

# COST OF LIVING CRISIS

ALL WE CAN DO IS EVERYTHING WE CAN

## Progress Report

Updated April 2023

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Latest update on Solutions [HERE](#)

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# Cost of Living action

## Executive Summary

The One Northern Devon partnership (OND) agreed in August last year to work together as public, voluntary and community sector partners to do everything they could to mitigate the impact of the cost of living crisis on the people of North Devon and Torridge. Recognising that every organisation would want to do something to help but that this help would be much more effective joined up to reduce duplication and understand where there were gaps, the partnership agreed to work to a joint cost of living framework.

The framework had four key areas of action:

1. Identify key areas that people need support,
2. Identify what is already available to meet that need,
3. Identify gaps and consider how local partners could fill those gaps
4. Ensure those who need it can access the support.

One Northern Devon formed an operational team from across the partnership (includes NHS Devon, public health, education, district councils, vcse and One Communities) to deliver on these objectives. The team meets fortnightly to share data and intelligence and plan joint actions.

Since then, they have created an online directory of support available at multiple levels – Town, District, County and National support across the domains of food insecurity, health & wellbeing, fuel and housing, money and debt, supporting local organisations, transport and skills and employment.

### **Local support**

OND have worked with the One Communities to identify local need and supporting initiatives to address these. The One Communities agreed to support the framework and have each held community workshops or fayres to engage with their residents about this work. **Examples of One Community initiatives in development:**

- Warm spaces, with a positive welcoming theme
- Drop-in help hubs
- Communications around fee school dinners
- Warm clothing bank
- Community fridge/larder
- Coffee and cake vouchers (supporting local businesses)
- Free/reduced veterinary and dental fees
- Community Food Network
- Connecting to financial support

### **Next steps**

- One Northern Devon is now testing the One Devon Cost of Living data hub to help further identify the most vulnerable residents. This will help identify if more support needs to be targeted in at specific geographic areas and/or populations. This data will be used alongside local lived experience feedback
- Working on a short video series that aims to reduce the stigma attached to seeking help at this time of crisis for many individuals and families
- Seeking opportunities to align communications and engagement work to avoid duplication and confusion

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## OND COL Operational group

Cross-sector representatives meet monthly (or support remotely) to share updates, identify opportunities for joint-working and avoid duplication

### **One Northern Devon staff**

James Lander - One Communities Support Manager  
Andrea Beacham - Partnership Manager  
Neil Ingram - Communications

### **One Communities (Place-based cross-sector partnerships)**

Simone Thompson, Chair - Torrington 100  
Geoff Cusick, Chair - Holsworthy & District Community Forum  
Louise Flagg, Chair - One Barnstaple  
Lizzie Bauer, Community Developer - One Atlantic  
Charmaine Lovett, project worker - One Ilfracombe  
Jess Twydall, Community Developer - One South Molton

### **Health and Care**

Charlotte Pavitt - DCC, Public Health  
Nicola Mitchell - NHS Devon, Population Health  
Richard Blackwell - SWAHSN  
RDUHT

### **Education**

Nicola Allen - project manager (also works with Education Futures Northern Devon Partnership and Northern Devon Futures) to discuss any collaboration and school's liaison.  
Will Bailey, Media Course leader - PETROC  
Davy Stephenson, production manager - PETROC

### **Devon County Council**

Alison Boyd, Communities planning  
Steven Edwards, Corporate Strategic Engagement Manager

### **Torridge District Council**

Staci Dorey Head of Legal and Governance (COL lead)  
Mark Crocker Digital and social media Officer  
Adrian Avery Community Engagement Officer

### **North Devon Council**

Bev Triggs, Senior Corporate & Community Services Officer  
Sarah Higgins, Head of Customer Focus (COL lead)  
Helen Owen, Senior Communications Officer  
Matt Smart, Comms officer  
Sophie Britton, Comms officer

### **VCSE**

Simone Thompson - TTVS Chief Executive  
Danny Owens TTVS Digital and social media Officer  
Marie Gould - NDVS Chief Executive  
Louise Flagg - NDVS Partnerships Officer (Devon Connect platform lead)  
Laura Challacombe - NDVS, Admin & Communications  
Colin Bray - Devon Libraries Unlimited - Service Development Manager  
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Sunrise Diversity

Are we missing anyone or are there other COL working groups you are aware of? Please let Jumoke know [j.famakinwa@nhs.net](mailto:j.famakinwa@nhs.net)

# Progress on Cost of Living framework

## Key progress points:

- **23rd August 2022** | OND Board agrees Cost of Living (COL) Framework
- **14th September 2022** | Extraordinary One Communities meeting to introduce COL Framework to representatives of the One Communities
- **Sept/Oct 2022** | One Communities host 'Town workshops' to discuss COL Framework
- **4th October 2022** | Northern Cost of Living Operational Team begins meeting fortnightly
- **Early Nov 2022** | COL Directory online, Local needs log and initial ideas collated and shared between One Communities
- **November 2022** | One Communities create Action plans, collaboratively working on local solutions
- **January 2023** | Northern Cost of Living Operational Team coordinated communications

# COL Operational plan

## Section overview

The OND partnership agreed to work to a joint cost-of-living framework to **increase impact, reduce duplication and better understand local need**. Key areas of action:

### 1 - Understand local Need

- Identify key areas that people need support
- Identify gaps in provision

### 2 - Identify available support

- Identify what is already available to meet that need

### 3 - Create solutions that meet unmet needs

- Consider how local partners could fill those gaps
- Ensure those who need it can access the support

# COL Operational plan

## 1 – Understand local need

### 1.1 Community Insight

Identify available data to help identify vulnerable groups and the areas of support needed:

- **Central data/reports repository** – [Google sheet link \(draft\)](#)
- **Quantitative datasets** – DCC COL Dashboard, JSNA
- **Qualitative reports** – DCF Food insecurity
- **Service providers** – Staci Dorey (TDC) is working with Encompass / Wings to identify people from the most marginalised backgrounds to administer household support funds. OND Flow Co-ordinators (3rd party referral pathway)
- **Local engagement** – One Communities: 'Town workshops' and 'Community advice & support fayres' (What matters / Lived experience)
- **The Joy App Northern dashboard** – 2 month trial dashboard displaying 1x PCN wellbeing team data (Feb/March 2023), if successful could be rolled out across all 4 PCN's – data tbc
- **One Devon: Population Health Masterclass series**

