

## Exmoor Trust

The Exmoor Trust was registered as a charity in 1999. Our aim and objects are threefold:

- ❖ To conserve and enhance for the public benefit the area known as Greater Exmoor.
- ❖ To educate the public to appreciate and respect all aspects of its historical, physical and cultural environment.
- ❖ To further such charitable purposes for the benefit of Exmoor as the Trustees shall determine from time to time.

The Greater Exmoor area covered by the Trust extends from Watchet to Coombe Martin in the North, to South Molton and Clayhanger in the South, and includes Minehead.

The Trust achieves its objectives by raising, managing, and disbursing the funds and using its influence and expertise to help secure outcomes needed for the benefit of the area.

The Exmoor Trust is not a large organisation, having 10 Trustees who are elected from the membership limited to 40 life and 100 annual members. Our income is derived from gifts, donations, membership fees, as well as invested income and we have made, on average, annual gifts of some £10,000. The contribution made is not always dependent on financial assistance and we have also been successful in participating in partnerships to raise awareness of key issues.

## Grants

As a charity the Trust cannot make grants to businesses but can help communities, organisations and individuals. Since its foundation the Exmoor Trust has typically: provided immediate alleviation from the impact of the Foot and Mouth Disease to 62 families; given major support for the training and development of Young Farmers; assisted tourist organisations in revitalising their marketing and management; provided key support for the opening of the new Jubilee Trail; and played a significant role in plans to improve the Moorland of Exmoor. In addition we have provided smaller grants for a number of school activities, play grounds, sensory garden projects, as well as for disadvantaged groups.

At the moment we are only able to give limited grants but we do want to react promptly to calls for assistance. Whether you are a local individual, family, community or organisation needing help we would like to hear from you.

Please write in confidence to:

Exmoor Trust  
Grants Committee  
Bank Chambers  
Dulverton  
Somerset  
TA22 9BU

## Helping Exmoor to Help Itself

### Our Aim

We seek to achieve, in a sustainable and enduring way, a happy balance of interests which will continue to provide vibrant community life, continued interest for the public, the preservation of the wildness of the environment and, above all, hope for the future.

### We need local help

The Exmoor Trust needs to react to the emerging problems facing Greater Exmoor and welcomes the support and experience of people living in the area. We have 3 groups that provide feedback and preliminary judgements to the Trustees on Conservation, Education and Community issues. If you wish to help please do get in touch.

### Involve your Friends

You can help too by getting friends involved. Please pass on this leaflet and encourage them to assist in our work.

### Legacies and Other Gifts.

If you wish to consider leaving or gifting shares, funds, property or land to the Exmoor Trust we strongly advise you to discuss it with your own solicitor in the first instance. There probably will be tax advantages and you should also discuss these with your own adviser. However such gifts will enable the Trust to play a greater role in helping Exmoor in the future and we would like to hear from you. Please write in confidence to the Chairman of the Exmoor Trust.