

BUDE CLIMATE



PARTNERSHIP





BRIEF HISTORY OF BUDE CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP

- **April 2020:** Community application to Lottery Climate Action Fund
- **July 2020:** £200,000 development grant awarded. BCP formed
 - 7x local environmental and community groups
- **January 2021:** Project work started: 12 development projects
 - Seven research projects
 - Five engagement pilots
- **December 2022:** Lottery granted delivery funding – £2m for 2023–2028
 - Six delivery projects *all evidence led*
 - New partnership structure
 - 1x Lead partner
 - 3x Delivery partners
 - 11x Stakeholder partners



Development – Research Projects

- **Community Carbon Audit**
- **Transport Study**
- **Tourism Study**
- **Reaching Older Generations Study**
- **Climate Resilient Catchments Project**
- **Physical Hub & Low-Carbon Local Food Strategy**
- **Library of Things Study**



Development – Engagement Projects

- **Virtual hub**
- **School and community toolkits with digital stories**
- **Videos and podcasts**
- **Engagement of hard-to-reach demographics**
- **Community climate change festival**



WHY THE FOCUS ON RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION?

Our development projects all pointed in one direction

The overwhelming message was:

“We need to protect ourselves and what we value as a community”

- For an isolated, exposed, deprived community, adaptation is essential
 - Because climate change has already impacted us *physically*
 - Because now the impacts are *economic, social* and *cultural*

In a conservative, rural location with a disproportionate number of older residents, a focus on protecting our way of life and communal heritage provided an opening for discussions about protective climate action, leading to other climate mitigations



Looking Ahead

- **Sustainable Tourism Strategy**
- **Shoreline Engagement Project**
- **Energy Efficiency Project**
- **Library of Things**
- **Community Growing Scheme**
- **Community Storytelling Project**



Looking Ahead

- **Sustainable Tourism Strategy**

Why? 75% of businesses and 40% of jobs dependent on tourism, which produces ~50% of our community's carbon footprint. Bude is nothing without its visitor economy

Who? Bude Area Tourist Board; CoAST; Exeter University; Carbon Literacy Trust, Cornwall Wildlife Trust

What? A strategy (*not* a plan) to become the UK's most resilient and sustainable coastal destination and community within five years. A dynamic response to adapt to the uncertainties of a rapidly changing climate

How? Bring business, community and visitors together to build resilience & reduce emissions. 10 Climate Champions mentor 50 Climate Pioneers to adopt best practices & cut carbon footprints by 50% in five years



Looking Ahead

- **Shoreline Community Engagement**

Why? Bude is most sensitive location in the UK to sea-level rise. EA visualisations show devastating effects on our town and shoreline by 2050s if nothing is done

Who? Bude Climate Partnership; Shared Future; Environment Agency; Cornwall Council

What? Citizens Climate Jury and other engagement activities

How? Make crucial collective decisions about how we are going to respond to impacts of sea-level rise on our shoreline, town and environment. Democratic process will produce a set of recommendations to inform statutory responsible authorities of the protective responses and adaptations our community needs



Looking Ahead

- **Energy Efficiency Project**

Why? Bude has significantly older, less efficient housing with poorer energy provision than the national average (2x potential energy efficiency improvements; 3x fewer on mains gas; 2x fewer central heating)

Who? Community Energy Plus

What? Low-Carbon Energy Adviser

How? Cosier homes with lower heating costs coupled to lower carbon footprints. Potential to unlock up to £400,000 of further funding to help Bude residents to heat their homes more efficiently.



Looking Ahead

- **Three Community Projects**

Why? Need to support behaviour and attitude change to reduce our community's carbon footprint

Who? Bude Climate Partnership with local community and environmental organisations

What? Library of Things to reduce consumption and waste – and bring about real savings, especial for those on lowest incomes

Community Growing scheme to bring people together to share experiences growing vegetables, fruits and environmentally beneficial plants

Community Storytelling project to people together to share memories about the wider Bude area, its heritage and collective relationship with the place we all share



FUTURE-PROOF BUDE CNA

Build Resilience against the impacts of the climate crisis to protect:

- our cherished communities, culture and heritage
- our beautiful landscape, coastline, towns and villages
- our tourism and agriculture-led economy and our valued way of life
- our vulnerable environment, ecology and biodiversity

Support our community's transition to a sustainable future by:

- driving the growth of a sustainable low-carbon economy that benefits our health, our social and economic wellbeing, and our environment
- reducing our greenhouse gas and carbon emission contributions

THANK YOU