

## Mendip Hills Fund – grants awarded



### March 2015:

**EAST HARPTREE VILLAGE SHOP** provides basic convenience shopping facilities for the 600+ residents of East Harptree. The premises, formerly the village blacksmiths, has a stone floor on an earth base which has deteriorated badly and become dangerous. A grant of £500 has been awarded towards the cost of essential repairs.

**WINDSOR HILL WOOD** is a residential community offering a place of refuge to people going through a period of turbulence – bereavement, addiction, depression, homelessness etc. A grant of £1800 has been awarded towards the cost of woodland and livestock management so they can continue to provide animal and horticulture therapy to people in crisis.

**SEDGEMOOR CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS** have been awarded a grant of £500 towards the cost of a new brushcutter. This will enable the volunteers to continue to carry out practical conservation work on nature reserves, taking action to change their environment positively and sustainably whilst learning new skills.

**SOMERSET WILDLIFE TRUST** applied for funding to help set up an education and interpretation project in Harridge Woods, 3km outside Shepton Mallet. They were awarded £1860 towards the cost of producing a leaflet to guide people around a new nature trail, and towards the cost of nature trail posts.

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### October 2014

**BLAGDONIA** is a community group bringing together residents and organisations in Blagdon and has been awarded £1600 towards a community mosaic panel reflecting different aspects of their village, to be installed outside in the centre of Blagdon.

**SOMERSET ART WORKS (SAW)**, an artist-led non-profit making organisation dedicated to developing visual arts, were awarded £2000, subject to raising match funding, for a multi-stranded art trail 'Step in stone' around disused and working quarries in the East Mendips.