

Devon Active Villages is a countywide programme co-ordinated by Active Devon and delivered by a network of local partners. It seeks to support rural communities to develop long-term sports opportunities which enable people of all ages to experience the fun of sport and build a life-long love of being active and healthy. In *East Devon*, Active Devon is working together with *Leisure East Devon* to ensure that the programme has maximum impact for local communities of **Feniton and Lympstone**.

The programme aims to increase sports participation in Devon's rural communities by supporting village based opportunities. It is funded by Devon County Council and Sport England Lottery funding and will work in over 150 parishes with between 500 and 2000 people.

Chief Executive of Active Devon, Neil Roberts, said "We are confident that through this ambitious collaboration between a wide range of key partners and by supporting communities rather than just providing activities, the foundations of sustained community activity can be built". For more information visit www.activevillages.co.uk."

The Leader of Devon County Council, John Hart, said: "Devon County Council has worked closely with Active Devon on the bid and will be contributing £360,000 to Devon Active Villages over a three year period. Our villages often lack the opportunities available to those who live in our towns and cities. This programme will provide many more people with the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of sports and at the same time help improve levels of health and fitness."

