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# Rother Business Net Zero Update

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# UKSPF and Rural England Prosperity Fund



The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF or the Fund) is a central pillar of the UK government's Levelling Up agenda and a significant component of its support for places across the UK.

Overarching objective: **Building pride in place and increasing life chances**

Allows places to focus on local challenges and needs

Three investment priorities:

- Community and Place
- Supporting Local Business
- People and Skills



- Delivered through the approved Investment Plan, facilitated by Rother District Council.
- Rother Shared Prosperity Local Partnership overseeing Investment Plan
- Mix of capital and revenue funding
- Rother Allocation: £1.6million (£1million UKSPF, £603,000 Rural England Prosperity Fund)
- Funding until March 2025

# Background

- Rother District hosts 4,590 SMEs
- Most SMEs in the early stages of transition to net zero
- RDC collated feedback from businesses saying they needed help with carbon accounting and sustainability
- 82% in the High Weald National Landscape, further 7% in a conservation area
- Supports the delivery the Rother Climate Strategy reaching Carbon Neutral by 2023.

# Partnership with Clean Growth UK



- Based at The University of Brighton, the Clean Growth UK Team has delivered green business and innovation support to members (SMEs, corporates and public sector) since launch in summer 2014.
- Tried and tested Net Zero 350 programme delivering to SMEs across the South East, with Wealden, Eastbourne, Lewes & Arun District
- Over 3,000 business members
- Delivered LOCASE grants across the South East
- **Rother Net Zero 360 and grants launching 7 May 2024**

# Rother Net Zero 360 Programme



- 3 x Business Net Zero Workshops in Rother
- Free workshop for up to 50 SMEs based in Rother
- Workshop will cover:
  - What net zero means for business
  - The most impactful actions you can take
  - How to measure your footprint
  - How to create a carbon reduction plan
  - Networking with other businesses
- Businesses will come away with skills to build/measure a unique business net zero plan and free access to the Clean Growth UK business carbon calculator.
- 1<sup>st</sup> workshop at Ashburnham Place 24 June 9.30am -4pm



# Rother Business Energy Efficiency Grants (Funding pot of £60,000)



- **What** - LED lighting, air source heat pumps, new double glazing, solar panels, insulation, and energy efficient machinery and equipment.
- **Who** - Trading businesses operating in the Rother District Council area with two years' accounts and the minimum contribution of £1,000 available.
- **How much?** Business can apply for up to £5,000 towards the project. They need to contribute a minimum of £1,000 to the project.
- Launches 7 May 2024. Final delivery March 2025
- First Come First Served
- Partnership with Regeneration Team and Clean Growth UK

# More information and contact

## Websites:

Rother: [www.rother.gov.uk/regeneration/uk-shared-prosperity-fund/](http://www.rother.gov.uk/regeneration/uk-shared-prosperity-fund/)  
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