

CAP 10

PENWITH

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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 thirteen strategic projects in the Penwith area supporting and promoting all 4 priorities identified in the local strategy.

The grants awarded cover a wide range of activities and sectors with a focus on green and nature-based improvements such as the River bank restoration at St Erth and the teaching garden at St Ives Community Orchard. A large proportion of the projects strongly focus on increasing volunteering and are creating new opportunities for communities to get involved in local action.

Because Penzance was already benefiting from Town deal investment the CLUP grants were mainly awarded to smaller, more rural areas covering most of Penwith: a good level of investment was awarded in the West (St Just, Sennen, Pendeen), but also in the more central area (Nancledra) and along the Eastern boundary from St Ives to St Erth all the way down to Marazion.

With 13 projects approved, Penwith is the area with the most approved local projects of all CAPs. With 36 projects received CAP10 is also the 2nd most popular area in term of applications, with a very high and varied demand for funding.

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



Education & Skills



Connectivity

Budget Penwith

Local budget fully committed

£413,836

Additional budget from the reserve

£273,948

9%

£71,556
Match funding

82%

Capital investment

The 13 local projects are contracted to deliver: **8 neighbourhoods and 947m² of public space IMPROVED**

107

members of the community **volunteering or actively supporting these new projects**

135

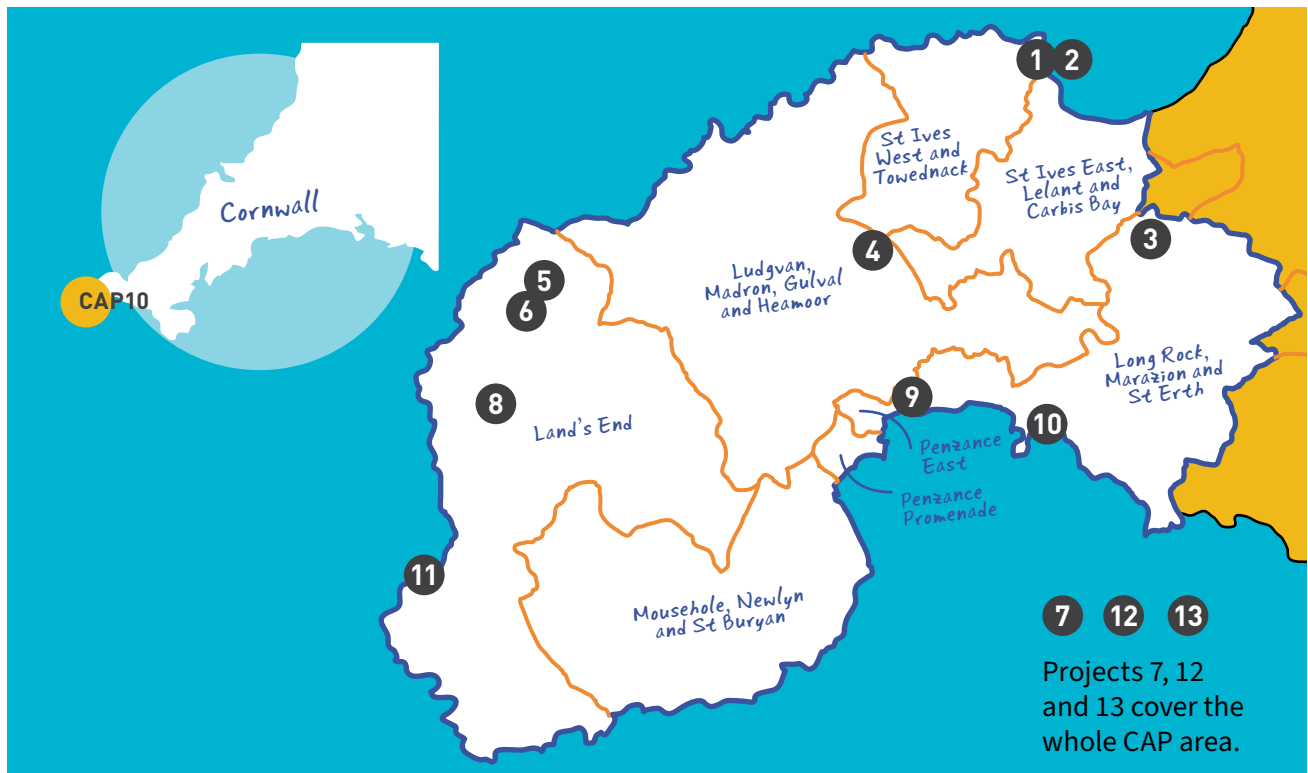


TREES PLANTED

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NEW EVENTS



Community Hub and Volunteer Programme

Lead Organisation:
The Edward Hain Centre

CLUP grant: £16,319

The Edward Hain Centre is a Community Health and Wellbeing Centre located in St Ives. The centre provides community space for health and social support activities as well as housing long term tenants who also provide health and wellbeing services. The funding will employ a Community Hub Officer who has been tasked

with setting up a volunteer scheme, including recruiting, training and managing a volunteer team, who will support the running of the hub.

