ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

England & Wales · Charity number 1157978

Details

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Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-07-24
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Activities

Objects: The objects of the bureau are to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in the area of benefit (Portland and wider Dorset) by associating together volunteers, residents and organisations in a common effort to advance education, protect health, relieve poverty sickness and distress and in furtherance of these objects but not otherwise the bureau shall:?(a) Advise and support persons willing to volunteer.(b) Promote volunteering and community involvement and provide a central repository of opportunities.(c) Advise and support organisations which involve and are willing to involve volunteers in their charitable activities.(d) Support, advise and respond directly to needs of the local community through the provision of support, learning and leisure-based services and activities that help individuals reach maximum levels of psychological, physical and social wellbeing, remain independent and make the most of their lives.(e) Broker and maintain mutually beneficial partnerships, which provide ongoing support to local communities making possible the provision of above initiatives.(f) Secure appropriate levels of funding to create and maintain such initiatives.?(g) Work with and showcase local initiatives and activities that promote the local area (Portland and wider Dorset) and its community regionally, nationally and globally - where appropriate.?(h) work with local groups and organisations, to organise, facilitate and manage which enhance, empower and disseminate information that encourages self-awareness and learning within the community.?

Activities: ICA supports the residents and communities of Portland, Dorset to achieve maximum levels of mental, physical and social wellbeing. We do this through a range of activities, from services for older adults to learning and training opportunities for younger people. ICA represents the Island, and also provides support for other local groups and those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteer roles.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£206,522	£188,758	-	-
2024-03-31	£168,475	£174,554	-	-
2023-03-31	£161,961	£159,600	-	-
2022-03-31	£169,499	£151,791	-	-
2021-03-31	£159,866	£135,919	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Douglas Pigg	Chair	2020-02-12
ANITA BUSBY-WILCOCKS		2020-02-12
Diana Bedford		2022-09-14
Lynda Gallie		2023-08-01

Linked charities

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ANNUAL REPORT 2025

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

While every year brings challenges for our community, this year has shown the passion, commitment and determination Portlanders have for delivering transformational impact. For ICA, this was demonstrated by the Woolly Wonders Yarn Bomb Festival, which attracted over 1,500 volunteers of all ages to create a phenomenal display of colour and storytelling in Easton Gardens. The beauty of this project was that it offered ways for all to participate, from school children to older residents restricted to home. For some, it was a starting point for change – they came to knit but went on to join other activities, increasing their confidence and opportunities to socialise and feel more connected to their community.

I'm proud that ICA continues to deliver in this progressive way, from passion-based projects that spark interest to core services that support the most vulnerable. I'm also proud that we continue to represent our community and play a key role in the development and delivery of solutions for some of our community's key challenges. One example is the Future Portland Community Benefit Society (CBS), created by three experienced and successful organisations: b-side, ICA, and The Portland Association.

Future Portland aims to help our community have a stronger voice and greater influence over what happens on our island, from returning assets to community ownership to ensuring that development on Portland benefits local people and the environment.

This year, ICA has worked with over 5,000 clients – an impressive achievement, but behind this statistic are real stories of challenge, resilience and hope. When I hear feedback from those helped by our organisation, I am not only reminded that ICA delivers exactly what it promises, independently and in partnership, but also that our cost-benefit compared with equivalent private sector providers demonstrates exceptional value for money.

To ensure we continue to deliver our services for maximum impact, ICA is reviewing its systems and processes, including exploring the opportunities that AI can, where appropriate, help improve the efficiency and accessibility of our services.

Our 'Volunteer Army' remains the beating heart of ICA. Around 1,500 volunteers have engaged with ICA this year, some giving just a few hours and others committing to week-on-week involvement. Regardless of the time they give, whether as befrienders, drivers, crafters, or role-play actors, our volunteers have surpassed expectations once again, for which we are hugely grateful.

My busy 'Team of Ferrets' (so called because a group of ferrets is called a 'business') has continued to deliver against a backdrop of challenges, including the cost of living crisis, increased demand due to statutory reductions, and shrinking funding opportunities.

Our strategic focus has evolved to meet these demands. We are now working within six targeted workstreams, ranging from Helping Hands for our older residents to a dynamic Culture, Heritage and Nature offer. Our Portland Youth Council has gone from strength to strength, launching a campaign to protect local wildlife that has helped educate hundreds of their peers about our island's biodiversity.

Looking ahead, the year promises to be just as challenging. As we enter the final year of our National Lottery funding, the window to secure our long-term sustainability is narrowing. However, with major investments proposed for the region through initiatives such as Pathways to Prosperity, ICA must remain in place so that Portland secures its fair share of funding and opportunity.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. We appreciate it more than you know.



Doug Pigg
Chair – Island Community Action (ICA)

KEY FUNDERS & SPONSORS



ICA covers its running costs, including the cost of its activities and services through a mix of grant funding, donations, local giving, legacy gifts and fundraising events.

GRANTS – We are hugely grateful to have received grants from the following funders for the period April 2025-March 2026:

- **The National Lottery Community Fund: Reaching Communities –** Towards The Portland Project, covering a range of new and expanded workstreams. Funding running 2021-26.
- **Portland Town Council –** Match funding contribution under a new five-year Service Level Agreement towards The Portland Project. Covers several extended and new services.
- **Dorset Council –** Towards our core costs, Helping Hands (older and vulnerable people), our cultural offers and youth projects.
- **Dorset NHS Health & Wellbeing Fund (via Dorset Community Foundation) –** Towards our health and wellbeing offer.
- **McCarthy Stone Foundation –** Towards our Christmas 2025 activities for older and vulnerable residents.
- **Postcode Community Trust –** Towards our core costs (funds raised by players of People's Postcode Lottery and awarded by Postcode Community Trust).
- **Wessex Water Community Fund (via Dorset Community Foundation) –** Towards our Community Connectors project.

NON-GRANT DONATIONS and FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES for the same period, unless otherwise stated:

- **Portland Court Leet –** Towards our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (for 2025 activity).
- **Portland United Service Lodge 3473 –** Towards Helping Hands (our older and vulnerable people's project)
- **The Rotary Club of Island & Royal Manor of Portland –** Towards our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (for 2025 activity) and Helping Hands.
- **Portland residents** – Legacy and local donations towards our core costs.

GENERATED INCOME

ICA generates income through a range of activities, including:

Activities and events **–** ICA charges for some of its regular club activities. It does so on a cost recovery basis in order to ensure their sustainability. ICA also fundraises through activities like coffee mornings, bingo and special one-off events.

One-off or regular donations – Made by cash, cheque, standing order or via Local Giving at: www.localgiving.com/charity/islandcommunityaction

The Giving Lottery – A national online lottery. £1 per entry (40p goes to ICA). Weekly draws and a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize. Top weekly prize of £25,000. Go to ICA's Giving Lottery page at: www.givinglottery.org.uk/support/island-community-action.

The Portland Lottery – A Portland-based (ticketed) lottery. £1 a ticket (40p goes to ICA). Quarterly draws. Prize pot varies depending on the number of tickets sold. Tickets available from ICA's office, Easton.

The PayPal Giving Fund – Go to: www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/hub, search for Island Community Action and then follow the instructions. You can add gift aid and select ICA as your favourite charity for future opportunities to give when using PayPal.

Legacy gifts – Made via the donor's will, these contributions range from direct donations instead of flowers at a funeral to specified sums of money, a % of an entire estate or a particular item.

Donations of prizes – From unwanted gifts to free experiences, trips and treatments.

Merchandise

ICA sells cards, lottery tickets, merchandise and more. 2020 also saw us open our Teemill website at: https://islandcommunityaction.teemill.com.



FINANCE SUMMARY– 2024-25

Incomings = £206,522

Outgoings = £188,758

FUNDRAISING

ICA continues to deliver large-scale fundraisers, including Nothe of the Living Dead, an annual event combining jump scares with escape dungeon-style challenges and puzzles in an hour-long experience that sees participants take on a quest to save the world from an undead takeover.

The event, a fundraising collaboration between ICA, the Nothe Fort, and EPIC Games Dorset, takes place at the Nothe Fort – voted one of the UK's spookiest locations.

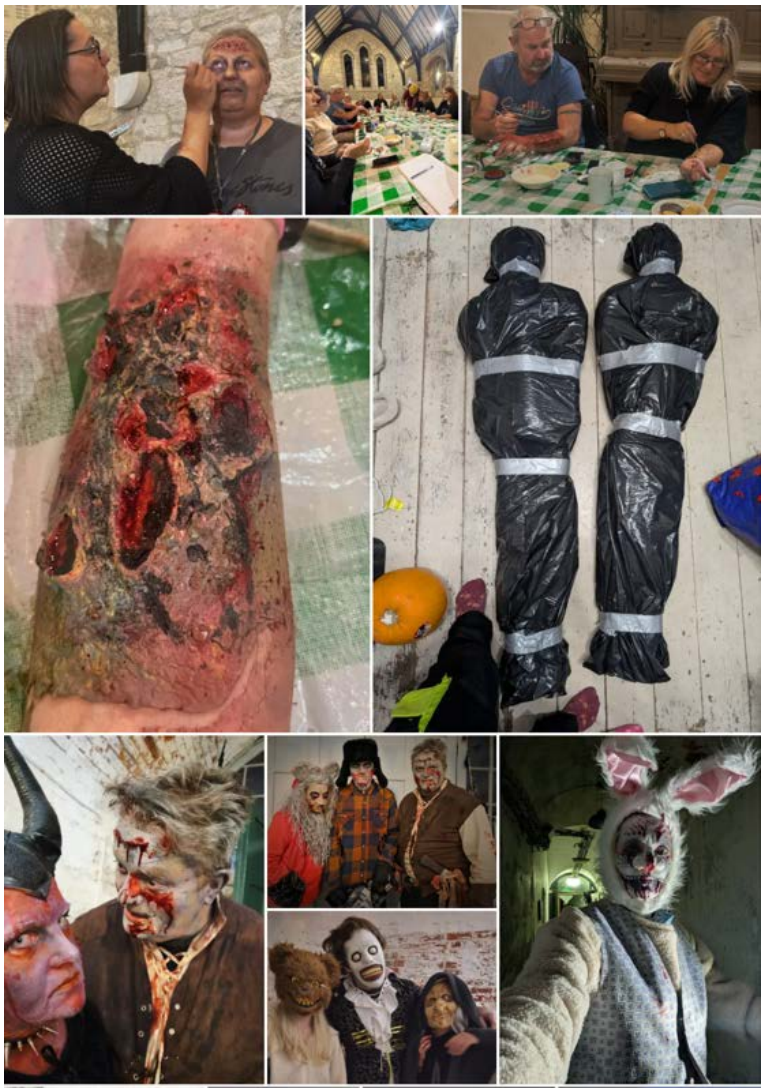
Testimonials

"First time going and it was amazing. My heart was racing through fear and excitement. I loved all the challenges. It was bloody scary but fun at the same time, definitely booking up next year. Great value for money and raising money for a great charity."

"I'd highly recommend this event; I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. Fantastic effort by everyone involved."

"I've done this event every year, and it keeps on getting better. The jump scares are great, the challenges are always clever and fun, and no matter how often you do it, you still get nervous. Love the whole thing, and it's raising money for some great local charities."

The 2025 Challenge – A Grimm Scary Tale invited participants to immerse themselves in a dark and twisted fairytale, where the heroes and heroines cherished in childhood have transformed into terror-filled nightmares. Here are a few shots.



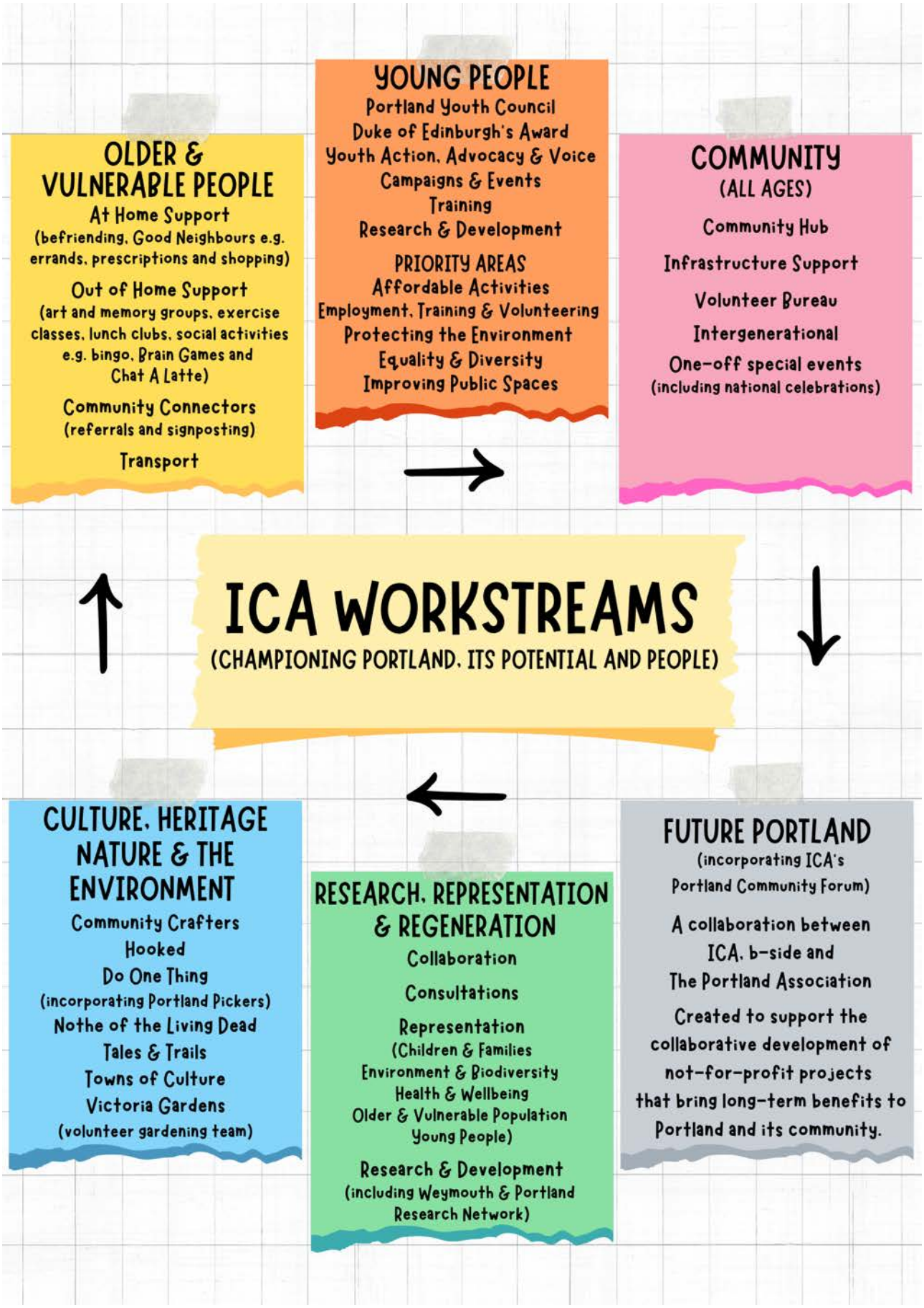


PROJECTS & SERVICES

For 2025, ICA restructured its workstreams to reflect our current workload.

All workstreams developed in response to our island's key challenges and the key needs and wants of local residents identified through ongoing consultation.

IN SUMMARY



IN DETAIL

- **HELPING HANDS – OLDER PEOPLE + THOSE IMPACTED BY DISABILITY AND / OR SERIOUS, LIFE-LIMITING OR TERMINAL ILLNESS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)**

  Current services:
  - Advice
  - Befriending (face-to-face and telephone)
  - Brain Games – conversation and games (suitable for those with mild dementia)
  - Chat A Latte: Coffee, cake and good conversation.
  - Chesil Art Group (x 2 – Portland and Wyke Regis)
  - Exercise: Get Together Club – gentle seated (x 2)
  - Exercise: Osteocise – mid-range
  - Exercise: Fit+ – advanced aerobic
  - Food: The Dining Room, Sunday Lunch Club and other foodie outings
  - Memorability (social and activities for those with memory difficulties + carers)
  - Shopping: In-store @ Tesco
  - Special events (e.g. Seniors' Christmas lunch and Christmas hampers)
  - Social: Cash Bingo (x 2)
  - Social: Coffee mornings
  - Transport: Medical and essential appointments
  - Transport: Other (e.g. social outings, visiting relatives in care homes, etc.)
  - Good Neighbour Scheme (small tasks and errands, e.g. dog walking, prescriptions, and shopping)
  - Community Connectors (connecting people to the right help, both ICA and non-ICA).

