

BCCT News and Update



A Thank You

Good morning and thank you for signing up to BCCT News & Update. We hope that by receiving these notifications you will be informed and involved in the current and potential changes in Bude. There are a number of projects in which the Bude Coastal Community Team are involved alongside Cornwall Council, Bude Stratton Town Council and the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership.

Our role is to form a partnership with businesses, local authorities, local voluntary organisations and community minded individuals, so that everyone is aware of what is currently happening in our town and also any prospective projects.

Bude Coastal Community Team during COVID-19

Our mission is currently proving more difficult under the extraordinary conditions imposed by COVID-19. Understandably Cornwall Council and Bude Stratton Town Council's priorities presently lie elsewhere. We believe that the role of the BCCT is more important now than ever before with the threat of change to our economy and society caused by COVID-19. The practicalities of organising meetings with the public and raising awareness however are currently more difficult to navigate. For this reason, we hope to keep you informed with our regular newsletters in the meantime.

Despite working difficulties, we've maintained meetings via video conferencing – and currently we've three grant bids on the go. One is at the full application stage having passed the expression of interest hurdle, with two others where the outcome is awaited over the next few weeks. We will keep you updated on the progress of these grant applications in our forthcoming newsletters.

Laptops for Budehaven School

Hopefully you've seen on social media that the BCCT were able to make an indefinite loan of laptops to students of Budehaven school who needed them to continue their study from home. We were honoured to be able to help in any small way during this time which has been so disruptive to the student's routine and education. For more information please see the [Bude and Beyond article](#).

Art and Culture

Wikipedia is a widely used resource both as a direct reference and a second hand source. With our town depending heavily on tourism, it is essential that the site is current and promotes our town honestly, reflecting its incredible heritage, environment and community. Until recently the [Bude Wikipedia page](#) was not up to date, however with the hard work of Dawn Robinson-Walsh and her volunteer writing group it has now been updated, with further improvements in hand.

The [wAVE project](#) (AVE – Augmented and Visual Experiences) funded by the Coastal Communities Fund, is a project to increase visitor attendance to five museums in Cornwall, including the Castle Heritage Centre. The project is being implemented by Cornwall Museums Partnership in conjunction with Falmouth University, and plans to install a virtual reality game in Bude Castle where the aim is to bring the ketch Ceres safely into harbour. The work is almost complete, and it is hoped to be ready when it's safe to re-open The Castle.

Bude and its surrounding areas have some very talented creative artists and we would love to harness their skills and expertise. One of the projects within the Bude-Stratton Strategic Programme is to explore the idea of some form of public art. Other coastal towns have incredible public art such as [Crosby beach's army of iron statues](#) and the shell sculptures on [Aldeburgh](#) and [Cleveley beaches](#). We would welcome feedback on this as to whether it would be supported and if so any suggestions that you may have.

Feedback and Suggestions

Engaging the community in Bude's latest projects and initiatives is at the forefront of our agenda and we can't do this without you. By involving the people of Bude, we hope that the changes made reflect our community. It is therefore important that we receive any feedback from you on the information we send out. We welcome any comments and suggestions so that we can help to shape Bude's future as a sincere reflection of its people. 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