

## Liskeard Unlocked 2026

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 1.30 pm in the Quimperlé Room at the Public Hall, Liskeard

Present: Councillor Rachel Brooks (Chair), Paul Lawrence (Masonic Lodge), Rachel Pryor (St Martin's Church), Rachel Bennett (Stuart House and Churches Together), Brian Oldham (Old Cornwall Society), Mary Utton (Liskeard Arts Society), Ann Kinahan (Market Makers), Sue Jewell (SECTA and Graylands), Iga Webb (Museum), and Vicky Cutts (Liskeard Tourist Information Centre)

Festival dates Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2026

Theme: Everyday Histories

1	<p><b><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Members introduced themselves</p> <p>Apologies were received from Ed Hart and Leanne Llewellyn (Library).</p>	
2	<p><b><u>Theme – Everyday Histories</u></b></p> <p>Exploring daily working life through the ages</p> <p>Mary updated the group on the work she had done with the 1851 census. She had gone through 3,000+ entries and placed them in 14 different occupational categories and then produced a poster displaying the information. This showed that the most popular professions were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mining</li><li>2. Domestic</li><li>3. Agriculture</li><li>4. Crafts/Manufacturing</li></ol> <p>After some discussion it was agreed that she would do a further 2 posters showing the mining and crafts broken down into more detailed categories of the professions involved. The 3 posters would be made into A2 boards which will be displayed in Stuart House during Liskeard Unlocked as they would complement Rachel Bennett's display nicely. Mary will also provide them in digital form to the museum for them to keep in their records, they do not have the space to take the boards, Rachel Bennett said Stuart House could store them in the short term.</p> <p>Rachel Bennett will be setting up her exhibition from 1<sup>st</sup> September to open on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mary confirmed the boards would be ready for then</p> <p>Mary suggested changing the title to: 'Liskeard 1851 – Earning a Living'.</p>	<p>MU</p> <p>RBe</p>

<p>Posters – Brian has sent Vicky the draft posters and she will use Canva to update the headers and footers. It was agreed the title at the top should read ‘Liskeard Unlocked – Everyday Histories’, Rachel Brooks will supply a Cornish translation to be included. Brian has produced an additional poster for Moorswater Lodge. Brian has found that the Mystery Ninja shop was formerly a dressmakers so they will display the corresponding poster in their window.</p>	<p>VC / BO RBr</p>
<p>Brian asked if we could do a trail around the locations that will have the history posters, he already has the questions written. The trail can be printed internally and collected from the Tourist Information Centre.</p>	<p>BO / VC</p>
<p>WHS presentation – Iga has confirmed this with Lesley.</p>	
<p>Graylands – Sue has submitted a form to the Find My Past competition.</p>	
<p>Crafters – Discussion of crafters who have applied to take part and where they would be based on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eileen McTague (spinning) - Boost House</li> <li>• Joanna Hughes (traditional signs) - Stuart House</li> <li>• Vanessa Hughes (spinning) - Stuart House</li> <li>• Christina Whitty (lace making) - Museum Threads room – Rachel Brooks to check she is OK with 1pm closing</li> <li>• Grey Goose Workshop (blacksmith) - requires a large outdoor space for his travelling forge – Rachel Brooks to ask Epworth Studios if there is space in their garden</li> <li>• Tina Heath (gansey knitting) - Library</li> </ul>	<p>RBr RBr</p>
<p>Potential other crafters tbc:</p>	<p>AK</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ann spoke to Jane Talbot-Smith at Harrowbridge Saddlery, she showed some interest but hasn’t committed yet. Ann will take her a paper copy of the form. She has previously done demonstrations at Royal Cornwall Show and could bring leather goods and potentially do a demonstration. Could possibly put her in Stuart House depending on access requirements.</li> <li>• Mary Utton will contact Celia Lister who does calligraphy/lettering. She will send her an application form.</li> <li>• Rachel Brooks has been speaking to a book binder who is a possibility – could be a good fit alongside Celia in the library?</li> </ul>	<p>MU RBr</p>
<p>There is the possibility that some crafters may be willing to run workshops during Liskeard Unlocked, the Town Council has some funds available to pay them but no capacity to do any of the admin. If the museum, library or Stuart House wanted to host them (not on</p>	<p>IW / EH / LL/ RBe</p>

	<p>the Saturday) can let Rachel Brooks know and then liaise directly with the providers.</p> <p>Ann has confirmed with Ed at the library that they will show the farrier film there.</p> <p>Mary has not had any response from Stacey's Monumental Masons.</p> <p>Clock repairer – Time &amp; Motion are still keen to be involved but very busy, they will definitely do a window display and put up Brian's poster.</p> <p>Brian will prepare a small amount of information about a local person who worked in each craft to be displayed next to the demonstrations.</p>	BO
3	<p><b><u>Buildings Opening/Event Hosting</u></b></p> <p>Graylands – Sue and her granddaughter have period costumes they are going to wear on the day</p> <p>Masonic Hall – Paul gave a brief history of the building.</p> <p>Old Liberal Club and Moorswater Lodge have both missed the deadline for inclusion in the leaflet. If they later decide to participate, they can still be included in the social media.</p> <p>Team preview evening – Sue is happy for Graylands to be involved. Maybe other venues can consider whether they could open on an evening (maybe Friday 11<sup>th</sup> although this clashes with the Makers Market) and we can discuss at the next meeting.</p>	All
4	<p><b><u>Publicity</u></b></p> <p>The draft leaflet was discussed and many changes suggested. Vicky to pull together all the information and send to Steve at Graphic Words by Monday.</p> <p>Rachel Pryor to provide new wording and a logo for St Martin's Church to Vicky by Friday – email <a href="mailto:tourism@liskeard.gov.uk">tourism@liskeard.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Rachel Bennett to send wording for Stuart House to Vicky by Friday</p> <p>Ann to provide Boost logo to Vicky by Friday</p> <p>The flyer should then be received in time to take to Liskeard Show on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Agreed to order 2,500 leaflets, the same as last year, at a cost of £250.</p> <p>As last year, we will print the front cover of the leaflet as an A4 poster in house to display around the town.</p>	<p>RP / VC</p> <p>RBe / VC</p> <p>AK / VC</p>

	<p>Vicky to prepare a draft social media plan for the next meeting. To include details of which crafts people will be at each location.</p> <p>Rachel Bennett to send Vicky text about the Churches Together prayer day at St Martin's on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September for inclusion in social media.</p> <p>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August – final day for event registration on the Heritage Open Days website.</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> September is the Family History and Local Heritage Day at the Public Hall (previously held in June), Vicky to include in the social media plan, also a good place to hand out leaflets to attendees.</p>	<p>VC</p> <p>RBe</p> <p>VC</p>
5	<p><b><u>Next Meetings</u></b></p> <p>The next meetings were scheduled for:</p> <p>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm in Emily Hobhouse Room at the Public Hall.</p> <p>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm in the Mayor's Parlour at the Public Hall. This will be the last meeting before Liskeard Unlocked</p>	