- **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES –** ICA is working in collaboration to develop and deliver a range of youth-focused services and activities, including a youth volunteering scheme, life and leadership skills training, consultation activities and events. ICA also manages the Portland Youth Council (PYC) and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (DofE).

  ICA's works independently and in partnership to help strengthen Portland's 'youth voice,' ensuring young people are not only part of the local decision-making process but are also empowered to proactively lead and contribute to the development and delivery of collaborative solutions (built on robust and meaningful peer-led research and consultation). Working alongside our island's young people, we also want to ensure these solutions help address their key challenges and priorities, increase confidence, skills and aspirations, reduce incidences of marginalisation and improve long-term prospects and opportunities.

  Current PYC priorities are: more affordable activities, employment, training, and volunteering; equality and diversity; improving public spaces; and protecting the environment.

  Portland Youth Council is delivered in partnership with Portland Town Council. DofE is delivered in partnership with Atlantic Academy.

- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ALL AGES) –** Includes:
  - **Community Connectors –** Residents, volunteers and organisations trained to identify and signpost those in potential need of support.
  - **Community Forum –** A space for local organisations to network, coordinate support, forward plan and build capacity.
  - **Community Hub –** Advice, information and signposting to local residents around non-ICA-related subjects.
  - **Events –** One-off large-scale community events, including national celebrations
  - **Infrastructure support –** Advice, information and training delivered or organised through ICA for other local community-based organisations.
  - **Volunteer Bureau –** Support for those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteer roles, from recruitment to training and DBS checks.

- **CULTURE, HERITAGE, NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT (ALL AGES) –** Includes:
  - **Community Crafters –** Creativity and crafting for local good causes, to reduce isolation and loneliness, strengthen community and intergenerational bonds, and showcase Portland's amazing artistic talents.
  - **Hooked –** A dedicated crafting group for those in their 20s, 30s and 40s.
  - **Do One Thing –** Activities and events that engage and inspire individuals to protect and enhance Portland's amazing biodiversity and environment.
  - **Nothe of the Living Dead –** An annual fundraiser between ICA, EPIC Games – Dorset and Nothe Fort. Described as a mash-up between The Walking Dead and Crystal Maze, the event sees participants attempt to solve a series of mental and physical challenges while being terrorised by a horde of hungry zombies.
  - **Halloween Treasure Trail –** Weymouth half-term activity with Weymouth Bid
  - **Tales & Trails –** Interactive walking experiences that encourage people to discover more about Portland and its amazing culture, environment/nature, heritage and history.
  - **Victoria Gardens –** ICA supports the Gardens' volunteer gardening team.

- **RESEARCH, REPRESENTATION and REGENERATION** – Currently includes:
  - **Community Consultations –** ICA provides a range of community consultation services for itself and other organisations. Past clients include MEMO, Dorset Council, NHS Dorset and Portland Town Council.
  - **Collaborations and Representation –** ICA continues to work in partnership with a number of groups and networks to improve Portland's infrastructure and support offer across a number of strands, including…
    - **Older and vulnerable residents**, e.g. working with Dorset Council, NHS – Dorset, Dorset Fire & Rescue Service, etc., to ensure equality of offer for Portland's most vulnerable residents.
    - **Children and Families,** e.g. working with Dorset's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS), Chesil Locality – Portland Local Alliance Group (LAG/lead – Dorset NHS) and the Portland Family Hub (lead – DC).
    - **Environment and Biodiversity,** e.g. supporting the delivery of Portland's Biodiversity Plan (lead – Portland Town Council).

- **Health and Wellbeing,** e.g. working to improve Portland's health outcomes (lead – The Dorset Integrated Care Board)
- **Research and Development –** Weymouth & Portland Community Research Network (leads – ICA, Steps Youth Service, The Lantern Trust and Bournemouth University).

- **THE FUTURE PORTLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY (CBS)** – A collaboration between ICA, b-side and The Portland Association.

  We formed the CBS in response to our individual and collaborative research and consultations, which led to the realisation that we share a vision and desire to support Portland's community in having a stronger voice and more influence over what happens to and on our island.

  Our key ambitions include:
  - Working collaboratively to drive and support a dynamic and innovative vision and future for Portland
  - Helping to mobilise and encourage community action, ambition and aspiration
  - Improving the lives, opportunities, and experiences available to Portland residents
  - Showcasing and protecting Portland's unique heritage, culture, and history, including its natural and built environments.

  Future Portland is a membership-led organisation, with all members getting a say and a vote on the CBS's most important decisions. Members also get to invest in projects that benefit Portland and its community, and, depending on the project, they may also receive special perks, like discounts and member-only events.

ACHIEVEMENTS

TABLE 1: CLIENT / PARTICIPATION NUMBERS ACHIEVED FOR YEAR 4 (2024-25)

WORKSTREAM	NO. OF COURSES OR ACTIVITY SESSIONS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS ENGAGING IN ACTIVITY	TOTAL INTERACTIONS (CALCULATION DEPENDENT ON ACTIVITY)
	YEAR 4 ACHIEVED	YEAR 4 ACHIEVED	YEAR 4 ACHIEVED
HELPING HANDS (OLDER PEOPLE + THOSE IMPACTED BY CHRONIC/SERIOUS ILLNESS OR DISABILITY)			
Befriending (face-to-face and telephone sessions with befrienders)	N-A	N-A	490
Club activities (art, exercise, games)	N-A	N-A	5,213
Food based activities (e.g. lunch clubs and foodie outings)	N-A	N-A	2,096
Good Neighbours errands (e.g. prescriptions, shopping and other errands)	N-A	N-A	840
Purely social activities (non-food celebration and bingo)	N-A	N-A	3,733
Transport (essential appointments and activities)	N-A	N-A	2,277
Transport (in-store shopping)	N-A	N-A	425
Catch-ups calls (by ICA office staff and volunteers – minimum ten calls per workday)	N-A	N-A	2,535
SUB-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED	**5,484**	**894**	**17,609**
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES			
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme • Mentoring (8 sessions) • Training: Cooking, First Aid – Theory & Practical, Camping Skills, Route Planning, Map Reading, Navigation, Countryside Code, Equipment Identification & Packing Skills, Presentation Planning & Delivery, Health & Safety, Risk Identification & Management (12 sessions) • Overnight camping – Tent erecting/pack up, Games Creation, Sleep & Clear (3 sessions). • Food – Meal planning, Shopping, Food Preparation (3 sessions) • Hiking & Navigation Practice (2 x 2-4 hr. sessions) • Hiking & Navigation Practice (2 x 4-6 hr. sessions) • Assessed Hiking (2 x 4-6 hr. sessions)	32	30	960
Portland Youth Council (PYC) Sessions: • Launch (assembly for 11-16 year olds via/1 session/200+ participants) • Open evening (1 session/8 volunteers/8 participants) • Meetings (36 sessions/18 participants)	38	226	226
PYC – Activities: Remembrance Day (200+ attendees), Christmas Sparkle (50+), Atlantic Academy Christmas Fair (100+), Chinese New Year @ Atlantic Academy (551 students), Easter Fundraiser (150+), Chessington World of Adventures trip (47)	6	1,098+	1,098+

WORKSTREAM	NO. OF COURSES OR ACTIVITY SESSIONS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS ENGAGING IN ACTIVITY	TOTAL INTERACTIONS (CALCULATION DEPENDENT ON ACTIVITY)
	YEAR 4 ACHIEVED	YEAR 4 ACHIEVED	YEAR 4 ACHIEVED
PYC – Collaborations, Advisory (and other input): Atlantic Academy, b-side, Butterfly Conservation Trust, Casterbridge Speakers, Chesil Youth Pride, Christians Against Poverty, DofE, Dorchester Youth Council, Dorset Coast Forum, Dorset Council, Dorset Local Nature Partnership (Youth Food), Dorset Wildlife Trust, Dorset Youth Council, Dorset Youth Voice, The Drop In, Friends of Victoria Gardens, Future Portland, Hedgehog Friendly Portland, Isle of Portland Orchids, Pink & Green (Rory Pilgrim), The Portland Association, Portland Court Leet, Portland Local Alliance Group (LAG), Portland Rotary, Portland Town Council, Portland & Weymouth Towns of Culture, St. Nics, Save the Children, UK Parliament and Weymouth Youth Council,	30	21	630
PYC – Training: Team Building Day, Power Structures & UK Democracy, Running a Meeting, Fundraising, Consultation, Public Speaking, Finance & Budget, Poster & Graphic Design, Campaign Delivery and Conservation Awareness	10	18	180
Makers Market: Training (3 sessions), Christmas Selling (2 sessions) and Summer Selling (1 session)	6	18	51
SUB-TOTAL	**122**	**1,411+**	**3,145+**
CULTURE, HERITAGE, NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT			
Specialist Activities/Courses/Workshops **YEAR OF WELLBEING** **Wellbeing Tasters (Portland)** • SFX Make-Up (1 session/2 volunteers/13 participants) • Wreath Making (1 session/2 volunteers/22 participants) • Managing ADHD (1 session/1 volunteer/9 participants) • Kayaking (1 sessions/1 volunteer/8 participants) • Cake Picnic (1 session/12 volunteers/300+ participants) **Wellbeing Tasters – Craft Day (Portland/4 volunteers)** • Basket Weaving (2 sessions/16 participants) • Gilding (2 sessions/14 participants) • Mosaics (2 sessions/16 participants) • Pottery (2 sessions/25 participants) • Printing (2 sessions/9 participants) • Sketching (2 sessions/8 participants) • Zen Calligraphy (2 sessions/24 participants)	31	608	608

Wellbeing Trips (Off-island) • Glass Painting (1 session/2 volunteers/10 participants) • Comedy Club (1 session/2 volunteers/12 participants) • Fused Glass (1 session/1 volunteer/9 participants) • Secret Garden (1 session/1 volunteer/10 participants) • Bucklers Hard (1 session/1 volunteer/10 participants) • Sculptures by the Lake (1 session/3 volunteers/15 participants) • Fishing (1 session/1 volunteer/11 participants) • Bridport Hat Festival (1 session/2 volunteer/9 participants) • Cinema (1 session/1 volunteer/11 participants) • Mystery Tour (1 session/1 volunteer/7 participants) • Winchester (1 session/1 volunteer/29 participants) • Spice Ship Lunch (1 session/1 volunteer/11 participants)			
Crafting Clubs (excludes sessions in own time): • Community Crafters (46 sessions/30 participants/504 interactions) • Hooked (27 sessions/32 participants/248 interactions)	78	62	752
Community Crafters Projects (excludes sessions in own time): • Christmas Teddies (128 beneficiaries) • Remembrance wreaths and poppies (22 direct beneficiaries/indirect unknown) • Christmas Cosies fundraiser (1 beneficiary – ICA) • Woolly Wonderland: Yarn Bomb Festival (3,000+ beneficiaries – those who engaged) • Children's Crotchet Club (12 sessions/16 participants)	Unknown	3,167	3,167
Nothe of the Living Dead (24 sessions/75 volunteers/192 participants). Participants only counted here.	24	192	192
Environment/Nature-based Activities (excludes sessions in own time): Collaboration between ICA's Do One Thing for Portland and PYC's Campaign – Protecting and Respecting Local Wildlife and Public Spaces campaign. • Portland Creatures – Biodiversity & Environment (1 PYC session/2 volunteers/18 PYC participants) • Portland Creatures – Artwork creation (1 PYC session/1 volunteer/18 PYC participants • Portland Creatures – Asset creation (various sessions, number unknown/ICA designing assets/content categorised by age – Friends, Explorers, Investigators and Heroes + PYC supporting with content research) • Nature Day with Atlantic Academy (1 session/18 volunteers/300+ participants) • Wild Words writing competition (collaboration with PYC/ various sessions, number unknown/2 categories/2 volunteers/70 participants) • Nature & Shared Spaces workshop (collaboration with PYC/1 session/6 participants)	4	412	412

Tales & Trails: • Easter Trail (1 session/6 volunteers/129 children [excludes other family members]) • Portland History Trail (1 session/3 volunteers/20 participants) • Myths & Legends Trail (1 session/2 volunteers/35 participants) • Murder Mystery Trail (1 session/12 volunteers/120 participants) • Family Halloween 'Live Action' Treasure Trail (1 session/12 volunteers/120 participants)	5	424	424
SUB-TOTAL	**142**	**4,865**	**5,555**
COMMUNITY			
Advent Angels	24	53	53
Consultation activities delivered: • Portland Town Council – Easton Square Anti-social Behaviour (1 x digital survey + 1 x face-to-face sessions/total 56 participants) • Future Portland launch and consultation (1 x face-to-face workshop/8 volunteers/60 participants • Atlantic Academy – Senior Student Summer Event Consultation (1 x face-to-face/464 responses. PARTICPANT NUMBERS RECORDED IN YOUTH SECTION ABOVE. • Portland Town Council – Community Plan (1 x digital survey + 6 x face-to-face sessions/504 digital participants and 53 face-to-face at public sessions) • MEMO/Eden Portland (1 x digital survey + 2 x Bowers Mine visits + 4 x face-to-face public sessions/608 digital participants, 304 mine visit participants and 700 face-to-face at public sessions/8 volunteers) • ICA – Older People (1 x public session/18 volunteers/90 participants) + • Joint delivery with Dorset Coast Forum for Dorset Council – High Angle Battery Community Consultation (1 x digital survey/600 responses)	20	2,975	2,975
Community Connectors: • Referrals (various organisations – 173 participants) • Contacts (various sessions – 238 participants)	N-A	411	411
Infrastructure Support for local third sector community-based organisations (number of organisations supported)	21	21	21
Minibus hires to support other organisations and groups	47	791	791
SUB-TOTAL	**112**	**4,251**	**4,251**
GRAND-TOTAL	**5,860**	**11,421**	**30,560**

ADDITIONAL OTHER 'KEY STATS'

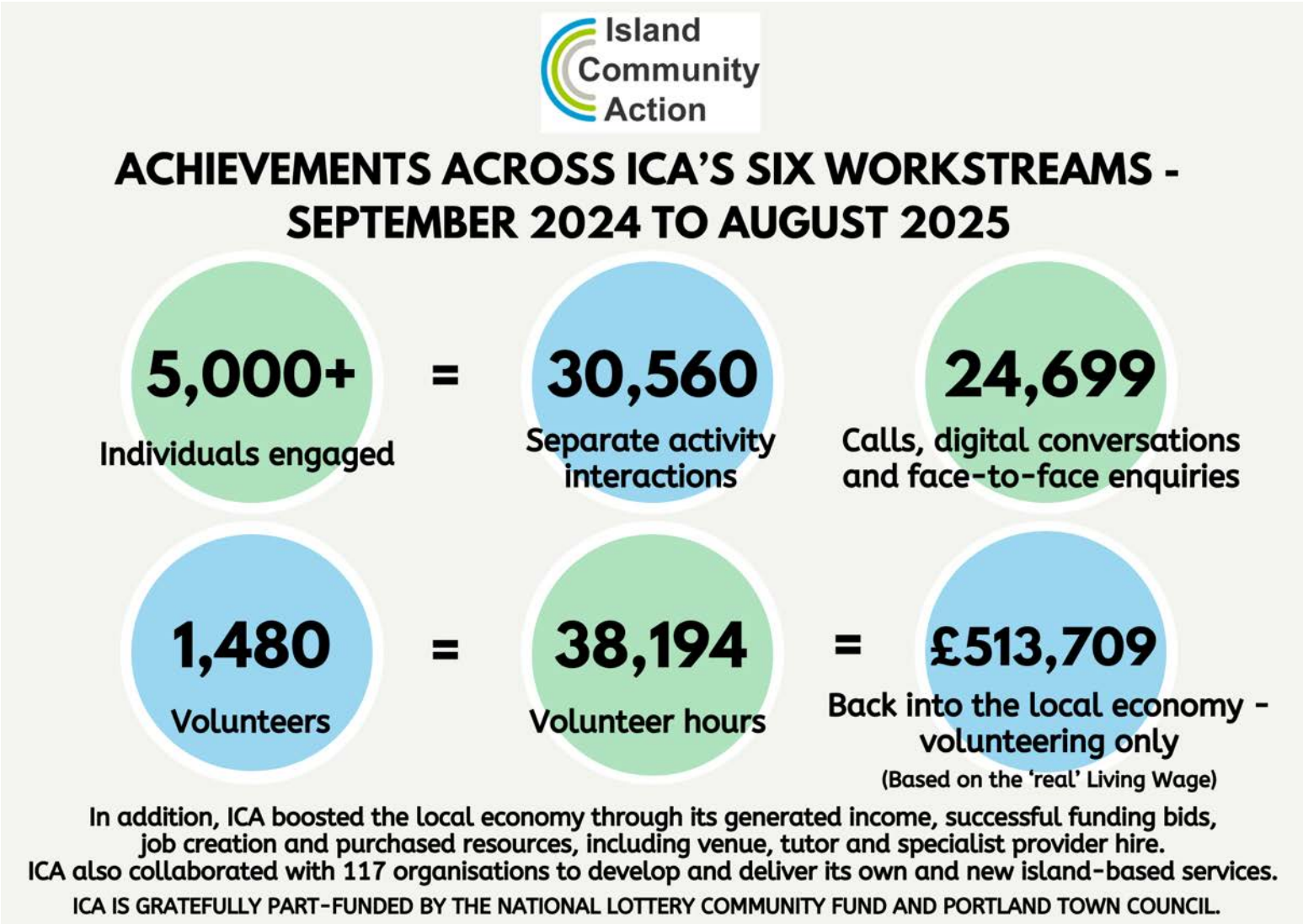
Enquiries:

- 17,968 = total ICA-related phone calls, digital conversations and face-to-face enquiries
- 6,731 = total non-ICA related phone calls, digital conversations and face-to-face enquiries

NB: We are confident these significant numbers have much to do with ICA's increasing role as a trusted information source, especially for older residents who may feel wary of other sources, have limited access to other sources or may not be digitally active or confident.

