

## Village SOS next steps - Villages

**14 November 2009.** In this envelope are up to three Village Champions you have been matched with.

**14 November to 6 December.** You may invite these champions to your village for an interview.

**By noon on 7 December 2009.** You must inform the BIG Lottery Fund of the three village champions you would like to work with, these must be in preference order. Please email [VillageSOS@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:VillageSOS@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

**On 9 and 10 December 2009.** You will be contacted by the BBC and the BIG Lottery Fund to confirm ~~to confirm~~ the final match.

**On 12 December 2009.** You and your Village Champion will attend a business development conference, where you will be given information on developing your business plan and capital project requirements. We will also tell you how the BBC will film successful projects.

**By noon on 3 March 2010.** You must send us your business plan (and capital project delivery plan where relevant) that you have worked on with your Village Champion.

**From March to April 2010.** We will assess your stage two business plan (and capital project delivery plan where relevant). We will contact and visit you during this process.

**In early May 2010.** The Village SOS Committee meets and decides which six villages will receive funding.

**By the middle of May 2010.** We will inform you by letter of our decision on your stage two application. If you are awarded a grant, you can now set up a Company Limited by Guarantee and a Village Trust and start your project.