

# Join us in a conversation to address financial challenges in Dunkeswell

**Did you know that 34% of households in East Devon are rural, but financial hardship in rural communities can be hidden and people may feel they have less access to support?**

East Devon District Council is collaborating with Devon County Council, Citizens Advice East Devon, Exeter Community Energy and Devon Communities Together, to form a partnership to work with people in Dunkeswell. We are keen to collaborate with you and your community to listen to the different financial challenges that people face, and work together to find local solutions.



## How will we do this?

You, the people living and working in Dunkeswell, are the key ingredients in this partnership. We will be in your community in the coming months to offer everyone a chance to share experiences and contribute ideas.

From residents to businesses and local services, it is hugely important that we all listen to what is really going on in Dunkeswell, so that we can work together to identify the key issues, the root causes of financial hardship and how best to address the things that matter to you and your neighbours. In turn, this will help to build community, empower local groups and could even help to inform future funding for villages in East Devon.





## What insights might help to inform future support?

What we collectively talk about will be driven by what the community thinks is important and what we all learn from listening to your experiences.

There are many different aspects of rural life that may have an effect on people's financial circumstances. For example: do you have access to the services you need? Do local transport services impact your ability to travel to work? What are your experiences of finding affordable housing, or affording food and energy costs? Does digital access in the village e.g. broadband make a difference? What about running a local business or community organisation - what do you need?

**By working together, we can help to influence future support that addresses the issues that really matter to people in Dunkeswell.**

### Get in touch

**If you would like to know more about this initiative, or get involved, please contact:**

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