**NEW FUNDING NEWS**

**Grants scheme now open for applications**

We are pleased to launch the 2025/26 extension of our **business and community grants** programme, funded by the UK Government. Derbyshire Dales District Council has been awarded more than £1 million for its UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) programme.

Applications for capital or revenue funding are now open for businesses in all sectors, particularly those with growth potential and incorporating decarbonisation measures. Free 1:1 business support and advice is also available to help identify potential growth and energy cost savings and reduce carbon footprint.

Funding is also available for charities and voluntary sector organisations, parish and town councils to access support to become more resilient.

Businesses and organisations should initially register their interest [**here**](https://9z658.r.sp1-brevo.net/mk/cl/f/sh/1t6Af4OiGsDg0np3PeicsZC2Js08ZR/HQND81ZkdMfF) .

The scheme runs until March 2026, businesses/organisations are advised to register their interest and apply as soon as possible.

Examples of successful projects previously funded can be viewed [**here**](https://www.investinderbyshiredales.org/help/funding-your-business/case-studies/eyam-brewery).

*Funding is currently subject to formal confirmation from the UK Government via East Midlands Combined County Authority, payments will not be made until formal agreement has been received by DDDC.*

**Accelerator Business Support now extended**

The Accelerator project from Derbyshire Dales District Council (managed by East Midlands Chamber) has also been extended to March 2026. If you missed out before, now’s your opportunity to benefit from free 1:1 business advice and workshops.

Funded **energy audits** are also on offer to help identify energy efficiencies and cost reduction with **Growth Vouchers** availabletowards the costs of specialist training and consultancy to improve business processes or introduce new technologies (eligibility criteria apply). [Complete an enquiry form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=be02r_yxIEq3g6ApmhSPvUXQXMqEXHpFiR312GqX639UQ1lHM1pEQUQwWlZHTjRNOEFIU0lJOE5ENC4u) now.

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**Apprenticeships at the University of Derby**

Find out how University of Derby can support your business through apprenticeships by contacting their Business Gateway team.   Call 01332 590500 or email: businessgateway@derby.ac.uk



**Farming Futures R&D Fund**

UK registered businesses can apply for a share of up to £12.5 million for precision breeding of arable and horticultural crops. This funding is from the [Farming Futures R&D Fund](https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/2168/overview/0fef9171-75b0-4f3e-acef-42920e7e5d5e), a part of the Farming Innovation Programme.



**Jobs Fair at Buxton, 23rd June**

Students from Buxton and Leek Collage will be in the Devonshire Dome on the morning of Monday 23rd June to celebrate the end of the college year. Businesses are invited to attend to promote vacancies, apprenticeships, summer jobs or full/part time roles. Book your place [here](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=OrvxmPpegkeIur2JfbYOYmua92euAUJFvUL4kI8_mmVURFkzTDAzTFczQTMxUTQzWVlLVVpKOFZJTS4u&route=shorturl).