### Opportunities to support this work

- Engage – partner with local organisations/businesses that work with 'at risk' groups to include lived experience voice
- **DCF research** – **Currently seeking community participants / families/ individuals in food insecurity who might want to take part, please email: [lan@devoncf.com](mailto:lan@devoncf.com)**
- **Help make sense of data/reports together** – identify people/organisations whose role includes gathering/theming/sense-making data. How can we best support them? incl. Share engagement surveys/summits/workshops
- **How do we best action and operationalise findings like these?**

April 2023 updates

# Understanding need

- OND collating data, reports and engagement activity
- The VCSE Assembly March proposal – fuel poverty SRv3 paper responds to the VCSE health inequality hub themes and the ICS strategic goals and gives a brief overview on the role of community energy organisations, their partners, and the wider energy advice sector's contribution to reducing health inequalities through energy advice and support to maintain warm and healthy homes.
- The Rural Services Network in partnership with the Citizens Advice is running a Rural Cost of Living Household Survey and are looking for responses from across England.
- DCF Food Insecurity qualitative research
- Ella McCann (One Barnstaple) facilitating
- have already had a lot of interest from producers/ suppliers/ farmers
- DCF are looking to recruit one or more community researchers to help.
- Currently seeking community participants / families/ individuals in food insecurity who might want to take part, please email: [lan@devoncf.com](mailto:lan@devoncf.com)

# COL Operational plan

## 1 – Understand local need

### 1.2 Identify gaps in provision and initial solution ideas (shared needs log)

- Gaps, recommendations and initial ideas (draft) identified by the One Communities (insight)

#### Opportunities to support this work

- Support the theming of local responses, create recommendations and link with available funding (see 2.2)
- Support the creation of a shared 'Needs log' that draws on data from across the partnership e.g. PCNs, OND Flow, Household support fund, Local councils
- Share challenges and lessons learned
- Identify preferred communication channels for 'at risk' groups (communications)

# COL Operational plan

## Data: Some key findings

### The cost of living crisis affects people in different ways.

- The unequal impact of the cost of living crisis
- It affects those who were already facing poverty
- Those who were just making ends meet
- and other vulnerable groups

### Flashpoints

- increase in energy costs
- rising costs of rent / mortgages
- spiralling debt
- Chronic mental and physical ill health that can result from poor diet, cold homes and stress.

### Making sure support gets to those who need it most is vital.

An analysis by the ONS concluded adults most affected by rising costs were those:

- on lowest incomes
- renting their homes
- with no formal qualifications
- parents of dependent children
- disabled adults
- divorced or separated

### Economics / Poverty

- Average full-time salaries in Devon at £28,010 per annum are significantly lower than in England as a whole at £31,490 per annum, mean that Devon households are particularly vulnerable to increases in the cost of living.
- Poorer households are some of the most vulnerable in the cost of living crisis. This comes after a long period of stubbornly high poverty rates and rising deep poverty, followed by a pandemic that had a greater impact on more deprived areas ([UK Poverty 2023: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK](#))

### Food

The Food Insecurity in Devon report (2021) found that approximately:

- One in six (17%) of Devon households were experiencing food insecurity
- One in ten households experiencing substantial disruptions to their eating patterns, with household members eating less and going hungry.
- Food prices grew by 6.7% in the year to April 2022 which some foods such as pasta increasing by 50%.
- Households living in poverty are least able to afford nutritious food and with rising prices this is likely to result in an unhealthy diet contributing further to poorer health outcomes. Responses to these households varies considerably across Devon's geography and those most at risk of food insecurity can be the least likely to access available support.

# COL Operational plan

## Data: Some key findings

### Food

Devon Food and Fuel Insecurity Research– Jan 2023 found that:

- The number of Devon households unable to access or afford the food that they need to ensure that they and their families stay healthy has increased by 70 per cent in 18 months according to the latest research.
- And more than a third (36 per cent) say that they had planned on switching off their heating altogether this winter to help make ends meet.
- The Independent Food and Fuel Insecurity Survey commissioned by Public Health Devon, reveals that food insecurity amongst Devon's households has increased from 17 per cent in Spring 2021 to 29 per cent during Autumn last year.
- It compared a baseline study conducted in March and April 2021 with interviews of 1,206 households in September and October 2022.
- The results show that 70 per cent of all households with an income of less than £16,190 and children have low food and fuel security, while 60 per cent of single adult households with children are affected.
- High rates of food insecurity were also found in households where the main respondent is long-term sick or disabled (58 per cent); where at least one person has a mental health condition (55 per cent); and where the main respondent is unemployed (55 per cent).
- Additionally, the proportion of Devon households who have accessed emergency food support in the previous 30 days had more than doubled from two per cent to five per cent.
- The study also looked at fuel insecurity and found that 36 per cent had planned to switch their heating off altogether and 15 per cent said they aimed to spend time 'somewhere else' to keep warm.
- Sixteen per cent also said they would have to 'borrow' to pay their bills.

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# How can we include anecdotal 'what matters' information/feedback ?

- (Qualitative) datasets cannot accept local 'anecdotal' feedback
- But this 'local knowledge' can be used to inform decision-making / create recommendations

Theming responses, creating recommendations and linking to available funding – Gaps, recommendations and initial ideas (draft)

COL OC needs analysis (draft)

