

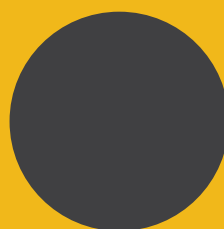
CAP 8

CORNWALL SOUTH

(KEMENETH KERNOW SOTH)

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COMMUNITY LEVELLING UP PROGRAMME



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Executive Summary

In only 17 months since the launch of the Programme, the Community Levelling Up Fund - with the support of the Community Area Partnership - successfully awarded funds to eight strategic projects in the Cornwall South (Kemeneth Kernow Soth) area supporting and promoting all 5 priorities identified in the local strategy.

The grants awarded cover a wide range of activities and sectors including tourism (Mevagissey museum), many improvements to local community centres/space, green space and wellbeing (Trailblazer play park in St Blazey), arts and culture (Mevagissey museum), several projects include a new programme of engagement with training for local population for example STAK with their new training kitchen, 3 projects have embraced new energy efficiency measures including energy efficient windows, solar panels, ecofriendly heating and lighting. 5 projects will improve town centres and promote vibrant high street and local economy in these communities, including an upgrade of the Cornubia shop front in Par.

The grants are well spread geographically covering the larger towns (Lostwithiel, St Austell, and St Blazey) but also smaller villages (Trewoon, Pentewan, Mevagissey, and Par), including both coastal and inland rural communities. There is a good geographic split across the CAP area with two projects taking place in the East, 4 projects in the central area and a further 2 projects in the western side of the CAP area.

The above projects embraced all Good Growth principles especially ‘clean and green’ and ‘equality’ which are at the heart of all grants awarded in this area.