The Hub Officer has been recruited and the organisation are busy planning how they will spend their time.

Community Programme at St Ives Orchard

Lead Organisation:

St Ives Community Orchard

CLUP grant: £62,456

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Through Community Levelling Up funding, this project will design and build a community teaching garden in collaboration with volunteers. They have also employed a volunteer manager and community engagement lead to enable them to grow the opportunity for local volunteering for the community garden and

promote the programme of events. The funding is supporting a large number of learning and community events, which are taking place now.

The garden design has been completed and construction will begin in November.

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St Erth Riverside Regeneration and Community Access Project

Lead Organisation:

St Erth Parish Council

CLUP grant: £50,961

This project will regenerate a 0.9km stretch of riverside walk along the River Hayle at St Erth and extend community access to an underused and overgrown area of scrubland, running parallel to the river via a circular walk. The project also engages and trains volunteers in the role of River Wardens.

West Country Rivers Trust have completed the River Bank works, a successful volunteer training day has been held and the scrubland clearance project is now the focus of the Parish Council.

Cledry Meadow

Lead Organisation:

Towednack Parish Council

CLUP grant: £53,447

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Cledry Meadow is a modest community amenity space in the village of Nancledra. The Parish Council worked with a Landscape Designer and the local community to design an improved accessible and biodiverse space, with a new shelter. The Community Levelling Up funds are being used to transform the meadow.

The works began and good progress has been made on the project, with the vast majority of the groundworks now complete. The Parish Council hope to open the meadow at the end of the year and hold some festive events at the site.

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Pendeen Community Cemetery Project

Lead Organisation:

Lands End Peninsula CLT

CLUP grant: £150,640

The Lands End Peninsula Community Land Trust (LEPCLT) sought funding from the Community Levelling Up Programme to establish a community-run cemetery in Pendeen, which will be open to all members of the community, welcoming all faiths, beliefs, and lifestyles without discrimination. It will be run entirely as an affordable, non-profit making facility. This is believed to be the first venture of its kind in the whole of the UK.

The main contractor is well underway with the works and the project will be complete by the end of November. Local people have been given the opportunity to pre-purchase a burial site.

For more information visit their website.

Improvements to Pendeen Parish Hall & Theatre

Lead Organisation:

Pendeen Parish Hall and Theatre

CLUP grant: £25,968



The Pendeen Parish Hall and Theatre is a charity run building that comprises of two halls, several small rooms, a kitchen and outside space. Using Community Levelling Up Programme funding, this project will tackle the problems identified as barriers to usage and improve the functionality of the hall. This project will include upgrades to improve energy efficiency in the building, including window improvements, new toilets which are more water efficient, as well as

replacement external doors and fire doors. They will also replace internal fixtures and fittings, make improvements to the gate, install an industrial dishwasher, purchase new furniture and install an accessible toilet.

The project is underway organising the various works which will be taking place in the lead up to Christmas.



Rural Transport Enabler

Lead Organisation:

Cornwall Rural Community Charity

CLUP grant: £32,891

Cornwall Rural Community Charity created a project to research the specific transport needs of individual rural communities throughout the Penwith CAP area.

The Rural Transport Enabler has collected views from over 1,000 residents and are now analysing the data they have received. A steering group has also been established who are now meeting regularly and will continue to be supported by CRCC.

A final report with parish level data will be available for all to use once the project is complete.

For more information visit their project webpage.

Nancherrow Energy Upgrade

Lead Organisation:
Nancherrow Youth Project

CLUP grant: £52,436



Nancherrow Youth Project is a registered charity with a community-run youth service for St Just and the surrounding areas.

This project will make several energy upgrades to the Nancherrow Youth Centre, with the aim of making the centre more comfortable for users and attractive to new groups. These upgrades include replacement doors and windows, installation of blackout blinds and dry lining internal walls to improve energy efficiency.

They will also improve ventilation, install new radiators and storage heaters and replace all lighting with LED lighting to lower the costs within the building overall.

Works are due to be complete by the end of November.

For more information see their website.



New Transport

Lead Organisation:
Pengarth Day Centre

CLUP grant: £35,121

Pengarth Day Centre in Penzance provides care and support to help older people live well and age well, to manage their health and maximise their opportunities in later life.

