In March 2016 Plymouth Energy Community (PEC) installed a 4.1MW solar array on a derelict brownfield site. The project, Ernesettle Community Array, was built in partnership with Plymouth City Council, Communities for Renewables CIC and the Four Greens Community Trust. Not only will the array generate enough clean energy to meet the annual needs of 1000 homes but it will also generate an estimated £2,900,000 of additional income for PEC to help them continue to tackle fuel poverty and develop climate change projects. The Four Greens Trust will also receive £600,000 through rent income which will go towards improving services and opportunities in Ernesettle and the surrounding areas. PEC have also established 18 acres of bug-friendly wildflower meadow around the solar panels, complete with two bug hotels built by pupils from a local school and local volunteers using recycled materials.

“We are hugely proud to be watching our solar farm come to life. This was the project that many said would not be built; and to see it realised is a great credit to those that have had the vision to support us.” Alistair Macpherson, Chief Executive at Plymouth Energy Community