Digital…

- Facebook – Island Community Action = 2,471likes/2,983 followers
- Facebook – Island Community Action Community Crafters = 493 members



CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS –

Number of clients/participants engaged:

The total number of clients/participants engaged across ICA's active workstreams are as follows:

- Helping Hands = 894
- Children, Youth and Families = 1,411
- Culture, Heritage, Nature and The Environment = 4,865
- Community = 4,251

TOTAL = 11,421 (excludes participants engaged via Portland representation events)

NB: The numbers above do include repeats. However, we are confident that the number of separate individuals engaged exceeds 5,000.

Age and gender breakdown of ICA clients/participants (figures are approximations based on a selection of key activities).

Age:

- 20% = 5-10yrs
- 20% = 11-15yrs
- 1% = 16-24yrs
- 3% = 25-34yrs.
- 4% = 35-44yrs
- 6% = 45-54yrs
- 10% = 55-64yrs
- 18% = 65-74yrs
- 18% = 75yrs+

Gender breakdown:

- Helping Hands and Community Connectors – 71% female/29% male
- Youth – 54% female/46% male
- Culture, Heritage, Nature, Environment – 55% female/45% male.

NOTE: Except for Community Connectors (people in crisis) and DofE, we see closer to a 50/50 split for one-off ICA services, activities and events e.g. transport, Christmas meals, trips, fundraisers, etc. For our ongoing activities, e.g. Portland Youth Council, Community Crafters and many of our older people's clubs, we have a much higher percentage of women.

CLIENT / PARTICIPANT IMPACT

ICA regularly seeks feedback regarding the impact of its activities, services and support offer. This feedback enables us to measure impact and assess areas for improvement.

TABLE 2: CLIENT/PARTICIPANT IMPACT 'HELPING HANDS' FOR YEAR 4 (2024-25)

WORKSTREAM AND QUESTIONS	YES %	NO %	N/A %
HELPING HANDS (OLDER PEOPLE + THOSE IMPACTED BY DISABILITY AND / OR SERIOUS, LIFE OR TERMINAL ILLNESS)			
Has ICA's activities made you feel happier and/or more confident?	99	1	0
Have ICA's activities helped you feel less lonely and/or worried	98	2	0
Has ICA helped you socialise with others?	98	0	2
Have ICA's activities helped your mobility/health	92	1	6
Has ICA helped you feel safer?	93	4	3

TABLE 3: CLIENT/PARTICIPANT IMPACT 'COURSES and TRAINING' FOR YEAR 3 (2024-25)

WORKSTREAM AND QUESTIONS	YES %	A LITTLE %	NO %	N/A %
COURSES, TASTERS and TRAINING				
Did you enjoy this activity?	91	5	0	4
Did this activity increase your knowledge and skills	84	5	6	5
Did this activity increase your overall confidence?	81	13	6	0
Did this activity make you feel happier/more positive?	82	15	3	0
Did this activity increase your opportunities to socialise?	83	12	5	0
Did this activity make you feel healthier?	68	19	6	7
Did this activity make you more likely to get involved with other community-based activities?	96	4	1	0
Did this activity enable you to find out more about the support available locally?	90	9	1	0

VOLUNTEERS

TABLE 4: VOLUNTEER NUMBERS ACHIEVED FOR YEAR 4 (2024-25)

WORKSTREAM	NO. INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS ACHIEVED	NO. VOLUNTEER HOURS ACHIEVED
VOLUNTEER BUREAU		
Helping Hands (includes older and vulnerable)	110	19,182
Families, children and young people (includes Portland Youth Council, DofE and Maker's Market – 42 adults	42	943
Families, children and young people (includes Portland Youth Council and DofE – 45 young people)	45	1,360
Culture, Heritage, Nature and Environment (Nature Day [172 hrs.] Portland Pickers [420 hrs.], Tales & Trails [368 hrs.] and Halloween [96 hrs.]	75	1,056
Community Crafters (Remembrance [80 hrs.] Teddies [640 hrs.], Cosies [200 hrs.] and Yarn Bomb [10,000+ hrs. based on 50 plots x 200 hrs. per plot – conservative estimation])	1,564+	10,920+
Nothe of the Living Dead	75	1,000+
Events and general project/office support	53	330
ICA Board of Trustees (allowing 72 hrs. x 4 + 960 hrs. x 1)	5	1,032
ICA staff team (extra hours in addition to paid hours)	4	2,371
TOTAL	**1,973**	**38,194**

NB: Allowing 25% repeats, we're confident the number of individual volunteers lies around 1,480.

In addition, ICA delivered 12 x individuals to non-ICA volunteering roles and the Advent Angels Christmas Campaign (celebrating local formal and informal volunteers).

Age and gender breakdown of ICA volunteers (figures are approximations based on a selection of key activities).

Age:

- 0% = 5-10yrs
- 12% = 11-15yrs
- 6% = 16-24yrs
- 7% = 25-34yrs
- 10% = 35-44yrs
- 12% = 45-54yrs
- 15% = 55-64yrs
- 21% = 65-74yrs
- 17% = 75yrs+

Gender: 74% female/26% male

Total volunteer hours

This figure is an estimate because so much volunteering goes unlogged, e.g. odd errands carried out by befrienders or Good Neighbour volunteers. However, based on what we do know, we can say that volunteers gave a total of 38,194 hours during the year. This equates to £513,709 back into the local economy (based on UK Real Living Wage, £13.45 per hour).

ICA's evaluation survey showed the key reasons people decide to volunteer are that it:

- Makes them feel happy/positive
- Allows them to give back to their community
- Helps them feel connected to their community
- Extends their social networks
- Makes them feel needed and useful
- Allows them to participate in passion-based activities.

100% reported that volunteering with ICA also increased their confidence awareness around the island's wider support offer, volunteering opportunities and other activities in general. We also experience individuals transitioning from client to volunteer and back again.

WORKSTREAM PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

OLDER AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE

COMMUNITY CONNECTORS

One significant development has been the expansion of our Community Connectors initiative, which has created an invaluable opportunity for two-way referrals and knowledge sharing with a wide range of providers, including Citizen's Advice Bureau (via Energy Bus), Age UK, local Food Banks, Portland Carers, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue, Dorset NHS, Two Harbour Healthcare, Dorset Council's Adult Services and Wessex Water.

As a result of this work, we have had contact with 238 people and made 173 direct referrals. We have also improved our A to Z Directory across relevant subject areas (Carers, Finance, Food, Home Safety and Transport), enabling us to build an extensive library of information regarding local support providers.

These activities include coffee mornings, talks, partner events and two separate living aids demonstrations with the Greenwood Independent Living Centre (seven individuals and their families progressed to direct contact with the Centre).

In detail

Through our Community Connectors project, ICA has provided a wide range of information and support to some of Portland's most vulnerable residents. This has included empowering people to represent themselves or, for those less able to act for themselves, contacting relevant services directly on our client's behalf.

TABLE 5: CONTACT BY PERSON FOR YEAR 4 (2024-25)

ACTIVITIES	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Coffee morning 1	3	8	11
Chat a Latte	2	13	15
Coffee morning 2	5	15	20
Foodbank referrals	13	40	53
Get Together Club	1	11	12
Greenwood Living Aids	9	24	33
Health & Wellbeing Fair	14	18	32
Ladymead Retirement Complex	2	6	8
Masons	15	21	36
Wyke Fellowship	5	13	18
TOTAL	**69**	**169**	**238**

TABLE 6: REFERRALS BY ORGANISATION FOR YEAR 4 (2024-25)

ORGANISATION	TOTAL
Dorset Fire Service	27
Finance	23
Health	9
Food	53
Other	61
TOTAL	**173**

ACTIVITY EXAMPLE: Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service

Working with Island Community Action, and similar organisations that support their local communities, is extremely important for the DWFRS Prevention Team. We aim to provide our service to the most vulnerable members of the community to keep them safe from the risk of fire. Without partners spreading the word about Safe & Well (now Home Fire Safety following a rebrand) we would not be able to reach the people who need us the most. Island Community Action making referrals to us, and helping to spread awareness about Home Fire Safety, enables our messages to reach more people, allows us to share advice and guidance on reducing the risk of fire, and ultimately helps to keep people safe. We are pleased to work with Island Community Action and are grateful for them reaching out to enable us to create a partnership. We look forward to continuing to work together to support the residents of Portland to reduce the risk of fire in their homes.

Natalie Waters
Partnerships Officer

ICA have directly referred 27 clients to DWFRS for a Home Fire Safety check and have given out several leaflets so clients are aware of the service and book direct if needed. Here are a few comments from our clients



ACTIVITY EXAMPLE: Greenwood Centre – Living Aids Demonstration

During a visit to the Greenwood Independent Living Centre (ILC) in Dorchester, to learn more about the wide range of disability equipment and services provided by the occupational therapists it was discussed how best the service could be accessed by people living on Portland.

Organised by ICA in collaboration with ILC a practical demonstration of small living aids was advertised for a morning in March at C2000. Due to an overwhelming response an afternoon session was also needed. To ensure the sessions were accessible to all ICA laid on transport for four clients including one client in a wheelchair. In total 33 people attended.

ILC put together a 12-page document detailing pictures and descriptions of all the products demonstrated, potential suppliers and guide prices that was given to everyone attending. This covered, Eating & Drinking, Food Preparation, Washing & Dressing, Bathing & Showering, Getting in/out of bed, Transfers in/out of a car and Assistance with Communication.

Following the presentations, the ILC was approached by seven individuals and their family members for further advice and information.



ACTIVITY EXAMPLE: Health & Wellbeing Fair – Masonic Hall, Portland

Two Harbours Healthcare Ltd invited ICA to have a stand at their Health & Wellbeing Fair at the Masonic Hall in July. A friendly and informative fair designed especially for those aged 60 and over. The event provided opportunities for local residents to explore a wide range of local health, social, and voluntary services that support wellbeing, independence, and peace of mind. There was also access to free advice, blood pressure checks, and a chance to connect with others in a relaxed, welcoming setting.

ICA spoke to 32 individuals and made several direct referrals to other local service providers.





ACTIVITY EXAMPLE: Weymouth & Portland Lions Club



The Lions Club's Message in a Bottle initiative is a simple yet effective way for people to keep their basic personal and medical details readily available, enabling them to be easily located by emergency services. The bottle, which is kept in the fridge, provides peace of mind that prompt and appropriate medical assistance can be provided, and next of kin notified. The Lions Club keeps ICA supplied with bottles, which we then distribute to the community. This is carried out via coffee mornings, talks, ICA groups, and footfall in the office. We have distributed over 70 bottles this year.



The Lions Club has also been collecting and recycling glasses since 1967, and what started as a single club activity has grown to become a nationwide effort with clubs across the UK collecting millions of pairs of spectacles over the last 35 years. ICA has assisted them by acting as a collection point in the community. We've had a fantastic response. Dave Woolford, Lions Club member, is pictured collecting hundreds of pairs of glasses which will be redistributed in the UK and over 25 other countries.

Overall impact

Through these combined activities, Community Connectors has:

- **Supported independence** by helping people stay in their homes for longer. This has been achieved in three ways…
  - Focusing on prevention, by getting them into our own and partner activities before there's even a problem, so they know where to go for support.
  - Taking an early action approach when issues do arise.
  - Providing essential 'at-home' support to support our clients' needs, e.g. prescriptions, shopping, errands, and hospital transport.
- **Reduced isolation** by boosting independence, confidence and happiness, whether 'at home' or 'out of home'. For example, for those unable to leave home or with limited access to life outside of their home, we have provided home-based activities, like Community Crafters. This has enabled them to continue to participate in community life and even extend their social networks. We've also provided dog walking services so clients can keep their pets.
- **Ensured nutrition** by providing support with shopping, running lunch clubs, and other food-based activities. Also, providing referrals to non-ICA food-based activities, like foodbank referrals and external food providers.
- **Maximised income** by assisting with personal applications for Pension Credit and Attendance Allowance. Also, where required and appropriate, signposting to other relevant support providers, e.g. CAB and Age UK.
- **Raised awareness** of available support through the provision of information about local and non-local services, including statutory and non-statutory providers.
- **Championed** individuals by acting on their behalf or providing them with direct support through a wide range of health and wellbeing processes, e.g. supporting them through medical diagnosis and treatments.

YOUNG PEOPLE

PORTLAND YOUTH COUNCIL (PYC)

PYC priorities remain:

1. Improve employment, training and volunteering opportunities.
2. Promote equality and diversity
3. Protect the environment
4. Increase social opportunities and affordable activities
5. Improve Public spaces.

Achievements:

- 18 Youth Councilors (72% retention rate throughout Yr 3)
- 36 regular PYC sessions
- 409 Youth Council interactions
- 1,098+ public interactions with PYC activities.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

ICA continued to grow its Duke of Edinburgh Award, strengthening our partnership with Atlantic Academy, following Dorset Councils decision to end its role as the Licensed Organisation for youth groups and schools across the county.

The scheme is open to all 11-16 year-olds, but those from low-income/disadvantaged backgrounds were prioritised and ICA put special measures in place to ensure they could participate e.g. securing additional funding to cover participation and equipment and offering payment plans where required.

Achievements:

- 30 participants
- 32 DofE sessions
- 960 DofE participant interactions.

PORTLAND YOUTH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS

September 2024 - August 2025

Part funded

STRUCTURE

For the 2024-2025 term, Portland Youth Council (PYC) piloted a new structure. This was after two years of busy preparation and learning, during which time Island Community Action's (ICA) dedicated facilitators worked with local young people aged 11-16 to refine a programme that young people could call their own.

The new structure does more to recognise the different learning and engagement styles that young people display in order for the programme to be as inclusive and relevant as realistically possible. This has meant opening up three new roles that potential members can choose from (these are explained below) and changing the previous fortnightly meetings to weekly. Because of this new structure, we have been able to expand the programme to cater for more than the original 15-member cap.

We have found that having the investment and time of dedicated facilitators has led to greater retention rates, exceeded targets, and increased funding. Combined, these achievements have enabled the programme to achieve even more than the young people had originally committed to.

Thank you to our supporters at Portland Town Council (PTC), Dorset Council (DC) and the National Lottery Community Fund for making this possible.

Leadership Team

- Advisory board for external organisations and projects
- Decides how PYC resources are distributed
- Decides event delivery and fundraising details
- Designs and delivers a campaign and a consultation
- Can be part of the delivery team as well.



Delivery Team

- PYC Event and fundraising preparation and delivery
- Volunteers for external events
- Planning and delivering PYC trip for local young people.



Event Team

- Volunteers in stewarding and delivery of events both PYC related and for external organisations/projects.

Year 3

September - October 2024

Recruitment:

- Assembly for an estimated 200 students at Atlantic Academy
- Youth led open evening with eight participants
- Social media campaign.



24 members recruited:

- Delivery team x 6
- Leadership team x 14
- Events team x 4.





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PORTLAND YOUTH COUNCIL OPPORTUNITIES

This year there are three different ways to join Portland Youth Council, each with varying degrees of commitment, with free training in public speaking, fundraising, event planning and more also being offered.

Leadership member, aged between 11-16 (if they turn 17 during the year they can stay on)
•2 hours every other Monday 6:30-8:30pm Tophill

events too.

