



Yurts For Life, a yurt manufacturing business, was awarded a grant by the South Devon Coastal Local Action Group to manufacture a new 40ft Yurt frame, doors and windows. The money also contributed to the purchase of tools for yurt manufacture, storage and marketing.

The business manufactures yurts for clients ranging from glampsite owners to schools, charities, community spaces and commercial event spaces. *Yurts For Life* also rents out small yurts to festivals and weddings for accommodation mainly in the South West but also repairs and maintains yurts from across the UK.

The funding was awarded for the manufacture of a new 40ft Yurt frame, doors and windows, in the workshop at Barkingdon, near Totnes, along with the purchase of tools for yurt manufacture, storage and marketing. *Yurts For Life* already have an existing portfolio of 20ft and 30ft Yurts for sale or hire, so this has increased their portfolio, improved business productivity and is creating three new jobs.

Owner of Yurts for Life, Sacha Macey, said: *"We've been wanting to expand our business for a while now and the grant from the South Devon Coastal LAG has enabled us to do just this. There is not a lot of help for local, rural businesses in the area so the LAG is a real lifeline for South Hams businesses who are looking to start up or expand. It was clear from researching the market, that a larger yurt was needed and we have already successfully sold and installed a 40ft Yurt at Nicholsons Nursery, North Aston, in Oxfordshire. Here's to a prosperous 2017!"*

South Devon Coastal LAG chairman John Yeoman added: *"If you run a small business or you are thinking of setting up or expanding a rural business, the South Devon Coastal Local Action Group provides you with an opportunity to help you fill your potential. You can apply for a grant to grow and develop your business and employ more people."*

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