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## ADEPT President's Awards 2022

### Entry form

<b>Award category:</b>	Delivering Clean Growth
<b>Title:</b>	Marches Renewable Energy
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<b>Headline summary (<u>150 characters</u>, c. 20-25 words)</b>  MarRE helped over 50 businesses, community organisations, education institutions and small local councils across Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin with a 50% grant supporting renewables.	

Please note we need **at least one supporting image** per award submission.  
Supporting images should be attached separately as jpg or png files.

Please paste links to any supporting video evidence here

Link 1	 Image: MarRE Map of Installs.png
Link 2	Webpage: <a href="http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/MarRE">http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/MarRE</a>



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**500-word project outline** (please ensure you do not exceed the word count and address all the judges' criteria – for more info see [here](#))

The Marches Renewable Energy Project (MarRE), which ran from June 2019, helped over 50 businesses, community organisations, education institutions and small local councils across Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin with a 50 per cent grant towards installing renewable energy technologies at their premises. Grants totalling almost £950,000 were awarded. The scheme was part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

Grants were made for a range of renewable technologies. While the vast majority of projects installed were for solar panels, air-source heat pumps and battery storage were also installed. A grant was even delivered for a river source heat pump.

The scheme was managed by Herefordshire Council in partnership with Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin councils supported by the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership.

The range of organisations that have benefitted include:

- Shrewsbury Colleges Group;
- Friends of Castle Green community interest company in Hereford;
- Mayglothing Waste Ltd in Kington;
- Ross-on-Wye Town Council;
- Oswestry Town Council;
- Great Dawley Town Council in Telford and Wrekin;
- Frank H Dale Ltd in Leominster;
- Golden Bear Products Ltd in Telford;
- Image on Food in Market Drayton;
- Condoover Village Hall near Shrewsbury;
- Billcar Precision Engineering Ltd in Shrewsbury.

An interactive map and case studies of grant beneficiaries can be found on Herefordshire Council's web site at [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/MarRE](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/MarRE)

The scheme was designed to support as wide a demographic as possible under ERDF eligibility as well as the widest range of renewables possible. Installations ranged from 4kWp to 200kWp (system kilowatt peak).

The following were eligible beneficiaries:

- Local authorities
- Statutory and non-statutory public funded organisations/bodies
- Higher and further education institutions
- Voluntary/community organisations
- Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations
- Small and medium sized enterprises with less than 250 employees



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The following renewable technologies were eligible for support:

- Wind
- Solar
- Aerothermal - including air source heat pumps
- Geothermal - including ground source heat pumps
- Hydrothermal
- Hydropower
- Biomass
- Landfill gas
- Sewage treatment plant gas and biogases

MarRE has more than achieved its targets by supporting the installation of over 2.3 megawatts of new renewable energy generation capacity and an annual decrease of 563 tonnes of carbon dioxide. That's enough additional green energy to power almost 1,500 homes!

The LEP is working with all its partners across Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin to ensure the region is net zero by 2030 and this scheme has helped play an important role in that. It offered real financial help to businesses to plan for the future by making their energy supply as sustainable and efficient as possible.

The scheme was designed to support the continued uptake of renewables in the Marches in lieu of the Feed in Tariffs ensuring the local supply chain and low carbon economy survived and thrived during this transition period until renewables became investible without grant support. The scheme helped businesses with specific and expert advice supporting their transition to renewable energy.

Projects that would have otherwise had 10+ year payback periods paid back in 3-7 years with the grant support. The scheme has left a legacy of installations that will last 20 years+ as well as a strong supply chain to continue to deliver the benefits of renewables over the long terms.



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