So, What Does Transition Town Totnes Actually Do?
The Story So far... 2006 - 2010

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“Oh it’s had a huge impact! When I first heard about it I thought this could just be a bunch of cranks! And I’ve had my eyes opened consistently ... throughout the years it’s just grown and grown and it’s been something that I can really take an interest in and help with in a small way. I have been impressed with it, and it’s a phenomenon. It’s amazing. I haven’t heard a bad word about Transition. Everyone I’ve spoken to believes your hearts are in the right place and let’s get on with it”.

A local reporter

“The concept, the idea, is so simple. You can just explain to people the oil is going to run out, what the hell are you going to do? What’s actually been happening over the last 3 years is people are becoming more aware of it, they’re understanding it, but to me, the greatest thing it has done is that it has brought people together”.

A Totnes Town Councillor

“You can go for years without knowing your neighbours, now we go to the pub together. I feel I can go round and knock on a neighbours’ door to borrow tools, while our kitchen scraps are eaten by one neighbours’ chickens and our slugs by another’s ducks.”

Jenny Gellatly, Broomborough Drive Transition Streets group

“I thought I’d find it really boring, but it’s been totally the opposite! It’s been brilliant. We’ve all started to get to know each other, we’ve all started doing different things with each other, for each other, which I think has been fantastic. It has just become much more than talking about energy... it’s not at all dull, it’s great... I really look forward to coming....”

Laurel Ellis, member of the ‘Walk the Talk’ Transition Streets group, Follaton, Totnes.

“It was a funny little path, winding here and there, dashing off in different directions, and sometimes even tying a knot in itself from sheer joy. (You don’t get tired of a path like that, and I’m not sure that it doesn’t get you home quicker in the end).”

Tove Jansson ‘Comet in Moominland’ (1946)
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The Brunel Building, part of the former Dairy Crest site which TTT and the Totnes Development Trust hope to bring into community ownership.

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At a glance – Our Executive Summary...

People visiting Totnes to find out about Transition have brought an estimated £122,000 to the local economy • over 300 people have visited the town to undertake Transition Training • TTT raised the funding for the 74 solar panels on Totnes Civic Hall which will generate around 13,000kWh (a third of its demand, leading to the Council saving over £5,500) • 186 hybrid nut trees have been planted throughout the town • over 4000 Local Food Guides (in 2 editions) have been distributed • our Garden Share scheme means that now 30 gardeners in 13 gardens are able to grow food, providing food to over 50 families • over 70 businesses now accept the Totnes Pound • organised over 140 public events • more than 1,000 students at King Edward VI Community College have now participated in our ‘Transition Tales’ programme • over 75% of people in Totnes and Dartington are aware of TTT’s work • more than 600 people attended 4 workshops on renewable energy • there are now 59 ‘Transition Together’ groups in and around the town, who will each reduce their carbon emissions by 1.2 tonnes, each saving £601 per year • over 50% of those households are low-income • ‘Transition Tours’, a structured tour designed for those who want to visit the town to learn about Transition has, so far, had a local impact of £52,166 • The work of TTT has inspired an international network of thousands of Transition initiatives • TTT has formed partnerships with 25 other organisations • the creation of the Energy Descent Action Plan engaged over 800 local people, gave talks to 35 local organisations and held 27 public meetings • 50 people have learnt to garden through our basic gardening course • over 400 people attended ‘Winterfest’, a one-day celebration of the work of TTT • 3 annual ‘Edible Garden Crawls’ have been attended by over 500 people • the 2010 ‘Energy Fair’ was attended by over 400 people • TTT’s email newsletter is received by over 2,000 people • TTT’s Garden Share scheme was the inspiration for Hugh Fearnley-Wittingstall’s national ‘Landshare’ campaign • Produced 10 short films about various TTT events, see http://tinyurl.com/3yh9ysu • ‘Estates in Transition’, a day conference co-organised with Dartington, brought 65 local landowners and managers together to explore the impacts of peak oil and climate change • 57.2% of local people feel TTT’s work is either ‘highly relevant’ or ‘relevant’ to their lives • the Heart and Soul group provides support to 15 people working in TTT so as to minimise incidents of burn-out • TTT’s website has over 4,500 registered users • our annual Seedy Sunday events each attract at least 200 people • a recent grant of £75,000 from Community Builders is supporting our efforts to bring the derelict Dairy Crest site back into community ownership • TTT has generated a great deal of media coverage, including BBC’s The One Show, Al Jazeera TV, ‘In Business’ on Radio 4, and pieces in most daily papers, as well as regularly attracting international media attention....
Transition Town Totnes (TTT) began with presentations and film screenings organised by Naresh Giangrande and Rob Hopkins in late 2005, an ‘awareness raising’ period which culminated in September 2006 with a launch event called the ‘Official Unleashing’ of what then became known as ‘Transition Town Totnes’ (TTT). That event proved to be the catalyst for much that followed, with TTT now being seen as one of the primary community organisations in the town with, as this report will demonstrate, a wide range of projects and a diversity of impacts.

With hindsight, it would be reasonable to look at the life of TTT thus far as having four distinct stages:

Year One (2006-2007). **Awareness raising and networking.** This phase included many events, talks, film screenings, the creation of a ‘buzz’ around TTT’s work, and an invitation for people to get involved. As many as 11 ‘working groups’ were formed, and several practical projects launched.

Year Two (2007-2008). **Organisational consolidation.** The pressure on those holding central roles became excessive, and as funding was explored, the need for a formal organisation became clear. Much discussion was had as to structure, accountability, roles, resources and so on.

Year Three (2008-2009). **Energy Descent Pathways.** With some funding from Esme Fairbairn Foundation and APE, a project of community visioning and backcasting was carried out, resulting in the publication of ‘Transition in Action: an Energy Descent Action Plan’.

Year Four (2009-2010). **Social enterprise.** The focus has most recently shifted to exploring the role that social enterprise will play in enabling the vision of Totnes as set out in ‘Transition in Action’ to become a reality. A number of ‘catalyst projects’ have been identified, and the focus now is on the establishment of viable social enterprises to enable their development.

Clearly though, it is not that each of these activities are siloed into particular years, and there is a great deal of overlap, but the above offers a sense of the progression of TTT’s work since its inception. TTT has grown from a small group of people organising film screenings to a broad and diverse project. This report aims to answer the question one encounters sometimes in and around Totnes of “so what does Transition Town Totnes actually do?” As we shall see, in its short life, it has been astonishingly prolific.
How Transition Works

Since its beginnings in Totnes, the Transition concept has subsequently broadened and deepened, to give an equal weighting to the challenge of climate change alongside the issue of peak oil which was the initial stimulus, and has absorbed a wide range of other influences and disciplines. Transition has, from the start, been an iterative process, drawing inspiration from a wide and eclectic range of sources.

These include the fields of psychology, the study of addiction\(^1\), the ‘wiki’ approach to collaborative information building\(^2\), the ‘leaderless organization’ approach\(^3\), resilience science\(^4\), insights from how self-organisation works in natural systems\(^5\), ‘despair and empowerment’ work and ecopsychology\(^6\), ‘learned optimism’\(^7\), the science of happiness\(^8\), the concept of ‘pattern languages’\(^9\), the power of the internet to enable ideas to spread virally\(^10\), Chaordic organizational design\(^11\) and the permaculture concept\(^12\). This approach has been widely praised, and the Transition model has spread virally around the world during the past 4 years, and been recognized with a number of awards.

Two central aspects of the work of Transition initiatives are relocalisation and building resilience. Transition actively promotes the idea of going beyond the concept of ‘localism’, that is, the devolving of political power to the local level, as expressed in the coalition government’s ‘Big Society’ agenda, to that of ‘localisation’, seeing the meeting of core needs locally (food, building materials, energy) as offering huge potential to local economies, while also reducing oil vulnerability and carbon emissions. In terms of resilience, Transition goes beyond the accepted idea of resilience as being about ability to adapt to shocks, instead seeing it as a desired state, the rebuilding of which could be hugely economically advantageous to local communities.

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The diagram below sets out how Transition understands resilience in practice, as a community-driven process of creating a new infrastructure of businesses and initiatives which are more suited to a lower-carbon, more resilient world. It integrates the creation of a new physical infrastructure (energy, food production, construction), economic structures that enable a community to cycle money locally and strengthen its local economy, and social systems, designed to ensure social justice and fairness.

**Community Scale Resilience in Practice**

A Transition take on how resilience works at the community level.

In practice, Transition works by inviting people to take ownership of the process, by not claiming to have all the answers but encouraging creativity, and by building networks with other organisations. It is based on the model of ‘project support’, that is that the role of Transition is to catalyse and support, rather than to hold and manage a wide range of projects. As this document progresses, you will see how this model is practiced in Totnes.

“If you want to catch a glimpse of the kinds of places outside the political mainstream where the new politics might be incubated, take a look at the Transition movement … it isn’t so hard to see why politicians are so interested. The Transition movement is engaging people in a way that conventional politics is failing to do. It generates emotions that have not been seen in political life for a long time: enthusiasm, idealism and passionate commitment”. Madeline Bunting in The Observer. 31 May 2009.
How TTT Functions

Organisational Structure

The structure of Transition Town Totnes has been through several evolutions over the years as the project has gone from a small number of committed individuals operating on voluntary basis, to a significant community organisation managing a number of funded projects resulting in income up to April 2010 of around £200,000. TTT is a community organisation that comprises many theme groups, each of which addresses one aspect of the Transition story. The diagram below sets this out more clearly:

- Theme groups (in green) focus on a particular area and initiate, coordinate and support projects (in yellow - a few are shown)
- TTT Ltd (in red) oversees the legal aspects of all of TTT, and manages TTT services
- TTT Services (in red) provides support to enable Theme Groups and Projects to take place
- Projects (in yellow) deliver Transition activity.

**Theme or Working Groups** run projects, put on events and hold regular planning and discussion meetings. They are self-organising, but asked to ensure the following:
- A representative attends Core group.
- It has a minimum of 3 active members.
- It holds regular open meetings i.e. at least every three months.
- It updates the website on their activity.
- It has been endorsed by the Core Group.

