

Milestones 2005 - 2007

1. Formation of Dawlish Community Trust and incorporated as a Private Limited Company no 5763293 on 30 March 2006, and registered as a Charity no 1116114 in August 2006.
2. Applied for and granted funds by Leader + for a two year programme of Skills and Training with Tourism Strategy, supported by Teignbridge Rural Regeneration Partnership and match funded by Devon County Council, Teignbridge District Council, Dawlish Town Council and Dawlish Community Trust. Employment of a Skills and Economy Officer and an Administrative Officer. August 2006
3. Applied for and granted funding by South West Region Development Agency for compilation of a skills audit in collaboration with Teignmouth, on a similar basis. Match funding and support from Teignbridge District Council. December 2006
4. South West Region Development Agency offered to part fund the appointment of consultants to prepare a Town Centre Plan, to respond to a number of priority issues. Work commenced on a Brief in March 2006, leading to grant of funding in December and tender invitations to a select list in January 2007. Appointment of *yellow book Limited* made in March 2007. Match funding by Devon County Council and Teignbridge District Council.
5. Completed the Brunel Trail with 85% funding from Heritage Lottery Fund. History boards placed at six locations along the South Devon Coast Path between Lea Mount and Dawlish Warren. Opened by Deputy Mayor, Cllr Rosalind Prowse and Sam Hunt, HLF regional committee, 24 March 2007.
6. £41,000 granted by the Learning and Skills Council/ DCC for skills audit projects (to be shared between Dawlish and Teignmouth), September 2007, including £18K towards addressing worklessness issues, £18K towards projects benefiting young people (in conjunction with the colleges) and £5K towards business brokerages and project 7, below.
7. Devon Tourism and Skills Network offered £10,000 funding towards working with local businesses to identify and improve the "Customer experience" in Teignmouth and Dawlish with a series of workshops and free customer service courses.
8. Dawlish Community College has worked closely with DCT to offer courses to local businesses and the wider community using funds acquired with its specialist technology status, in food hygiene and a variety of IT qualifications. Other free courses arising from the results of the Skills' Audit are being offered in Dawlish to local businesses by Talk Training.
9. Three trustees - Cllr Wally Protheroe, Richard Boutle and John Robberts – and the Skills & Economy Officer, Suzy Wright form the Dawlish Community College Steering Committee towards the acquisition of Specialist Technology status.