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<a href="#">Food insecurity &amp; poverty</a> <a href="#">Fuel, energy &amp; housing</a> <a href="#">Health &amp; Wellbeing</a> <a href="#">Money &amp; Debt</a> <a href="#">Skills &amp; Employment</a> <a href="#">Supporting local orgs</a> <a href="#">Transport</a> <a href="#">General - Incl Comms &amp; engagement</a> <a href="#">Other</a>						
Reported by	Category	Reccomendations	Potential Funding pots	Funding amount	What gaps have been identified?	What could we do locally to help?
Barnstaple	Asset				Location with certified kitchen needed	Community Café (Age Concern are looking into one for the future)
Bideford / Barnstaple	Community Fridge / larder				No Community Fridge	Approach partners to revisit Community Fridge/larder discussion
Barnstaple	Food surplus				Surplus food needed	Encourage businesses to take part in food waste initiatives / So
Bideford	Food surplus				Reduce food waste from households / share surplus	Publicise the 'Olio' food-sharing app
Bideford	Food surplus				Food surplus for foodbanks	Joined up thinking/comms between the foodbanks & supermark
Holworthy	Food pantry	Set up a food pantry (see note)	No Funding sources yet known		No cheaper supermarket available. Have to travel to Launceston or Bude for these.	Set up a local pantry - see <a href="https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/">https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/</a>
Braunton	Foodbanks	Connect food banks & suppliers			Lack of joined up thinking between food bank / suppliers	Connect food banks & suppliers (incl. supermarkets)
South Molton		Awareness campaign	<a href="#">Asda Grants</a>	£500-£2k	People not aware of food bank support	Increase comms - e.g. Connect Community Fridge / Food Bank
Torington / Bideford			<a href="#">Growing Communities Fund</a>	£500-£3k	People feel they can't come to the food bank if not on benefits but the working people who can't manage are often most stressed.	Issue food vouchers
Braunton		Increase eligibility	<a href="#">Community Fridge Fund</a>	£3k+£1k	People not on sufficient/recieving benefits don't qualify for support / access to foodbank	Open to all (stock/volunteer dependant)
Barnstaple		recruit more volunteers			Limits on food banks opening hours	recruit more volunteers
Barnstaple					Foodbank needs more volunteers	recruit more volunteers
Barnstaple		Re-pupose local transport to deliver			Transport Costs to get to food support	Repupose local transport to deliver (e.g. Taxis' / Supermarket de
Barnstaple					Limits on food bank usage quota	Source more food (surplus / donations)
Torrington		Source more food (surplus / donations)			Low on Stock (High Demand)	Source more food (surplus / donations)
Barnstaple		Locate/create Storgage facilities			Lack of storage for foodbank(s)	
South Molton	Low cost, quality meals	Bulk buy Food			High staple food costs	Community bulk buy of food.
		Harness community kitchens			Low Cost meals	Community Kitchens e.g Kickback kitchen - freshly made, witho chefs
Barnstaple		Source local distribution / pick-up hubs to reach vulnerable folk	No Funding sources yet known		Need free/low cost hot meals	Local distributors e.g. Memory Cafes – offer warm food?
Bideford		Collect Food Surplus (link to foodbank)			Need free/low cost hot meals	charities and businesses with food surplus for batch Cooking &
Bideford		Create a 'community meals' timetable			Advertise community meals	Provide a list of church and community lunches to be shared
Barnstaple	School meals	Communicate FSM threshold			Entitled pupils not accessing free school meals	Ask schools to communicate free school meal thresholds (PTFA
Barnstaple		Communicate HF providers			Lack of free school meals in holidays	<a href="#">Share Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme – Ed</a>
Barnstaple			<a href="#">Primary School braekfast clubs</a>		Free/low cost breakfast clubs	
Barnstaple			<a href="#">National School Breakfast Programme</a>	75% subsidy	Quality of school meals	
Braunton					Supporting Pupil Premium families	A concerted drive to engage with schools in order to reach out to

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Initial 'One Community' meetings

As was the case during the Covid lockdowns the One Communities have galvanised and are ready to do what they can to support their residents. They have each taken the One Northern Devon framework for action and have begun working on it following an extraordinary meeting of the One Communities on 14th September.

### One Atlantic

13th Sept - Extraordinary OA meeting

28th Sept - COL Workshop: Set in a Youth club with a friendly dog, comfy sofa's, tea and cookies 25-30 people met and worked in breakout groups for 15 min rounds with rotations so people could move between stations. People were really keen to discuss and ideas seemed to flow. CD will share notes and make connections to turn discussions into actions and measure success (see above for initial activity)

5th Oct - CD and TTVS will present to the Rotary Club

### One Ilfracombe

7th Sept - Initial COL discussions at previous 'Living Well' Forum

21st Sept - One Ilfracombe met with Ilfracombe Town Council Clerk and Councillors

29th Sept - Ilfracombe Town Council and One Ilfracombe staff hosted a 'Stakeholder workshop' to discuss ideas and share knowledge.

Topic to be included on each One Ilfracombe Living Well meetings

### Torrington 100

5th Sept - OC Forum briefly discussed a COL response

21st Sept - Met with Town Council to discuss partnering

8th Oct - Set up a 'Cost-of-living' Community Fayre

### One Barnstaple

7th Sept - OC Forum briefly discussed a COL response

20th Sept - Online Extraordinary OC meeting to gather ideas / information

19th Oct - COL Workshop @Barnstaple Library bringing together local organisations to share ideas and knowledge (in person and online)

### Holsworthy & District Community Forum

15th Sept 2022 - Held an extraordinary COL response meeting with members of HD&CF. Local Schools Trust agreed to share COL form with schools for distribution to gather local response ideas. Community Larder / Support hub to be developed.

27th September - Attended the West Devon Voluntary Services Community Wellbeing Event and spoke with attending organisations to gather their thoughts on a COL response

5th October - COL response added to the Town Council agenda to work in partnership with HD&CF to run a 'town workshop'

### One South Molton

21st Sept - OC meeting to discuss COL approach

10th Oct @Assembly Rooms 'community workshop' – general public, cllrs, SMTC all invited. Press release sent and posters distributed.

Next steps - Once workshop complete, identify who is offering what and where during Winter, make this available to public. Also identify any gaps in provision and seek community support in filling these gaps

### Live Well in Braunton

22nd September - Braunton & Communities Forum held a COL meeting with members of the Parish Council and local organisations in attendance.

29th Sept onwards - Every Thursday a 'COL working group' will meet online to turn ideas into action.

### Parishes

5th Oct - presented the OND COL framework to local town and parish councils at a Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) event in Exeter. The OND cost-of-living webpage has been shared with DALC, along with an e-form for local councils to share their knowledge and ideas with OND, this way the learning and sharing will be a two-way process

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Example of community meeting – One Ilfracombe

The meeting was well attended with over 30 local groups represented in person. The meeting looked at the structure that we would be following in order to collate information about groups, organisations, schemes, initiatives etc. on a local level that could support those who needed it in our community through the toughest time of year.

We are working alongside One Northern Devon and North Devon Council who are pulling together some of the more regional and national campaigns to support people. An end goal is to have an online database where people can click on their locality and discover what is out there to help them in their towns, districts and counties.

