

## News and Hot Topics

Catch up on the latest news and hot topics for the community sector

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- [Eco-towns: Policy briefing from the DTA - June 2008](#) On 3 April 2008, CLG launched a consultation document on Eco-towns which provides information on the 15 proposals going forward for further assessment and how the final ten locations will be selected later in 2008. The consultation closes on 30 June.
- [Anchors, assets, enterprise: The way to achieve community empowerment](#) Evidence from the Development Trusts Association and its members on 'Unlocking the talent of our communities' and the forthcoming Community Empowerment White Paper
- [New petition powers: DTA's consultation response](#) On 20 March, the DTA submitted the following response to a consultation paper by the Department for Communities and Local Government on local petitions and 'Calls for Action':
- [Third Sector Representation on LSPs - Connectors not representatives](#) A response from the Development Trusts Association to a consultation by Communities and Local Government on Principles of representation: A framework for effective third sector participation in Local Strategic Partnerships February 2008
- [Community asset ownership gets further boost](#) 03 December 2007: Hazel Blears announces extension of the Advancing Assets for Communities programme providing further opportunities for communities across England to run their own community building.
- [Policy Round Up - Summer 2008](#) Our monthly e-bulletins for members already contain regular updates on policy developments - this quarterly briefing aims to provide a wider overview of what is going on that affects the community sector in general.
- [Development trusts award their MPs](#) 28 November 2007: Development trusts from across the country gathered at the House of Commons to present MPs with awards for their outstanding support to their local area.
- [News](#) Catch up on the latest news on the DTA and the community sector
- [Quirk Review](#) Quirk review findings on community asset management and ownership were launched on 15 May at the Burton Street Project, a Sheffield based development trust and member of the Development Trusts Association (DTA). The Government's response to the review was launched on 22 May at the DTA Symposium - read the reports and DTA briefings
- [Rural Community Enterprise Challenge Fund](#) 08 May 2007: Community Enterprise Challenge Fund for rural and semi-rural development trusts, the deadline for applications has now passed, final announcements will be made in early 2008.
- [The Benefits of Networking](#) DTA report on the role of networking in developing entrepreneurial behaviour