Through Community Levelling Up Funding, this project will purchase a new electric SUV that will be used to transport service users from their homes in rural areas to attend the centre. An electric car charger will also be installed.

The new vehicle has now arrived and the organisation are designing the custom vehicle wrapping. Once in operation, they will be able to transport 3,600 people per year to and from the centre.

Refurbishment Maypole Gardens

Lead Organisation:
Marazion Town Council

CLUP grant: £140,000

The Maypole Gardens is an area of public open space in the heart of Marazion. The gardens were originally an open green, used for public entertainment, including a Maypole, hence the name. This project will use the Community Levelling Up Programme's grant funding to completely refurbish the Gardens, ensuring they continue to be a vibrant hub for the community well into the future. The focus will be to enhance accessibility and provision of a 'mini-minack' style amphitheatre to host musical and theatrical performances.



Work started at the beginning of October and will be complete by the end of January 2025.

For more information visit their project webpage.



Sennen Infrastructure and accessibility improvements

Lead Organisation:
Sennen Parish Council

CLUP grant: £30,672

Sennen Parish Council strives to improve connectivity in the community and has identified several distinct areas within the village which are difficult to access by foot or bike - especially for those with accessibility needs. The funding will support to resurface a footpath connecting the upper and lower village, design and install new interpretation and information boards, deliver biodiversity initiatives and increase nature-based volunteering opportunities.

The resurfacing works are now complete. Residents and visitors can now make use of the newly surfaced and accessible footpath leading to the Cove. Several volunteer days have also taken place whilst the designs for the new interpretation boards are currently being finalised.

Community Accessibility Leadership Programme

Lead Organisation:
Access Cornwall CIC

CLUP grant: £21,087

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Access Cornwall CIC will recruit, train and support an Accessibility Ambassador and six volunteers to establish a network of Accessibility Leaders who have lived experience of disability. These Accessibility Leaders will conduct 10 accessibility reviews and consultations for non-profit organisations and charities in the leisure

and tourism sector to improve and transform accessibility to local community spaces.

The project is also taking place in the Penwith CAP and the North Kerrier / East Penwith CAP areas, who have also invested the same amount.



We're thrilled to be able to offer this service which will allow people who live with disabilities, including hidden challenges such as autism, to have a say in how sites are updated and designed to make sure they are accessible and enjoyed by as many people as possible.

Viki Carpenter, founding director of Access Cornwall



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Samson and Delilah

Lead Organisation:
Collective Arts

CLUP grant: £15,786

Collective Arts Ltd created a play, Samson and Delilah, touring various locations in Cornwall, from Mousehole to Penryn. It follows a rough trajectory of the route that the Spanish fleet took in the 1580's, performing at locations relevant to the story they are telling. This project is being run with a small core team of professional actors supported and facilitated by a professional production team, collaborating with volunteer community performers. The production team

will collaborate with the volunteers to develop their existing skills, talents and techniques. The tour of the play is complete and the organisation will now be running workshops in Schools and community centres, supporting local communities to put on their own productions in the future.

For more information visit their website.

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 Penwith 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.



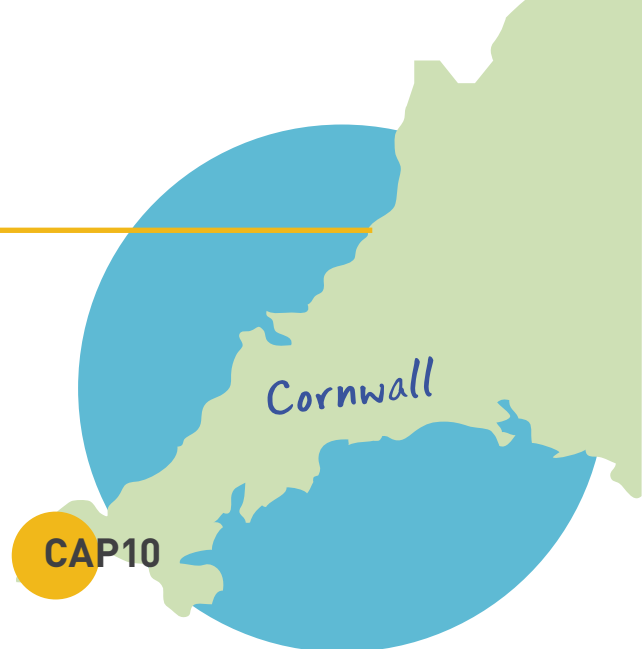
A new gleaning scheme which will be delivering free food to local food banks, larders and charities.



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 CAP10 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 Penwith 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 Penwith CAP area!

