

# **Liskeard & District Museum**

# Adapting for the future

Life, leisure, learning and working have all changed in a matter of months due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Public confidence in going out, participating and communicating has dropped. Museums are at risk of being viewed as dangerous places to visit. It all sounds rather bleak. Museum collections, exhibitions and events are at risk of being hidden away with restricted access.

Alternatively, this is an opportunity to re-imagine the way we engage with our audiences and fundamentally change our focus using digital imagery to bring our collection to life and display it to a broader audience, encouraging on-line interaction, discussion and research sharing. This is our opportunity to involve new generations in the development of our heritage hub and collaborate with local creative organisations and businesses to enhance career opportunities.

### Aim

- To reach out to new & existing audiences providing alternative access to our collections and the natural and industrial environment surrounding Liskeard.
- To provide resources for education and wellbeing in the community generating knowledge and pride in the town, it's history and future development.
- To develop community involvement in the activities of the museum.
- To work in partnership with local creative businesses to provide training and experience relevant to career development.
- To work in partnership with local organisations supporting disabled or disadvantaged individuals to facilitate access to the museum community, displays, events and activities.

#### Plan

- Develop and equip a working room in the museum focussed on digital imagery of the collection.
  - Dedicated PC with required software
  - o 360 camera
  - Video camera
  - o Gimble
  - Tripod
  - Lenses
  - Photo box
- Provide equipment to support home or remote working.
  - Laptop X2
  - Home working training (H&S)
- Enhance the information held on the collection database to catalogue standard.
  - Add titles, date & material
  - Enhance description and add any further known information
  - Add quality photographs
- Develop suitable website with collection search facility, film, video and on-line exhibition space.
  - Identify domain and link to other websites
  - Develop search facility from MODES database
  - Design virtual exhibition facility
  - Produce still photograph exhibitions with information
  - Produce video tours of exhibition galleries
- Link on-line exhibitions with in house displays and experiences.
- Access training for digital exhibition development, film and digital photography production and internet promotion.
  - Identify suitable on line training
  - Contract film & photo production specialist
- Contract local freelance photographers and film producers to support training and lead on digital exhibition and event projects.

- Provide work experience opportunities.
  - o Contact school media & history studies
- Design and deliver projects and exhibitions in partnership with local education and supporting organisations.

# **Targets**

target	when	
Increase our on-line	End 2021	
audience reach by 20%		
Broaden the museum	End 2021	
audience demographic		
Regain visitor numbers	End 2022	
Set up & equip working	Dec 2020	Slippage due to
room		cabinet move costs
Develop website facilities	Dec 2020	
Purchase homeworking	Dec 2020	
equipment		
Contract	Jan 2021	
photographers/film		
producers		
Work experience program	Mar 2021	
On-line exhibitions	June 2021	
Linked in-house displays and	Aug 2021	
experiences		

### Resources

	cost
Photographic equipment	£2,400
Software	£170
Computer hardware	£1,400
IT support	£200
Move display cabnets	£2,000
Training courses	£1,000

Film & Photography contractor	10,000 (one day per week for one	
	year)	
In-house digital exhibition displays	£400	
Volunteer hours	1500 h/pa	
total	£17,500	

Photographic equipment		Software	
Digital camera	£500	Image editing	£70
Video camera	£1,000	Video/film editing	£100
3D camera	£500	3D model conversion?	
360 camera	£500	3D modelling software Free	
Sundries		(Blender)	
Tripod, gimble, lei	nses,memory £400	VR Development Softwa (Unity)	re Free
IT hardware		Training	
PC x2	£1,400	Photography, film making & editing £500 each	
Monitor X2	£400	Display Equipment	
		VR headset x2	£400

## Action Plan

Task	resource	status	comment
Furniture swap (Daniel	<ul> <li>Facilities</li> </ul>		
Gumb and Jeanne	Management		
Rees Rooms)	<ul> <li>Specialist cabinet</li> </ul>		
	manufacturers		
	<ul> <li>IT contractor</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Volunteers</li> </ul>		
Develop and equip a	<ul> <li>Dedicated PC with</li> </ul>		
working room in the	required software		
museum focussed on	• 360 camera		
digital imagery of the	<ul> <li>Video camera</li> </ul>		
collection.	• Gimble		
	<ul> <li>Tripod</li> </ul>		

	<ul><li>Lenses</li><li>Photo box</li></ul>	Photo box x2 purchased	
Develop suitable accessible website with collection search facility, film, video and on-line exhibition space.	<ul> <li>Volunteer with expertise</li> <li>Domain</li> <li>Platform/software</li> <li>Vicky Cutts (access check)</li> </ul>	Steve  www.liskeardmuseum.com ?	
Produce museum video tours and display photos for website Develop on-line exhibitions	Macro     Macro		Use current and borrowed equipment Use current or borrowed equipment
Provide equipment to support home or remote working.	<ul><li>photography</li><li>2x laptop</li></ul>		borrowed equipment
Enhance the information held on the collection database to catalogue standard.	Volunteer x 2	Elspeth	
Link on-line exhibitions with in house displays and experiences.		Camera display Minerals	
Access training for digital exhibition development, film and digital photography production and internet promotion.	<ul> <li>On-line training</li> <li>Film &amp; photo specialist</li> </ul>		
Contract local freelance photographers and film producers to support training and lead on digital exhibition and event projects.			
Identify local partners and Liaise Provide work experience opportunities			

Design and deliver		
projects and		
exhibitions in		
partnership with local		
education and		
supporting		
organisations.		

### **Supporting Documents**

Liskeard & District Museum Forward Plan: ..\..\Policies\Forward Plan 2020-2024\FORWARD PLAN 2020 - 2024.docx

Visitor feedback ..\..\Visitor Information\Visitor Feedback\Liskeard and District Museum SWVI 2019 report - DRAFT 26022020.pdf

Neighbourhood Plan: <a href="https://www.planliskeard.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/LISKEARD-NDP-SEPTEMBER-2018.pdf">https://www.planliskeard.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/LISKEARD-NDP-SEPTEMBER-2018.pdf</a>