Delivery Member, aged between 11-16 (if they turn 17 during the year they can stay on)
•2 hours every other Monday 6:30-8:30pm Tophill
•Learn what it takes to work to a brief to plan and deliver an event or trip for other young people. Past members have helped deliver things like a free outdoor cinema day, free/discounted trip to Thorpe Park and an activities showcase 'Island Vibes'.

Event Member Open to ages 11-24
•As and when required
•Help with events on the day.

Sessions & Activities:

- Youth Council led interviews
- Team building day for Leadership and Delivery members
- Power Structures and UK Democracy training
- Running A Meeting training.











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November - December 2024



Sessions & Activities:

- Laying a wreath for Remembrance Day and helping with light duties
- Fundraising training
- Consultation training
- Feeding into Dorset Coast Forum and b-side consultation
- Christmas fundraiser strategy planning and preparation
- Portland Christmas Sparkle fundraising event - three separate affordable activities delivered
- Atlantic Academy Christmas Fair fundraising event
- Eight young people completed four sessions of the Maker's Market entrepreneur's course
- Easter fundraiser decision.















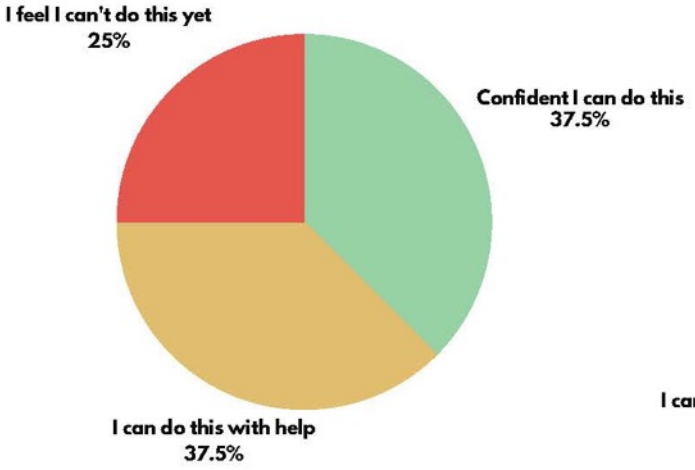


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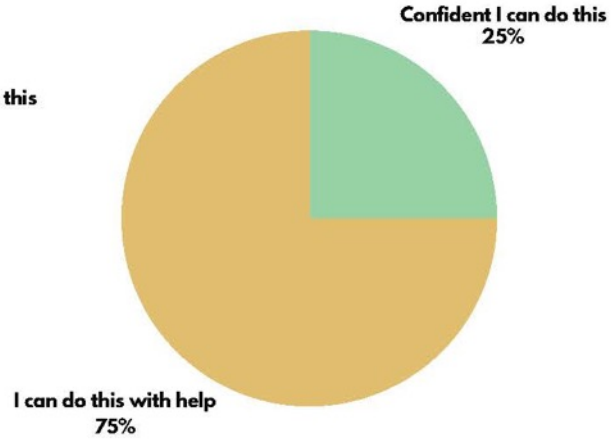
Makers Market

Confidence in writing a business plan

Before

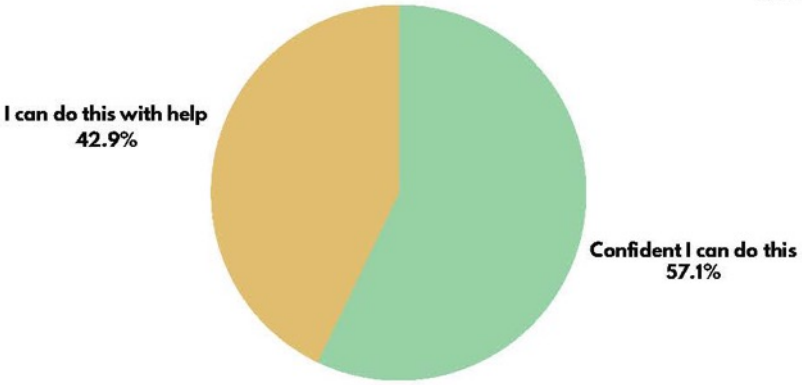


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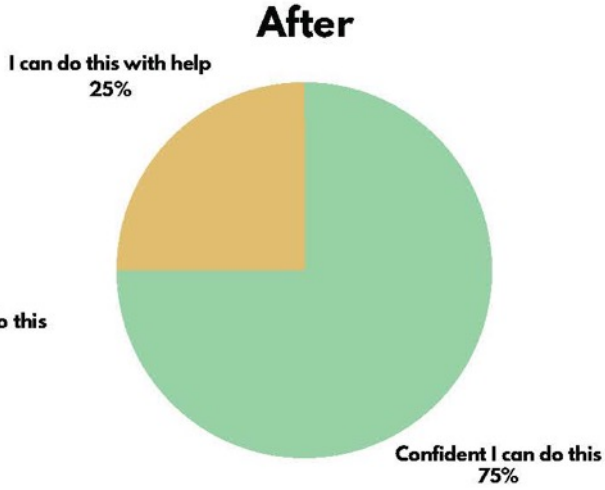


Confidence in understanding profit margin and pricing

Before

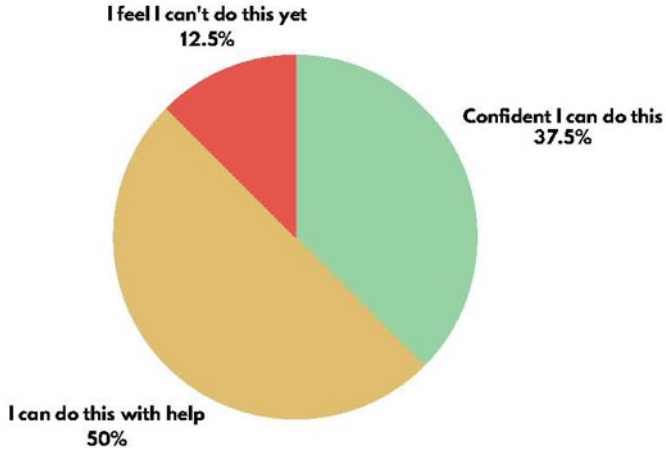


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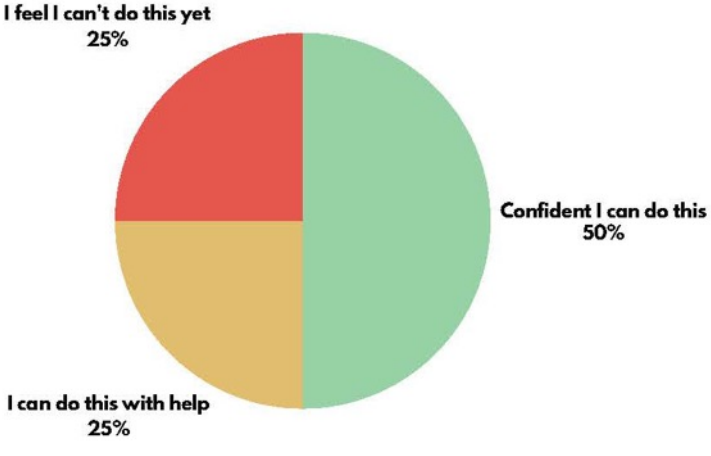


Desire to take further education routes into business (GCSE)

Before



After



January 2025



Sessions & Activities:

- Campaign decision
- Consultation event design and decisions
- Public Speaking Training
- Chinese New Year event preparation.

23 members continue







Chinese New Year event delivery:

- All students (464) in the secondary years received a red envelope with chocolate coins and a consultation kit for the forthcoming PYC summer trip
- An hour of Chinese New Year activities for 30 secondary students, planned and led by 17 of our youth councillors
- 100 spring rolls and 100 fortune cookies shared out during secondary lunch
- A sit-down Chinese meal for 87 primary and secondary students
- ICA window takeover.

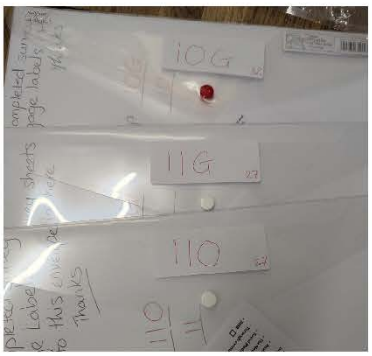










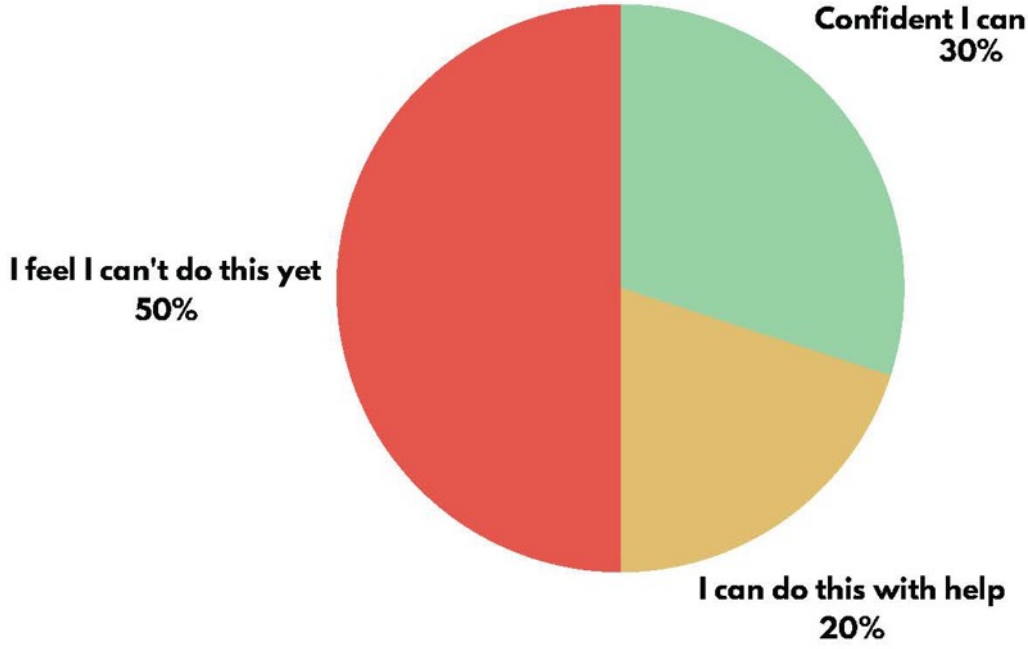


95% of young people who participated reported that they had learnt something new about Chinese New Year.

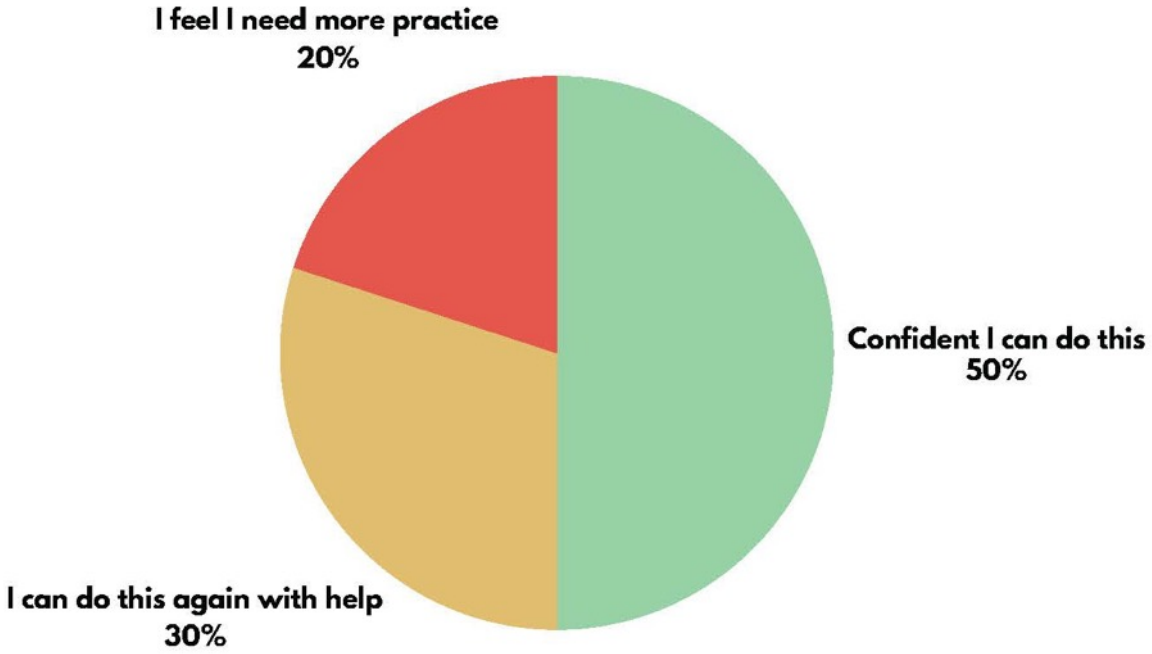
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Public Speaking Training from Casterbridge Speakers

Confidence in public speaking before training

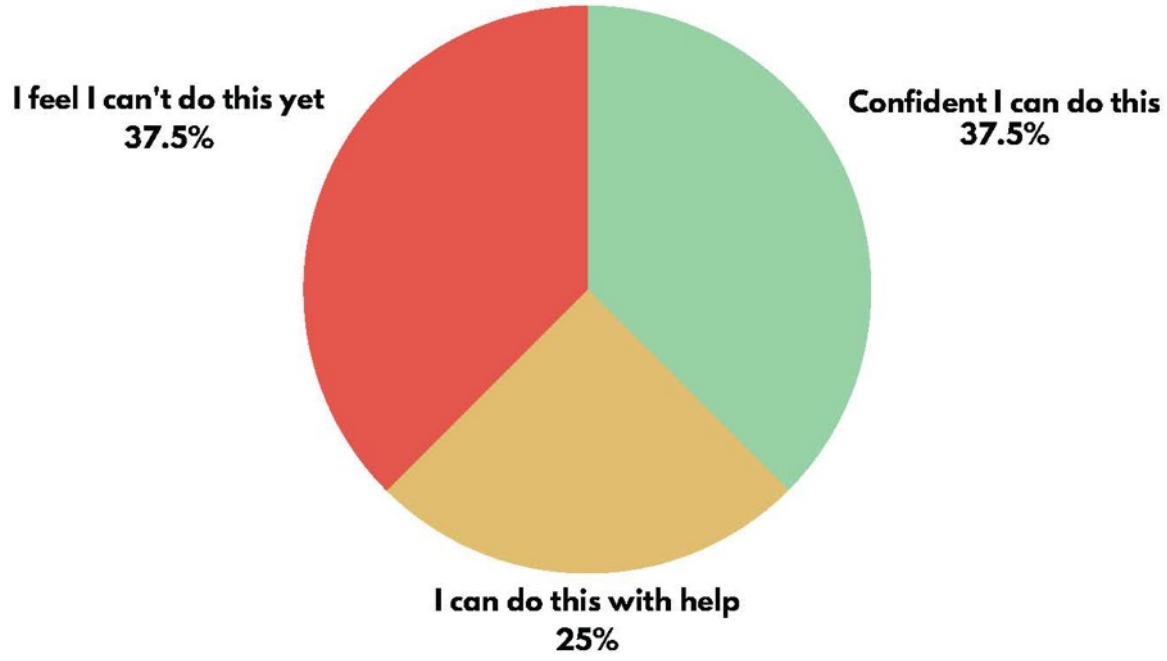


Confidence in public speaking after training

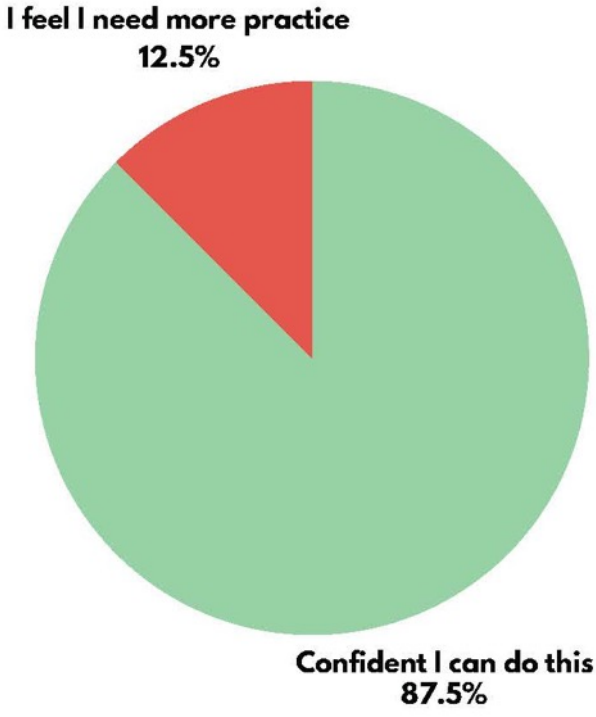


Budget and Finance training from Christians Against Poverty

Confidence in knowledge before training



Confidence in knowledge after training

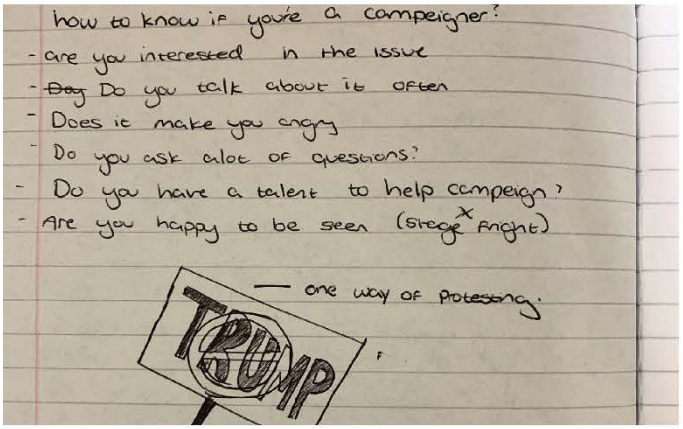


February 2025



Sessions & Activities:

- Poster & Graphic Design training
- Finance & Budget training from Christians Against Poverty
- Campaign Delivery training from Save The Children
- Designed poster for Public Speaking training
- Data input and analysis from Chinese New Year consultation
- Preparation for Protecting and Respecting Local Wildlife and Public Spaces campaign. Included democratically choosing a campaign artist (Charlie Pascoe)
- Met with the Chesil Youth Pride lead.











