



# **Sustaining environmental action (in a time of austerity) - how can we do it?**

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# Introduction to Sustainable Harborough



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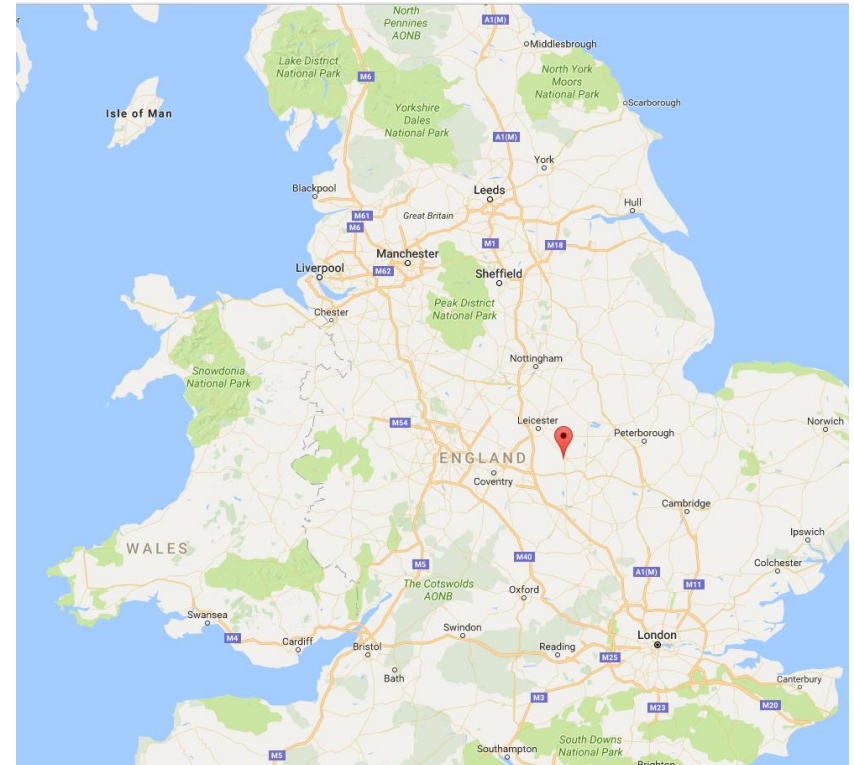
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# Harborough Food and Drink



Mapping

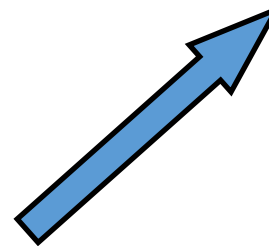


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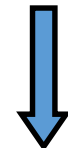
"Locally produced food and drink for local people"



Selling



Supporting



Membership –  
Brand and  
support







# Harborough Growing

Grafters and Growers

## Grafters and growers

Leicestershire heritage apple tree grafting in Market Harborough

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## Photos

### 2017 photos



Harborough Community Orchard planting day group photo March 2017

## Harborough residents want to share the bounty of their gardens this summer



Harborough's new Grow and Pick team

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A group of Harborough residents have become the first people to join a new Grow and Pick initiative in the town, which will see them plant herbs, salad leaves and strawberries for anyone to pick and eat.