Theme groups act as initiating and coordinating groups for related projects, where the practical hands on work of Transition takes place. Projects are also self-determining and self-organising within the legal structures and responsibilities of the organisation. Projects may range from a one off event or gathering, to a group that forms its own incorporated organisation, raising funds or trading.

Projects are just that; projects delivering Transition on the ground. These normally emerge from the Theme or Working Groups. Many are now in the process of becoming community businesses. At the time of writing there are approximately forty active projects in the different theme groups.

The Core Group is the key decision-making body at the heart of TTT. It meets monthly and comprises a representative from each theme group as well as someone from the board of Trustees and TTT services. It has responsibility for setting the direction and priorities of the organisation, as well as coordinating its activity.

TTT Services is a loose team of people that supports the activities of the theme groups and their associated projects. This includes the administrator / coordinator (paid), volunteer coordinator (unpaid), communications team (unpaid), and project support (paid / unpaid, depending on project). Here are some of the things it provides:

- An office on Totnes High Street is a point of contact and information about the project, meeting space and the place where paid and voluntary workers carry out their work.
- An ongoing central programme of events continues the process of raising awareness, providing discussion spaces, expert speakers, Reskilling workshops and opportunities to meet, reflect and deepen understanding of what Transition is.
- A website platform enables groups and projects to communicate about their work and activities to the local and wider community
- Some support has been provided to groups and projects including help with funding applications and training in how to get groups to work well and have productive meetings.
- Outreach and partnerships – representing TTT in other community forums, giving talks and attending events on behalf of TTT.
- Communication and publicity including press releases, interviews
- Managing volunteers who help with various activities.
- Providing information to the steady flow of visitors (sometimes referred to as “Transition Pilgrims”) who come to hear what has happened at the source of Transition.
- Some major projects which don't belong to a

The entrance to TTT's office, Fore Street, Totnes.
single theme group have been run from the centre from funding applications to management and report writing. These include the Energy Descent Action Plan, Transition Streets. See the section on central projects for more details.

**TTT Ltd and the Board of Trustees**

In 2008 we set up a limited company (No. 06287039, registered in England and Wales), with the aim of obtaining charitable status (our application is in progress). Its primary purpose is to carry through the strategic objectives of the Core group, and to provide the legal and financial framework for the project.

The Board of Trustees manages TTT services and paid staff, and oversees all the legal requirements of the organisation including financial oversight, insurance, policies for health and safety, employment and so on. The first AGM was held in February 2010 when all original Trustees stood down, and the current board was elected. See Appendix 2 for a list of current Trustees.

**Central Funding and Roles**

Since 2007 TTT has had a paid project admin coordinator supporting the project, initially funded through a local donation and from April 2008 – April 2010 by grants from the Ashden Trust. Together with a number of volunteers in the office, this has enabled the huge range of events, projects and other activities which rely on the central office function to coordinate and help with mundane and routine arrangements with venues, press, publicity and so on.

Other funded roles have included Project Support (£10,000 from Polden-Puckham), Transition Together (£20,000 from Big Green Challenge plus £10,000 from Gulbenkian), Energy Descent Action Plan (£39,000 from Esme Fairburn and £5,000 from APE), funding support (local donation).

In 2010 a team applied to the Low Carbon Communities Challenge and received a grant for £625,000 for the Transition Streets project (see over), which has resulted in further paid roles and a dramatic increase in community engagement. See the section on Central Projects for more information on these funded activities.
Central Projects

As has been outlined above, TTT is founded on the principle that it is not set up to actually run projects itself, but rather to provide the infrastructure to support initiatives that arise from its Working Groups. However, two major projects have been managed centrally by TTT itself over the last 2 years, and have had a big impact on the wider community.

1. Totnes Energy Descent Pathways project

The creation of the Totnes Energy Descent Action Plan has been one of TTT’s key community engagement projects, as well as creating a foundation for the next stage of its work. The basic idea was to create a ‘Plan B’ for Totnes and district, setting out how its transition away from oil dependency could work in practice. It included some detailed pieces of research, such as an Energy Budget for the area\(^{13}\), and ‘Can Totnes and district feed itself?’\(^{14}\), as well as a lengthy oral history of the area. In a review of the Totnes EDAP for i4 magazine, Michelle Colussi described it as:

> …“a remarkably explicit, exciting, and community-based vision that tells us exactly what is to come about…. Ultimately, the document acts like more of an Energy Descent Invitation, than a Plan. It entices other communities to have a go at the process for themselves”.

Here are some statistics from the project which produced the Plan:

- At the time of writing, over 800 printed copies have been sold
- 10 meetings were held with the TTT working groups as part of the process of creating the Plan
- 27 public meetings were run looking at Visioning and then at Backcasting
- 35 talks were given to a range of local organisations, including the Totnes Men’s Probus Club, Dartington Parish Council and many others, including students at the local secondary school
- It is estimated that at least 550 people engaged with the EDAP process at various EDAP events, and over 250 attended the launch and over 100 the Cabaret night.

A series of workshops were also run with local 6\(^{th}\) Form students, and also with over 100 Year 7 students.

Creating the waste part of the plan included a Waste Forum night at the local secondary school Friends of the Earth, the UK environmental Officer from Sainsbury’s, Devon Recycling Network, Totnes Chamber of Commerce and TQ Recycling (a regional recycling company) and led to the latter getting the recycling contract with Sainsbury’s in South Hams.

\(^{13}\) http://tinyurl.com/34bwklu
\(^{14}\) This paper can be downloaded from http://tinyurl.com/3yn6ann
2. Transition Streets / Transition Together

Transition Together is a seven week programme that people do with neighbours, looking at energy, water, food, waste and transport and leading to each participant developing their own personal Practical Action Plan. It was developed by TTT during 2009, modelled on the Global Action Plan and other home/group-based behaviour change programmes. The need as identified following on from an evening class called ‘Skilling Up for Powerdown’, after which groups began to meet as ‘home groups’, and wanted some structured, practical approach to work through.

During September and October 2009, a group from TTT wrote and submitted a bid to the Department of Energy and Climate Change’s ‘Low Carbon Communities Challenge’, which proposed a project called ‘Transition Streets’, which included firstly using ‘Transition Together’ as the first step, followed by availing of grants from South Hams District Council for insulation measures, then grants for installing solar photovoltaics, and finally putting a photovoltaic roof on the town’s main public building, the Civic Hall. The bid was successful, Transition Streets being chosen as one of 20 Low Carbon Communities projects out of over 400 applications, and awarded a grant of £625,000. The scheme has been hugely successful. Here are some statistics about the project:

- There are now 59 ‘Transition Together’ groups in the town, of which 45 have been accepted into the ‘Transition Streets’ programme, which is over 500 households
- On average, each group contains 8 households
- At the time of writing, over 150 domestic solar PV systems are due to be installed as part of the Transition Streets programme
- Totnes Civic Hall now has a photovoltaic roof of 75 PV panels with 14 kWp of energy generating capacity. The system will generate around 13,000kWh of electricity per year, about a third of the energy used by the building
- Over half of participating households are low income
- Data from the first 4 Transition Together groups showed that participating in the scheme saves each household, on average, 1.2 tonnes of carbon and £601.

A short promotional film about Transition Streets can be seen at http://tinyurl.com/35mmn77
Related Projects

As well as the projects that TTT itself has supported and initiated, a number of aligned initiatives have also begun which are linked to TTT in varying ways. They do not necessarily see themselves as TTT projects, but may be developed in partnership with TTT, or acknowledge a connection with the project. These include the following:

The Totnes Renewable Energy Society.

The **Totnes Renewable Energy Society** (TRESOC) is not strictly speaking a TTT enterprise, but it is very much seen as a 'sister' enterprise. It emerged from a TTT Open Space day about energy in October 2006, when a group came together and committed to making it happen. The Society was launched in September 2010 with the intention of maximising community share ownership of the company. It has an agreement with a landowner on the edge for Totnes to apply for planning for two 2.3MW turbines, which would produce enough energy for 2,500 homes. Transition Town Totnes has been involved in helping to promote the Society, and also is a corporate shareholder.

The ATMOS Project

**ATMOS** is a partnership project between Transition Town Totnes and the Totnes Development Trust. Its intention is to bring into community ownership the 8-acre site adjoining Totnes train station, which was formerly a milk-processing plant run by Dairy Crest. The ATMOS project (named after Brunel's experimental 'atmospheric railway' which was developed at the site) has brought together local architects and other local organisations to create a concept for the site as a mixture of affordable low carbon homes and as a catalyst for new 'green businesses'. The ATMOS project was recently awarded £75,000 by the Community Builders programme to support its work and to bring onboard the expertise in order to move forward to site acquisition.

Totnes Healthy Futures

This initiative is a partnership between Leatside Surgery, Totnes Development Trust, Plymouth University, Breakthrough Plus and TTT. It aims to enhance people's health and well-being through community gardening and provide another source of local organic vegetables, fruit and herbs. One demonstration site and one growing site have been offered. As the project expands, it is hoped that there will be many growing sites in and around Totnes. The prime aim of the project is to enhance the physical and mental health of people referred from the surgery. So far it has attracted about 80 local people to offer support, and expert advice when it starts, basing itself in the old ticket office in The Lamb, offered by SHDC (see left).
Wider Impact of TTT

Training and Tourism

There are a growing number of worldwide visitors to Totnes seeking information about the work of TTT. The manager of the Tourist Information Centre in the town claims that each year over the last 4 years the number has increased. This year to date she reports that many hundreds of visitors to the have requested information about our work and activities. She has now formally asked for more information to be made available. Our success is a challenge to our resources and we now know that we need to produce even more accessible paper information for visitors. At present requests have to come through the office, which is already currently working beyond capacity.

Wherever possible volunteers meet and talk with visitors. In the last 4 weeks TTT volunteers have met with a range of tourists including those from Belgium, Spain, France, South Korea, USA, Holland. These meetings are stimulating but demanding on time as the visitors are not just looking for information but for help in how they might replicate some of our work.

It is impossible to estimate the economic impact of the ongoing influx of Transition Town tourists but the Chamber of Commerce acknowledges that Transition Town Totnes is an important asset to the town.

