

## **Funding secured to support events and activities in marketing Torpoint as a destination**

Torpoint Town Council has secured £37,600 of additional funding from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The funding was allocated from Cornwall Council's Community Levelling Up Programme, which is part of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Good Growth Programme. The funding was bid for and won to create a programme of activity to support events that benefit the local community, all ages and for all needs.

The Town Council is developing a year-round programme of events and activities aimed at increasing visitor numbers and providing inclusive benefits for the local community. This initiative is supported by various small community groups and focuses on boosting income, creating jobs, and fostering a more sustainable local economy. However, growth is currently limited by inadequate facilities.

By using Community Levelling Up funding, the Town Council has created a project which targets five key locations, each with specific needs, and aims to enhance and repurpose these spaces to support the expanding events programme. Training new volunteers and purchasing affordable mobile equipment to ensure the sustainability of events is included in the project.

The mobile equipment will include a hearing loop, PA system, mobile lighting and a generator. Also, storage for two sports wheelchairs at Thanckes Park tennis courts, whilst wi-fi hotspots will be created with two solar-powered benches, one for Bénodet Park and the second will be located outside the Community Hub and Library. Permissions are being sought for improvements at Thanckes Park, including the provision of water as well as purchasing temporary vehicle safety grids to enable better access to the flat area and temporary staging. The sound hut at Bénodet Park will be replaced, moved to a better location, again supporting future events. Whilst ensuring the heritage is maintained, the funding will support improvements on Fore Street to lighting and bunting securing points.

Additionally, the Town Council has invested £20,000 in marketing Torpoint as a destination. Through a collaboration with Plymouth University students a place-based narrative and a dedicated town website, [Torpoint Visitor website](#) has been developed with Town Accelerator Funding secured from Cornwall Council.

Torpoint Town Mayor Councillor Julie Martin said, "Securing this funding is fantastic news for Torpoint, often referred to as the 'Forgotten Corner' of Cornwall. The funding will enable the town council to develop existing infrastructure at key locations in the town, future-proofing events and activities, for all ages, providing inclusivity as well as enabling well-being and mental health opportunities. As a town that prides itself on organising community events and activities I look forward to seeing the improved outcomes the funding will provide."

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### **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

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