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Grow and Pick

Waterloo  
Community  
Garden



Lenthall  
House  
Growing



# Harborough Energy Cooperative

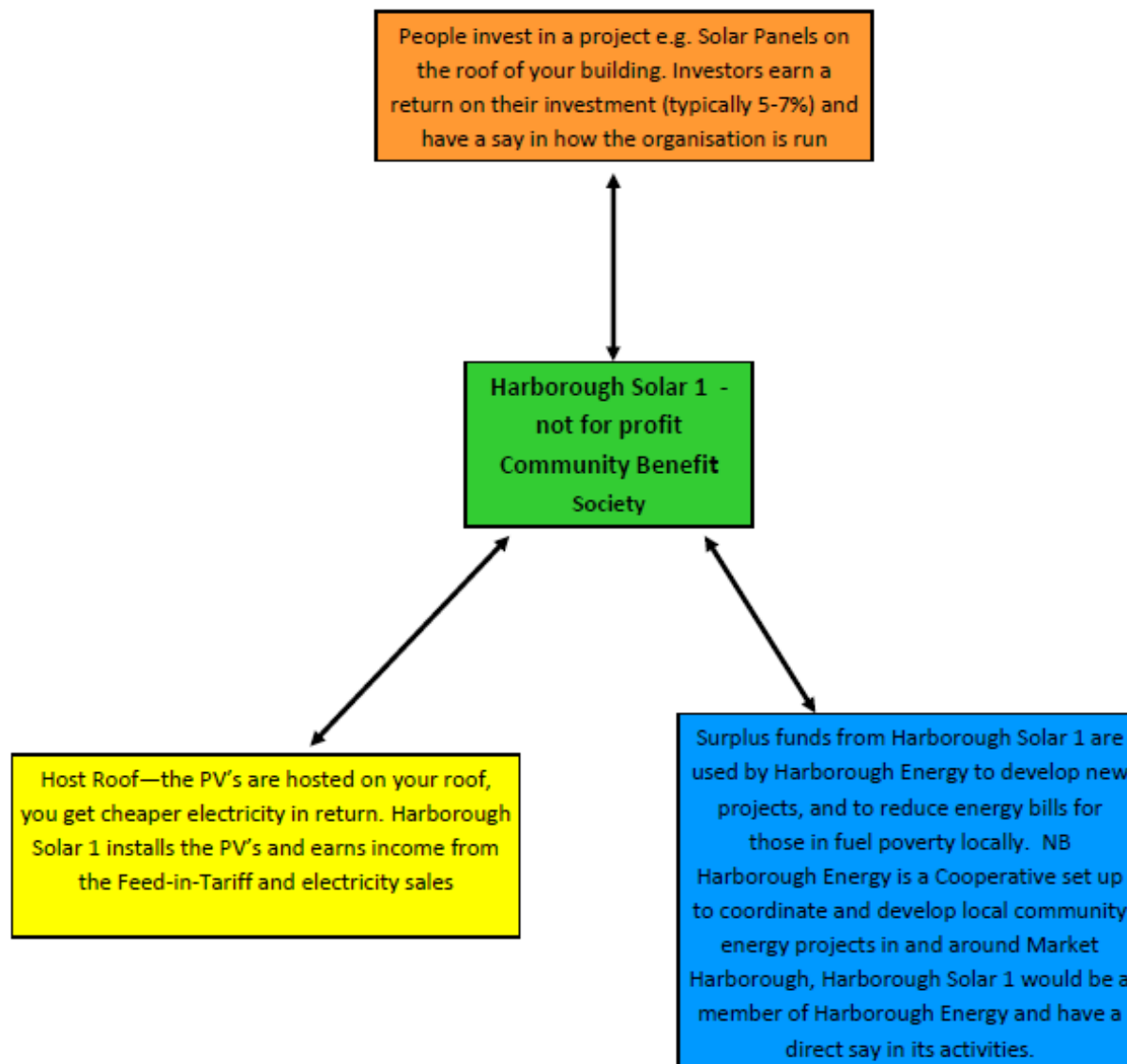


Alastair Campbell,  
President of the Market Harborough  
Chamber of Trade and Commerce.