A member of the Chamber, interviewed recently, said “... I’d say that one of the biggest things that’s increased footfall in Totnes has probably been Transition Town Totnes. Because it’s probably been the thing – so I’m looking at it purely commercially - it’s been one of the things that’s had the most column inches concerning Totnes in the national and international press. And it’s those
column inches that bring people in. On top of that, I think it might have even changed the demographic profiles of people who’ve come in”.

Economic impact of Transition ‘visitors’ - 2009 / 2010

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Local Government

The Totnes Town Mayor fully supported the launch of Transition town 4 years ago and that support has endured and grown. The current Mayor is engaged on behalf of the Council as a partner in the Transition Streets project which has seen the installation of 74 solar panels on the Civic Hall roof supported by a ‘Low Carbon Communities Challenge’ grant managed by TTT. The Mayor and Council attended the Energy Fair which launched this community aspect of the LCCC project. TTT has been publicly acknowledged for its work at full council meetings and particularly over the last year has been recognised as a key community grouping within the town. At his inauguration, the new Mayor of Totnes, Tony Whitty, said:

“...one of the newest and liveliest community groupings is Transition Town Totnes which has raised the profile of Totnes, in fact made us famous all over the world, for pioneering approaches to climate change and peak oil”.

SHDC has been a close partner on the Transition Streets project and on the Healthy Futures project. Our partnerships have extended to the Cosy Devon project, the Energy Savings Trust and the Wessex Reinvestment Trust assisted by SHDC. Our work has attracted the interest of neighbouring towns and Transition Town Totnes has been asked to give a presentation to Kingsbridge councillors and their Agenda 21 group. In a recent interview, one of Totnes’s District Councillors said:

“...it’s (TTT) clearly had a major impact on what you’d call the collective community. If you are talking about a statement of vision and policy for the community, particularly the DPD, of the town, they’ve clearly had an impact on that. The EDAP has filtered into everyone’s plans for everything, so that’s had a major impact.”

Schools and FE

TTT has worked within and with local schools. The Transition Tales project has reached children and teachers in the primary and the secondary schools as part of their citizenship and their environmental studies. Presentations on the work of TTT have been given to the 6th form and other groups within the school. The Education group is now working with to establish a young Transition group to be self managed, in a bid to ensure sustainability, a broader reach and develop awareness and empowerment in the young leaders for the future. One of the TTT Trustees is a governor of the local comprehensive school and has a view to ensuring links. Strong links have been formed with South Devon College through the coordinator of the Business and livelihoods group.

University Links and Research requests

Almost daily TTT receives requests from undergraduates and post graduates from all over the world for support with their research. We have resolved to respond wherever possible to all post graduate requests, a task now being coordinated through the education group. Over the last year we have received approximately 20-30 requests. Some information is available through the website but it is the personal story which many would-be researchers seek.

The University of Plymouth is actively involved with us through the Healthy Futures project, and we are now seeking HE engagement in some meta research on the impact of TTT.
The Rotary Club

Following a presentation to the local Rotary Club they are now fully supportive of TTT and searching for ways of working alongside us.

Totnes Development Trust

The TDT and TTT share a Trustee and other members of TTT on its board of trustees. One of the key projects now project managed by the TDT, emerged from TTT’s Health and Well-being group. This project, ‘Totnes Healthy Futures’, links TTT to the Leatside Surgery, the largest GP practice in Totnes.

Totnes Community Strategy Group

TTT and the Community Strategy Group share a Trustee and are well represented through the work of the strategy group. The housing and built environment group played a key role in the local development plan document which has been acclaimed as one of the best examples of community consultation in the country.

Wider community participation

TTT events ranging from a recent event with Richard Heinberg (400 attendees) or Marianne Williamson (250 attendees) to the energy fair and Winterfest (see Appendix 1) have engaged large number of individuals and families. Our events are almost always very well attended and reach people of all ages and interests.

Schumacher College

TTT in engaged in a positive partnership with Schumacher College, Dartington. Their events programmes have been mutually supportive, sharing speakers and courses. Schumacher has recently established an MSC Economics in Transition which is being developed in partnership with TTT.

Other partnerships

TTT has actively developed a wide range of partnerships, reflecting group and project activity. These have included:

- Base Youth Eco-Arts
- BECO
- Belstone Youth Group
- Bowden House Community
- Clare Milne Trust
- Community Land Trusts Fund
- Cosy Devon
- Department of Energy and Climate Change (UK Government)
- Energy Action Devon (including the Devon Association for Renewable Energy)
- Energy Savings Trust
- Environwise
- King Edward VI Community College (KEVICC)
- Greater Dartmoor LEAF Fund
- Leatside Surgery (NHS)
- Pulse Youth Group
- Schumacher College
- South Devon Rural Housing Association
- South Hams District Council
- Totnes Development Trust
- Totnes Image Bank
- Totnes School of English
- Totnes Town Council
- Tree Council.
TTT in the media:

Our work has generated a great deal of media coverage and press attention for both the project and for the town. Here is a sample of that coverage:

**Film**

- **BBC1 The One Show.** Featured Westlife with Totnes Pounds! 14th Feb 2008.
- ‘*English Town’s Climate Lessons*’. Al Jazeera. [http://tinyurl.com/34ej8pg](http://tinyurl.com/34ej8pg)
- ‘*Totnes: taking change into their own hands*’. Open University. [http://tinyurl.com/ybjrjs9](http://tinyurl.com/ybjrjs9)
- ‘*In Transition 1.0*’ is the film produced by Transition Network which features clips about TTT. [http://vimeo.com/8029815](http://vimeo.com/8029815)
- ‘*The Powerdown Show - Transition Towns and Energy Descent Pathways*’. [http://tinyurl.com/37zdr6f](http://tinyurl.com/37zdr6f)
- **BBC Devon piece about Transition with local poet Matt Harvey:** [http://tinyurl.com/35xw4dw](http://tinyurl.com/35xw4dw)
- Michael Portillo spent a day in Totnes as part of his ‘*Great British Railway Journeys*’ programme. [http://tinyurl.com/399cwow](http://tinyurl.com/399cwow)
- Totnes also features in a forthcoming feature film called ‘*Symphony of the Soil*’.

**Written (two articles are reproduced below...)**

- *Steen has hands on New Totnes Pound.* Herald Express. 7th March 07.
- *Voices of Descent.* Red Pepper website.
- *Pioneering Welsh Town Begins a Transition to Life Without Oil.* Guardian. 7th April 07.
- *Transition Values are Catching on Fast.* Western Morning News. 23rd April 07.
- *The Town that Prints its own Money.* Mirror. 6th June 07.
- *Towns Prepare for ‘Peak Oil’ Point.* BBC Scotland. 5th Aug 07.
- *Local Hero Rob Hopkins: Transition Town Totnes.* The Ecologist. 27th Nov 07.
- *The Tiny Old Town Blazing a Trail with Big New Ideas.* Western Morning News. 28th Dec 07.
- *Support Swells for Fledgling Transition Town.* Western Morning News. 21st Jan 08.
- *Practical Guide from the Architect of Transition.* Western Morning News. 3rd Mar 08.
- *Notes from a Small Town.* The Independent. 1 May 08
- *Natural Born Survivors.* The Guardian. 2 May 08
- *Totnes Pound.* The Times. May 08.
- *A British Towns Attempt to Kick the Oil Habit.* CBC News Canada. July 08.
- *Ville en Transition: Transitions Magazine 2009*
- *Ciudades en Transicion: Athanor : November- December 2009*
- *Grassroots Campaigner of the year: Rob Hopkins.* Observer magazine June 2009
- *A green trail others must follow.* The Guardian December 2009
• One minute with Rob Hopkins: New Scientist February 2010
• The Thin Green Line: The Independent on Sunday February 2010

Audio

• BBC Radio Scotland & BBC Online. 5th Aug 07.
• Radio 4’s You and Yours - Totnes Pound. May 08
• BBC Radio 4’s ‘In Business’ programme – November 2010.

Publications which are wholly or partly based on the experience of TTT.

Local Sustainable Homes: how to make them happen in your community. Chris Bird
Local Food: how to make it happen in your community: Tamzin Pinkerton and Rob Hopkins
Transition in Action: Totnes and District 2030: an Energy Descent Action Plan: Jacqi Hodgson &
Rob Hopkins (all published by Green Books...).

Research published about TTT by visiting academics.


TTT’s ‘Transition in Action’ being perused at its launch, June 2010.

*** The next 3 pages show two recent press articles about the work of TTT....
Per sette giorni, la storica comunità scozzese di Findhorn ha fatto da sfondo a quella che si può definire la prima conferenza internazionale incentrata sulle possibili risposte al picco petrolifero e ai mutamenti climatici. Il meeting, Creative community response to peak oil and climate change, ha visto la partecipazione di 220 tra esperti ed attivisti provenienti da tutto il mondo, i cui interventi sono stati moderati da Joanna Macy, scrittrice e animatrice di seminari di carattere sociale e ambientale. Tra i contributi più significativi quelli di Richard Heinberg, uno dei più famosi esperti in ambito di picco petrolifero e autore de La festa è finita (Fazi editore, 2008) e Rob Hopkins, fondatore del Transition Town1 di Totnes, il primo progetto di transizione all'era del post-petrolifero che coinvolge un'intera città realizzato in Gran Bretagna.

Tra gli altri relatori, Dorothy Maclean, fondatrice nel 1962 assieme a Peter e Eileen Caddy di Findhorn; Jonathan Dawson, presidente della rete mondiale degli ecovillaggi (Gen); Megan Quinn, co-redattrice del documentario Il potere della comunità: come Cuba sopravvisse al picco del petrolio2 e Richard Lochhead, membro del parlamento scozzese.

La festa è finita
Da quando abbiamo iniziato ad immagazzinare energia e ad accumulare ricchezza, ha esortato Heinberg, l'ineguaglianza tra gli individui e tra i popoli ha iniziato ad aumentare di pari passo, fino a raggiungere proporzioni smisurate negli ultimi 200 anni.

Il 93% delle risorse energetiche che sostengono il nostro stile di vita declineranno nei prossimi anni; l'attività di estrazione di petrolio di più di 60 dei 98 Paesi produttori è ormai in declino; l'energia complessiva prodotta dai combustibili fossili (petrolio, carbone, gas naturale) raggiungerà il culmine attorno al 2010. Per Heinberg le conseguenze «saranno molto gravi»; non c'è alcuna speranza di un «atterraggio morbido», bisogna dimenticarsi non solo della «crescita perpetua», ma anche della vita «normalità» a cui siamo oggi abituati.

