

**THE VISION  
GROUP  
FOR SIDMOUTH**  
*for the sustainable development of town and valley*  
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**MINI NEWS  
UPDATE  
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**Calendar of Events  
Everyone welcome**

Tuesday 11 January 7pm  
**SVEAG** see website for venue

Saturday 22 January All Day  
**Woodland - Open working day at Salcombe Hill**

Wednesday 26 January at 7pm  
**Co-ordination Group** at The Old Ship

Saturday 12 February 10am – 12.30pm  
**Community Market** at St John Ambulance Hall, Blackmore Drive

**LETS**

The LETS (Local Exchange and Trading Scheme) in the Sid Valley is looking for a new co-ordinator.

<http://www.letslinkuk/net>

**YouGen**

Funding from Making it Local means that YouGen are looking to employ an admin assistant for two days a week.

<http://www.yougen.co.uk/job-vacancies/>

**Car Club East Devon** from Alastair Mumford

I would be very grateful if you could give your support to a bid which is working to secure funding for the generation of car clubs in Axminster, Honiton, Ottery St Mary, Sidmouth and possibly other places in East Devon. Car clubs are a great way for people to save money on transportation and also do their bit for the environment. However, financial support is essential to getting them off the ground and your support could help ensure this.

Co-cars is a successful co-operative car club running 7 cars in Exeter, Topsham and Taunton.

Car Clubs offer 'pay as you' go motoring with access to hatchback and estate cars available 24/7 via online booking with their own dedicated parking space. The car is maintained and fuelled by us, all members do is book and use it and pay per mile and hour with the first 10 miles free. The club covers the servicing, insurance, tax and all fuel costs. The club enables domestic and business users to have access to a car without the costs of ownership. Additionally, as a co-operative, the car clubs involve the local communities through membership so everyone has a voice and all profits are reinvested.

People who want to get rid of a second car, who only need a car occasionally or businesses who can't afford a pool car can all benefit from membership by reducing costs. Car clubs also have the added benefit of reducing overall car usage reducing carbon emissions and congestion.

Also, we prioritise the use of local people and companies to cover relevant operations. This way, the car clubs will have a range of economic and environmental benefits for the communities they serve

We would be keen to hear from any person, group or business that would be interested in joining a car club as soon as possible. These statements of support will help us to access the funding which is vital to getting car clubs off the ground. The deadline for putting our funding application in is 17th January so please get in touch soon. This is not a contract to join the club just an expression of interest in joining or a statement of support for what the car clubs are trying to achieve. So, we would really appreciate your support to help us to secure funding for the car club. Please email us at [drive@co-cars.co.uk](mailto:drive@co-cars.co.uk) with your name, post code, email address and, optionally, a statement of support

If you have a group that you would like us to come and give a talk to on what a car club is, the benefits and how the car club operates please do get in touch. Alternatively information can be found on our website:

[www.co-cars.co.uk](http://www.co-cars.co.uk) or by calling us on 0845 345 2544. We are a 5 year old not for profit, co-operative company based in Exeter, which aims to encourage sustainable transport, access to mobility, help people reduce their car costs and carbon emissions. Our satisfied customers range from many private households to small businesses and large organisations.