# Harborough Energy





## Harborough Energy

**Oct/Nov 2015 – raised £188,000 for school install**

**Nov 2015 – Government announces reduction in Feed in Tariff**

**Dec 2015 - School pulls out**

**Jan – Jun 2016 – establish new project and retain ½ investment**

**Sept 2016 – install £80,000 school install**





## Change in business – PV

Project 1 – Nov 15

160kW solar

Feed in tariff 9.21p

Community fund

£130,000

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Project 2 – Sept 16

67.5kW solar

Feed in tariff 4.46p

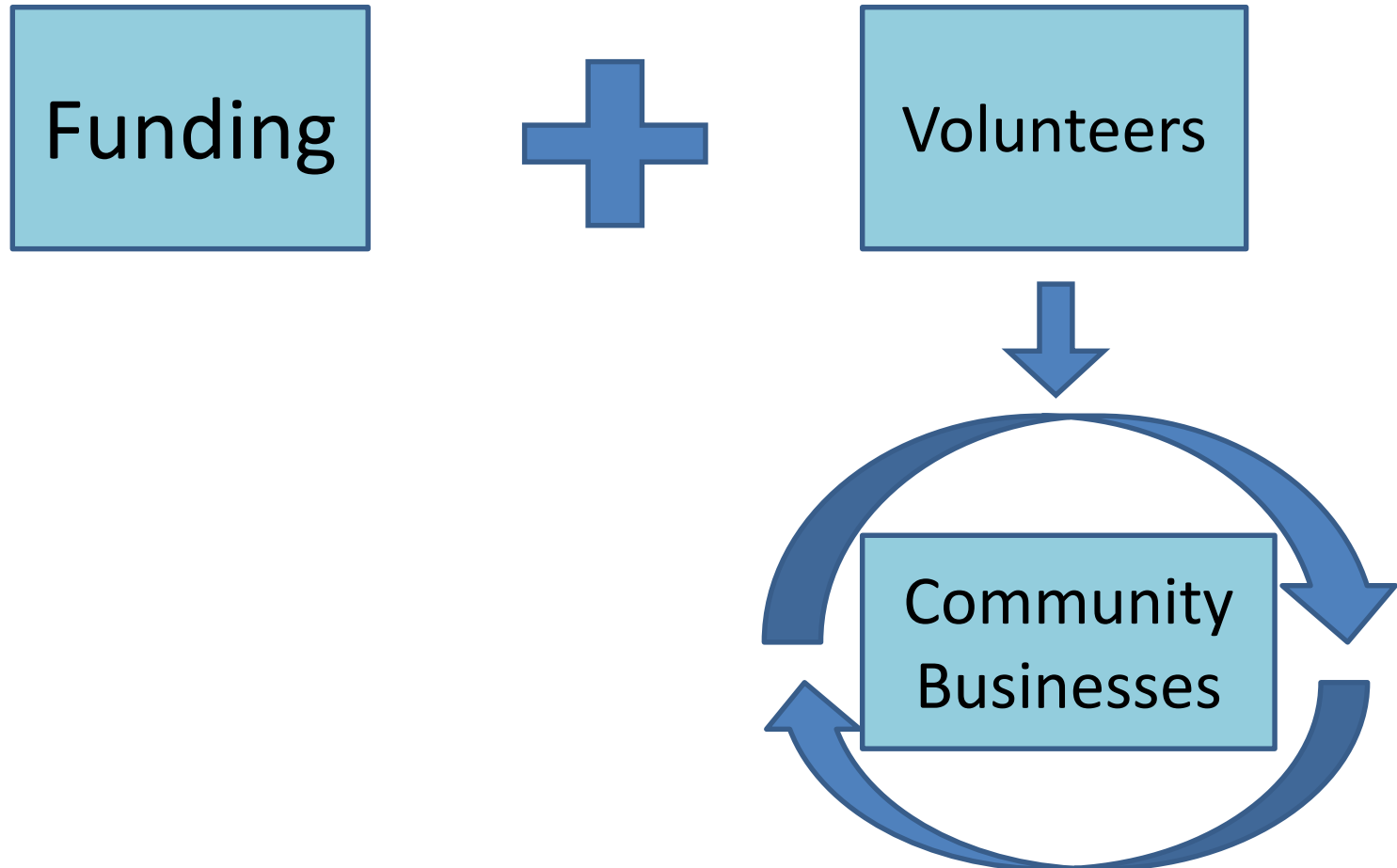
Community fund

£23,000