Sono già 44 le città che si stanno organizzando con programmi di riduzione dei consumi e utilizzo di fonti rinnovabili per far fronte alla fine del petrolio prossima ventura in modo creativo e non traumatico. A Findhorn una conferenza internazionale per fare il punto sulla situazione.

*1 Transition Town è un progetto di costruzione di comunità che si occupa di sostenere le persone che si occupano di creare comunità di durata in un contesto di cambiamento del clima e del petrolio.
*2 Il documentario Il potere della comunità: come Cuba sopravvisse al picco del petrolio è stato diretto da Rob Mackie e si concentra sulla crescita economica e sociale di Cuba durante il picco del petrolio.
Apocalypse now?  
We can handle it

Climate change is upon us and the oil is running out. Is mankind's darkest hour really approaching? If so, a growing army of local heroes is determined to turn it into our finest. Luke Leitch enters the brave new world of Transition

In Sandpoint, Idaho — birthplace of Sarah Palin, who really should know — the community garden for its first winter and plans are under way for a local bioremediation power plant.

In Bath, England, architects and architects are building a forest of sheds. By 2016, some 16,000 of them are expected to have been built, with thousands more on the way. This is a path to become the “fruit and nut tree area of Gedling.”

To put it in context, these self-sufficient community efforts are simply yet another form of local food. But Sandpoint and Bath are two examples of something much bigger — the Transition Initiative, a movement that has already set out to save us in a world without oil.

In some 300 towns, villages and cities worldwide, Transition is under way, and the momentum is gathering force. Most of the groups are “normal” — Transition-speak for gearing themselves up — but 38 have launched locally. Some 33,000 people are in the group, and in Britain this means the large majority of local councils are involved.

All the $300 billion — bearing a handsome picture of Lees on the back — were snapped up in 24 hours. The project was only slightly undersubscribed when rates were put up for sale on eBay by fox-calling speculators.

At this time in history the last thing you need is people feeling powerless

There are more than 500 active Transition groups operational in the UK, each attempting to map out a low-carbon future for itself. To find the group nearest you, go to transitiontowns.org
fults, teenagers bump up and down the high street in sportswear and secondhand backpacks.

Los Alamos, New Mexico, has a population of about 2,500 people. In 2006, the town's environmental plan included the following goals:

- Reduce energy consumption by 10% by 2010.
- Reduce water usage by 20% by 2010.
- Increase recycling rate to 70% by 2010.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 10% by 2010.

The town has implemented several initiatives to achieve these goals, including:

- Installing solar panels on town buildings.
- Implementing a comprehensive recycling program.
- Encouraging the use of public transportation.
- Promoting energy-efficient lighting and appliances.

Laurel Hammond, a Los Alamos city councilor, said, "We believe in sustainable development, and we're working hard to make sure that our community is a model for others to follow."
Research on the Impact of TTT

As part of the process that led to the creation of TTT’s Energy Descent Action Plan, a survey was carried out of 213 households in Totnes and Dartington. The survey was conducted by the University of Plymouth during April 2009. The more general findings from the survey are presented here.

TTT has been in existence for just over 4 years now, so we were fascinated to know the extent to which knowledge of it had percolated into the community, and also what depth of engagement it was attracting. It was encouraging to discover that 74.9% of those questioned had heard of TTT and its work.

The respondents were then asked whether they had ever participated in any of its events. 60.6% said never, 33.3% occasionally, 3.9% regularly and 2.2% often. Taking a rough figure for the population of Totnes as 8,416, extrapolated to all the survey respondents, this means that around 155 people are often involved, 328 regularly involved, and around 2800 occasionally involved since the launch of the project in late 2006.

Those who said they had participated in TTT events were then asked which ones. 59.1% said they had attended a talk or workshop, 7.7% had had some involvement in the Garden Share scheme, 36.9% had been involved with the Totnes Pound initiative, 21.5% had taken an active role in one of TTT’s 11 working groups, 6.2% had got involved with the Transition Tales project run at KEVICC and 12.3% had participated in the creation of the Energy Descent Plan for the area.

When asked whether they thought the work of TTT was relevant to their lives, 57.2% of respondents said it was either highly relevant or relevant. Only 11% felt it to be completely irrelevant. When asked whether they felt that in the event of a crisis the community could pull together, 83.2% agreed that it could. They were then asked whether the sense of community the respondent felt from their neighbours had decreased over the past few years. 65.7% disagreed or strongly disagreed with this, only 8.3% strongly agreeing that their sense of community had declined.
Theme Groups and Related Projects

In the following section we have included a detailed account of every theme group listing major projects, events and activities for that theme. This shows the comprehensive nature of Transition Town Totnes, and the enormous number of activities that the small funded centre has been able to support. Here are some of the highlights of our work (at the risk of playing down the importance of every piece!), intended to reflect the variety of what we do.

**Totnes – Nut Tree Capital of The World** is a small project with an ambitious aim, this started in 2007 with the planting of walnut trees on Vire Island, right at the centre of the town. Pruw Boswell, the then mayor, was photographed planting one of the first trees which became one of our first media appearances (see right). The project has gone on to plant nearly 200 trees in sites all over town, and will provide essential protein to future Totnesians, as well as locking up carbon!

Another early food project was the **Local Food Guide**, a booklet listing local, organic food producers, shops and eateries. Like many Totnes projects this has inspired other places to follow our example, and the people involved have given support and advice to many other food guide groups (the launch of the first TTT guide, on the wettest day of 2007, can be seen left).

In 2008 the **Garden Share** project was launched, linking people with unused garden space to those who want more room to grow. An agreement is made between the two that addresses issues such as timings, sharing produce and so on. To date forty Totnes families have received home grown produce from the shared gardens, and the project links with other popular initiatives that support home growing such as seed and glut swaps, a basic gardening course that has run three times, and the annual **Totnes Edible Garden Crawl** (the picture, right, shows the 2008 Crawl visiting Sue Holmes’s Garden Share plot). Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall of River Cottage was so impressed by the scheme when he found out about it that he used it as a basis for his national landshare project – now offering a national database of pieces of land that owners would like to see used beneficially.
TTT has contributed expertise and energy to a number of much wider community discussions, including the consultation on the local Development Plan Document in 2009/10 which brought together over 20 local organisations. Described as one of the best pieces of community consultation they've seen by a number of experts and organisations, it asked our District Council and planners to take into account peak oil, climate change and resilience considerations in how we shape our future use of land and resources.

The mentoring project run by the Heart and Soul group has provided mentors / supervisors with professional qualifications and expertise to many who give a lot of their time and energy to the project, helping to keep an eye on risks of burnout as well as helping people with their personal and professional development. A new development is the provision of skilled facilitators to offer mediation to groups encountering difficult dynamics or conflict.

In 2008 we decided to experiment with printing our own money - something which got us noticed in the national as well as local press. At first 300 experimental Totnes Pounds were given away at a public talk on financial systems, and several local businesses and shops persuaded to take them in payment for goods and services. The Totnes £ is in its third version, accepted in over 70 locally run establishments and is awaiting the printing of a T£10 note. Lewes and Brixton have followed the Totnes example, producing their own currency, and using it as a tool to raise awareness of local economic issues among shoppers and businesses alike.
A Theme Group by Theme Group look at what’s happening in TTT

1. The Food Group

Clockwise from top left: planting nut trees in Totnes with local solicitor who supports the scheme, the cover for the first TTT local food directory TTT’s ‘Garden Share’s scheme, the ‘Estates in Transition’ event at Dartington Hall.

