

## Liskeard Unlocked 2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 at 2pm in the Mayor's Parlour, the Public Hall, Liskeard

Present: Councillor Rachel Brooks (Chair), Rachel Bennett (Stuart House), Katie Deegan (Epworth Studios), Ann Kinahan (Market Makers), Brian Oldham (OCS), Mike Sturgess (St Martin's Church), Iga Webb (Museum) and Mandy Hancock (Liskeard Town Council)

Festival dates Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2025

Theme: Architecture

1	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>Rachel Brooks welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Leanne Llewellyn (Library), Sally Hawken (Liskerrett Centre), Carmen Hunt (Scoots Kernow), Lesley Strong (WHS), Rev Mark Wade (St Martin's) and Iain Rowe (Cornwal National Landscapes)</p> <p><b>Date</b> - The Heritage Open Days run from 12<sup>th</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup>. Other local events were considered and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September will be our main focus day.</p> <p>Rachel explained that the event has to be free at the point of entry, if venues are usually free and open then something extra needs to be put on. The Town Council funds the publicity and small items. Outside funding is sought if needed for larger projects. Ann stated that they have previously provided refreshments for free, but support would be appreciated.</p>	
2	<p><b>Wash Up Feedback</b></p> <p>The main points from the wash up meeting were discussed. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The theme worked well with the cafes that took part.</li><li>• Open Studios went well, possibly move into town this year</li><li>• Have enough feed in time for the publicity so that the team can proof read it before print</li><li>• Get to a wider audience. Leanne may have suggestions on reaching a younger audience at the next meeting. It can be difficult getting school interest if it doesn't fit into the curriculum.</li><li>• Possibly use Nick Brennan, Cartoon Fun who has been used before in the town</li></ul>	
3	<p><b>Buildings Opening / Hosting Events</b></p> <p>The events that are planned are discussed throughout the year and the items discussed below are work in progress, not set in stone.</p> <p><b>OCS Talk</b> - Brian has booked Paul Holden to give a talk on the Life &amp; Works of Richard Coad on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. Brian has the funds to pay Paul.</p>	

<p><b>St Martin's Church</b> - Mike said that the Church should be able to open with access to the tower and some form of bell ringing. He advised that hopefully work will be starting on the Hall starting in April with the scaffolding coming down in September. Closer to the time more idea of options will be had. This could be an opportunity to gather stories from when the hall was a school. The wood carvings were done by the Pinwell Sisters and could link to events at the Library or Museum. There's a book about them by Helen Wilson.</p>	
<p><b>Open Studios</b> - Ann will liaise with Katie regarding options for open studios which could involve a trail for several venues or possible space for Market Makers to have a display at Epworth Studios.</p>	AK / KD
<p><b>The former Methodist Church</b> will be Epworth Studios. It could be that works are still ongoing and tours organised rather than freely open. A workshop/activity could also be held. It could involve a consultation about how some of the space could be used. This is a Henry Rice building, Brian has lots of history.</p>	
<p><b>Stuart House</b> has a permanent Henry Rice exhibition on the top floor, they also have an album and walks. Rachel Bennett will check volunteer availability on the day. The exhibition in the Jane room could be based on architectural features and link to a town trail, there could also be a mysteries trail around the House. It was mentioned that St Martin's Church has a door 10ft up in a wall. Brian offered to check out quirky building facts/mysteries which could become a trail.</p>	RBe  BO
<p><b>Brian</b> has Henry Rice info at the Museum and could possibly hold a talk.</p>	BO
<p><b>Walk</b> – Brian will lead a walk of John Sampson's buildings around the town centre on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>.</p>	
<p><b>Churches Together</b> – Rachel Bennett will speak to the churches to encourage participation. She will also speak to the Church of Impact who has opened previously.</p>	RBe
<p><b>Lighthouse Community Centre</b> – Mandy will get in touch with Lighthouse to ask if they would like to be involved.</p>	MH
<p><b>Museum</b> – The Museum is rebranding this year and taking its inspiration from architecture. Hopefully this will coincide with Liskeard Unlocked. Iga advised that the John Rapson gallery will be closing during September/October for a new display. Iga will chat with the Library about possibly taking some items there. Brian advised that they have 3 new contoured maps on the upper floor which have generated interest.</p>	IW
<p><b>Brian and Iga</b> have a powerpoint exhibition of Threads for the Heritage Awards that they have been nominated for. It may be possible to expand this to tie in with other items planned. The Museum has also been offered models from the Liskeard Model Society. These would need storage space.</p>	IW / BO

<p><b>Pipewell</b> – the Museum volunteers were happy to have done this last year. Is there another site that they could steward this year or find another opportunity to be out of the museum? Is it worth having the Town Council Marquee on the Parade?</p> <p><b>Liskerrett Centre</b> – are keen to offer free or low cost workshops (possibly textile related) over the summer, items created could be on display in the Museum as part of Threads. They will liaise together as we go forward. Photos of the items could be displayed publicly, possibly on Cheery Buys or in bus shelters.</p> <p><b>Natural Beauty &amp; Beast Exhibition</b> – Iain Rowe’s new project will be starting in April and is happy to support us with an interactive exhibition. Possible locations could be The Workshed, Epworth Studios, Library or Church. Rachel will put Iain and Katie in touch with each other as she has expertise in this area.</p> <p><b>Pendean and Trewithan House</b> are definitely not taking part this year.</p> <p><b>Westbourne House</b> had less visitors last year so may not take part. Rachel Bennett advised that she had not had opportunity to see the building.</p> <p><b>On The Wall</b> – Brian will speak to the owner.</p> <p><b>Former Barclays building</b> - Rachel Brooks will speak to Sam Jackman.</p> <p>It may be that Barclays, On The Wall, the Museum and the Pipewell form a Pike Street cluster.</p> <p><b>The Library</b> – Ed and Leanne have been speaking to a man who worked with the architect George Vaughan Ellis. If he is willing, we could have an evening with him in conversation with Brian.</p> <p><b>The Story of Emily</b> - 2026 is the centenary of Emily’s death and several organisation are working with The Story of Emily around that. Rachel Brooks will speak to Martin, the Managing Director, at a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> to see if they would like to be involved in Liskeard Unlocked 2025.</p> <p><b>Cafes</b> – Rachel Brooks will speak to them about participating this year after the success of last year. They could perhaps feature Victorian style food as most of the architecture we’re celebrating is Victorian. Their opening hours can be confirmed and if they will stay open later for the event. Brian suggested creating history posters of their building which we’ve done in the past for some venues.</p> <p><b>The Fountain</b> – Jacqui advised that the Fountain on The Parade will be refurbished this year with attention to the bricks and the paintwork.</p>	<p>RB / IR / KD</p> <p>BO</p> <p>RBr</p> <p>BO</p> <p>RBr</p> <p>RBr</p> <p>BO</p>
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	<p>To enable those stewarding or putting on exhibitions to experience the other events taking part it was suggested to have an additional opportunity for private opening. Whether that be another day or just before events starting.</p> <p><b>Registration forms</b> – Mandy will send around this year's registration forms. Registration opens on 3<sup>rd</sup> March with the event directory going live on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. When sending Mandy the forms it would be helpful to have a few interesting photos, saved with the name of the venue/person etc.</p>	MH
4	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meetings have been scheduled for:</p> <p>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm in the Meeting Room at Liskeard Library</p> <p>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm in the Mayor's Parlour at the Public Hall.</p>	

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