One big discussion point was around access to this information as we know that not everyone will be able to access this information online, so we are looking at multiple ways of spreading this information.

One of the main agenda items was looking at the fantastic work that Cllr Terry Elliot (a member of this team) has pulled together around having regular “Warm Spaces” available in Ilfracombe every day of the week. These are places that can provide warmth, socialising opportunities, hot food/drink and hopefully some additional activities. Everyone agreed that these need to be ‘marketed’ more as a friendly social opportunity rather than a place to go if you can’t afford food or utilities. We don’t want people to feel stigmatised for need to use these spaces.

We made some really good progress with collating some of the brilliant stuff already on offer in Ilfracombe and we also looked at any gaps. Gaps are being recognised in two ways – 1. General gaps in services for people, 2. Gaps that organisations/businesses may have in expanding or delivering their project. We heard some examples of these such as the Food Bank needing knitted blankets, and Forgotten Foods who were keen to expand but need access to additional kitchen space.

We also were hearing as to help and support that people could offer, such as fundraising, volunteering time and practical support.

This was the first main meeting, and as we start to pull some of the new projects together and continue to fact find we will be sharing information out on a Cost of Living email group.

Charmain Lovett, One Ilfracombe Community Developer - notes from 5th October community Cost of Living meeting

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Key Support areas identified

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LGA defined areas



Food insecurity & poverty



Skills, Education, Employment



Health & Wellbeing



Fuel & energy & housing



Money & Debt

+3

Additional OC requests



Supporting Local businesses



Transport



General COL Advice & Support

# Understand what's available

- Roxi Reeder, from Navigate, has offered to help populate Money and Debt OND directory pages
- The Devon County Council Public Health Community Outreach Team will be closing on the 24th March 2023
- Energy support scheme has been added to District Council COL webpages (UK Gov scheme/local authority verify applications and authorise payment) – District councils will administer for residents who have not received financial support (residents of caravan/holiday parks)
- The Household Support Fund – DCC have secured a little over £10 million to support households in most need, and specifically those who may not be eligible for other support that's already available from the Government.
- DCC Growing Communities Fund – CD to communicate with OC members, CVS offered to support members/partners to make application / host (can run group sessions e.g., bid writing)

# COL Operational plan

## 2 – Identify available support: What's happened?

### 2.1 Create a COL directory – Support for local people / organisations

- [onenortherndevon.co.uk/cost-of-living/](https://onenortherndevon.co.uk/cost-of-living/) (links to National, County, District and local support) – Hyperlinks to avoid duplication of source

### Opportunities to support this work

- Anything missing? Please use [COL Feedback document](#) and send to james.lander2@nhs.net
- Help collate and bring these offers together in a way that all partners can share with staff supporting residents' eligibility and access.

# COL Operational plan

## 2 – Identify available support: COL Funding/grants

### 2.2. Identify funding / wider support for local initiatives

- See [Community Funding opportunities list](#) – can this be hosted with CVS'?
- 'One Devon' COL Fund (£46k) TTVS and NDVS to administer to local VCSE via the One Communities – [Torridge application](#) / [North Devon Application](#) – No panels required for bids up to £5k (£5–10k will require One Devon panel) – **STATUS: closed** – see page 24 for list of successful applicants
- [Growing Communities Fund](#) – **STATUS: now open for 2023** Devon County Council grants of £500 – £3,000
  - CVS can support members/partners to make application / host funds / run group skill sessions (e.g., bid writing)

### Opportunities to support this work

- Help identify community funding streams that support local needs (shared needs log)
- Work with business partners to identify where they may be able to contribute resources
- Identify partnership opportunities that benefit the community
- Anchor institution support (can you offer skills, knowledge, resources etc)
- Cllrs attending OCs to hear ideas for Locality Budget to support elected member to respond to local community issues

# COL Operational plan

## 3 – Creative solutions: What's happened?

Consider what is needed to help people beyond the existing provision

### 3.1 Create Local initiatives

- Community Developers local OC projects overview

#### Opportunities to support this work

- Share local initiatives with NCOL group OC network
- Set-up communication between local working groups to avoid duplication (communications)
- Create new working groups, as required – include those with lived-experience to ensure dignity in our approaches

### 3.1 System support requests

- Place 'system support' requests to OND board with recommendations (Anchor institutions can offer skills/knowledge/learning/training etc)

#### Opportunities to support this work

- Share requests with District Councils/local OC's

### 3.4 Communicate what is available, targeting those most in need (Collaborative communications)

#### Opportunities to support this work

- **Aim:** reduce confusion, reduce stigma, avoid duplication.
- Create/share 'Accessible comms' to reach 'at risk' populations
- Single point of contact for print materials – email to order copies for distribution
- Consider setting up a cascaded response to ensure those that need available support receive it (phone/email volunteer support)

### 3.5 Measure impact

#### Opportunities to support this work

- Agree and measure intended outcomes – ask partners and target population 'what does success look like?', measure pre and post intervention
- Share successes and lessons learned

# Create solutions

- To tackle stigma and give a voice to those experiencing the cost-of-living crisis, Davy (PETROC student) has created [a video of local business owners](#), as part of his HND course, and shared his RAW footage with OND for future editing
- One Devon COL community grants (administered by TTVS/NDVS) – successful applicants and related projects – see Page 24
- One Atlantic ran a COL advice stand at Bideford eats festival on April 1st



# Cost-of-living COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



images courtesy of One South Molton's 'Beat the Winter Blues' community fair

### **Informing data collection**

- Public Health co-produced [COL Dashboard](#) created
- [The Holiday Activity and Food Programme](#)
- [Food voucher schemes](#)
- 3rd party Household Support Fund referral partner (OND Flow)
- Allows staff to refer patients from across healthcare

### **Warm spaces / A warm welcome**

- Sourcing local activity providers/assets to provide space of interest (Warm clothing bank)
- Supporting volunteer recruitment

### **Engagement & Advice**

- Community workshops – identify need / support & initial ideas
- Drop-in help hubs
- COL Advice and wellbeing community fairs
- Adding value to pr-existing events
- The Food and Fuel Insecurity Survey on Public Health Devon's website
- [The Rural Services Network in partnership with the Citizens Advice is running a Rural Cost of Living Household Survey and are looking for responses from across England](#)

