

WELCOME!

Welcome to Par Bay Big Local's Autumn Newsletter - keeping you up to date with projects funded by Par Bay Big Local. We were delighted when our Par Bay film made by Lorraine Molloy was chosen for the recent Local Trust Film Festival in Birmingham and also that our plan for next year has been approved by the Local Trust. We have focused on St Blazey this year, eg helping to make Fourways Youth Centre sustainable following cuts in funding. Other projects include:



We now have a group of Young Advisors who are based at Fourways and can be commissioned to provide a young person's take on local issues. St Blaise Town Council has already commissioned them to help with their Neighbourhood Plan. A Young Advisors Facebook page has been set up to keep you updated about their activities.

They are currently visiting various youth groups, helping with activities and games to gain experience in working with young people. They are also arranging to meet with a photographer to identify topics to film with his drone and planning work in partnership with a media student from Cornwall College, to develop a DVD highlighting the positive activities already taking place locally with Kernow Youth CIC.

The group planned a Beach Day for the summer holidays, designing, printing and distributing posters as well as preparing risk assessments and creating a letter for parents. They attended a workshop run by Paul Squires (from UnLtd), to discuss potential links to training for approaching organizations for commissioned work, eg Police, Local Councils and the Health service.

Kernow Youth

Par Bay Active Kids Youth Group

Twelve to fifteen young people from St Blazey and Par attended the youth group at the running track. The project ran weekly from April - July and engaged young people in a range of positive activities.



The young people were encouraged to take ownership of the group and designed and created their own banner to display and advertise the sessions. Young people worked at a young person initiated, adult supported level within this project, supporting the young people to be empowered and grow in self-confidence and self-esteem.

For more information on this project go to our website

<http://parbaybiglocal.org.uk/projects/kernow-youth-group-pilot/>

Jobs and Income

Job Club - Burrows Centre, St Blazey Gate

Par Bay Job Club was set up by trained Par Bay volunteers to support jobseekers in our community who don't have digital access or need help logging into the Job Centre website and finding their way around the internet. It has been running for over a year now and we are finding that it is also providing useful contacts with other agencies to support people in our area back into work

- **Matt Beer** from Reed in Partnership has joined the Big Local Partnership Group and will be helping local Jobseekers back into employment
- **Kerry Woodcock** has been providing debt management advice and assistance with completing forms alongside the foodbank in Par St Mary's.
- **Devon & Cornwall Housing** have made contact with a view to working together to provide support when benefit changes become operational early next year.

UNIVERSAL CREDIT: Universal Credit is a new benefit for working age people who are on a low income or out of work which may be claimed instead of certain benefits. From February 2018 in this area all applications for Universal Credit will have to be made online. In some areas where this has already been rolled out there have been problems with six week waits for benefits. We will be looking for volunteers who can assist those who do not have access to the internet to fill in their forms. Please contact Jenny on 01726 816867 or Sonia on 01726 813720 if you can help.

Community Garden

The plants are thriving in Glencliffe Community Garden and a growing number of residents are popping in to choose flowers or vegetables and leave a donation in the red box. As well as potted plants we have runner beans, courgettes, sweetcorn, lettuce, squash and herbs. Gifts of plants and other useful garden related items have been donated.



Thank you for the anonymous gifts and for watering the plants. All are welcome to sit and enjoy the Community Garden, have a picnic, admire the Tywardreath Garden Club and Bee Group bed or the Beavers' wellies.

Community Hub

Many surveys have been completed and by popular vote we are pleased to retain the name of "Cornubia" for the hub. Attendance at the open days has been good with a host of really positive ideas which would deliver our 3 themes of Community, Creativity and Enterprise. We will keep you informed of progress on facebook and in Cornubia window.