LOCAL PRIORITIES



Community & Pride of Place



Economy



Energy & Environment

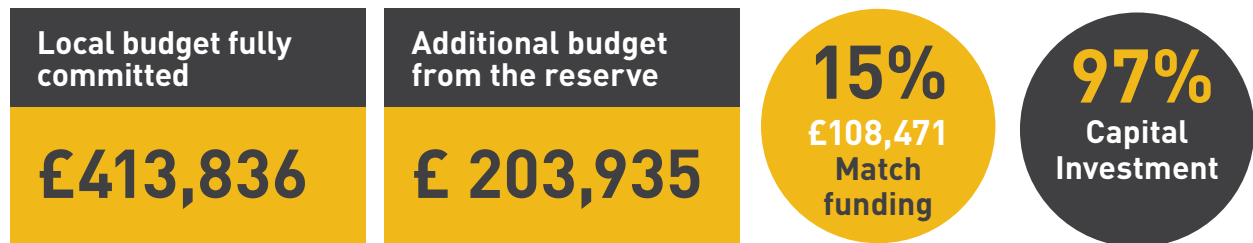


Education & Skills



Connectivity

Budget Cornwall South

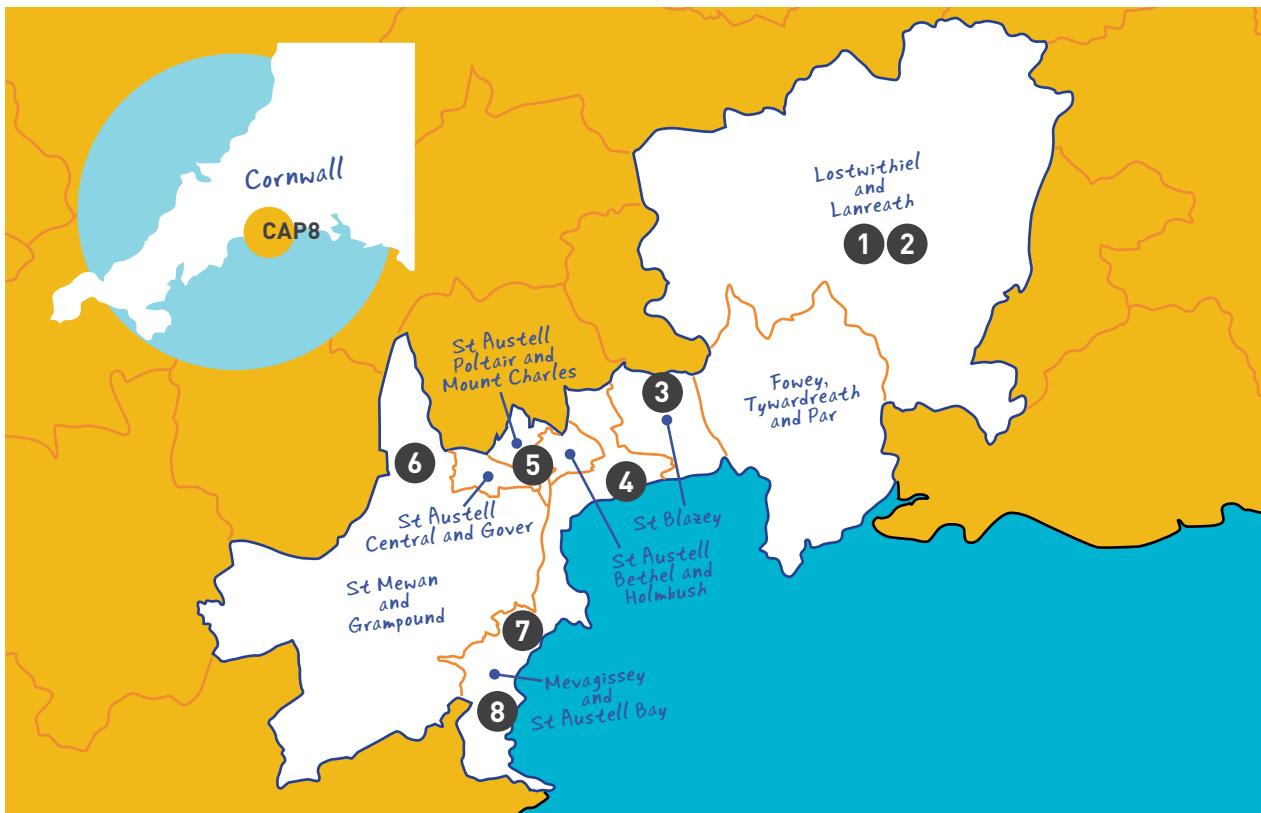


The eight local projects are contracted to deliver:

9 neighbourhoods and 111m² of public realm

IMPROVED





Lostwithiel Social Club Community Facility Upgrade

Lead Organisation:
Lostwithiel Social Club

CLUP grant: £31,516

Lostwithiel Social Club is situated in the centre of the town and was once an important venue within Lostwithiel, and this project will breathe new life into a heritage building. Improvements to the building will allow it to respond to the changing needs of the community, ensuring it is retained for future generations.

Work on the renovation has commenced to make it more welcoming and fully accessible. Improvements include fitting new energy efficient windows, creating a disabled toilet, a small kitchen within the first-floor community room, and installation of a stairlift. It will provide the

town with a greatly improved and more flexible venue, where current community groups will be able to expand and attract new members, especially those who may have been unable to participate due to mobility needs.

The community room will also be available, at below commercial rates, to encourage its use by local clubs and societies who often struggle to find affordable venues. It will also be used for meetings, training sessions, and small conferences, as well as a low-cost venue for celebrations.

Re-opening two Listed Buildings

Lead Organisation:

Lostwithiel Town Council

CLUP grant: £199,101



Lostwithiel Town Council own two prominent Listed Buildings in the Town Centre. These include the Guildhall and Edgcumbe House, which has been closed for many years. This project aims to repurpose and enhance these important local buildings through a number of improvements.

The Guildhall will see the installation of accessible toilets, a kitchen, stairlift, and upgrading heating and lighting to improve energy efficiency, and installation of a hearing loop, Wi-Fi and multi-media presentation facilities. This will provide the ability to create opportunities for event hire, and establish a unique cultural space for seminars, awards ceremonies, and council functions.

Edgcumbe House will see rewiring and the installation of energy efficient heating and lighting, a new accessible toilet with baby changing facilities. This will allow for the creation of hot desking and meeting room spaces for hire, complete with Wi-Fi, induction loop, and multi-media presentation facilities. The relocation of some Town Council offices to the ground floor will improve public access. The museum offices, and store, will also be relocated to an improved space on the first floor.

The project will breathe new life into these two heritage buildings and bring benefits to the interlinked Taprell House. It will offer a mix of new facilities for the local businesses and the community.



I am so excited that Lostwithiel Town Council has been awarded this CLUP money. It will enable us to re-open two Listed Buildings which have been closed for many years. We can restore life to them with a new sense of purpose and this simply would not have been possible without the CLUP funding. The uses we have planned will help maintain and revitalise the economy of our established town centre and provide local people, visitors and tourists with an opportunity to further immerse themselves in the heritage of our medieval town.