### **Communications**

- Connect to Council COL advice webpages to reducing duplication/confusion
- Increasing reach – radio, social media, PR, podcast
- Internal staff support newsletters / updates
- Free School Meals and Free school meals holiday voucher scheme
- DCC Growing Communities Fund / One Devon COL Fund

### **Targeted interventions to tackle inequalities**

- The Northern Devon Primary Care Fuel Poverty Crisis Programme is an initiative led by GP practices in North Devon, in partnership with 361 Energy and SWASHN ([BBC News/radio report](#))
- Active Devon/OND fund – physical activities incl. SEND Football, Skate Molton (warm space – reducing ASB/connecting young people to sexual health/youth services), Seated exercise

### **Cross-sector working groups**

- One Atlantic and Torridge District Council (Bideford regeneration board) sub-groups
- Devon Food insecurity summit working group (event planned for April/May 2023) – could be a place partners come together to pledge collective action to tackle food insecurity across the county
- Rural Health and supporting the farming community

### **Community learning**

- 20th March 2023 – Problem structuring and Community research– introduce public health conceptual frameworks, multilevel and life course perspectives, and put these together to provide actionable tools for translating knowledge into action.

### **Supporting local businesses**

- coffee & cake voucher scheme with 3rd party referrals for at risk groups

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Highlights from the One Communities

### 3rd party Household Support Fund referral partner (OND Flow)

- Allows staff to refer patients from across healthcare

### Warm space timetables

- keeping warm, companionship and promoting positive mental health, non-judgmental spaces
- Public spaces managed by staff/volunteers extending their existing offers
- visitors are able to get hot drinks, feel welcome, play games, activities for the kids etc.

### Engagement & Advice

- Community workshops – identify need / support & initial ideas
- Drop-in help hubs
- COL Community Fayre / Community days
- Attending community events (Christmas lights, H&W fayre)

### Communications

- Accessing free school dinners (for eligible and non-eligible pupils)

### Partnership working groups

- One Atlantic and Torridge District Council (Bideford regeneration board) sub-groups



### Other – In development

- Warm clothing bank
- Community fridge / larder
- Coffee and cake vouchers (supporting local businesses)
- Free/reduced veterinary & dental fees (community slots)
- Community food network
- Connecting to financial support

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Highlights from the One Communities

 **'Beat the Winter Blues' community fair**

*The dust has now settled after One South Molton's "Beat the Winter Blues" fair, held in the Assembly Rooms (26th January). Here are some pictures for you to share the joy. Thank you so much for your contribution to the raffle and goody bags for the fair. People were astonished that the whole fair was free, and were delighted to receive free goody bags and raffle tickets. Yet they were generous enough to leave us some money in our collection bowls, towards future 1SM events! We were pleased. The raffle itself was great fun! One of our Ukrainian guests folded all the tickets and pulled out all the winners for us. It was wonderful that she could take part fully in a South Molton town activity. There was a bit of jiggery-pokery in the draw. Somehow it happened that the young lad with five siblings won the jar of lollipops and sweets! But everyone was thrilled with their prizes.*

*It was truly inspiring to see the town coming together for the fair. And this sense of collaboration and cooperation was only heightened by the generosity of South Molton businesses such as yours.*

**Many thanks indeed and every best wish, Alison Verney, Chair of One South Molton**



# 'One Devon' COL Fund (£46k) Administered by TTVS and NDVS



List of successful applicants:

Sucessful Organisation	Area	Project
361 Energy	Torridge	Fuel Vouchers
East The Water Food Pantry	Bideford	Community Food Hub
One Ilfracombe	Ilfracombe	Free Gym Membership and special active sessions
Go North Devon	North Devon	Building capacity with Car and Ring and Ride
Age Concern	Barnstaple	Volunteer recruitment campaign – Winter Activities
Fremington FC	Fremington (Barnstaple)	Club Sports kit for those that cannot afford
Encompass	Barnstaple	Lockers for homeless
South Molton Skate Park	South Molton	Equipment/Food for those that cannot afford
The Open School of Creative Arts and Wellbeing	Northern Devon	Lego and Pizza nights for young people and families
Pete's dragon	Northern Devon	Multi District - Bereavement support
Vista CIC	Barnstaple	Free activities in the warm and education activities
The Northam Care Trust	Northam and surrounds (Bideford)	Activities for older and isolated people
Holsworthy Community Forum	Holsworthy	Slow cookers and food education

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Highlights from District /County Councils

### **Growing Communities fund** (Devon County Council)

#### **COL advice webpages** (North Devon and Torridge District Councils)

#### **Warm spaces** (North Devon Council)

- [Warm Spaces Fund Application](#) (North Devon Council)
- [The first, council-funded 'warm spaces' have opened their doors in North Devon](#) (North Devon Council 28/11/22)

#### **Food voucher scheme** (Torridge District Council)

Customer service/housing teams referrals (case by case basis to support vulnerable people) distributing foodbank vouchers for nearest Northern Devon Foodbank. Self-referral from NDC to the food bank to distribute/collect voucher

**increase top-ups for electricity pre-payment** – for economically inactive homeless people. Support via housing teams

**Energy support scheme** (UK Gov scheme/local authority verify applications and authorise payment) – District councils will administer for residents who have not received financial support (residents of caravan/holiday parks) – see District Council COL advice and support pages

#### **Household Support Fund** (North Devon and Torridge District Councils)

The Council's delivery of the Household Support Fund (UK Government funding) has placed significant additional funding to local organisations and families. **Fund extended till April 2024 (Final extension) – tbc**

- TDC Household support fund – applicants directed to Encompass > Encompass then inform TDC finance team for the customer service team
- NDC Direct and 3rd party referral pathways (10/1/23 NDC Update) This fund is still open. NDC, under the Household Support Fund, has awarded over £200k:
  - Direct awarded to 3800 properties at £50 each
  - Helped 230 households following third party organisation referrals

DCC are still at the planning stage with regards HSF4, and HSF3 is still in operation (we have webpages for that current scheme only at present). Once HSF4 plans have been agreed our website and communications will be reviewed and updated.

With regards holiday vouchers to cover lunches in school holidays, this has yet to be fully signed off by Team Devon, but it is highly likely we will continue to issue free school meal holiday vouchers in line with the existing HSF3 scheme.