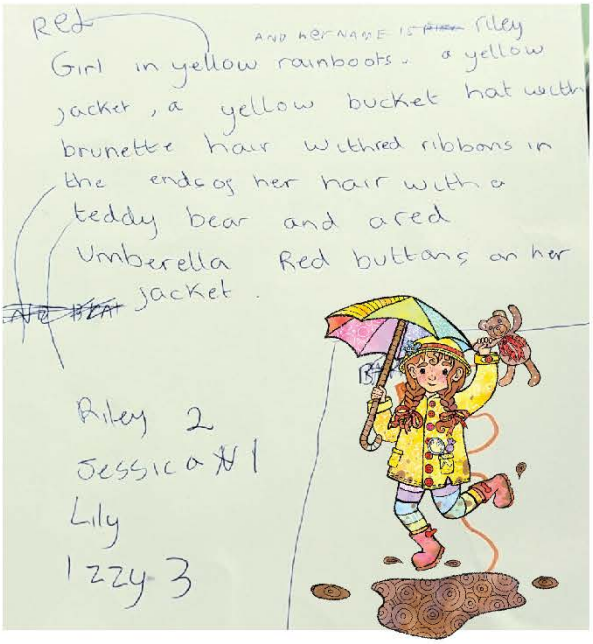






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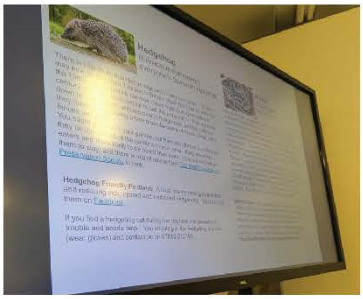
Sessions & Activities:

- Public Speaking training workshop for six non-PYC people living on Portland
- Session from biodiversity specialist Steve Christmas to inform campaign
- Submitted thoughts to Dorset Local Nature Partnership's Youth Food Conversation
- Prepared for Easter fundraiser
- Helped to direct and feed into campaign art with Charlie Pascoe
- Researched facts for campaign booklet
- Met with Rory Pilgrim to find out about a local film project around youth voice.















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April 2025

Sessions & Activities:

- Paignton Zoo trip to inform next stage of campaign. Included a conservation talk from the Zoo's Education Team
- First part of campaign launched with a nature trail for children and families. 129 children took part
- Easter fundraiser and Portland Rotary Club coffee morning
- Met with Dorset Youth Voice to discuss how Portland Youth Council members can stand to represent Portland in the county.

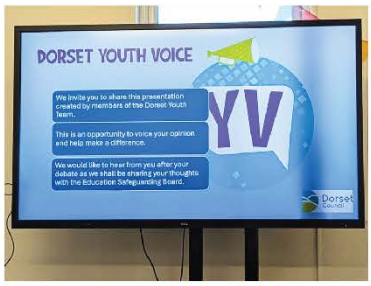






















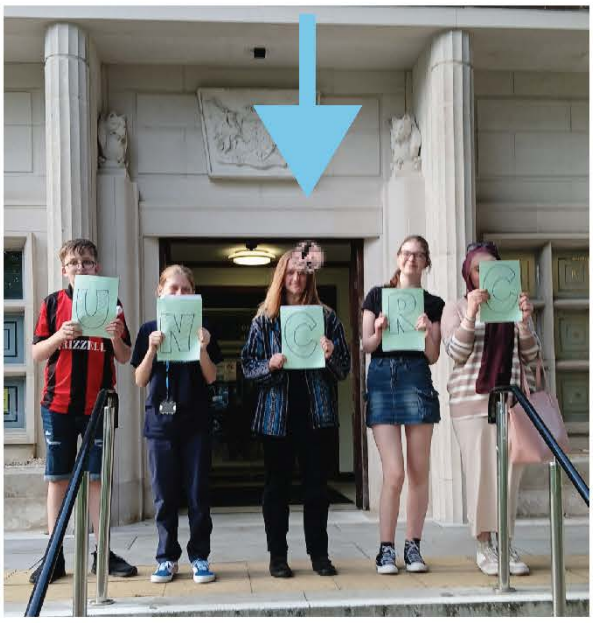
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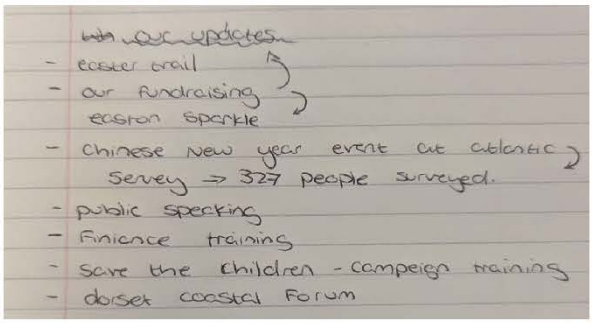
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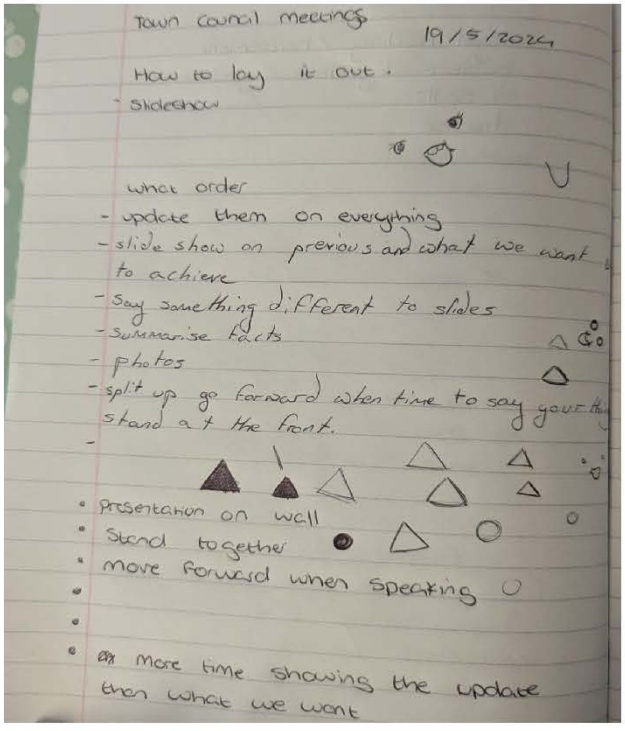
- **Wild Words writing competition launched as part of PYC's Protecting and Respecting Local Wildlife and Public Spaces campaigncampaign**
- **Claudia from Saint Nics visited to talk about an opportunity to get involved with the steering group for Portland and Weymouth Towns of Culture's Cultural Passport scheme**
- **PYC members attended County Hall, Dorchester to meet with Weymouth, Dorchester and Dorset Youth Councils and take part in discussions around children's rights and the the Dorset Local Plan (2026-2043)**
- **Preparing for Portland Town Council full meeting presentation**
- **Decisions around recruitment in September**
- **2 former PYC members interviewed and offered places for Portland Rotary's Leadership course based in Wales.**

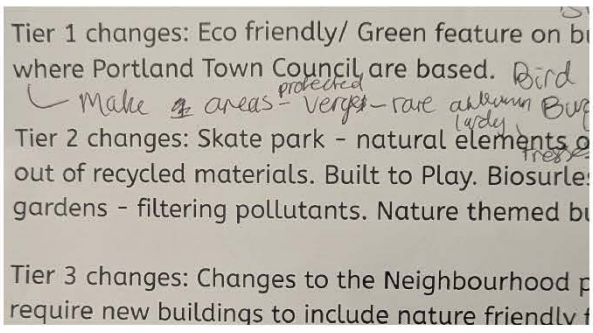
PYC member!











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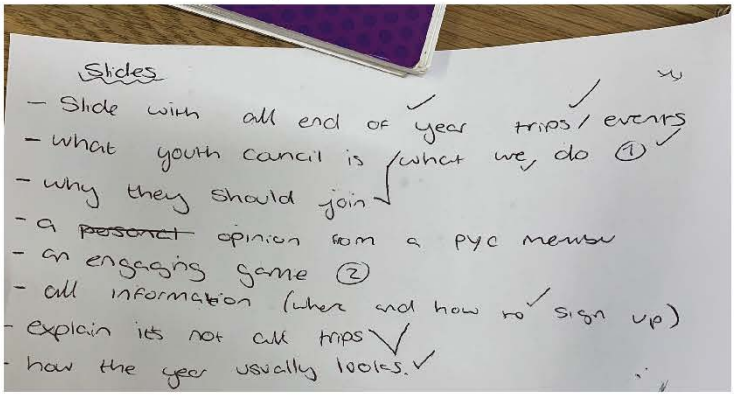






Sessions & Activities:

- **2 PYC members joined the steering group for Portland and Weymouth's Cultural Passport scheme**
- **70 applicants to Wild Words story competition**
- **Presentation and year end preparation**
- **2 members joined Dorset Youth Voice**
- **2 in house work experience placements**
- **Youth led PYC recruitment campaign activity for 2025-26 term**
- **Preparation for youth trip for 47 local young people.**
- **Wildlife Day with Atlantic Academy for 300+ primary students with an additional 18 secondary students volunteering to support its delivery.**









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Sessions & Activities:

- Presentation to Portland Town Council
- Preparation for Chessington World of Adventures Trip for 47 local young people.
- Requested Portland Town Council to consider three key campaign points:
  1. New housing developments to include bird and bee bricks
  2. Saving a patch of local 'rare' orchids
  3. Changes to the Neighbourhood plan to include wildlife preservation considerations in new developments.
- End of year celebration





















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August 2025







Sessions & Activities:

- Nature & Shared Spaces workshop with 6 young people, included walk and artist workshop to explore themes of public spaces and how we respect them
- 7 young people signed up to our Young Peoples Entrepreneur Market with 4 selling on the day
- 400+ young people engaged in creating items for ICA's Woolly Wonderland Yarn Bomb Festival
- End of a 12-week crochet club; engaging 21 young people aged 7-14 to create items for the installation.
- Woolly Wonderland Busy Bees competition attracts 79 participants
- 47 Portland young people went on a trip to Chessington World of Adventures.











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END OF YEAR REVIEW

As we come to the end of another PYC year, we can reflect on the achievements and the lessons learned during a period of continued experimentation, adaptation, and growth - values that are important in any youth work.

This year saw the launch of a new, ambitious model for the PYC - a pilot approach aimed at enhancing engagement, flexibility, and impact through the introduction of a range of new and varied roles, which allowed us to open the programme up to the biggest number of members yet.

While the intention was to improve how the PYC operated, the reality proved more complex. The new structure didn't deliver all the outcomes we had hoped for, and it highlighted areas that need further refinement, especially in terms of maintaining momentum, ensuring clarity of roles and expectations and balancing resources. However, despite its challenges, the approach and experience delivered some incredible results, along with some valuable insights into what works and what needs to evolve.

During the year, we have seen the Leadership and Delivery team settle at 12 core members and revert to meeting fortnightly after losing some members to external factors. A further six members have continued to engage in the Event Team opportunities. As a group and as individuals, these young people have shown commendable commitment and passion, continuing to turn up, contribute, and shape the work of the PYC in many varied and meaningful ways.

Going forward, we intend to focus on a core group of up to 16 Youth Council members, whilst retaining the Event Team opportunities for anyone who wishes to join the fun! This will ensure that the high-quality work Portland Youth Council is known for continues, and we are still able to offer each young person personalised support in their journey through their early teenage years.

24 members engaged:
- Leadership team x 14
- Delivery team x 6
- Events team x 4

25 members recruited:
- Leadership team x 13 (1 didn't commit after signing up)
- Delivery team x 6
- Events team x 6 (gained 2)

18 members retained:
- Leadership & Delivery team combined (full youth councillors) x 12
- Events team x 6
- Members lost x 7 (all due to external factors)

FUNDERS:
- Portland Town Council
- Dorset Council (including Children's Services and the Portland Local Alliance Group)
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Portland Rotary

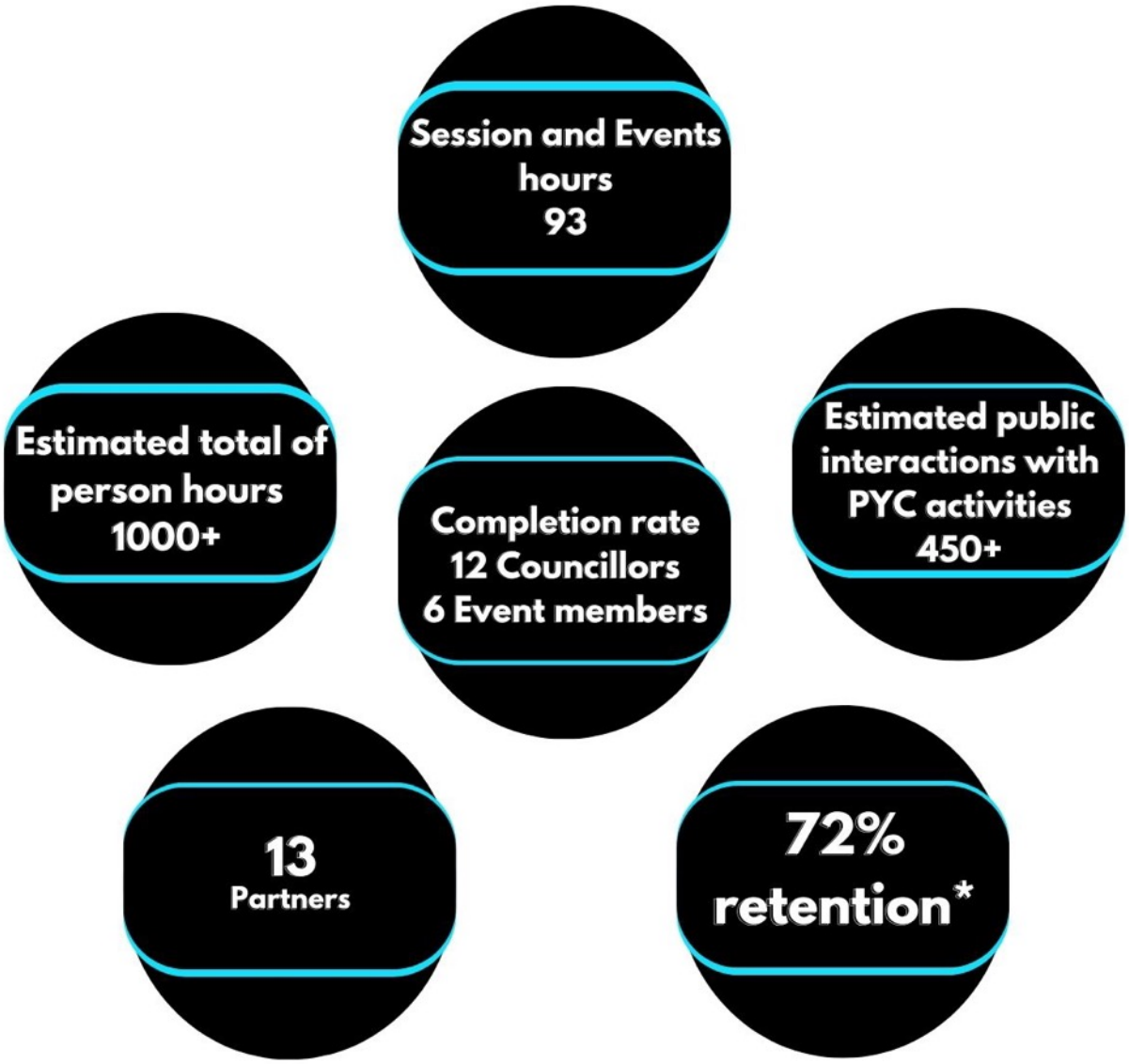
CORE PARTNERS:
- Portland Town Council
- Atlantic Academy

PROJECT & TRAINING PARTNERS:
- The Butterfly Conservation Trust
- Casterbridge Speakers
- Christians Against Poverty
- Dorset Wildlife Trust
- The Drop In
- Friends of Victoria Gardens
- Hedgehog Friendly Portland
- Isle of Portland Orchids
- The Portland Association
- Portland Rotary
- Save the Children

ADVISORY ROLE TO:
- Island Community Action (ICA)
- b-side
- Chesil Youth Pride
- Dorset Coast Forum
- Dorset Council (including the Portland Local Alliance Group)
- Dorset Youth Voice
- Local Nature Partnership
- Portland & Weymouth Towns of Culture

PORTLAND YOUTH COUNCIL
Summary of Youth Councillor Engagement

YEAR 3
September 2024-August 2025



*Within the delivery period of the project.