Councillor Karin Henderson, Mayor of Lostwithiel



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Trailblazer Park Regeneration

Lead Organisation:

St Blaise Town Council

CLUP grant: £99,000

St. Blaise Town Council has created a project to redevelop an existing park and play area to reflect the need of the growing local community. The park is in a central location, with level access to most areas within the town, and close to a new housing development. New play equipment will provide an enhanced function to the park, promoting an active lifestyle for all ages and abilities, and will include outdoor gym provision.

The project will carry out landscaping, together with new flooring and fencing to divide the children's area from the adult gym in accordance with their child safety plan. The Town Council want to encourage use of the park by the wider communities, to bring local people together and promote the area as a flagship neighbourhood park.



The CLUP funding has been a lifeline for us in St Blazey as we have been able to provide an asset to the community that being a deprived town with a small precept, we would not have been able to do.

Gaynor Mamo Clerk to St Blaise Town Council



Cornubia - Future Proofing For Our Community

Lead Organisation:

Par Bay Community Trust

CLUP grant: £30,127



Par Bay Community Trust, established in 2014, serves the community of St Blazey, Par and Tywardreath, by relieving poverty, advancing the health of residents, developing skills, and assisting in the provision of recreational facilities. This project aims to improve the services available to the community through a range of enhancements to the building. The Trust will see a reduction in ongoing energy costs through the installation of new windows and through solar panels with battery storage offering renewable energy for the building. These measures will enable them to heat all areas of the building, increasing both the number of activities and size of groups that use the

space. This will also ensure that more revenue can be used to support the community and keep rental costs down for the social enterprises and community groups that use it. New eco-friendly acoustic dampers have been installed, upgrading of the sound quality in the main hall, benefiting those who are hearing-impaired or neurologically diverse, as well as during events for young children and families where current noise levels can impact. The funding means that Cornubia can expand their offering of workshops and group spaces to meet a wider range of needs within the community and be even more inclusive.



Renovation of 4 Victoria Place

Lead Organisation:

St Austell Community Kitchen (STAK)

CLUP grant: £44,540

St Austell Community kitchen (STAK) have, for over 30 years, supported some of the most vulnerable people in the town and this project will allow them to meet growing demand. This project will refurbish an empty building in the centre of St Austell and work has commenced on the creation of a Community Kitchen and larder, a café, and a space to conduct social support. The café and kitchen will offer healthy and nutritious meals at low cost, as well as offering knowledge and skills to allow people to create meals on a budget themselves. The new confidential office space will increase capacity to provide support and guidance,

including a regular venue for agencies delivering outreach activity, such as housing, benefits, and substance abuse support. The creation of a multi-use café space will allow the charity to conduct a range of activities, such as an early morning drop-in for the homeless, to get a hot meal, before the café opens. They also plan to establish breakfast clubs, mums and toddler's events, half term activities, and a warm space for the elderly. The refurbishment includes a new community larder. The project also creates volunteering opportunities, offering catering and customer service experience for those wanting to improve their employment opportunities.

Trewoon Village Hall Extension Project

Lead Organisation:

Trewoon Village Hall

CLUP grant: £139,030



The project will see the building of an extension to the existing hall and will include disabled toilets, kitchenette, and function rooms which will offer new and enhanced community provision and improved accessibility, leading to greater use and increased income to support the facility. Current activities will be made fully accessible, and the Hall will have the space to run these groups for a larger amount of people. The increased flexibility, created by the extension, will mean more than

one activity can take place at the same time. The applicant is also looking to offer new activities for all ages including activities for the elderly, such as Knit and Knatter groups, and expanded provision for children and young people. The improved facility will also act as a venue for outreach and specialist services, such as drop-in advice sessions on cost-of-living, food, energy poverty, and mental health support.



Pentewan Village Hall Accessibility Project

Lead Organisation:

Pentewan Village Hall Trust

CLUP grant: £21,710

Pentewan Village Hall has a long history of providing the village and the surrounding area with a vital community space. Currently the only access to the building is via external steps which restricts the use of the building for users with mobility needs. Funding will make Pentewan Village Hall fully accessible, by installing a lift platform at the entrance to the building and expanding their offering with a range of new activities.

