

Liskeard Unlocked 2026

Wednesday 29th April 2026 at 2.00 pm in the Mayor's Parlour at the Public Hall, Liskeard

Present: Councillor Rachel Brooks (Chair), Brian Oldham (Old Cornwall Society), Mary Utton (Liskeard Arts Society), Ann Kinahan (Market Makers), Sue Jewell (SECTA and Graylands), Iga Webb (Museum), Leanne Lewellyn (Library), Rachel Bennett (Stuart House) and Mandy Hancock (Liskeard Town Council)

Festival dates Friday 11th – Sunday 20th September, 2026

Theme: Everyday Histories

1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>Rachel welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.</p> <p>Apologies were received from) Lesley Strong (World Heritage Site), Paul Lawrence (Masonic Hall) and Ed Hart (Library).</p>	
2	<p><u>Theme – Everyday Histories</u> Exploring daily working life through the ages</p> <p>Boost – the Market Makers will be hosted with their demonstrations and displays which include screen printing and jewellery making on Friday evening and Saturday. It was thought that Eileen McTague could demonstrate spinning here. Karen will liaise with Sam on further details.</p> <p>Boost themselves will be holding 2 talks and demos during the day relating to injection moulding and 3D printing.</p> <p>OCS Talk and Walk – details are sorted.</p> <p>Posters – these will relate to key types of work rather than specifically to the walk. Mandy will send Brian this year's template and he will create posters. The venues will be approached by: Brian for Oughs and Day Lewis. Rachel Br will speak to Beddoes, Jane Louise, Eco Restyle and the Hive. Ann will get Karen to ask Boost.</p> <p>Mary is working on details from the 1851 census occupations.</p> <p>Mandy has sent an email to crafters locally and had a couple of responses she has also sent info to craftspeople who supply the Tourist Information Centre.</p> <p>Ann will approach the saddlery at Bolventor to ask if they would be interested in demonstrating leatherwork.</p> <p>Stuart House – haven't submitted anything yet, although there will be an exhibition and space available in the gallery. Vanessa</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>MH / BO</p> <p>RBr AK</p> <p>MU</p> <p>AK</p>

	<p>Coombes could possibly demonstrate spinning here in the Gallery. Ann will ask her friend if she would be interested in a weaving demonstration which could possibly be hosted at Stuart House.</p> <p>Rachel Br confirmed that Zoltan the knife sharpener isn't available on the day.</p> <p>Paul has spoken to Stacey Monumental Mason at Tremar regarding a possible stonemasonry demonstration and Mary will contact them with more details. Mandy will forward his contact details.</p> <p>Blacksmith – Rachel Be will speak to the blacksmith at St Cleer to see if he is interested in demonstrating his craft. Ann will video her farrier which could be shown at a venue.</p> <p>Rachel Br will speak to Christina Whitty to see if she's interested in a lace making demonstration.</p> <p>Book binding – Rachel Br will speak to her contact.</p> <p>Clock repairer – Time & Motion are keen to be involved and may hold a clock repair demonstration. They will create a window display and show a poster.</p> <p>Lizzie from the Museum may be interested in a demonstration or talk as she is a costume maker,</p> <p>The group proofed the Crafters through the Ages application form which will be sent to the team and interested crafters. Ann advised that it may be possible to assist with insurance through the Market Makers. Heritage Open Days insurance is also available if needed.</p>	<p>AK</p> <p>RBr</p> <p>MU MH</p> <p>RBe AK</p> <p>RBr</p> <p>RBr</p> <p>IW</p> <p>AK</p>
3	<p><u>Buildings Opening/Event Hosting</u></p> <p>Graylands – Sue is working with Brian. She will complete the Registration form.</p> <p>Epworth Studios – are keen to be involved and host crafters.</p> <p>Library – confirmed that they have space available all day to host crafters. Leanne will investigate holding an embroidery workshop. They might also host a straw bonnet display/workshop. Brian has a corn dolly available.</p> <p>The moorland walk filmed by Ed and Brian could also be shown in conjunction with the information on the lives of miners and associated workers from the WHS.</p> <p>Pipewell – Mary and Carol will host an activity for the Museum.</p> <p>Luxstowe House – has been sold and won't be available.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>LL</p> <p>MU</p>

	<p>Museum – may produce a trail of trades, have an activity and an artifact on display. The outcome of a grant application should be known this week, if granted it will be used to create a childhood gallery featuring growing up, trades, teaching where the public can contribute. Apprenticeships began at 14 years old.</p> <p>Signal Box – is still in use, so not available.</p> <p>Telephone exchange – information will be sought from David Braithwaite by Simon Cassidy.</p> <p>Masonic Hall – form and photos have been received. Mandy is just checking one detail.</p> <p>Old Liberal Club – Rachel has spoken to the owners who would like to take part. No form has yet been received.</p> <p>Liskeard Arts Society – are pleased to be involved. Mary will send the Registration form to Mandy for their 8th September event to be included in the local publicity programme.</p> <p>Moorswater Lodge – Mandy has received a phone call from Juan who is very interested in taking part. He has the Registration form.</p> <p>Mandy will send the Registration form with the notes to everyone.</p>	<p>DB / SC</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH</p> <p>MH</p>
4	<p><u>Publicity</u></p> <p>The deadlines are:</p> <p>Friday 5th June – final deadline for event details to be sent to Mandy if they are to be included in the event flyer.</p> <p>The draft flyer will be proof read at the meeting on Wednesday 17th June before going to print.</p> <p>The flyer will then be received in time to take to Liskeard Show on 11th July.</p> <p>Thursday 13th August – final day for event registration on the Heritage Open Days website.</p>	<p>All to note</p>
5	<p><u>Next Meetings</u></p> <p>The next meetings were scheduled for:</p> <p>Monday 18th May at 10am in the Mayor’s Parlour</p> <p>Wednesday 17th June at 1.30pm in Emily Hobhouse Room</p>	