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<th>Teresa Anderson</th>
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<td>Summary of coordinator’s background and skills:</td>
<td>Currently: Information and Advocacy Officer for the Gaia Foundation and Africa Biodiversity Network (ABN). Experience and Skills: Developing international campaigns on sustainable agriculture, seed diversity, climate change, food trade and against GMOs, particularly in Africa. Research and writing on food and environmental issues for 9 years. Studied and practiced organic farming.</td>
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<td>How many people actively involved?</td>
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<td>What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?</td>
<td>Campaigning, media, co-ordination, research, facilitation, agroforestry, vegetable growing, tree planting, seed saving.</td>
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<td><strong>Totnes Nut and Fruit Tree planting project</strong>&lt;br&gt;Ongoing – TTT, Trees for Health, Agroforestry Research Trust and local landowners</td>
<td>This project aims to build up a community food resource of fruit and nut trees in public spaces in Totnes, in neighbouring private land, in local school grounds. It also aims to teach people how to care for these trees, and encourages planting edible trees in gardens.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;&lt;strong&gt;Building community:&lt;/strong&gt; Planting in residential areas has fostered collaboration between neighbours living around the planting sites.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;&lt;strong&gt;Collaboration:&lt;/strong&gt; All the planting and tree care has been done with good collaboration with district and town councils, with Housing Associations, with private landowners.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;In other places we have seen many individuals starting up tree-planting schemes in their towns have consulted this project about procedures, pitfalls and possibilities. Some have joined in the tree planting to gain first-hand experience.</td>
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<td><strong>Totnes Local Food Guide</strong>&lt;br&gt;Completed - TTT</td>
<td>Volunteers put together a directory to help consumers to identify local producers and outlets that supply local produce.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Highlighted the contribution local producers and retailers make to maintenance and development of the local food economy. Encouraged local consumers and businesses to purchase more local food from local suppliers. Contributed to the raising of consciousness around the local food economic&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Used to advertise and support food mapping research and public workshop.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Many other transition initiatives have consulted us for advice and support when compiling their own Food Guides.</td>
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<td><strong>Seedy Sister events</strong></td>
<td>Since January 2007, the Seedy Sisters have held 2 or 3 events per year. These include Seed Swaps, Plant Swaps, Glut Swaps, and Seed Saving</td>
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<td><strong>Ongoing - TTT trainings.</strong></td>
<td>These annual events are greatly valued by the local gardening community as an opportunity to develop and experiment with a diversity of locally-adapted seed and plant varieties. Such diversity builds resilience in the community’s ability to grow food for our local conditions and nutritional needs. The seed saving trainings and “Gardeners Question Time” sessions are key in building the community’s knowledge for growing food and ensuring future resilience. They give confidence to new growers, and are encouraging more people than ever to grow their own.</td>
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<td><strong>Responsible Fish Restaurants</strong> Linking Totnes restaurants with another organisation called “Responsible Fish Restaurants” (RFR). The project planned to help them to be able to source and trust local, sustainable fish direct from sustainable fishermen from the South Devon coast. Sadly one member of RFR was seriously affected by back problems, which prevented his going out onto fishing boats to assess sustainability. The credit crunch also affected the other key RFR person’s ability to give her time. This meant that the project has not moved forward in its current form. However, another local project (coordinated by the Economics and Livelihoods group) is working with local fishermen, and the lessons learned and contacts made with the RFR project will be a great asset in moving the new project forward with local restaurants.</td>
<td>10 Totnes restaurants were interested in joining the initiative, which is almost all of the restaurants in the area.</td>
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<td><strong>Farmers’ meeting on Agriculture, Climate Change, and Oil.</strong> Organised a meeting with local farmers and residents to introduce the themes of climate change, peak oil, oil vulnerability, and to develop food localisation responses and strategies. There was good group discussion at the event. A key point moving forward was to bring about a meeting of farmers and retailers to identify the gaps and solutions to bring about more resilience in local food systems. This process ultimately led to the</td>
<td>100 people, including 15 farmers attended the event.</td>
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<td><strong>Gardenshare</strong>&lt;br&gt;Ongoing</td>
<td>Pairing and matching local growers who have no garden with people who are willing to donate a patch of their unused garden space to a gardener for food growing.&lt;br&gt;Intergenerational and cross-societal connections being made through shared gardening spaces, tools and food - creating a richer, more resilient social fabric of interdependence and exchange through long-term “growing” relationships. Raising awareness of the general work of TTT, presenting alternatives to a very diverse audience that can be harder to reach: pensioners, busy families, low-income groups etc. The scheme interacts with other food initiatives, seed saving &amp; swapping, garden crawls and so on.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall was so inspired by this model that he set up the national “Landshare” scheme online. We have also had many requests and media interest from across the country asking for tips and experiences in setting up the project.</td>
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<td><strong>Basic Gardening course</strong>&lt;br&gt;</td>
<td>Result of Gardenshare and Garden crawls, a course 50 people have attended an ongoing course learning from local organic food growers.</td>
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<td><strong>Edible Garden crawls</strong>&lt;br&gt;</td>
<td>Members of the public can visit a variety of local gardens and allotments Local organic food growers show off their work and give tips and guidance on how they do it.</td>
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<td><strong>Food Mapping</strong>&lt;br&gt;</td>
<td>Researching the economic, environmental and social impact of the local food supply chain through interviews carried out by volunteers with local shopkeepers, farmers and processors and residents. A series of public workshops and events were also held.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;The CPRE report has not yet been published, but we anticipate it to have significant impact on local and national policy.&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;The process of research has led to better links with the local farming and</td>
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retail community and building the capacity of volunteers to engage at greater depth on these issues.

The workshops were a good opportunity for people to share their views, identify opportunities and work towards solutions.

CPRE carried out this research in several towns, many of which were transition towns, to gain a broad picture of the national trends and issues.

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<td>Food Link – Ongoing</td>
<td>To provide a linking role between local farmers and local retailers. We have received funding for an individual to carry out research with retailers to identify what local foods they would like more of. That information will be shared with farmers, to help them to make informed and strategic decisions about crops to grow, and local shops they can sell to directly. The project has only started recently. We anticipate that the impact will be significant among the local farming community, who will start to realise the value of targeting local retail outlets instead of national chains. Stronger, shorter local supply chains will enhance Totnes’ resilience and ability to withstand shocks such as global fluctuations in food and oil prices, while reducing our food miles and impact on climate change. This pilot project is being set up with the aim that it can be repeated in transition towns across the country.</td>
<td>Project just starting. Possible</td>
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2. Housing and Building Group

Participants on the 2009 Open Eco-Homes tour visit a retrofitted house in Dartington.

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<td>Freelance writer specialising in eco-building, author of ‘Local Sustainable Homes’ and a director of Totnes Sustainable Construction Ltd</td>
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<td><strong>How many people actively involved?</strong></td>
<td>A core of 15-20 with many others involved in particular events and projects</td>
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<td><strong>What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?</strong></td>
<td>Architects, landscape architect, skills in thermal modelling and low carbon energy assessment, builders including eco-refitters and cob construction, forest management, materials suppliers, interior design, journalism, social housing</td>
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| **Transition Homes**  
Ongoing | Develop small communities of low cost and low carbon homes with associated food growing areas, in collaboration with the Dartington Trust and Community Land Trust Fund | | Carbon saving  
Resilience | Yes |
| **Eco construction now an established company** | A not for profit eco-construction and refurbishment company (‘Totnes Sustainable Construction Company’) | | Carbon saving  
Involvement | Yes |
| **Co-housing**  
Ongoing -  
DPD consultation  
Design Review at Planning Stage  
Ongoing | Work towards local affordable sustainable housing, possibly to create funding mechanism  
In collaboration with TQ9 developers | | Connecting  
Resilience  
Carbon saving | Yes |
| **Eco homes tour** | Following two successful eco-tours we successfully scaled this up to an Open Homes weekend in 2010. | 50 – 100 attended eco-tours  
Open homes: 13 homes and over 500 visits  
Energy fair: 14 exhibitors and 300 – 400 visitors | Cultural change  
Connecting  
Carbon and £ saved | |
3. Energy Group

Solar panels being installed as part of TTT’s ‘Solar Water Heater Challenge’.

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<td>Co founder of TTT. Facilitator and trainer. Business background.</td>
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<td><strong>What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?</strong></td>
<td>Many who are actively involved in renewable energy, installers of solar panel and biomass CHP, the sustainability officer for a county council, local council members, authors of books on RE, builders who install RE systems</td>
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<td><strong>Renewable Energy Workshops completed</strong></td>
<td>We ran a series of four day workshops covering a range of RE technologies, and had stands for RE installers to talk directly to potential customers. This was grant funded by the Market and Costal Towns Initiative and several other TTs fall within this category.</td>
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<td><strong>Solar Water Heater Challenge in process</strong></td>
<td>To create a Solar Water Heater Buying Club to make the cost of this technology more affordable.</td>
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<td><strong>Eco Teams Planning</strong></td>
<td>In partnership with Global Action Plan to train and support individuals to learn practical skills and how to support each other to become more energy and resource efficient. We have successful applied to the Norman Family Trust for grant funding and are awaiting an Awards for All grant to complete our funding requirements</td>
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<td><strong>Switch to green electricity Finished spring 2009</strong></td>
<td>Through our web site and network to encourage people to switch to Good Energy, who will donate £20 to TTT for every person who signs up.</td>
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<td><strong>Walking on sunshine On going</strong></td>
<td>That people who don’t qualify for Transition Streets can get the same 10% discount that TS has achieved in order to purchase a solar PV system</td>
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4. Education Group

Filming Transition Tales with Year 7 students at King Edward VI Community College.

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<td>Former Secondary school Headteacher, engaged in community development and engagement and currently working part time with Headteachers nationally on a number of developmental projects</td>
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<td>Transition Tales, Ongoing since 2008</td>
<td>&quot;Transition Tales&quot; has proved to be a highly successful and inspiring Educational project which develops awareness of Climate Change and Peak Oil, stimulates creative constructive thinking and encourages personal responsibility for our environment. Evidence of the work is available globally on YouTube.</td>
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<td>Research, Just established</td>
<td>To support the requests for research received by TTT</td>
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<td>Young person’s Transition group Planning</td>
<td>To establish a young person’s run Transition Group</td>
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5. Business and Livelihoods Group

The Totnes Pound, the community's alternative currency scheme.

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<th>Coordinated by:</th>
<th>Donal Lang</th>
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<td>Summary of coordinator's background and skills:</td>
<td>Entrepreneur, Lecturer in enterprise and sustainable development</td>
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<td>December '06</td>
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<td>How many people receiving information?</td>
<td>Mailing list of approx 50</td>
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<td>How many people actively involved?</td>
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<td>What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?</td>
<td>Economics, management, NGO, creating sustainable initiatives for Dartington Trust; business sustainability / carbon reduction consultants etc</td>
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| Estates in Transition/ Food and Farming in Transition Completed June 2007 | Jointly hosted conference with Dartington Hall. To engage with regional landowners to raise awareness about climate change & peak oil. To create opportunities for new rural-urban dynamic and availability of land based resources for local food, renewable energy, construction materials
Representatives from other Transition Towns in the South West also participated | 65 participants (estate owners/managers; experts; & government).
Over 200 in the public meeting in the evening. | Culture change
Outreach
Partnerships | Yes, |
| Totnes Pound Ongoing since 2008 | Economic localisation is considered to be a key aspect of the transition process, and local currency systems provide the opportunity to strengthen the local economy whilst preventing money from leaking out by encouraging people to spend in locally run shops rather than chain stores.
The amount in circulation is a tiny fraction of the local economy (about 0.01%) but has done a great job of raising awareness of the need to buy local.
At least 2 other local currencies have started, inspired by the Totnes£ | Over 70 businesses in Totnes take £T
Hundreds of local people and tourists have bought and spent pounds
£T6,000 approx in circulation
£2,000 available for interest free loans for local groups | Culture change
Outreach
Resilience | yes |
| Green Angels planning | An angel investment group as part of SWAIN (South West Angel Investors Network), where we hope to pick up on local investment money for Green projects. | | Resilience
Partnerships | |
| The Land Society Company formed | The Land Society; a not for profit society which arranges for groups of people who want to buy allotments or smallholdings get together and purchase larger areas of farmland, then split the land between them. The Society is formed as a company-limited-by-guarantee and the national website goes live in 2 weeks time with over 2,000 acres of land for sale, www.landsociety.org. For the moment you can see how the website works on www.land.boxstuff.com. | Anticipation that 5000 will register | Resilience
Involvement
Connections | |
| Sustainable fishing project Planning | Sustainable Fishing Project; we’ve designed steel 20’ sailing inshore fishing boats, and put together a teaching course to teach all the required skills; sailing, longline fishing and potting, navigation etc, as well as running a small business and marketing under the South West Handline Fishing Association http://www.linecaught.org.uk/. Currently negotiating for South Devon College to run the course for 10-12 students per year from their Noss Marine facility, and will lease the boats to the students. We aim to get local | | Resilience
Partnerships | |
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<th><strong>Dartmouth to St Malo Sailing Ferry Planning</strong></th>
<th>Dartmouth to St Malo Sailing Ferry; we have proposed a 250 passenger sailing ferry to operate from Dartmouth to St Malo, 3 times a week for 9 months a year. We have already generated press coverage for the idea including this one, <a href="http://www.thisissouthdevon.co.uk/news/Talks-held-wind-powered-ferry-France/article-2634244-detail/article.html">http://www.thisissouthdevon.co.uk/news/Talks-held-wind-powered-ferry-France/article-2634244-detail/article.html</a></th>
<th>Resilience</th>
<th>Carbon saving</th>
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| **'Transition Tours'** | Providing a professional service of 'Adventure, Education and Inspiration' to groups visiting Totnes to learn about Transition. Developing a commercial function of Transition Training and Transition Tales, combined with site visits, excursions and outward bound activities. Providing employment for TTT activists, income and recognition to TTT projects and aligned local initiatives, generating income for TTT and providing visitors with a quality, useful experience. | So far:  
- 294 participants  
- £52,166 income to local economy  
- £4200 unrestricted income to TTT | Yes |
6. Business projects

Part of the original economics and livelihoods group, this project is not currently active.