[Benefits, money and debt | Cost of living | Devon County Council](#)

[Food and essentials | Cost of living | Devon County Council](#)

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Highlights from Health & Care

### Royal Devon University NHS Healthcare trust

- Internal help and advice via staff intranet (BOB)

### The Northern Devon Primary Care Fuel Poverty Crisis Programme

An initiative led by GP practices in North Devon, in partnership with 361 Energy and SWASHN ([BBC News/radio report](#)). Using a population Health management approach, the PCN identified clinical respiratory 'at risk' patients with respiratory conditions, identify areas of fuel poverty deprivation – referred to 361 Energy for home visits (incl, energy reductions, thermal blankets, education, grants, added to the 'priority utilities services register', financial advice/wellbeing referrals)

- PCN group reports to the [OND Fuel Poverty](#) steering group (Andrea Beacham)
- PCFP info pack tbc (Nicola, One Devon)
- PCFP Evaluation April 2023 tbc
- [Email Nicola Mitchell](#) if you have any queries around Population Health Management

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# COL sub groups

## Collaborative Communication & Engagement

**Why?** 'The cost-of-living crisis has been quite an interesting and, at times, challenging topic to communicate'

**Aim:** reduce confusion, reduce stigma, avoid duplication.

### Completed

#### Dec 2022

- Collated current comms – see page 19. If you have any updates or missing hyperlinks, please can you forward to myself.

#### Jan 2022

- Added Holsworthy COL event – Advice (Dec 2022) to progress report
- One Devon 'Involve' – requested how many hits they have received
- Updated TDC information on progress report:
  - TDC Household support fund – 2 schemes: 1 – directed to Encompass – Encompass inform TDC finance team / TDC customer service team organises with person
  - TDC Foodbank vouchers – TDC customer service team – given a foodbank voucher for nearest North Devon Foodbank

#### (Feb 2023) COL directory OND – tidy-up / links to the right places

- (Neil, Sophie and Mark) to incl. Linked to council pages
- (Anne & Neil) 'at risk' populations listed within COL directory (start with Living Options then expand)

#### Monitor comms effectiveness

- what are the available means to do this for your organisation?)

#### (Feb/Mar 2023) Create 'Accessible comms' to reach 'at risk' populations

- Work with services (cross-sector) to understand population comms accessibility requirements
- request VCSE leaflets / web – request weblinks)e.g. Energy 361, WiserMoney
- Bring together comms officers – helpful for ideas 'could we do this better together than apart'

#### No Stigma Campaign

- How can your work support this? (e.g. OND are creating a video with local interviewees)

#### (Ongoing – longer-term goal) OND/OCs to gather needs and connect with funding opportunities

- (James) – Ask Chief Execs for data: Council teams: Housing, environmental, Revenues and benefits etc
- (James) – PCN data from wellbeing teams
- (CDs) Local organisations with service users (e.g., Living options)
- (Local organisations) share funding / grants that could support local work
- (Comms. officers) Communicate these needs and funding opportunities in a concise and accessible ways

# COL sub groups

## Collaborative Communication & Engagement

### One Northern Devon

#### Internal Newsletter

- [COL Digest 11 Nov 22](#)
- COL Digest 9 Dec 22

#### PRINT: Posters / Flyers / Leaflets

- Event and initiatives (e.g. warm space timetables)

#### Video

- As part of his HND media course, PETROC student, Davy Stephenson has created a mini-series of videos with local people. These will be combined to create a short video as well. See [Roots Café owner](#) (YouTube link) interview and [local organisations](#) video draft preview and RAW footage for future editing (small business owners)
- Here's [a video from Radio Devon's Facebook Page](#) which has a few One Barnstaple community members sharing top tips

#### Events

- [20th March 2023 - Problem structuring and Community research](#)- introduce public health conceptual frameworks, multilevel and life course perspectives, and put these together to provide actionable tools for translating knowledge into action.
- 12th December 2022 - 'Help 4 All' Day, Barnstaple Pannier Market - in person access to information (Barnstaple Town Council lead)
- All 7 One Communities have held 'town workshops' and many have organised 'Advice & wellbeing' community fairs (See Appendix 2)

#### Comms support

You can send OND ([neil.ingram@northdevon.gov.uk](mailto:neil.ingram@northdevon.gov.uk)) your:

- COL Social media links (for tagging your organisation)
- COL posters (Neil may also be able to help create - please send bullet point info with sponsors/partners/logos and social media content)

#### Newspaper

- ['Forgotten' Great Torrington in fight for survival amid Cost of Living crisis](#) (Devon Live)

#### Radio/Podcast

- The Voice FM OND interview with OND Communities Support & Development Manager, James Lander
- BBC Radio Devon interview with One Atlantic's CD Lizzie Bauer (Bideford area)
- ["Community Conversations" Podcast](#) at the Torrington100 Town Hall Cost of Living Fayre. Supported by TTVS, Aceholdsthespace™

#### Social Media

Posts/links - send Neil to tag/share across the OCs

#### Web

- [OND COL Directory](#) - Anything missing? Please use [COL Feedback document](#) and send to [james.lander2@nhs.net](mailto:james.lander2@nhs.net)
- [Community Development VCSE Funding opportunities](#) list

# COL sub groups

## Partner Communication & Engagement

### Devon County Council

- **Rural health** – charlotte.molyneux@devon.gov.uk an initial meeting to bring together stakeholders in North, East and West Devon interested in supporting the farming community – to understand what's going on incl. Future Farm Resilience Programme, Trading Standards Farming Partnership, highlighting any work supporting the rural community including business support and rural health support initiatives and opportunities to work together,

### DCC Public Health

- 1x COL PR
- Involved in supporting colleagues with intelligence (cost of living dashboard and research)
- feeding into various strategies –e.g. ICS.
- Public Health outreach team have been successfully reaching vulnerable groups, eg homeless, roma gypsy travellers, prison leavers. etc.. common theme I have heard for these groups is information being shared face to face via the services they contact. Unlikely to access online resources (note – PH outreach team closing from 27/3/23)

### Torridge District Council

#### Cost of living help and advice webpage

We direct online residents to our 'one-stop shop' landing page

#### Poster/Flyers

- Foodbank voucher poster/flyer
- Household support fund posters/flyers

With clear phone numbers and email addresses to encourage people to contact the council. They may not qualify for the support fund, but we would hopefully be able to offer them help. Printed copies are being distributed to libraries, warm rooms, parish halls etc. We hope this will encourage residents without an internet connection to make contact. *We're printing the posters and flyers in-house, so please feel free to email if you would like any to distribute.*