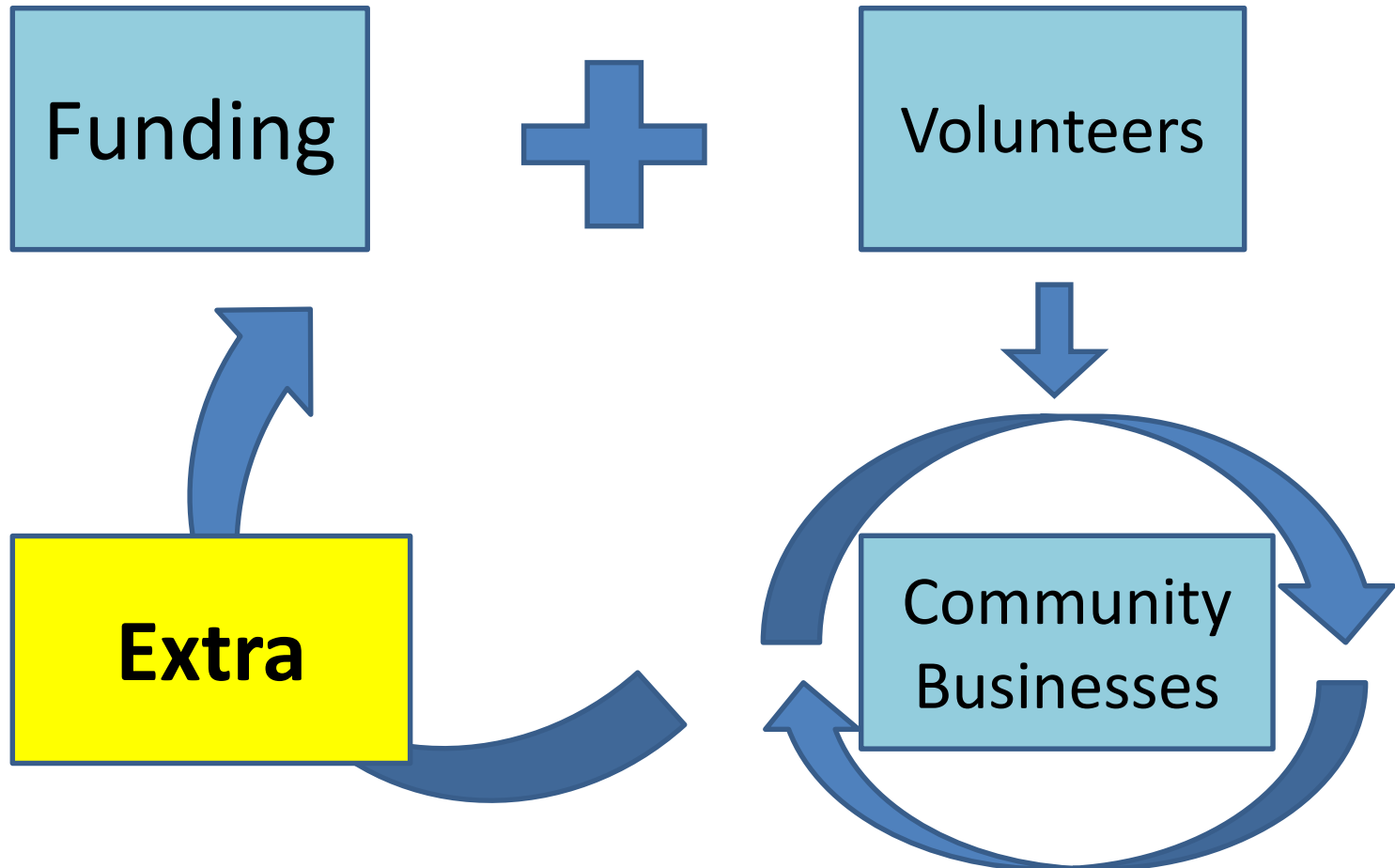


## So where are we....?





## Where's the extra....?





## Where have they managed it?

Funding, subsidy, volunteers – what is the recipe?

- People who have the time and contacts e.g. Transition Town Totnes
- Supportive and enabling organisations who have some power, influence or resource – e.g. a local authority supported project like Plymouth Energy Community
- Timing/luck! E.g. Bath and West Community Energy (combination of people and timing)
- Funding helps



## Sustainable Harborough

Thanks for listening!

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