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<td><strong>Energy Resilience Assessments</strong>&lt;br&gt;Rolling out through Transition Network</td>
<td>The ERA process will help a company identify and quantify its level of risk related to increasing/fluctuating energy prices. Solution themes are then researched and presented, including energy efficiency, renewables, substitute materials, transport efficiency etc.</td>
<td>Initial awareness raising to 10 local companies in Oct</td>
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<td>Being rolled out through Transition Network</td>
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<td><strong>Business Exchange Pilot</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Complete.</strong></td>
<td>Get local businesses together to exchange spare resources and waste thus encouraging cross-business efficiency and trade in Totnes. Businesses also became aware of what their neighbours did and some were able to trade directly. Major result was re-use of everyone's waste cardboard by a local removal company.</td>
<td>Pilot swapshop conducted on 1st May 07 with 10 businesses from the Totnes Industrial Estate. 38 matches were made for 55 items offered/wanted.</td>
<td>Connection Resilience</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>High Street Energy Efficient Lighting Campaign</strong></td>
<td>To promote the update of energy-efficient lighting in the High Street (retail sector has a high lighting demand). An expert will be doing free onsite visits, with samples in July and August.</td>
<td>Totnes High Street businesses (approx 150)</td>
<td>Varying cost and carbon savings e.g. £9,000 per year for one business</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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7. Heart and Soul – Inner Transition Theme Group

The first Open Space event facilitated by Transition Town Totnes, October 2007.

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<tr>
<th>Coordinated by:</th>
<th>Group of 6: Suzanne Dennis, Annie Leymarie, Sylvia Rose, Sophy Banks, Ros Langdon, Rose Kirkby, Pauline Hastings</th>
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<td>Summary of coordinator's background and skills:</td>
<td>Professional therapists (psychosynthesis, drama, Core process), supervisors, trainer, social worker, education.</td>
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<td>Started date:</td>
<td>July 2006</td>
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<td>How many people receiving information?</td>
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<td>How many people actively involved?</td>
<td>35</td>
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<td>What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?</td>
<td>Range of skills in psychology, spirituality and associated disciplines; including social workers, mental health professionals including psychologists, psychiatrists, psychotherapists, body workers, writers, eco-psychologists, spiritual practitioners and teachers, wilderness skills teachers, people working in education, arts.</td>
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<td>Home Groups Ongoing</td>
<td>To initiate and resource small self organising groups. These will help people share information about the need for transition, and inspire and support individual change. Also build community networks.</td>
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<td>Mentoring project Ongoing</td>
<td>Provide professional level support for people very active in Transition to enhance working practice and reduce risk of burnout Included in Transition Training</td>
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<td>Workshops Ongoing</td>
<td>Short affordable workshops that offer support or address issues that come up during the process of change in Transition Aim to have one every 1-2 months</td>
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<td>Mediation and conflict resolution, non-violent communication skills: Developing</td>
<td>Offering facilitation and mediation to groups encountering conflict Linking with national project to address this</td>
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<td>Event advice and facilitation Ongoing</td>
<td>Help with designing public events and TTT discussions that include an inner perspective Pool of facilitators for events or discussions</td>
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<td>Public talks and events Ongoing</td>
<td>Host major speakers and artists on spiritual, psychological and consciousness aspects of Transition</td>
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<td>Discussions Ongoing</td>
<td>Public events to reflect on topical issues, using non traditional methods such as circular discussions, representing wider fields of life and so on.</td>
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A TTTAG practical workshop on 'clay winning', discovering different kinds of local clay and their uses

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<td>November 2006</td>
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<td>Email circulation list 59</td>
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<td>information?:</td>
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<td>How many people actively involved?:</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?:</td>
<td>Arts practitioners including writers, actors, visual artists, activists, theatre companies, dancers, film makers, makers, recyclers, community radio, photographers, community artists, arts administrators and other performers</td>
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| **Sustainable Makers**        | A research venture to link people engaged in making creative things to  
| **Ongoing**                   | Encourage sustainable making including carbon footprinting  
|                                | Create a directory of local makers including local ‘branding’  
|                                | Create a directory of local material sources, including a geological survey  
|                                | Exchange skills  
|                                | Educate the local community about sustainable making and local suppliers  
|                                | Encourage local makers initiatives  
|                                | Forum for debate and networking  
| Written outputs of the research can be shared through the TTT Network and through other Maker networks. | Currently: A growing network of makers; interviews with well-established makers in the area; and the visioning of future making.  
|                                | Near future: Meeting Dartington Trust re supplying their proposed ‘green’ conference centre.  
|                                | In planning: Exhibitions will reach a wider audience when staged.  
|                                | Individual makers products to be included in TTT Market Stall | Skills Partnerships and involvement | Yes |
| **Arts events**                | Talks and workshops from local and visiting artists, makers including Ecology of Making, Transforming the Future: a design perspective in collaboration with international partners | Culture change Well being Partnerships | Yes |
| **Talks**                      | Talks on sustainable making, design for the future to Plymouth university | Culture change Outreach | |
| **Reskilling workshops**       | Teaching sustainable skills for making  
|                                | Clay winning  
|                                | Recycling knitting  
|                                | Raku firing | Culture change Resilience Involvement | |

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The Totnes Rickshaw scheme, a Community Interest Company running 3 rickshaws on reused vegetable oil, with a weekly fuel bill of under £3 each...

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<th>Coordinated by:</th>
<th>Julian Wright (Chair); Judy Westacott (Vice-Chair)</th>
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<td>Started date:</td>
<td>pre-2001</td>
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<td>How many people receiving information?</td>
<td>73 on mailing list; minutes also go to all Town Councillors</td>
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<td>How many people actively involved?</td>
<td>typical attendance at monthly meeting is 20</td>
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<td>What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?</td>
<td>town councillors, district councillors, traders, former civil servants</td>
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| **Green Travel Plan for Totnes & District** led by Anne Ward | developing a Travel Plan for entire town; integrating individual plans | | Carbon saving  
Resilience | |
| **Town Centre Traffic Management** led by Judy Westacott | liaising with DCC on ideas for improving the town centre | | Partnership  
Well being  
Resilience | |
| **Local Transport Strategy** led by Louis Victory | linking in with DCC on LTP3 to deliver direct benefits through Totnes-focused projects | | Carbon saving | |
The intention of this group is to support TTT Services in all matters relating to communicating TTT.

**Group name:** Communications

**Coordinated by:** Hal Gillmore

**Summary of coordinator's background and skills:**
Interim manager and fundraiser for TTT from Nov 09 to May 2010. Self-employed trainer, group leader & sales / marketing temp. Previous employment includes marketing and business development of commercial arm of London-based charity.

**Started date:** Dec 2009

**How many people receiving information?** All TTT mail list, activists current and future

**How many people actively involved?** 15

**What kind of skills and expertise are in the group?** Participation is mainly by TTT activists who are also involved in other groups, except in some cases where people have specific skills and backgrounds in communications. These include copywriting and proof reading, film production, graphic design, NLP, communications training, facilitation, photography, community radio, training, marketing & community outreach.
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<td><strong>Website</strong></td>
<td>Developing and maintaining website. Providing training and support to TTT activists to update the site. Four people in management team (admin, PM, technical, designer), plus at least one person from each group or project to maintain their content.</td>
<td>4500 users signed up</td>
<td>outreach culture change</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Programme of events</strong></td>
<td>Delivering an inspiring and engaging programme of events that combine outdoor events and site visits with evening talks, films, workshops, parties, celebrations and fundraisers. Coordinated by TTT Admin (Lou) with input of all groups and projects.</td>
<td>Attendance at events rages from 10 – 250 40 – 60 events per year</td>
<td>Outreach and involvement Culture change</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Newsletter</strong></td>
<td>Monthly email bulletin. Coordinated by TTT Admin (Lou) with input of all groups and projects.</td>
<td>Circulation of 2000 Produced monthly</td>
<td>Culture change Involvement and Outreach</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>TTT Ambassadors</strong></td>
<td>Developing capacity of TTT activists to deliver talks, workshops, interviews and generally represent TTT throughout the community to a professional standard. Training also extended to neighbouring Transition Initiatives.</td>
<td>12 trained in public speaking</td>
<td>Partnerships Involvement Culture change</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td><strong>Media pack</strong></td>
<td>Keeping our media pack up to date</td>
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<td>Culture change</td>
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<td><strong>Design and print</strong></td>
<td>Developing appropriate publicity and promotional material for target audiences</td>
<td>3 providing service to all groups and projects</td>
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<td><strong>Creatives</strong></td>
<td>Filming and recording events, editing and production, animations, anything to bring our events and project ideas to life in new and engaging ways Videos on you tube and usually promoted on Rob Hopkins’ blog. Significantly expands reach and impact of our events.</td>
<td>3 people working on it but many hundreds who see the videos</td>
<td>Outreach Culture change</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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| **Talking Transition** | Our biweekly slot every other Friday at 1230pm on Soundart Radio 102.5FM or online  
http://www.soundartradio.org.uk/ | 1 person coordinating | Outreach  
Culture change |
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<td><strong>TTT Stand</strong></td>
<td>Maintaining and refreshing the TTT display stand and taking it out to shows, fetes, fairs and events throughout the community</td>
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<td>Outreach</td>
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Future Plans: where next?

