

## **MAKING THE MOST OF WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE!**

**It is easy when thinking about starting a project to get caught up with the need for funding.**

**The most important questions however can often be:-**

**What are we actually trying to achieve?**

**What do we really need to do it?**

**What resources do we have? (or have access to!)**

Communities have a wide range of skills and resources within them – and local community groups can often find support in unusual places with a bit of persistence and some creative thinking.

While cash is obviously important, and some projects will be almost impossible to achieve without at least some funds, finding funding does not have to be the starting point for a project.

**Choose a project from the list below. Use it as a basis for answering the questions on the rest of this worksheet.**

1. For people to stop littering and fly-tipping on the river banks in your community so that more people will be able to use it for walking and other forms of recreation.
2. Establishing a parents group to provide mutual support for parents of children with behavioural problems
3. To be able to buy Fair Trade products on your local High St
4. To reduce the amount of rubbish your community produces that ends up in land-fill sites.



What are you actually trying to achieve?

Short term -

Long term -

Looking at your short term aim

What are the things you **actually need** to get this started?

Who **might be able to help** with this?

What other information will you need?

Who else will you need to get on side?