This will improve access for the Hall's current users, and they plan to expand their future offering with a range of new activities and encourage more people to utilise the building. The Parish Council plan to use the facility for public meetings, as access issues had meant that alternative venues had to be used, so the Hall will now be at the very heart of village life and local democracy, accessible to anyone who wants to participate.

Mevagissey and District Museum Renovation

Lead Organisation:

Mevagissey and District Museum

CLUP grant: £52,747



Mevagissey and District Museum is located in a popular tourist destination and a thriving fishing harbour. Due to location the Museum encounters severe weather conditions and the roof has taken a battering over the years, which has been patch repaired, and funding has enabled this to be upgraded to protect the future of the Museum and the artifacts within. Work has also begun on a redesigned entrance, with a new frontage in glass, to increase its functionality and to make it more appealing and welcoming to visitors.

The new enlarged entrance will improve disabled access and increase the museums use by the community, and visitors alike. The entrance also offers increased floor space enabling the Museum to install a shop allowing them to sell merchandise to help boost their annual revenue. The new space will also be utilised to showcase particular artifacts and to host small exhibitions by local groups, such as art and photography clubs. These new initiatives will increase the museums use by the community, as well as increase visitor numbers.



The support that Mevagissey and District Museum has received throughout the CLUP funding process has been first class. The facilitators are excellent at helping you see the broader picture for your project and helping that come to life. With the improvements made to the roof and the new frontage, one of the goals for the Museum was to have a new reception to greet visitors with a small shop area and be able to display local works and provide an active place for the local community and visitors. All of this has been achieved through the CLUP funding for which we are forever grateful

Jane Morgan - Chair Mevagissey and District Museum



Additional cross CAP investment in the area

On top of these local projects, CLUP also supported 6 Cross CAP projects (funded from the CLUP reserve) which will cover and be of great benefit to the local communities in the Cornwall South (Kemeneth Kernow Soth) area:

BLACK VOICES CORNWALL

Investment to support Black Voices in Cornwall.



A museum on wheels - with a focus on STEM exhibitions using recycled materials - which will visit the area.



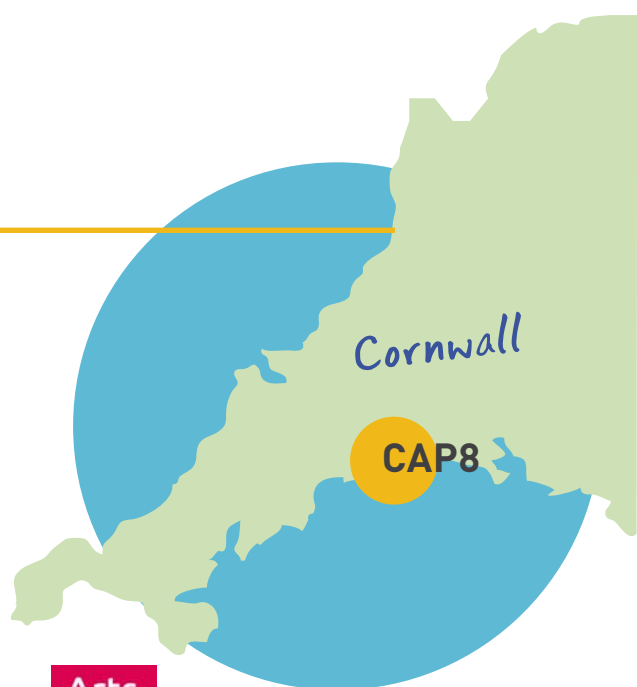
A new gleaning scheme which will be delivering free food to local food banks, larders and charities.



Two new projects providing support and activities for local veterans.



An art and well being project touring some of the most deprived community centres in Cornwall will stop in CAP8 and support many local participants.



Thanks

Community Area Partnerships (CAPs) are critical to support the CLUP approach to local decision making, directly involving local representatives in the delivery of local strategies and resource allocation. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chair, Vice Chair and all Members of the Cornwall South CAP who gave their time and feedback supporting the team to progress and prioritise the many projects received in the area.

The team worked tirelessly to deliver a brand-new programme with new processes and regulations in order to reach the level of funding commitment we now have. But we have now just over 4 months to finalise the programme and support all projects to spend and deliver as per their contract. So the work will not slow down in the final two quarters, and we are excited to see the projects deliver and succeed in supporting the local communities of the Cornwall South (Kemeneth Kernow Soth) area!