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YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBER EXPERIENCE

In their words...

“Being part of Portland Youth Council makes me feel accepted, happy and safe” - Connie Hawkins, Portland Youth Council member, aged 14

“Before I joined I thought I was going to get bored and now I'm excited to do it next year” - Ugochi Favour Ihuoma Azubuike, Portland Youth Council member, aged 13

“I feel good about being part this because it gives me a really good reputation” - Bella Cronin, Portland Youth Council member, aged 12

“I feel more confident and proud of myself. It feels good to know I'm taking part of something meaningful and I feel hopeful for the future generations on Portland” - Grace Hawkins, Portland Youth Council member, aged 15

Overall impact...

98% feel they have learnt a lot from the programme, including (but not limited to) the amount of support available on Portland for young people, how to make a change in their local community and new skills like public speaking and campaign delivery.

99% feel like their ideas and experiences were listened to during their youth council experience.

11% increase in confidence in championing other people's voices and a 7% increase in confidence in being able to make their own voices heard.



Duke of Edinburgh Award Portland End of Year Report 2024-2025



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Delivery Timeline

JULY
School Taster Day for 40 young people in Year 8 and 9.
8 young people from the previous year's intake volunteered to lead taster activities.
New sign-up of 28 young people.
Information session for young people and parents.

SEPTEMBER:
New volunteers recruited, inducted and trained x 3.
Volunteer planning and team-building session.
Introductory camp, hike, BBQ and litter pick with 28 young people.

OCTOBER
Funding applications submitted to DofE Resilience Fund , Tesco Bags for Help, Court Leet and Portland Rotary.

SEPTEMBER -DECEMBER
Fortnightly drop-in sessions for new participants to work on sections (Volunteering, Physical and Skills) in a dedicated space, or to share evidence and get support from leaders.

JANUARY
Introduction to DofE and team building session.
Introduction to Expedition Section requirements.



FEBRUARY
Navigation and map-reading session.
Cooking and meal planning session.

MARCH
First Aid session - Theory x 2.
Camping skills session.

APRIL
Practice hike Hardye's Monument.
First Aid session - Practical.
Route planning session for practice camp.



MAY
Practice Expedition Purbeck x 27 young people.
Assessed expedition route and meal planning session.
Assessed expedition project planning session.

JUNE
Outline of assessment criteria for expedition session.
Assessed expedition, Purbeck for 25 young people.

JULY
Project presentation to parents and 'fun' awards .
Taster Day for the new intake with 10 young volunteers helping from this year's Bronze group
Applications from 17 young people to progress with Silver Award, 10 selected, plus two recruited as Young Leaders for next year's Bronze Group.
Volunteer Recruitment Evening - x 5 new volunteers registered.

AUGUST
Award Approval and Verification x 25 Awards.
new Volunteer Registration, induction and training.

Achievements

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS:

Number of young people registered = 28
25 x Yr 9
3 x Yr 10
7 x eligible for free school meals
11 x SEN
1 x looked after/in care
1 x English is not their first language
14 x boys/14 x girls





SESSIONS:

13 x Support sessions
13 x Training sessions
3 x camps
1 x Trip/practice hike
Attendance averages = 93%

NEW REGISTRATION:

ICA has been approved as one of only two community groups in Dorset to be accepted as a DofE Licenced Organisation

PHYSICAL FITNESS:

23 of the young people have each walked 44km (27.3 miles)!
4 have each walked a distance of between 25-35km each

HOURS VOLUNTEERED:

Young people x 360hrs
Volunteers x 648hrs (includes expedition overnight hours)



Benefits

NEW / IMPROVED

LIFE SKILLS

Basic First Aid
Cooking
Communication
Commitment
Critical thinking
Decision making
Employability
Focus
Initiative
Leadership
Planning
Problem solving
Responsibility
Self awareness
Self management
Teamwork
Time management

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Aspirations
Confidence
Connections
Fitness
Friendships
Happiness
Independence
Positivity
Resilience
Self belief
Self expression
Self esteem
Sense of identity
Stamina
Strength
Personal Safety
Connected to Nature



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New Skills Learnt

Minimum 1 hr per week for either 3 or 6 months

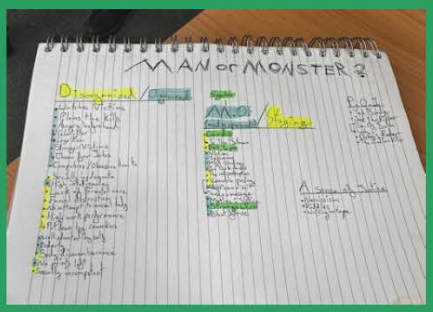


Languages
Musical instruments
Life skills
Research
Animation
Traditional crafts
Precision sports















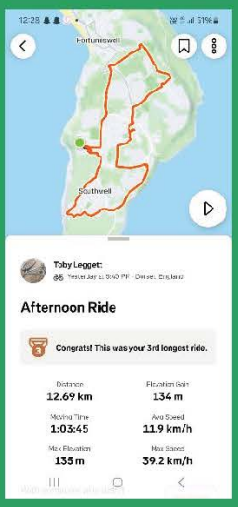




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Physical Challenge Completed
Minimum 1hr per week x 3 or 6 months









American Football
Football
Netball
Stunt Scooter
Running & Fitness
Waterpolo
JuJitsu
Mountainbiking
Sailing







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Volunteering in the Community

Minimum 1hr per week x 3 or 6 months

Portland Youth Council

Primary School Reading Buddies

Children's Sports Coaching

St John Ambulance

Zoomiverse

Librarians

Scouts











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Training, Planning and Leading an Expedition and Associated Project

Completed - 13 x 1.5hr training sessions for the expedition.

Completed - Independent planning sessions for the expedition, including agreeing routes, roles and meals/shopping.

Completed - 2 x First Aid training sessions.

Completed - 2 x supported expeditions camps and 1 x practice hike.

Successfully completed an assessed, independent expedition and camp.

Successfully planned, collected data and presented their team projects to a live audience.









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Participant's Take

"DofE has been life changing for me, it's taught me that I'm capable of much more than I believed." Suzy

"I'd definitely recommend doing it, it's a lot of work, a lot of learning, but a lot of fun" Caelen

"I was only going to volunteer for three months, but I enjoyed my placement so much I stayed for the whole year and have signed up for next year too!" Isabelle H

"I'm actually really glad that DofE had a skill section because it's forced me to learn how to use the camera I got for Christmas last year!" Seren

"I can't believe that I was picked to do the Silver Award, but I'm so glad I was. I actually can't wait to do another expedition, weirdly!" Giles

"It's questionable if I enjoyed the expedition at the time, but now I have such funny memories, and I am really proud of what I achieved." Poppy

"It was actually really good to be doing something outside using up my energy." Toby







Going Forward

From September 2025
ICA will be launching a Silver DofE Group

22 young people have enrolled for the 2024 - 2025 Bronze Award group

17 young people applied and 10 were selected for the 2025 - 2026 Silver Award Group

2 young people have been selected to complete the DofE Young Leaders Award

5 new volunteers have been recruited to help support the delivery of the Awards.

We plan to continue to grow our team so that we can accept larger numbers for the Bronze and Silver Awards in the future.

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

Community Crafters (crafting for community-based good causes) aims to reduce isolation and loneliness and strengthen community and intergenerational bonds through a range of large-scale crafting projects.

During the funded period, the Community Crafters delivered two significant projects:

Teddy Bears for Dorset County Hospital – Used by their dedicated play team on the Kingfisher Ward and at the Children's Centre, home to many children's outpatient clinics and therapies.

Over two dozen crafters have taken part from ladies in their 20s to over 80s and not only on Portland, but our community has also extended to a lady who lives in Redditch, Worcester. A total of 128 teddies in an array of colours, sizes and patterns have been received. Pictured below are some of our lovely volunteers.



Not only do the children benefit but also our crafters do too. Here are some of their comments:

"Stops me falling asleep when watching the TV"

"It keeps my mind active"

"It helps me take my mind off other things that are going on"

"Keeps my hands moving and something to do while travelling."



Nicky Turrell visited the Kingfisher Ward at Dorset County Hospital to deliver the teddy bears on behalf of ICA to the Play Team. Paul Myatt, the Lead Registered Health Play Specialist, passed on his thanks to everyone who took part on behalf of the team.

HOOKED

A dedicated crafting group for those in their 20s, 30s and 40s, set up to provide provide a safe space for those who have found it hard to meet people their own age. Since launching, members have made items to donate to a number of community projects, including creating Dorset Council's Christmas Stocking Installation, which raises awareness of children and young people in care; creating a beautiful woolly campfire for the local Beavers group, so they could learn camp songs, and helping turn Easton into a Woolly Wonderland, bringing joy to 1000s. Some members have even helped teach children the skill of crochet. They have also created gifts for those who have lost babies.



Woolly Wonderland – Yarn Bomb Festival

Organised by Island Community Action (ICA), the Woolly Wonderland Community Yarn Bomb Festival has seen around 1,500 people from across Portland, Weymouth and beyond create thousands of wool-based items to decorate Easton Gardens, Portland.

The event showcases knitted, crocheted, felted, sewn, wrapped, and tied decorations and community art pieces, including mermaids, a giant lighthouse, umbrellas, hot air balloons, hedgehogs, seascapes and tassels. The pieces will be used to brighten trees, fence panels, gates, and benches throughout the gardens and play area.

Individuals, families, and community groups from across the area have been working for months creating their pieces, from young children like Flo, aged three, who created tassels with her childminder, to those who are housebound due to age and frailty, like Joan, aged 97, knitting at home in front of her TV.

A range of local groups have also contributed, including ICA's Community Crafters, Hooked Crochet Club (for those in their 20-40s) and Memorability Club (for those with dementia and their carers), 1st Portland Scouts, St. John Ambulance Badgers, St. George's Primary School, Atlantic Academy's SEN Club, Hedgehog Friendly Portland, The Open Arms Youth Club, Salon 88, The Sanctuary's Wellbeing Group, Sewcial, Royal Manor Craft Workshops, the Woolnuts, and local Women's Institute groups.

Local crochet enthusiast Tash Moore said, *"I've really enjoyed working with the friends I've made at Hooked to create something people will enjoy looking at, especially children. This is something totally different for lots of us, as we usually make items like clothes, toys, and blankets rather than art, but I think we've all enjoyed the chance to be creative and pool our ideas to create a single piece."*

During the two months the project was live, thousands of local people and visitors came together to experience this truly intergenerational initiative. As part of the experience, ICA promoted Community Crafters and Hooked as great starting points to volunteer, contribute to the local community and improve health and wellbeing. We also promoted other local activities, including ICA's, as part of a more holistic, 'passion-based' approach to deliver preventative and early-action solutions within a community.



































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SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS MEALS

ICA's annual festive lunch for 90 older residents at The Lobster Pot, Portland Bill







A second lunch at Foylebank for a further 35 older, vulnerable residents.



12 ORGANISATIONS OF CHRISTMAS

Special treats for 12 (ended up being 13) local organisations nominated for by the community for the invaluable support they offer Portland and its residents. Each receives a hamper package donated by local residents or businesses.



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✨12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS - DAY 3✨

For 12 days leading up to Christmas, we will be highlighting a charity, organisation or community group that has been nominated by members of our community.

Handmade with Love are a group of volunteers, headed by Colleen, who knit, sew and crochet items for sale at Portland and Weymouth craft fayres and online.

Colleen started fundraising for a cancer charity back in 2019, selling items to friends and neighbours. COVID put things on hold but when restrictions were lifted Colleen and her team came back with renewed energy and created, 'Handmade with Love'.

ALL proceeds raised annually (no expenses taken) are divided between three charities - Weldmar Hospicecare, Dorset County Hospital's Fortuneswell (Cancer) Ward, and a third charity decided upon by the group.

To date, the charities that have received the final third are The Air Ambulance Service, The Three Ells Trust, Dorset Blind Association, Portland Hedgehogs and WillDoes.

This year the chosen charity is Muscular Dystrophy, as a fitting tribute to one of the groups volunteers who sadly passed away as a result of the condition.

In the seven years that the group have been running, they've managed to raise a whopping £26,000 for charity.

We are astounded by this groups generosity and drive to do good, even when they're dealing with personal hardships themselves.



CULTURE, HERITAGE, NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT

Campaign: Protecting and Respecting Local Wildlife and Public Spaces

As part of this delivery year, the PYC Leadership team identified local wildlife (and the need to protect it against threats from climate change and human activities, including the actions of local residents - young and old) as the subject for their 2025 pan-Portland campaign.

The idea being to increase levels of respect, compassion and understanding to strengthen the connections between young people and nature, growing their desire to protect Portland's natural environment and reduce the activities that threaten it, including leisure-based activities and anti-social behaviour within public spaces.

In response, ICA created a two-year rolling programme for its Nature & Environment workstream that would not only support PYC's ambitions but would also create a range of linked activities to extend the campaign's reach and impact across a wider range of residents and organisations.

To achieve this, ICA supported the Youth Council to:

- Participate in a bespoke workshop, Delivering a Campaign for Change, created and delivered by Save the Children.
- Attend a research trip to Paignton Zoo with conservation talk delivered by Paignton Zoo's Education Team. 100% PYC members reported that they had learnt something new about protecting wildlife from their trip, and 72% reported that they would request more information about qualifications and careers in wildlife and environmental protection.
- Work with local biodiversity specialist and author of Portland's Biodiversity Plan, Steve Christmas, to discover more about Portland's natural environment, including the identification and mapping of 11 vulnerable local species (+ a human child) and their habitats. 75% of PYC members reported that they had learnt something new about local wildlife from Steve Christmas' talk.
- Commission local artist, Charlie Pascoe, to co-create 12 pieces of artwork, each depicting one of the species as a character to be used to front PYC's campaign to inspire young people to respect and protect not just the species themselves but also the habitats and public spaces in which they live.

In addition, ICA worked with the Youth Council to:

- Create a range of digital resources to be used at community-based engagement activities. This included information boards, booklets and activity ideas. Youth Council members supported this phase with research and development input.
- Develop and deliver several community-based events, including…
    - Family-friendly nature-themed island walks, including an Easter half-term Nature Trail, which provided 129 children with direct opportunities to connect with and care for nature. These activities were constructed so they could be replicated at home.
    - Wild Words short story writing competition for two age groups – 11-13 and 14-16. Inspired by the 12 local species and launched as part of PYC's ongoing campaign activity. Attracted 70 entries.

- Deliver a Wildlife Day with Atlantic Academy for 300+ primary students, with an additional 18 secondary students volunteering to support its delivery. Phased activities for four different year groups included…
  - Reception and Yr 1 – Nature Friends (entry-level activities and nature stories)
  - Yr 2 and 3 – Nature Explorers (bioblitz and nature craft e.g. toad abode)
  - Yr 4 – Investigators (looking at how creatures evolve to survive their changing environments, culminating in students creating a creature for Future Portland)
  - Yr 5 and 6 – Nature Heroes (meet the wildlife experts with Q & A)

  Six species featured (with the second six featuring next year).
- Deliver a Nature & Shared Spaces Workshop with six young people. This included a walk and an artist-led creative workshop to explore themes of public spaces and how we respect them. 82% of participants reported they had learnt something new about their local natural environment, with 100% reporting that they were better informed about how they could help take care of shared public spaces.
- Deliver concept work for a public mural focused on the 12 species.