TTT has established its presence across the town and surrounding communities over the past 4 years. We have focused on inspiring, engaging and supporting the community in Transition; our office, now shared with the Transition Network, and Lou Brown our administrator, have provided a key focal point and have enabled much of what is outlined above to happen. We have identified an infrastructure of support which we believe is essential just to maintain our position: this includes:

- An office on Totnes High Street as a point of contact and information about the project and a meeting space and the place where paid and voluntary workers carry out their work, often on a 'hot-desking' basis
- An ongoing central programme of events to continue the process of raising awareness (see Appendix 1), provide discussion spaces, expert speakers, reskilling workshops and opportunities to meet, reflect and deepen understanding of what Transition is
- A website platform which enables groups and projects to communicate about their work and activities to the local and wider community
- Some support which has been provided to groups and projects including help with funding applications and training in how to get groups to work well and have productive meetings
- Outreach and partnerships – representing TTT in other community forums, giving talks and attending events on behalf of TTT
- Communication and publicity including press releases, interviews
- Managing volunteers who help with various activities
- Providing information to the steady flow of visitors (sometimes referred to as "Transition Pilgrims") who come to hear what has happened at the ‘source’ of Transition
- Some major projects which don't belong to a single theme group have been run from the centre from funding applications to management and report writing. These include the EDAP, Transition Streets. See the section on Central Projects for more details (page 13).

The Next Phase: Our Future Needs

Premises

When we rented the current premises we had no idea that TTT would grow to such an extent. We are now at capacity for the number of events and interactions; we have 3 small offices and one meeting room all shared with the Transition network. The rooms are situated up a narrow staircase and with inadequate access for the disabled. The meeting room is in constant use and TTT groups often have to meet elsewhere. Visitors (pilgrims) are also hosted in the meeting room. There are frequent visits from journalist from all sections of the media which adds to the pressure for
space. Our intention is to maintain the current levels of support and to reach even deeper into the community. It is our hope that we can expand into premises which will provide more visibility

**Administrative support**

Our administrator works for 3 days a week but as we have grown and developed she covers at least twice that in volume of enquiries, support for events and in a huge amount of moral support! She is supported by volunteer help with a regular office volunteer team every Wednesday. However, the consistent support and maintenance of the core support remains with her. She is responsible for ensuring that events are effectively managed and all within TTT rely on her holding the ring!

**Communications**

A communications volunteer group has also been set up to serve TTT’s communications needs by maximising volunteer involvement and minimising costs. The paid admin worker is fundamental holding this activity. We are undergoing a significant shift in how we communicate Transition. Thus far we have focussed on awareness raising about the key context issues of Transition, and encouraging people to explore their vision of the future. Our programme of events has historically been our flagship promotion piece. Now we are communicating through the projects and community businesses we are delivering and the positive changes people can see and be apart of in the next few years. Our projects, most significantly catalyst projects and the new economy they are building, are now our flagship promotion instruments.

A new website is in development to support this shift, being much more project led. It retains the capacity for TTT projects and groups to create their own content, whilst also being friendly, welcoming and easy to use for new visitors. It also aims to honour TTT’s status as a flagship Transition Initiative by being a useful first point of information for people investigating Transition and associated issues for the first time. While it provides a platform for all activists to co-create content, the paid admin worker is fundamental to its successful function.

**Income generation**

We have developed a strategy to become self-financing in three years and we are now putting this into practice. It is based on the following key components:

1. Programme of events, including fundraising events – profits raised by door takings, raffles, food sales etc
2. TTT Supporters: setting up a regular standing order from individual supporters; minimum £5 per month
3. Commercial events, tours and training – providing a professional service to groups visiting the area to learn about Transition

4. Returns from projects and businesses - pegged to our ability to generate projects and community businesses; new 'Transition' projects and enterprises provide a financial 'kick-back' to TTT's Core costs through a proportion of any successful funding award and a proportion of income for a set period of their profitable existence.

5. TTT services and publications – gardening courses, book sales (eg Handbook and EDAP), DVDs ...

Management Support

A year ago we identified the need to bring more systems into place to support the burgeoning workload and to identify new sources of funding. An interim manager was appointed and was instrumental in securing funding for the Transition In Action Manager post that we are about to appoint, funded by the EF foundation. The key tasks of the appointee will be to facilitate the shaping of the next phase of our development, and help us to be self sustaining. A key focus for us will be the developing concept of social enterprise across TTT and within our local community. Our starting point will be through catalyst projects.

Catalyst projects

The next phase for TTT is more than just initiating individual projects. It is about establishing a network of projects and community business that work together to create a resilience framework within the local economy. A strategy to realise this hinges on selected projects, identified for their potential to do this and to catalyse further Transition activity at an accelerated rate.

These catalyst projects represent cornerstone sectors within a resilient community economy:
- The people and their micro-communities; Transition Streets, strengthening communities around streets and neighbourhoods, reducing energy demand and bringing down household costs.
- Energy; TRESOC, developing local renewable energy capacity under the democratic ownership of local residents
- The built environment; Totnes Sustainable Construction Company, Transition Homes, ATMOS
- Food production and distribution; Transition food and farming, Food Hub
- Health and wellbeing; Totnes Healthy Futures Project
- Economy; Totnes Pound

Inherent in all these projects and business are employment and education opportunities.
All these projects have emerged from the Transition story so far. Some are now operating as businesses independent to TTT. Others are being led by partner organisations in the community, such as the Totnes Development Trust. Common characteristics of catalyst projects are:

- High synchronicity
- Enabling / catalyst
- Replicable
- Partnership opportunities
- Speaks to new audiences / sectors
- New skills development
- High employment
- High chance of success / viable
- Profitable / viable
- Carbon emissions reducing (land based projects carbon sequestering)

Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} April. Methodist Church, Totnes. 7pm. \textit{Together\textsuperscript{1}}, a film about co-housing, followed by a discussion.

Sunday 4\textsuperscript{th} May. The Plains, Totnes. 10am. Free. Bike Ride to Slapton. Bring bike, waterproofs & lunch!

Wednesday 7\textsuperscript{th} May. St. Johns Church, Bridgetown. 8pm. \textbf{Food, Soil, & Community: how can the community support agriculture?} A talk by Catherine Sneed, prison gardening activist & Christian Taylor of CSF.

Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} May. Old Kitchen Space, Birdwood, Totnes. Donations. 7pm. \textbf{Community Supported Agriculture:} A meeting for all those interested in establishing a CSA scheme in the Totnes area.

Wednesday 21\textsuperscript{st} May. Details tbc. \textbf{How is TTT doing? Open Community Meeting.} All welcome.

Thursday 29\textsuperscript{th} May. Methodist Hall, 8pm. \textbf{Film Screening: Inspiring Urban Solutions from Curitiba, Brazil: A Convenient Truth}

Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} June. Schumacher College, 8pm. \textbf{Environmental Art from Lascaux to Last Week:} A talk by Lynne Hull, eco-artist.

Sat 14\textsuperscript{th} – Sun 22\textsuperscript{nd} June. \textbf{National Bike Week events} from the Cycle Group planned. Details tbc

Saturday 21\textsuperscript{st} June. Details tbc. \textbf{TTT Summer Picnic, Games, & Solstice celebration.}

Saturday 28\textsuperscript{th} June. 4-7pm. \textbf{Edible Edges: designing future feasts into some of Totnes’ unloved corners.} A walk around site in the town with Patrick Whitefield, author of “The Earthcare Manual”.

Saturday 5\textsuperscript{th} July. 12-5pm. Details tbc. \textbf{The Art of Retrofitting: a detailed walk through the energy options of three very different houses.} With Rob McLeod.

Wednesday 9\textsuperscript{th} July. Methodist Church. 8pm. \textbf{Earth Spirit: Earth Action.} A talk by Starhawk.

Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} July. St Johns Church, Bridgetown. 8pm. \textbf{Sacred Activism.} A talk with Andrew Harvey.

Sunday 20\textsuperscript{th} July. Details tbc. \textbf{The Totnes Summer Edible Garden Crawl.} A visit to various open edible gardens around Totnes. Join us for cake, tips and gardening inspiration!

Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} September. The Ariel Centre 7-10pm. \textbf{In association with the Totnes Festival: The Turning of the Tide: an evening of inspired storytelling.}

Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} September. Methodist Church. 8pm. \textbf{Anything is Possible:} Inspiring stories from a founder of the Eco-village movement. A talk by Albert Bates of the Global Eco-village Network & author of the Post Petroleum Survival Guide & Cookbook.

Thursday 18\textsuperscript{th} September. Methodist Church, 8pm. \textbf{The Power of Community: How Cuba survived Peak Oil.} An evening talk by Roberto Peres with Cuban music.

Wednesday 24\textsuperscript{th} September. St Johns Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 8pm. All welcome. \textbf{Public Launch of Energy Descent Action Pathways Project for Totnes: Imagining Totnes in 2030.} Cheese & wine available.

Date, venue & price t.b.c. \textbf{Seedy Sisters Autumn’s Glorious Glut Gig.} Seed saving workshops, produce swap & sale, refreshments & talks.
Thursday 9th October. Bogan House. 7:30-9:30pm. **A Question of Belonging: ‘Where do you belong? Who does Totnes belong to?’** A Fishbowl discussion exploring our connection to place.

Saturday 11th October. The Steiner School, 7.30pm for 8-10pm. **Parallel Community: A platform for change.** A talk by author & renowned dowser Hamish Miller.

Wednesday 15th October, Methodist Church. 8pm. **Natural Building for a Sustainable Future: How to construct healthy, ecological buildings using local & reclaimed materials.** Video diaries & slides from local eco-builders of straw, cob & timber frame homes.