#### Social media

Poster designs are currently being used on our social media platforms as well

### North Devon Council

#### Webpages

##### Cost of living help and advice

- Main landing page UPVs with approx. 1,000.
- Support and advice UPV's 623.
- **Household Support Fund** Local paper, social media, posters/flyers for Town and parish councils
- Most of these were generated with the initial press release but there has been a steady stream of PVs since. Top Referrals, 705 from Google, 630 direct, 410 links (and more)

##### Warm spaces in North Devon

- The Food and Fuel Insecurity Survey on Public Health Devon's website

#### PR

- 2x press release signposting people to the webpage (30/9/22)
- 1x PR – The first, council-funded 'warm spaces' have opened their doors in North Devon (North Devon Council 28/11/22)

**Email bulletin x1**, with the same information Gov delivery)

**Social media posts** (approx. once a week) again just signposting people to our webpage.

# COL sub groups

## Partner Communication & Engagement

### One Devon

A [dedicated COL page on the One Devon Involve platform](#) to host all the amazing work that is being done to support our people and communities through the cost-of-living crisis.

- Cost of Living Summit (7 November) slides
- One Devon Cost of Living Community Fund information

### Royal Devon University NHS Healthcare Trust

Staff newsletters

- Internal staff emails (on 'BOB' and 'hub' - intranet) - Health, Wellbeing and Financial support

### TTVS

**Social media campaign** - Launched the '[Be a Winter Buddy](#)' (raising awareness of isolation and the power of offering help in all guises) campaign on Facebook - in 4 days it reached 3000 people.

### Devon Communities Foundation

**Event** - Food Insecurity Summit - tbc Early 2023

### Rural Service Network

One Communities shared the [Rural Cost of Living Household Survey](#).

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Appendix 1 – Data

**Latest position:** We have started to compile data that is currently available.

### 1.1 Datasets in Development

#### Quantitative data

- PCN maps – linking PCN data with external datasets (Richard B – SWASHN)
- Locality dataset for anticipatory care (Nicola M – One Devon)

#### Qualitative data (lived experience)

##### *Devon Communities Foundation*

- Devon Food (and Fuel) insecurity hub – See summary of what the Food Insecurity Hub is aiming to achieve
- Survey of local organisations – impact of COL crisis on VCSE organisations

##### Citizens Advice Berea (Rural issues group) & Rural Services Network

- Rural effects of cost-of-living survey (data collection ends 31 March 2023)

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Appendix 1 – Data

### 1.2 General datasets

- [Citizens Advice Cost of Living Data Dashboard](#) – shows most at risk and least at-risk communities down to LSOA level and measures include child poverty, income deprivation, food poverty, fuel poverty, combined claimant count
- [DCC Public Health Report](#) – Food insecurity, Fuel/energy costs, Child Poverty, Access to health services, Health Inequalities
- DCC Public Health dashboards (One Devon) – [Cost-of-living](#) / [National Child Measurement Programme](#) / [Deprivation Dashboard](#)
- [Impact of increased cost of living on adults across Great Britain: June to September 2022](#) (ONS)
- [COL latest insights](#) (ONS)
- [ONS Census maps](#) – down to street level for some communities (ONS)
- [ONS Health Index](#) – How health has changed 2015–2020 (ONS – District-level)
- [Impact of increased cost of living on adults across Great Britain: June to September 2022](#) (ONS)
- [Co-Op Community Wellbeing Index](#) (Place-level data)
- [Cost of living rises and how they impact health inequalities](#) (PowerPoint by Charlotte Pavitt, Consultant in Public Health – June 2022)
- [Co-Op Community Wellbeing Index](#) (Place level data)

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Appendix 1 – Data

### 1.2 reports

#### 1.2.1 General Community (place-based) insights

See [list of select reports](#) that may be useful for CD. I've recently added:

- [Community Car Schemes in Devon: Covid-19 Community Resilience in Action 2020-21](#) (Devon Access to Services)
- Community Insight – [Profiles of Associational Life](#) (Devon Communities Together)

#### 1.2.2 Food (and fuel) reports

- [Devon Food Insecurity Research – Final Report](#) – Commissioned by the VCSE Assembly to investigate food insecurity and unlock the multiple complex issues people are facing across Devon.
- [Devon Food and Fuel Insecurity Research – Final Report Jan 2023](#)
- [Food & fuel poverty in Devon press release 24 Jan 2023](#)
- [OND Food Insight report](#) (2021, OND) Food provision within the One Community areas and the access to emergency food.
- [Food systems: The potential role of food networks](#) (2021, Devon Communities Foundation)
- [Food Insecurity in Devon](#) (2021, Devon County Council)
- Understanding participation in community food activities
  - Report 1: [A systematic literature review of motivations, barriers, and enablers](#) (2021)
  - Report 2: [An empirical study on motivations, barriers, and enablers](#) (2021)
  - [A synthesis report on motivations, barriers, and enablers](#) (2021)

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Appendix 1 – Data

### 1.2.3 Themed reports

#### Winter Pressures

- [The impact of winter pressures on different population groups in Great Britain: 22 November to 18 December 2022](#)

#### Chronic health condition reports

- [No time to lose: changing the trajectory for people living with long-term health conditions](#) – highlights the issues for this group of people before the pandemic, the impact of the pandemic and cost-of-living crisis, and the ongoing and long-term effects.

#### Surveys

##### Older People (Healthy Ageing) surveys

- [Barnstaple and area community survey results](#) (Age Concern, Go North Devon, B. Library, 2022)

#### Equity / Equality

- In August 2022, The Equality Trust highlighted the [unequal impact of the cost of living crisis](#), and hope to expand the list of local authorities they support to implement the [Socio-Economic Duty](#) of the Equality Act 2010 and build an ecosystem of community organisations that will highlight local inequalities and campaign for change.

#### Poverty

- [UK Poverty 2023: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK](#) (Joseph Rowntree Foundation, 2023)

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Appendix 1 – Data

### 1.2.3 Themed reports continued

#### Energy

The [VCSE Assembly March proposal – fuel poverty SRv3](#) paper responds to the VCSE health inequality hub themes and the ICS strategic goals and gives a brief overview on the role of community energy organisations, their partners, and the wider energy advice sector's contribution to reducing health inequalities through energy advice and support to maintain warm and healthy homes.

