



# BCCT News and Update

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## Welcome

Good evening and welcome to the second BCCT News and Update. Thank you to all our new subscribers and welcome to the team! If you would like to catch up on previous newsletters they can be found on our [website](#). We have been delighted with the engagement generated from our last newsletter and the evident interest **from** our community **about** our community. To this end we would like to encourage further feedback on the messages set forth in this email or any other topics, either via return email or on our social media platforms.

## Bude Skate Park (Bude Wheeled Park)

While this endeavour is taking some time and has been inhibited by the event of COVID-19, we have been working with the town council on plans to renovate and improve the current outdated skate park at Crooklets Beach Car Park, presently owned and maintained by Cornwall Council. There is a huge amount of support for this and we believe that a larger, more varied park would be welcomed by both local people and visitors of a variety of ages.

This is a complex issue, requiring land transfers, scheme developments and planning permission, as well as funding. Presently the organisation of transferring land from Cornwall Council to Bude Stratton Town Council is being effected. This has been agreed

upon due to the general consensus that the area of the current skate park should be increased when upgraded. Talks are also underway to decide on how the park should subsequently be managed. There will be more information on this project to follow in due course.

### **Updates on Grant Applications and Access Funding**

Much of BCCT's work is to find the funding to carry out projects around Bude which will benefit our community. Our aim is to bring socio-economic development to the area through investment, leading to more, and better paid jobs. The outcome of two of our grant applications should be known next month: -

#### **Climate Change Grant**

We are excitedly but cautiously awaiting the result of a grant application we made to the National Lottery Fund. The BCCT coordinated this application on behalf of six local environmental organisations who were seeking funds to support a range of initiatives to manage climate change. It's an intensely competitive process and we know that there were around 650 applications, and only a small number of awards will be made. We have recently been advised the our application has made it to a short list of 25, and that the National Lottery will be making an announcement in the second half of August. We will let you know the outcome through our newsletter and social media, so make sure you're following us online.

#### **Town Team**

The town council has agreed to set up a working group in order to establish a 'Town Team'. What is a Town Team? 'Town Teams are positive and proactive organisations that are open to businesses, landowners and residents working collaboratively with their local government to improve a place or area, often a town centre or 'main street'. Town Teams are 'doers'. - <https://www.townteammovement.com/town-teams/>. Once the Town Team is formed it will enable Bude to become eligible to access up to £150,000 from Cornwall Council's Towns Fund – with the aim, at a later stage, to access more funding from central Government's Towns Deal, hopefully to follow four other places in Cornwall (Camborne, Penzance, St Ives and Truro) that are already on this path. Keep following us on social media and reading our newsletters for more updates just around the corner.

#### **Art and Culture**

The wAVE project (AVE – Augmented and Visual Experiences) funded by the Coastal Communities Fund that we mentioned in our last newsletter is finished and ready to go. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we are unable to install this in the castle under the present guidelines. The use of the game involves a headset and the serious risk of virus transfer is hard to mitigate. With Bude Castle open again, we're hoping that it won't be too long until we can install this for public use.

We mentioned the idea of public art installations around Bude in our last newsletter and had a wonderful response from you. It seems that this idea has some support from our

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community. We are therefore asking you to get in touch. Whether you're a local artist, have a passion for Bude or simply have some thoughts on the subject we would like to hear from you. Follow us on [facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and please get in touch.

### **Your Input**

There are many factors involved in deciding on what projects are carried out in our town and how to implement them. When Cornwall Council offered the BCCT a grant of £5,000, they clearly recognised that the BCCT had a role in the local community. We want to make sure that one of the major factors in this decision making process is the opinion of the town's community. Please reach out to us to give us any feedback on the information in today's newsletter or to make any suggestions for our town and its people. Bude houses a diverse community with a range of incredible skills, opinions and ideas. We would like to hear from you. Drop us a reply to this email or message us on facebook, twitter or Instagram to have your say. #haveyoursaybude

We hope to hear from you soon

**Bude Coastal Community Team**

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