Wednesday 12th November. St Johns Church, Bridgetown. 7:30-10pm. **The Great Energy Debate: Be part of the conversation.** With Dr Jeremy Leggett & nuclear engineering consultant Rebecca Ferris.

Wednesday November 19th. Methodist Church. 8pm. **How to make your house more energy efficient: local experience with solar thermal, photovoltaic, ground source heat pumps, insulation & the Passivhaus.** A series of short presentations with time for questions & discussion.

Saturday 22nd November. Totnes Civic Hall. 11am-3pm. **Food and Health Open Space Day.**

Saturday 29th November. Methodist Hall 12-4pm. **TTT in association with the Wondermentalist Collective. Flashback to the Future: A Transition Tales creative writing workshop.** Followed by: Dartmouth Inn. 7-9pm. £5. **Transition Cabaret Evening Performance** starring Wondermentalist, with Matt Harvey, Liv, Beryl the Feral & Torc amongst others.

Wednesday 3rd December. Methodist Hall 8pm. **Co-Housing: How can we make it happen?** A talk by Max Comfort, co-founder of the Springhill Co-housing Project, Stroud.

Monday 19th January. Birdwood, Totnes. 7pm. **Mapping Local Food Webs in Totnes.**


Wednesday 4th February. St John's Church, Bridgetown, Totnes. 8pm. **Money, Money, Money: the Recession explained...the solutions outlined.** With Colin Hines & Ralf Becker.

Saturday 21st February. Birdwood House, Totnes. **The Seedy Sisters' Seedy Saturday** – Bring your seeds/donations, garden goodies & knowledge!

Monday 2nd-7th March 2-6 pm + Fri 6th 7-10 pm & Sun 8th 10-2. Birdwood Kitchen. Free. Refreshments. **Public Exhibition of Totnes & District DRAFT Energy Descent Action Plan 2030**

Wednesday 11th March. Methodist Church, Totnes. 7:30-10pm. **Earth, Wind, and Fire: adventures in eco-construction.** With local speakers on earth-building, wind power & passive solar heating.

Saturday 14th March. Methodist Church, Totnes. **What is Social Change?** A 'World Cafe' style event to explore the what, how, why & when of social change.

Wednesday 18th March. Methodist Church. **Spiral Dynamics: a potential / integral model for communities in Transition.** A talk by Don Beck.


Saturday 28th March. Methodist Church. **What is Personal Change?** A 'World Cafe' style event to deepen our understanding of how personal change comes about.

Saturday 25th April. Totnes Methodist Hall. **Sustainable Home Heating:** an open exhibition with various talks covering all aspects of heating your home sustainably.

Tuesday 5th May, 8pm. Totnes Methodist Hall. **Transition from around the world:** look what you've started! Hear from other Transition Projects around the world.
Monday 18th May. Totnes Methodist Church. 7.30pm. **Can Totnes Feed Itself? An exploration of models for regional self-reliance**; with Mark Thurston-Goodwin, Nick Weir & Rob Hopkins.

Wednesday 20th May. Totnes Methodist Church. 8pm. **An Evening with Fritjof Capra:** Can globalisation be compatible with the demands of human dignity & ecological sustainability?

Tuesday 26th May. Totnes Methodist Hall. 8pm. **The Transition Movie:** the world premiere: it all started here!

Wednesday 3rd June. Totnes Methodist Church. 7.30pm. **‘Building Beyond Oil – how do we build when the oil runs out?’**

Saturday 6th June. 10am-4pm. Venue tbc. **‘Local Wisdom’: sharing the stories of our clothes & celebrating the fashion ingenuity of Totnes.**

Sunday 7th June. 11am- all day. **An Open day at Landmatters:** transition & permaculture in action in our local community.

Sunday 21st June. **TTT Annual Summer Edible Garden Crawl.** Ending up at the **TTT Summer Picnic, Games, and Solstice Celebration.**

Tuesday 30th June. Totnes Methodist Hall. 8pm. **Climate action & transition - how should the transition movement relate to direct action climate campaigns?**

Wednesday 9th September. 8pm. The Barn Cinema, Dartington. **The Transition Movie**

Wednesday 23rd September. 8pm. St John’s Church, Bridgetown. **The hidden promise of our dark age: the wisdom, strength & beauty we can discover:** a talk by Joanna Macy

Saturday 24th October. 4-8pm. Totnes Civic Hall. **TTT Energy Descent Action Plan 2009 – 2030 goes live!**

Thursday 12th November. 7-10pm. **The Future of Food in our Town: An Action Workshop.** With Thea Platt of Campaign to Protect Rural England & Noni Mackenzie of TTT.

Monday 16th November. Sunday 22nd November. **Bag Week**

Saturday 28th November. **An Open Day with the Transition Town Totnes Projects**

Wednesday 25th November. 8pm. Totnes Methodist Church. **How We Used To Live - Food, energy, skills, and elbow-grease: memories of a pre-oil Totnes.**

Tuesday 6th October. 7.45pm. Methodist Church Hall. **The Age of Stupid.**

Thursday 18th March. Methodist Church Hall. 7.30. **Kanyini – Film, Discussion & Story** with Joanna Lathan

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th April. Greyfield Timber. **‘Taster’ day with practical sessions on strawbale, cob, rammed earth, clay plastering etc.**

Wednesday 21st April. Totnes Methodist Church. 8pm. **Ask the Candidate:** Your chance to quiz our would-be MPs on their environmental credentials before you cast your vote.

Sunday 9th May. Follaton Arboretum. 10am. **Spring Wild Tree Food** with Trees for Health and the Transition Town Totnes Food Group

Sunday 13th June. **Dartington Edible Garden Crawl.**
Saturday 26th June. Totnes Methodist Hall. 7:30pm. The First Totnes 'Slow Food Feast'! 3 course Gourmet but Green meal followed by entertainment and dancing... All food from within 5 miles and 363 yards of Totnes and living proof that too many cooks definitely don't spoil the broth!


Saturday 11th September.10am-4pm. Follaton Arboretum & Follaton Village Hall. Autumn Wild Food.

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th September, 10am-4pm. Free. Open Eco-homes and Transition Streets event.

Tuesday 14th September. Dartmouth Inn, Totnes. 7:30-10:30. TTT Film Club: Who killed the electric car?

Wednesday 15th September. Totnes Methodist Church. 8pm. Why food is vital to a sustainable society? Talk with Carolyn Steel.

Saturday 18th September. Switch-on celebration 12.00-1.30pm. Exhibition 10am-4pm. In partnership with Totnes Town Council. The Big Switch On!


Monday 4th October. TTT Arts Film Evening. TTT meeting room 43 Fore Street 7.30 - 9.30pm. Film & discussion about Indigo Dyeing.

Tuesday 5th October. Totnes Methodist Church. 7.30 - 9.45pm. Financial Collapse or Prosperity without Growth? - What does the financial crisis mean for you? With Prof. Tim Jackson, Ed Mayo and Naresh Giangrande.

Tuesday 12th October. Dartmouth Inn. 7:30-10:30pm. TTT Film Club. The Future of Food

Saturday 16th October. St Mary's Church Hall. 2-5pm. Seedy Sisters - Fabulous Food Swap & Seed Saving Workshop.

Saturday 23rd October. Sharpham Estate, Ashprington, Totnes. 10.30am-4pm. Hips, Haws & Chestnuts

Sunday 24th October. 1.30-5.30pm at Foxhole (Dartington). A Work-that-Reconnects Workshop.

Sunday 31st October. Follaton Community Hall, Follaton, Totnes. 6:30-10:30pm. Halloween Community Ceilidh: Dressed to kill!

Tuesday 9th November. Dartmouth Inn. 7:30-10:30pm. TTT Film Club. How many people can live on planet earth?

Saturday 13th November. Civic Hall, Totnes. 11-4pm. Winterfest

Wednesday 24th November. Totnes Methodist Church. 8-10:30pm. Incredible Edible Totnes? A talk by Paul Clarke of Incredible Edible Todmorden.

Monday 6th December. TTT meeting room, 43 Fore Street. Totnes. 7.30-9.30. Making Midwinter/Christmas gifts & wrapping paper

Tuesday 14th December. TTT Offices, 43 Fore Street. 8pm. Transition Film Club Night Xmas Mull
Appendix 2: Transition Town Totnes Trustees

The Current Trustees:

Peter Redstone has considerable experience in business, strategy, marketing, HR etc from 13 years running Rocombe Farm Fresh Ice Cream Ltd, plus a background in consulting, most recently with The Barefoot Partnership Ltd, helping clients with strategy, creative problem solving, leadership training and sustainable development. He is a Trustee of Torbay Coast and Countryside, a Director of the Carbonsense Foundation and Director of The Barefoot Partnership Ltd.

Sophy Banks has been involved with TTT since its launch in 2006, focalising the Heart and Soul group and then as part of the operations team. She has a background in voluntary sector organisations and charities both as staff and management committee member, and worked professionally as IT trainer and psychotherapist. Together with Naresh she set up Transition Training in 2008, which has delivered trainings in Transition and trained trainers in four continents and over 20 countries. With TTT she has been involved with preparation of successful funding bids and design of some of the events and processes that have contributed to our success.

Carole Whitty has a long experience in education, as a teacher, Headteacher and Deputy General Secretary of the National Association of Headteachers (NAHT), with experience of policy development, budget and personnel issues as well as organisational development and training. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a "Leading Education Thinker" with the National Education Trust, and is working on a national level on a social enterprise educational project and on the Unicef Rights Respecting Schools programme. She is a Trustee of the Totnes Development Trust, a Trustee of the Totnes community Strategy Group and is Mayoress of Totnes May 2010-2011.

Naresh Giangrande co-founded Transition Town Totnes with Rob Hopkins when they discovered shared interests in permaculture and peak oil. He coordinated the TTT Energy group in its early days and comes from a background of being managing director of a Landscaping Company. This gave him experience in the many challenges of running an organisation from accounts to employment and publicity. .. He is also the co-founder, with Sophy Banks, of Transition Training.

Peta Harper has 25 years experience of HR both in public and private sector and currently managed HR at South Devon College.

Tony Greenham is Head of Finance and Business at the New Economics Foundation, and is a chartered accountant and founder of Transition Town Lostwithiel in Cornwall.