

Email 31 May 2026 Subject: Hidden corner community centre idea.....

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have been advised to contact you after speaking to your colleague Nancy after proposing an idea to her for this community and interested to hear your thoughts.

My name is James and I am a local Carpenter/builder that has lived in the area for over 11 years now and worked in the area for many more. I have always loved the area and what it has to offer and wanted to give something back.

I swim a lot as part of a fitness program I have made for myself but always have to travel to Liskeard or Saltash, which is becoming increasingly painful to do so and still get back to work in time. I have friends in The RNLI who also find this frustrating, along with an increasing number of other residents.

With the rugby pitch closing down, the YMCA pulling out of the school gym and various other things slowly moving out of the area.... I got to thinking about how we can utilise what we have here.....

My proposal would be to create a centre for water sports and fitness with the background of education for not only water safety/enjoyment but also the local environment as well.

It is a rather "out there" proposal and needs a lot of thinking and re-directing to come up with a plausible plan... but.... The people I have spoken to would be interested in backing an idea to push a plan forwards.....

We have the resources of the national trust, RNLI, local businesses and various other things to call on, so why not send a few emails and see what happens?

I would aim to build a 25m indoor pool with additional offices/teaching spaces which would have a rainwater recovery system and solar panels to minimise the running costs and promote sustainability in the area. I propose it was built near the current YMCA to link the facilities and therefore doesn't strangle the town when the ferry is busy. I also would design the car park around the ability to have outdoor events (craft fairs etc) to allow diversity of use. I would also contact local businesses like "Hearts" etc and see if they would want to get involved with having their businesses involved/part of the new premises.

The employee I spoke to in the RNLI was positive about using the pool for training and lifeguard events and we also discussed a way of the RNLI possibly covering the lifeguarding of the pool etc.

I understand this is a tall undertaking and a very lavish idea..... but if it even begins a string of thought that leads to helping the area, that is all I was hoping for.

I would be interested to brainstorm with you at some point and see if you think there is anything that could be worked on.

My contact details are;

Thank you for taking the time to read this email, I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

James Gash