Combined, the activities successfully delivered against both ICA's and PYC's aims and priorities:

- **Employment, Training and Volunteering –** Activities raised young people's aspirations through direct contact with professionals, with whom they worked with and learnt from. The activities also created a range of volunteering opportunities.
- **Improving Public Spaces –** Activities not only sought directly to improve public spaces, they also empowered local residents, young and old, to recognise that these spaces are shared, both with wildlife and people, and that respecting and caring for these areas brings mutual benefits to both themselves and the community of others they share it with.
- **Protecting Nature and the Environment –** Activities were designed to increase local desire to priorities and protect Portland's flora, fauna and environment.
- **Championing Equality and Diversity –** Wherever possible, activities were designed to be fully accessible to local people both in terms of cost and needs access.
- **Increasing Affordable Activities (for local young people) –** Activities provided were either free or low-cost and able to be delivered in group settings or at home. Any profits made were fed straight back into other PYC projects.





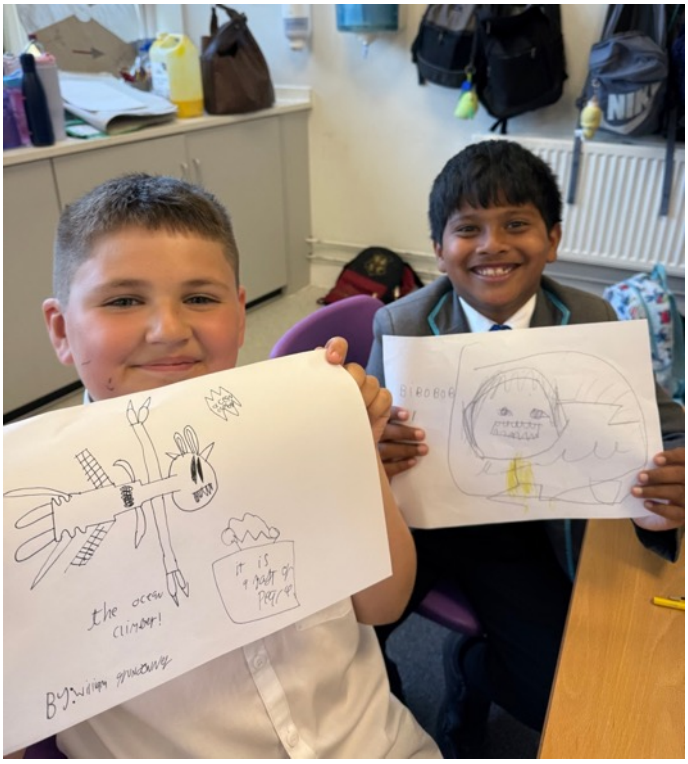


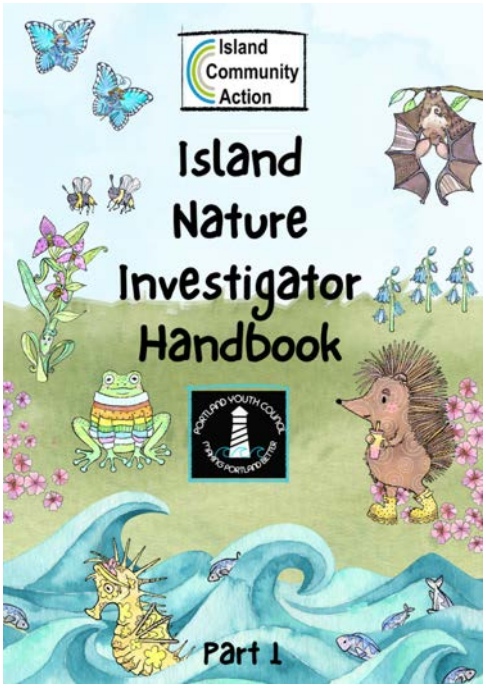







Daisy the sea Bunny + Hedgehog

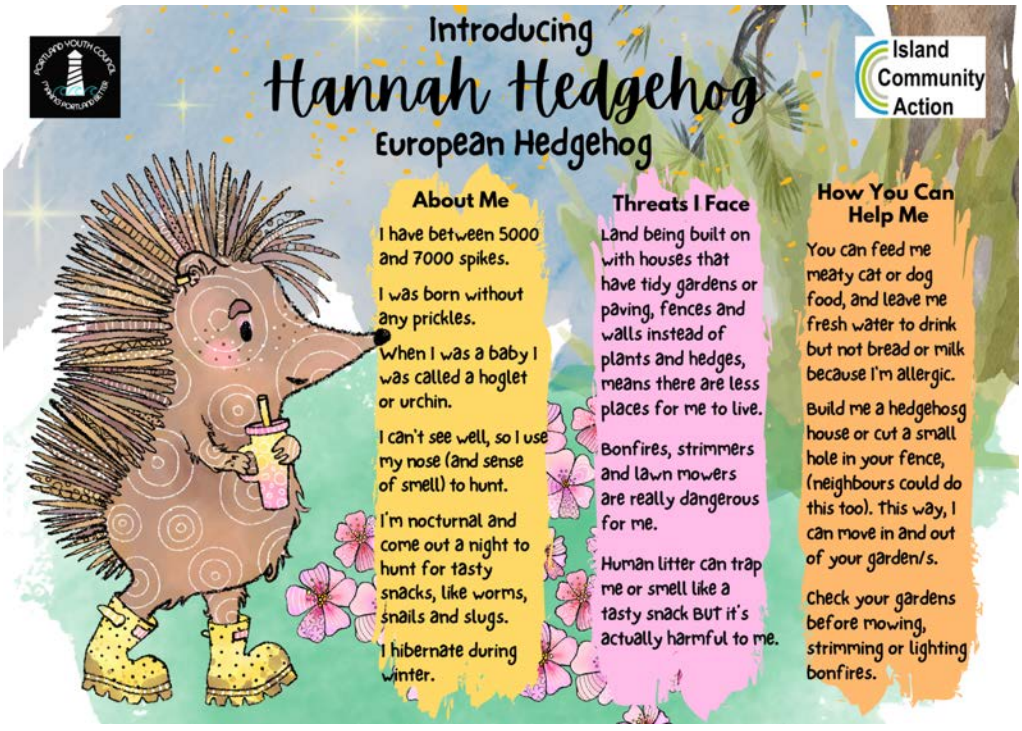

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Island Nature Investigator Handbook
Part 1


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Francis
the Common Frog


I'm an AMPHIBIAN, which means I have a spine, I'm cold-blooded (my body temperature is regulated by the enivironment e.g. the sun), I can live on land and in water and I lay eggs.
SKIN
Water and gases can pass through my skin, which means I can breathe and drink through it. Because of this, I can hibernate in a pond during winter. Awesome, right?
My skin also changes colour to blend into my surroundings, which helps me hide from predators and my prey.
METAMORPHOSIS
The name given to my life cycle - eggs > tadpoles > froglets > adult frog.
A LONG STICKY TONGUE
Makes it easier for me to catch prey, like insects, worms, slugs and snails.
BIG EYES
I pull down into my mouth to help push my food down my throat.
WEBBED FEET
Help me to swim with speed and agility.


Introducing
Hannah Hedgehog
European Hedgehog
Island Community Action
About Me
I have between 5000 and 7000 spikes.
I was born without any prickles.
When I was a baby I was called a hoglet or urchin.
I can't see well, so I use my nose (and sense of smell) to hunt.
I'm nocturnal and come out a night to hunt for tasty snacks, like worms, snails and slugs.
I hibernate during winter.
Threats I Face
Land being built on with houses that have tidy gardens or paving, fences and walls instead of plants and hedges, means there are less places for me to live.
Bonfires, strimmers and lawn mowers are really dangerous for me.
Human litter can trap me or smell like a tasty snack BUT it's actually harmful to me.
How You Can Help Me
You can feed me meaty cat or dog food, and leave me fresh water to drink but not bread or milk because I'm allergic.
Build me a hedgehosg house or cut a small hole in your fence, (neighbours could do this too). This way, I can move in and out of your garden/s.
Check your gardens before mowing, strimming or lighting bonfires.

WINNER: CATEGORY – 11 TO 13 YEAR – FIRST PRIZE: BOBBY THE BAT

In the dark when stars shine bright,
Bobby the Bat takes flight.
Flapping wings so soft and fast,
Through the trees, he's flying past.
Bobby lives where caves are deep,
Or in tall trees where he sleeps.
Nighttime's when he comes alive,
Zooming around, he loves to dive!
Bobby the Bat, so small and brave,
Searching the sky for the bugs bats crave.
But Bobby's home is under threat,
We can help, don't forget!
Bobby eats the bugs that bite,
Helping farmers sleep at night.
But people cut the forests down,
Leaving Bobby without a town.
Lights that shine so very bright
Can confuse him in the night.
Pollution and pesticides
Make it hard for Bobby's rides.
Bobby the Bat, so small and brave,
Searching the sky for the bugs bats crave.
But Bobby's home is under threat,
We can help, don't forget!
Plant more trees, keep caves safe and sound,
Turn off lights when night comes around.
Don't use sprays that hurt his food,
Help Bobby's world be bright and good!
Bobby the Bat, so small and brave,
Searching the sky for the bugs bats crave.
If we care and do our part,
We can give Bobby a happy heart!
So when you see a bat at night,
Remember Bobby in his flight.
He's a friend in the dark, you see,
Let's keep him safe for you and me.

We need to make sure we keep all of our bats and animals safe. To do that, we should stop littering, make sure our animals get treated properly and help those animals who belong in the wild to stay there. For example, lions, tigers, bears, wolves, jaguars, monkeys, deer, zebras, eagles, hawks, owls, parrots, snakes, crocodiles, lizards, alligators, frogs, toads, sharks, beetles, ants, butterflies, grasshoppers, spiders, and crabs.

WINNER: CATEGORY: 14-16 YEARS FIRST PRIZE: FREDDIE FOX IN THE FOREST



Freddie Fox trotted along the damp grass of the forest. Graceful green grass danced in the wind as the fabulous fox left his small paw prints in a long trail. Happy and hopeful, he smiled confidently, knowing nothing could ruin his day now.

It hadn't always been this way. Not long ago, he had watched the trees fall in his old forest, crushing the graceful grass and stopping its dance. Unfortunately, his home had been destroyed by the big, monstrous machines that chopped down the trees, and he had been forced to live off the beetles he found in the nearby gardens he snuck in and out of.

He had a strong hunting spirit, unlike his friend Fiona Fox, who had been given too much human food and forgotten how to hunt. His other friend, Flynn Fox, had gotten ill from eating the rubbish humans leave behind. But luckily for Freddie, children had moved all of the rubbish out of the way for him!

Freddie heard a rustle in the bushes and out hopped a big, bad bunny. Portland people often feared these tiny creatures, so Freddie decided to slowly creep up on it, using the hunter's crouch passed down through his family. He pounced, lifting his haunches and leaping. Luckily, he landed on the bunny and finished it with a swift bite.

"Just think," he thought, "Fiona Fox can't hunt anymore because of overfeeding. I hope no humans offer me food, it's too tempting. I've seen children start telling their parents off for it."

Sitting down and sighing, he started his meal and gently used his wonderful white paws to fix his luxurious light blue bow tie. He'd found a new fantastic forest with rich hunting, but he still missed his old home. Freddie looked longingly at the empty area of green where his little fox den, also called an earth, used to be, but then he decided…

New forest, new home, new life. He finished his meal before slowly standing up and gazing around the new forest and decided to build a new home.

Tales & Trails

ICA's Tails & Trails experiences aim to improve health and wellbeing, expand social networks and feelings of belonging (helping to reduce isolation and loneliness), and increase 'pride in place' – encouraging people to love, respect and care for our island.

Tails & Trails builds on our basic walks offer by offering fun, interactive activities that bring people together to explore, discover and celebrate our island (with options to continue their journey after their initial experiences are complete).

Our trails are varied in length, type and cost in order to reduce barriers to engagement and provide simple stepping-stones into exercise for all abilities and ages. Our being to provide:

- Independent exercise options for those not attracted to (or confident enough) to participate in group experiences.
- Family/group options for those who prefer social activities.
- Deeper levels of engagement for those seeking more interactive experiences that entertain, inform and challenge.
- Options for residents and visitors to the Island.

During the 2024-25 funded period, we delivered four trails.



- **Easter Nature Trail –** Interactive trail with direct opportunities to connect with and care for local flora and fauna (families)
- **Portland History Trail –** Featuring Portland's historical past, including Q&A (all ages)
- **Myths & Legends Trail –** Exploring local tales and ending in a live storytelling session (adults)
- **Murder Mystery Trail –** Based around local significant sites (youth/adults).
- **Halloween Treasure Trail –** Family-friendly live/QR code mix trail.

In total, 424 people participated.

EASTER TRAIL

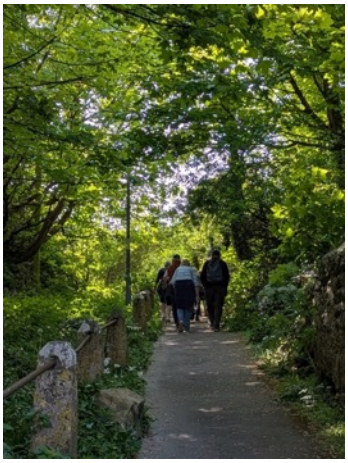






PORTLAND HISTORY TRAIL








MYTHS & LEGENDS TRAIL






MURDER MYSTERY TRAIL (ended up being indoors due to bad weather)













HALLOWEEN TREASURE TRAIL with We Are Weymouth (Weymouth BID)

This is our second year of running this family-friendly trail in Weymouth Town Centre.





See: https://youtu.be/dRf0EuDA_ak

Feedback

Easter Nature Trail

It was brilliant! Thank you to all the people that gave us such brilliant information about all the nature grounds us on the route. I'm completely obsessed with ants now!

We had such a fab time. We'll done and thank you so much to everyone involved in organising this fab event.

The trail was great, the children really enjoyed it! Thanks to all involved xx

We learned so much about Portland's local wildlife. The kids loved it. I've had to promise to set up a hedgehog house in the garden!

History Trail

Loved the walk. Have been coming to Portland for 40 years, and we visited places we have never been. It also gave us inspiration for walks of our own.

Perfect distance, interesting points. Nicely paced. Enjoyed.

Very enjoyable. I'm interested in more. Length of walk just right.

Myths & Legends Trail

Great event. The walk was very interesting, the folk tales were very good and the food and cocktails were delicious. Lovely evening all round. Thank you Island Community Action.

Really enjoyable evening. Well done to all involved.

Fascinating evening. Learned so much and met some interesting people. Thank you.

Murder Mystery

Really fun evening. Met some lovely people. A brilliantly well-organised event. Congratulations to all involved.

Thanks for organising a great event, I thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done to everyone involved x

Would never normally go to something like this, but we know ICA, so thought we'd give it a go. Glad we did. Didn't solve the crime but had a great night! Would definitely do more now.

What a fabulous night. The volunteers were amazing and played their roles brilliantly. Well done to everyone involved, and thanks ICA for putting on something so different and entertaining. More please!

Wellbeing Tasters


















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Feedback

I felt really connected to my community and managed to make a new friend.

I enjoyed the outing very much; it was delightful! I already knew some of the people on the trip, but I did get to speak to two new people at the event.

It was definitely an uplifting experience, especially as I was quite nervous about going.

Absolutely brilliant night, so well organised and had a lot of fun, met new people and enjoyed it from start to finish.

Really enjoyed this event. I had never been to a comedy club before and was a bit apprehensive about it, but I thoroughly enjoyed it. The experience allowed me to meet new and friendly people, whilst being able to switch off from the stresses of my daily life. Laughter is certainly a great healer, and the comedy club certainly brought that.

Thank you for putting this on. It helped with my mental health and wellbeing coming out of winter.

I would love to do the same trip again if possible.

I had so much fun. It gave me an opportunity to go somewhere different and meet new people. We all had a really lovely time. This is something that I would definitely do again. 10/10

Not something I would normally do, but now I can't wait to do it again.

I can't believe I managed to make a basket.

Really enjoyable Gilding workshop! Very relaxing and excellent for mindfulness, which I need to practice managing my cortisol levels. Thank you.

