

HotSW RGN

Achievements and Lessons Learned

Heart of the South West Rural Growth Network Pilot

Key Achievements

Creating a sustainable rural economy by developing a network of rural enterprise hubs, supported by the provision of funding and business support to the rural micro enterprise and small business sector.

Over
400

firms engaged in
succession planning

Over

100

Businesses Created



Over

350

jobs
created

Business support survey
indicates a potential

£56m

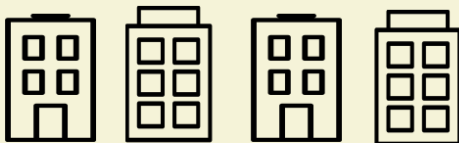
turnover increase

4,000

businesses made contact

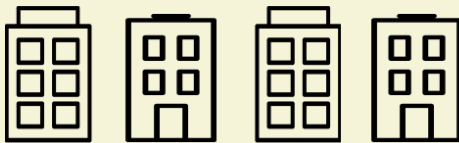
2,000

received extended support



8

Business
Centres Created



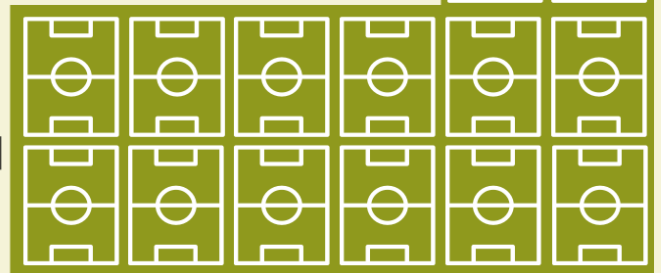
and
21.5

ACRES of
business land
developed
for sale

That's
around

14

football
pitches!



Enterprise in Schools Grant

10 enterprise and employability
projects were awarded
funding, totalling

£113,000

"I am now more
confident in
leading a group"

"It [an enterprise
education] helps
us to get along in
the real world"

More
than

1,500

pupils benifitted

and 50+
teachers

Great success with Women Led Enterprise

890 WLE beneficiaries against an
original target of **450**



WLE target WLE extra

Defra funding achieved best value with HotSW

Defra:

For each pound Defra gave each RGN...

RGN Average:

...on average £2.21 was added in match funding.

HotSW:

For every pound Defra gave HotSW, they achieved

£5.22 in match funding.



Overall HotSW spend

£24 million+

[to March 2016]

Business Support



received specific advice
supported to grow



Capital Projects

Key

Growth Hubs

Micro-enterprise schemes

