

## **Press release**

### **Accessible Allotments in Liskeard**

Liskeard Town Council is pushing forward with its work to improve accessibility around Liskeard, including the allotments and Thorn Park.

We are exploring adapting an existing plot at Pengover Road and having discussions with Trevethan Meadows phase four development around provision for an accessible allotment on the new development.

Following a meeting of Liskeard Town Council on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022, it was agreed to take forward the proposal first suggested back in 2021 for an accessible allotment. Liskeard Town Council allocated funding for a disability consultant to support the council in generating sensible requirements for the allotment or gardening space, which will be fed into a well-balanced design.

Maximising on this funding and time, Liskeard Town Council is also examining how to make Thorn park more accessible by improving the provision of gates, pathways, benches, signage and play equipment. Funds for this work will be taken from the King George V Playing Fields Trust, with the aim of improving the space for everyone in the town.

Cllr Annette Lee-Julian said: 'We would like to make the allotment plots inclusive to all. So we are exploring what options there are, and researching suitable designs for people with mobility issues, and a wide range of disabilities. It is well known the benefits of having an allotment on Mental Health, so therefore we need to ensure that the allotments are accessible to everyone.'

Cllr Ambler added that: 'It was great to see the broad support at Liskeard Town Council to improve accessibility around Liskeard, and in particular thanked Cllr Julian Smith, and the staff at the Town Council, for their help in bringing forward these discussions.'

As part of the discussion at full council, general accessibility issues around the town were discussed, and Councillor Annette Lee-Julian, and Councillor David Ambler are interested in hearing residents views on issues they find in relation to the accessibility of the town centre, and ideas on how it can be improved.

It is important Liskeard is accessible to all those who live, work and use the town. We would like to hear about issues affecting those with accessibility about the area, be they visual, audio or mobility. These experiences can then be fed back into further discussion at Liskeard Town Council.'

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Photo – Location – Pengover Allotments, Liskeard

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