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Devon Time Community Timebanking is a whole community initiative of EDP which set out as a partnership pilot in June 2017 with Devon and Cornwall Police.

Initially the idea had been to set up a co produced Devon wide Community Timebank forming a network across the county. It soon became apparent that local branches would be more accessible, sustainable and in tune with asset based community development and co production methods.

During the first 12 months of Devon Time, work was undertaken to make enquiries in local communities and where opportunity and interest arose we started to support local communities to explore how Timebanking could work for them and begin to form branches if they so desired.

Whilst the activity of the preliminary branches has yet to truly take off, a lot of work has been put in to get to know what else is happening in the local communities to avoid duplication, explore opportunities to share resources with other groups or organisations and to set up and try out processes to ensure members and the community are safe and have a positive experience once actively exchanging in their community.

We have been lucky to learn from the original UK Timebank Fairshares in Gloucester and more locally the Torbay Timebanks and South West Timebanks in Plymouth.

Having a whole county to explore and a lot of interest across Devon meant that resources were spread thinly in terms of time and capacity.

At the end of the pilot year, whilst our funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall has come to an end, EDP has been able to secure a further sum of money through The National Lottery Awards for All so Devon Time is able to continue for the next 6 months focussing on 3 main areas in North Devon.

The aim is to build sustainable branches which link with other community groups and projects to support the local networks. By being more geographically focussed we aim to invest more specific time on these areas to get them active and really established. There will also be some work taking place to offer Timebanking to all existing and new EDP volunteers which will include those accessing any of the EDP projects and those within the Devon Together Alliance.

During the next 6 months we will work hard to source further funding to enable maintenance, development and growth of Devon Time across the existing branches and moving into other areas of Devon.

We hope North Devon can lead the way.

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Devon Time Branches:

Bideford - Hours2share: Open

Covering **EX39** and for those able to happy to travel also EX32, EX22

Torrington Community Timebank: *Coming soon!*

Covering **EX38** and for those happy to travel also EX37, EX19, EX20, EX21

Ifracombe Community Timebank: Open

Covering **EX34** and for those happy to travel also EX33, EX31, EX35

If you cant see a branch listed above which is near you there are opportunities through our partners to volunteer and earn or donate time credits. In time and with funding we hope to have more branches across Devon. You could even get involved in sourcing funding and setting up a branch nearer you so please do get in contact with us.