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Appendix 2 – Partnership projects

### Devon County Council

- Public Health co-produced [COL Dashboard](#) created

Devon County Council is working with local partners, including local councils, the NHS and the voluntary and community sector, on ways to support communities. These include:

- [Household Support Fund](#) – secured a little over £10 million. This fund is to support households that are struggling to pay for food, energy, water bills and other related essentials; especially those who may not be eligible for other Government support.
- [Free School Meals](#) and [Free school meals holiday voucher scheme](#) – All children up to year two at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. From year 3 onwards, you may continue to qualify. You can check eligibility and apply on our Free School Meals page. Additionally, families in Devon on low incomes, whose children receive free school meals, also receive school meals holiday vouchers which are funded by the Household Support Fund. To see if your child is eligible for free school meals, or to apply, please visit our website or call our Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019
- [Growing Communities Fund](#)
- [Locality Budget](#) An annual budget for each elected member to respond to local community issues, such as but not limited to hardship and poverty, loneliness, and isolation in their Division
- [Citizens Advice Devon](#) Devon County Council continues to provide funding to Citizens Advice Devon to provide independent and impartial support and advice.
- [The Holiday Activity and Food Programme \(HAF\)](#) This programme supports children to eat more healthily, be more active over the school holidays and have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition as well as be more engaged with school and other local services.
- Libraries for Life – Libraries across Devon and Torbay are providing warm welcoming spaces, where people can use the free Wi-Fi and computers if they wish to access any of the available online support. Some libraries also have community fridge projects, that make surplus food from local supermarkets available to all for free. Contact your local library for details.
- [Cost of living webpages](#)
- [The Food and Fuel Insecurity Survey on Public Health Devon's website](#)

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Appendix 2 – Partnership projects

### Devon Communities Foundation

- Devon Food insecurity summit working group (event planned for April/May 2023) – *could be a place partners come together to pledge collective action to tackle food insecurity across the county.*
- *Food Insecurity research with One Northern Devon*

### One Devon (ICS), DeVA, TTVS & NDVS – A system wide approach

- The **Northern Devon Primary Care Fuel Poverty Crisis Programme** is an initiative led by GP practices in North Devon, in partnership with 361 Energy and SWASHN ([BBC News/radio report](#))
- **One Devon COL support fund** (£46k for Northern Devon) Fund

to be managed by DeVA who will distribute to local partners (TTVS/ NDVS). No panels required for bids up to £5k. Decisions to be made by local infrastructure. Panels are required for bids £5k and over. Members to be made up of VCSE and NHS leads. Monthly reports to Darin Halifax to inform the One Devon Integrated Care Partnership and NHS England. Report to consist of number of grants given, geography of grants given and case studies/stories.

### North Devon Council & OND Flow as a 3rd party referral partner

- **Household Support Fund** – [3rd party scheme](#) to refer vulnerable clients to Household support fund (available to staff to refer patients from Royal Devon University NHS Trust). 4200+ awards given (7/2/23), HSF round 4 & 5 due (round 4 April–Sept / Oct–march 2024 – awaiting guidance from UK Gov/DCC)

### One South Molton

- Community COL 'Beat the Blues' advice & wellbeing fayre (26th Jan 2023)
- Library warm space
- Skate Molton (In development with Active Devon)
- Seated Yoga (In development with Active Devon)
- Financial support – Increased referrals to available financial support – Saunders Trust Hardship fund / Household Support (NDC) / Municipal charity

### One Ilfracombe

- Warm space timetables

### Live well In Braunton

- Engagement – community ideas generation (email, drop off at Caen medical centre or scan QR code)
- Cost-of-living working group (meets weekly)
- 'Connect 2 Live well' community Event: 11th February 2023 – taster sessions and advice to support people through the

Cost of Living crisis, help reduce loneliness and isolation, as well as looking at Health and Wellbeing

- Seated exercise (In development with Active Devon)

### One Barnstaple

- Tbc

**CONNECT2 LIVEWELL**  
**EVENT**  
Saturday 11th February 2023  
10.00-14.00PM  
**BRAUNTON PARISH HALL**  
Chalenor's Rd, Braunton  
EX33 2ES  
Cost of Living Support!  
Find out what's available locally  
Supported by Braunton Parish Council

**FREE TASTER SESSIONS**  
10.15-10.30am Energy 361  
10.40-10.55am - Mind over Matter!  
11-11.30am Family Yoga with Awake Mind and Body  
12.00-12.25pm Energy 361  
12.30-12.45pm Mind over Matter!  
13.00pm-13.30pm Family Yoga with Awake Mind and Body  
Plus more!

\*How to keep food bills down  
\*Energy advice  
\*Things to do  
\*Connections & Wellbeing  
\*Health tips  
\*Dementia advice  
\*Cancer advice & support  
\*Activities & sports available locally  
\*Memory Cafe & Parkinson's Cafe

**FREE TEA, COFFEE & CAKE**  
**FREE ART ACTIVITIES**  
**FREE FUN ACTIVITIES**  
Plus more!

# Progress on Cost of Living action framework

## Appendix 2 – Partnership projects

### **Torrige District Council**

- Partnership working groups with Torrige District Council (Bideford regeneration board sub-groups)

### **Torrington 100**

- community COL advice fayre (Nov 2022)

### **One Atlantic (Bideford area)**

- SEND Football (In development with Active Devon)
- Community Conversations' podcast with aceholdsthespace™ – a COL podcast
- Drop-in Help Hub series @TTVS Bideford shop (Nov 2022)
- Bideford eats festival COL advice stand (April 2023)
- Partnership working groups with Torrige District Council (Bideford regeneration board sub-groups)

### **Holsworthy & District Community Forum**

- 2x COL Advice Fayres @the Memorial Hall (Sept/ Dec 2022 stand at West Devon CVS led fair)
- Christmas COL Community Engagement @Christmas lights
- Partnered with local ROC working group to avoid duplication
- Warm Spaces – 3 operating in Holsworthy: Holsworthy Library; The White Hart (pub); Food on the Go (Cafe).
- Free school dinner support – awaiting details from the Community College. A number of local organisations have pledged funds.
- Warm Clothing Bank – has been operating in the Memorial Hall – organised by Mutual Aid