

Liskeard Unlocked 2026

Monday 30th March 2026 at 2.00 pm in the Emily Hobhouse Room at the Public Hall, Liskeard

Present: Councillor Rachel Brooks (Chair), Brian Oldham (Old Cornwall Society), Mary Utton (Liskeard Arts Society), Lesley Strong (World Heritage Site), Paul Lawrence (Masonic Hall) 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 Iga Webb (Museum) and Ed Hart (Library).</p>	
2	<p><u>Theme – Everyday Histories</u> Exploring daily working life through the ages</p> <p>Rachel gave an update on Copper Lives. The enquiry to the Heritage Lottery fund indicated that it wouldn't be successful and it had been decided that it wasn't suitable for the Museums Fund. We will look out to see if the Natural Beauty & Beast Fund receives further funding and re-opens. Lesley will check out the Cornwall Council Community Fund.</p> <p>OCS Talk and Walk – the registration forms have been received.</p> <p>Stuart House – will be involved with an exhibition and possible hosting of a display.</p> <p>Boost – Ann has been in touch with Boost who are happy to host the Market Makers again with an emphasis on crafts. Rachel will contact Sam again about anything else Boost might be able to offer, eg a demonstration of their injection moulding process.</p> <p>Museum – Will catch up at the next meeting.</p> <p>Everyday histories</p> <p>Posters – Brian has lots of options for posters showing occupations and their locations around his scheduled walk. It would be good to have the main occupations represented. Mandy will check if the gansey knitters posters is still available from a previous event. Mary will do an analysis of the 1951 census information to show the most popular occupations. This could become a display and information online, incorporating an infographic and photos.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">LS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AK RB</p> <p style="text-align: right;">BO MH MU</p>

	<p>Rachel has produced a brief for the crafters who may want to join us. This has been sent to many local contacts and the press as well as put onto our social media. Rachel will contact Epworth Studios and look at the South East Cornwall Open Studios and Drawn To The Valley sites for useful contacts. She will also contact a book binder and Zoltan the knife sharpener. Mandy will get the contact details for Treweatha Crafts woodworking and other craftspeople who supply the Tourist Information Centre. Paul offered to speak to Stacey Monumental Mason at Tremar regarding a possible stonemasonry demonstration.</p> <p>The Liskerrett Centre are keen to be involved and may be able to have a dry stone walling demonstration.</p> <p>Mandy will send around to the group the draft crafters application form which Rachel created this week.</p> <p>Time & Motion Jewellers – Rachel will speak to Tina to ask if she would be interested in creating a watch repair window display and Brian creating a poster about watch and clock repairers a trial of which he will bring to the next meeting.</p> <p>World Heritage Site – Lesley advised that it's the 20th anniversary and she will look to create an exhibition which can be hosted at a venue and possibly placed online. It would contain details of mine workers and associated industries. The Library may also be able to show the moorland walk which Brian and Ed filmed previously.</p>	<p>RB</p> <p>RB</p> <p>MH</p> <p>PL</p> <p>MH</p> <p>RB</p> <p>BO</p> <p>LS</p> <p>BO / EH</p>
3	<p><u>Buildings Opening/Event Hosting</u></p> <p>Graylands – Brian suggested creating a booklet about the property to be sold for a small amount on the day. It was suggested asking Sue Jewell if she would like to join the team.</p> <p>Boost House – will be opening again.</p> <p>Epworth Studios – Rachel will speak to.</p> <p>Library – are happy to join in.</p> <p>Pipewell – Brian advised that Carol from the Museum is keen to be involved again this year.</p> <p>Luxstowe House – Rachel will speak to Jane Pascoe again regarding possible opening.</p> <p>Bunkers – Rachel will speak to Simon Cassidy again to find a contact for the telephone exchange.</p> <p>Signal Box – Rachel will speak to Simon Cassidy again regarding a contact for the signal box.</p>	<p>BO</p> <p>RB</p> <p>BO</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RB</p>

	<p>Masonic Hall – form has been received. Mandy just needs the insurance company details. Paul will send through some photos. He said that the hosts on the day are always keen to chat with visitors. He will look at the 1891 membership and their occupations and see if it's possible to create a display from the information.</p> <p>Old Liberal Club – Rachel has spoken to the owners who would like to take part.</p> <p>Liskeard Arts Society – Mary will ask the Committee if they would like their 8th September event to be included in the local publicity programme.</p> <p>Moorswater Lodge – Mandy has had a positive chat with Juan and sent him information about taking part.</p> <p>Moghhe – aren't in a position to open.</p> <p>Trewithan House – Brian confirmed that they will not be taking part.</p> <p>Pendean – are not opening.</p>	<p>MH PL</p> <p>RB</p> <p>MU</p> <p>BO</p>
4	<p><u>Publicity</u></p> <p>Mandy had received confirmation from Steve at Graphic words that he will produce our publicity again this year. 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. 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>MH</p> <p>ALL TO NOTE</p>
6	<p><u>Next Meetings</u></p> <p>The next meetings were scheduled for:</p> <p>Wednesday 29th April, 2pm in the Mayor's Parlour</p> <p>Re-scheduled to Monday 18th May at 10am in the Mayor's Parlour from Wednesday 20th May.</p>	