and USE DIFFERENT (RE)
- Eat locally grown **FOOD**, compost food and garden waste.  
EAT LOCAL and MAKE COMPOST.
- Live in well-insulated, energy efficient and low water use **HOMES**. Produce little waste, while reusing and recycling wherever possible.  
REDUCE, RE-USE & RECYCLE
- **TRAVEL** mostly by foot, cycle and public transport, while taking holidays closer to home. TRAVEL LESS and TRAVEL DIFFERENTLY.

## WHAT IS COMMUNITY CHOICES FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVING (CCSL)?

The CCSL project aims to inspire and enable local communities to choose more sustainable lifestyles by:

- Promoting real life examples of sustainable living, partly through visits to case studies.
- Providing specific local information about the practicalities of sustainable living.

- Developing local **Action Groups** and **Consumer Clubs** covering the broad themes of: ENERGY, FOOD, HOMES and TRAVEL.
- Recruiting and supporting volunteers to act as **Community Champions**, who will be the focal point for the local Action Groups.

CCSL is a joint project, with partners in Devon, Dorset (Agenda 21) and Somerset. It is funded for three years by the Department of the Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs.

## WHY DOES CCSL NEED

### VOLUNTEERS ?



We want to engage volunteers to be advocates and champions of sustainable living. These Community Champions will promote sustainable consumption in their community by, for example, forming Consumer Clubs, such as care-share and solar clubs.

## WHO CAN VOLUNTEER FOR CCSL?

Anyone – providing you genuinely want to see a more sustainable approach to daily living in your local community and can commit some time to the project.

## WHAT EXPERIENCE DO I NEED?





None – we will provide you with training and support to enable you to take your message to the people in your community. However, some experience is always welcome !

## WHAT WILL I BE EXPECTED TO DO, AS A VOLUNTEER ?

You will decide how to take your message to your community, with help and support from DA21. We expect you will recruit a few like-minded friends and neighbours to form an Action Group, who will share the work as you begin to develop a more sustainable lifestyle for yourselves and your local community.

## WHAT TOPICS DOES THE PROJECT COVER ?

Some examples of possible topics, within the four broad themes, are:

1.  **ENERGY**  
Energy efficiency (in home and transport); renewable energy (both home and community renewables). Green Electricity.
2.  **FOOD**  
Grow your own; local food purchasing; organic gardening; allotments; composting (both home & community).
3.  **HOMES**  
Heating and insulation; green electricity supply; sustainable building, decorating and DIY; recycling; water use & grey water recycling.
4.  **TRAVEL**  
Cycling; car-share clubs; local public transport; biofuels; sustainable transport.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with CCSL, please complete and return the form below:

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

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POSTCODE: ..... TEL: .....

EMAIL: .....

I am interested in learning more about and promoting the following topics in my community (please tick the box):

- energy efficiency in home &/or travel.
- renewable energy: home &/or community
- local food issues/ composting/ waste & recycling; allotments/organic gardening
- sustainable building/decorating/DIY
- sustainable transport/cycling/biofuels/ car-share clubs/local public transport.
- other (please state):.....

Please return this form to:

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**WHAT DO I GET OUT OF IT ?**  
 This project provides a great opportunity for you to gain more experience of working with your local community. You will be able to attend free training courses and visit sustainable living projects in Dorset, Devon and Somerset where you will meet new people and fresh ideas. You will be able to influence and enthuse those around you, in a subject that is of interest and concern to you. By volunteering with CCSL, you will be making a positive step towards more sustainable consumption patterns in Dorset.

**HOW DO I BECOME A VOLUNTEER WITH CCSL ?**  
 Complete and return the form on the previous page. We will then contact you to arrange a date and time to meet. This first meeting will be an opportunity for you to find out more about the project and for us, Dorset Agenda 21, to find out more about you, your interests and what you hope to gain from volunteering with CCSL. The process will be very informal and all reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed to you.





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**COMMUNITY CHOICES for SUSTAINABLE LIVING**

**.... creating an environment fit for the future.**

**Could you make sustainable living a reality in your own community ?**

