

Business Development Grant

**Meet Lydia McClintock,
owner of The Topsy Beekeeper**

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I was inspired to start The Topsy Beekeeper, mostly for my family, after hearing about the benefits of eating honey produced by bees feeding on flowers grown within a few miles. It's a tiny business, which I'm running alongside my day job, and I would never have thought to ask for help until someone connected me with the Economic Growth team at Broadland District Council. Next thing I knew I had a Build Up Grant to help me buy a bigger harvesting extractor and other kit, so I can be more productive, like my bees. It's not just the financial help, it's that someone is giving you solid business advice, and believes in you. Now I'm up to 4 stockists and 2 million bees – still tiny but growing steadily!

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Lydia is the entrepreneur behind The Topsy Beekeeper, producing and selling delicious local honey in Broadland, with the help of her bees.