I found it very relaxing because it has to be done slowly, also very absorbing and focused.

Absolutely brilliant afternoon doing something I've always wanted to try. Really nice meeting new people and connecting with others in my community.

I really enjoyed this workshop. Once you relax into it, it becomes extremely and mindful like a successful meditation session. Thank you!

Very early on in the seminar, through the shared grounding exercise and shared experiences, I began to physically relax and feel well in my head and my body. Enjoyed the entire course.

I wish it were a weekly thing. I found it enlightening, and I felt normal again.

I found the whole workshop so helpful and informative. Charlotte allowed the group to share experiences, and that was very positive and immediately made me feel uplifted. I felt validated and not alone.

A stunning place. Peaceful and relaxing. Could have spent many more hours here. Definitely introduced me to a new venue that I'd previously had no idea about. Met some new people, which was great. Many thanks to the funders for making these trips more affordable and accessible.

It was one of my most memorable days out. The sculptures were beautiful, and the outing uplifting. Being in a group meant we got to share other activities people had enjoyed, which gave me ideas of other activities I might enjoy.

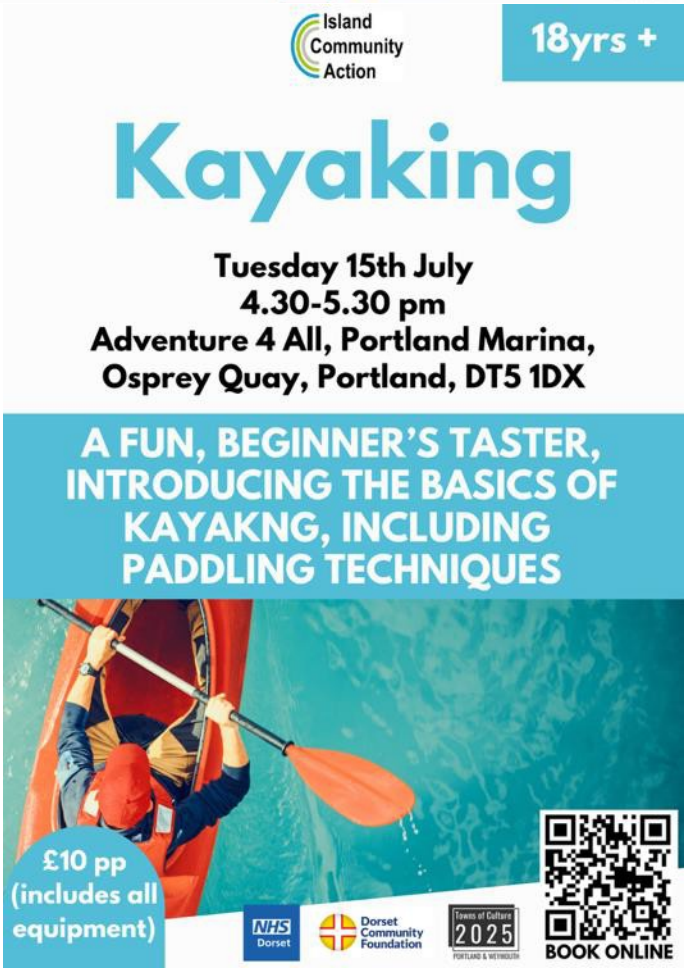
Wonderful day. Wouldn't have gone without ICA help. Many thanks.

Absolutely amazing trip to Winchester, seeing so much history. The Cathedral was absolutely stunning. Thank you for the opportunity.

Example Posters









RESEARCH, REPRESENTATION & REGENERATION

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

In addition to ICA's continual research into our island's challenges, the latest best practice models and emerging solutions, ICA has carried out the following activities to represent Portland's community:

- **Community Consultations –** ICA delivered seven consultations during the period, the three most significant being:
    - **Portland Town Council's Community Plan Consultation –** ICA delivered the consultation and analysis. A challenging activity due to the complex and dense nature of the consultation requirements.
    - **Dorset Council's High Angle Battery Consultation –** ICA co-delivered the consultation with Dorset Coast Forum. The consultation shaped the Rediscovering the High Angle Battery project. See: www.facebook.com/share/v/1F4qP4Fzsk
    - **MEMO (EDEN) Portland's Community Consultation –** This large-scale visitor attraction is currently in a significant planning stage. This is the third consultation we have delivered for the project, which has an impressive history of community engagement. It consisted of working with MEMO to create four public engagement events, two weekends of Bowers Mine visits (the location for the attraction) and an online survey.







- **Health and Wellbeing,** continued collaboration with key partners to improve Portland's health outcomes (lead – The Dorset Integrated Care Board)
- **Collaborations and Representation –** ICA's collaborative and representational work throughout the year included:
    - **Joint funding applications** with Weymouth & Portland Community Research Network (leads – ICA, Steps Youth Service, The Lantern Trust and Bournemouth University). Highly commended application but not successful.
    - **ICA staff member being invited to take on the Vice Chair role** for the Chesil Locality – Portland Local Alliance Group (LAG/lead – Dorset NHS).
    - **Ongoing consultation partner** for the Portland Family Hub (lead – DC).
    - **Dorset Towns of Culture (ToC)** – Portland and Weymouth were awarded the ToC title for 2025. The initiative consists of a collaborative network of cultural organisations from Portland & Weymouth - Activate, b-side, Island Community Action, Houseworks CIC, Saint Nics Gallery, Portland Sculpture & Quarry Trust, Nothe Fort, We Are Weymouth, Weymouth Drama Group, Dorset Food and Drink.



ToC was created by The Arts Development Company and funded by Dorset Council. ToC 2025 is also part-funded by Portland Town Council and Weymouth Town Council.

ICA have been responsible for delivering the Community workstream in collaboration with Houseworks CIC.

See: www.weymouthtowncouncil.gov.uk/news/partners-celebrate-dorset-towns-of-culture-award

Town of Culture ended with the 'Hats-Off' event, which saw hundreds of people create and wear a hat to celebrate an amazing year of creativity across Portland and Weymouth. Ahead of this celebration, people created hats at special workshops run by Houseworks CIC. ICA joined in by encouraging clients to pop on a festive bonnet in celebration of the big day.





THE FUTURE PORTLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY (CBS) – This year saw the official launch of Future Portland, along with its first project France Quarry. The latter focuses on working with the community to purchase two acres of France Quarry, a historically significant wooded area on the island that is under threat of being developed for housing.





PARTNERSHIPS and COLLABORATIONS

TABLE 7: LIST FOR YEAR 4 (2024-25) – TOTAL 117 ORGANISATIONS

	PARTNER	NATURE OF PARTNERSHIP
1	1st Portland Scouts	Support from ICA's Hooked group.
1	Activate Performing Arts	Joint projects (Towns of Culture)
1	Age UK	Referrals for Attendance Allowance, Household Support Fund, general advice and leaflets
1	Anna's Wool Shop	Community Crafter project support and cost contribution
1	Artist's Retreat (Lyn Kirland)	Minibus hire
1	The Arts Development Company	Joint funding bids and projects (Towns of Culture)
1	Atlantic Academy	Consultations, collaborative events and projects
1	b-side	Collaborative events and projects (including Future Portland and Towns of Culture) and minibus hire
1	The Butterfly Conservation Trust	Collaborative activities
1	Casterbridge Speakers	Collaborative training workshop
1	Chemists (Boots Easton)	Prescriptions
1	Chesil Youth Pride (Dorset Council, Space Youth Project, The Drop In Portland, Weymouth College, Dorset Police)	Youth consultation
1	Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Service	Advice and Youth consultation
1	Christians Against Poverty	Leaflets and budgeting workshop for PYC
1	Domiciliary care providers	Referrals
1	Dorset Blind Association	Volunteer recruitment, promotion, cross-referrals and transport
1	Dorset Citizen's Advice Bureau	Advice, information sharing and cross-referrals
1	Dorset Citizen's Advice Energy Bus	Promotion, signposting and activity support
1	Dorset Community Action	Advice, information and training
2	Dorset Council – Adult Social Care & Children's Services	Cross-referrals and project support (Community Connectors)
4	Dorset Council – Communities & Partnerships; Family Hubs, Place and Commissioning)	Joint projects, funding, advice, information sharing, input into Dorset's evolving statutory offer, Portland based project support.
1	Dorset Council – Dorset Youth Voice	Youth consultation
1	Dorset Food & Drink	Joint projects (Towns of Culture)
1	Dorset Integrated Care Partnership (Dorset NHS, Dorset Council and a range of voluntary organisations)	Joint project delivery. ICA a lead partner on the Portland Healthcare Steering Group and Portland Hospital & Healthcare Development Group
1	Dorset Mind	Advice and information sharing
1	Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service	Advice, information sharing and cross-referrals
1	Dorset Memory Box Library	Activity support
3	Dorset NHS – Hospitals (Dorset County, Westhaven and Weymouth)	Support referrals for hospital leavers

	PARTNER	NATURE OF PARTNERSHIP
1	Dorset NHS – Dorset County Hospital	Teddies for DCH Children's Ward (Community Crafters)
1	Dorset NHS – Health Visitor team	Collaborative project, information sharing and cross-referrals.
1	Dorset Wildlife Trust	Collaborative activities
1	The Drop-In Portland Youth Service	Activities, signposting, cross-referrals and minibus hire
1	Duke of Edinburgh's Award	Collaborative training and project delivery
1	Eden Portland	Consultation, collaborative events and activities
1	EPIC Games Dorset	Collaborative events
1	European Parliament	Youth consultation and workshop
1	Friends of Victoria Gardens	Volunteer management, recruitment and infrastructure support
1	Greenwood Independent Living Centre	Joint event and referrals
1	Haylands Pre-school	Minibus hire
1	Hedgehog Friendly Portland	Collaborative activities
1	Help and Care	Cross-referrals (with Social Prescribers)
1	Houseworks CIC	Joint projects (Towns of Culture)
1	Housing & Care 21 (Foylebank Court)	Lunch clubs, training kitchen
1	Island & Royal Manor of Portland Rotary	Funding, information sharing, event support, signposting and joint projects
1	Isle of Portland Orchids	Collaborative activities
1	Islanders Youth and Community Centre	Promotion, referrals and minibus hire
1	Lantern Trust	Cross-referrals and Weymouth & Portland Research Network partner
1	Local Nature Partnership	Youth Consultation
1	Macpherson House	Minibus hire
1	Muntsys	Minibus hire
1	Nothe Fort	Collaborative events (NotLD and Towns of Culture)
1	Portland Carers Group	Advice, promotion, information sharing, cross-referrals
1	Portland Churches	Information sharing, cross-referrals and minibus hire
1	Portland Community Hospital	Service support, cross-referrals
1	Portland Community Partnership (PCP)	Advice, information sharing, project support.
1	Portland Community Fridge	Information sharing
1	Portland Court Leet	Funding, and information sharing
1	Portland Foodbank	Cross-referrals
1	Portland Marina	Joint projects
1	Portland Library	Information sharing and project delivery
1	Portland Local Alliance Group (LAG)	Key partner, funding, information sharing, youth consultation and joint projects
1	Portland Stone & Quarry Trust	Joint projects (Towns of Culture)
1	Portland Town Council	Portland Project co-funder, information and resource sharing, collaborative projects and events (Portland Youth Council and Towns of Culture)

PARTNER		NATURE OF PARTNERSHIP
1	Public Health Dorset	Advice and information
1	The Punchbowl Pub	Minibus hire
1	Room 2 Reward	Promotion and project delivery
1	Royal Manor Health Centre	Cross-referrals
1	Royal Naval Association	Minibus hire
1	Save The Children	Advice and bespoke training workshop for Portland Youth Council
1	Southwell Area Living Together (S.A.L.T)	Event support, including transport
1	St George's Primary School	Woolly Wonderland Yarn Bomb participant
1	St John Ambulance Portland	Promotion, advice, and training
1	Steps Youth Service	Weymouth & Portland Research Network partner
1	St. Nics	Joint projects (Towns of Culture & Cultural Passport)
1	Sweethill Farm	DofE support
1	The Open Arms	Promotion and cross-referrals
1	The Portland Association	Future Portland
1	The Sanctuary/The Cozy Corner	Volunteer recruitment and cross-referrals
1	Two Harbours Healthcare	Information sharing and cross referrals
1	UK Parliament	Collaborative training workshop for Portland Youth Council
3	Universities (Bournemouth, Exeter and Nottingham Trent)	Information sharing, joint projects and funding bids and conference/event support.
16	Venues	Atlantic Academy, The Blues Club, Bluefish Café, C2000, The Drop In, Easton Methodist Church, Lobster Pot, Masonic Hall, Islanders Youth and Community Centre, Royal Manor Health Centre, St. George's Centre, St. Georges Primary School, St. John's Hall, Sweethill Farm, Wyke Regis Community Centre, YMCA.
1	Volunteer Centre Dorset	Advice, information sharing, DBS checks, PR and general support (including VC Connect)
1	Wakeham Women Community Group	Minibus hire.
1	Wessex Water	Promotion and signposting
1	We Are Weymouth (Weymouth Bid)	Contracted projects and Towns of Culture
1	Weymouth Drama Club	Joint projects (Towns of Culture)
1	Weymouth and Portland FC Women's Team	Minibus hire
1	Weymouth and Portland Lions Club	Project support
1	Weymouth and Portland Marine Litter Project	Signposting, promotion and collaborative events
1	Weymouth and Portland Water Polo Team	Minibus hire
1	Weymouth Town Council	Joint projects (Towns of Culture and Cultural Passport) and Youth Consultation
1	Wyke Regis Horticultural Group	Minibus hire
1	Wyke Regis/Lanehouse Medical Practice	Cross-referrals

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ADVERTISING & PR

ICA has continued to benefit from promotion across a range of media platforms, including BBC Radio Solent, Wessex FM,105 FM, the Dorset Echo, the Free Portland News, partner newsletters and social media.

Woolly Wonderland: Yarn Bomb Festival: www.portlandweymouthculture.com/videos?wix-vod-video-id=6c889647105143ab8393507d96467f53&wix-vod-comp-id=comp-mbgo3wiz


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Portland's Easton Gardens Transformed by Thousands of Woolly Creations

by Editorial Team Published 25 July 2025 at 15:40

A colourful yarn-filled takeover has come to Portland in the form of the Woolly Wonderland Community Yarn Bomb Festival. The Woolly creations have transformed Easton Gardens with giant lighthouses, pom-poms, mermaids, hedgehogs and hot air balloons – all lovingly knitted, crocheted and stitched by people aged from 3 to 97.

Organised by Island Community Action (ICA), the Woolly Wonderland Community Yarn Bomb Festival has seen around 1,500 people from across Portland, Weymouth, and beyond create thousands of wool-based items to decorate Easton Gardens in Portland.

The event showcases knitted, crocheted, felted, sewn, wrapped, and tied decorations and community art pieces, including mermaids, a giant lighthouse, umbrellas, hot air balloons, hedgehogs, seascapes and tassels.

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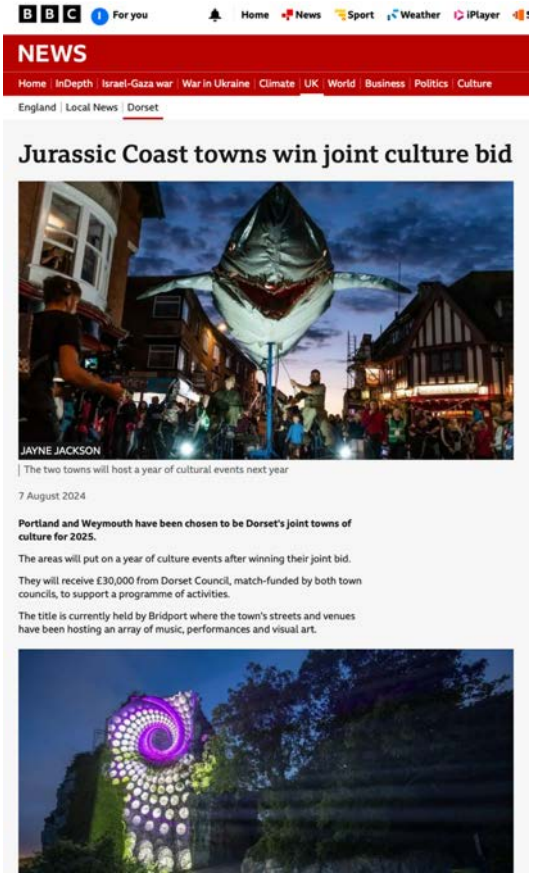
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Jurassic Coast towns win joint culture bid

JAYNE JACKSON

The two towns will host a year of cultural events next year

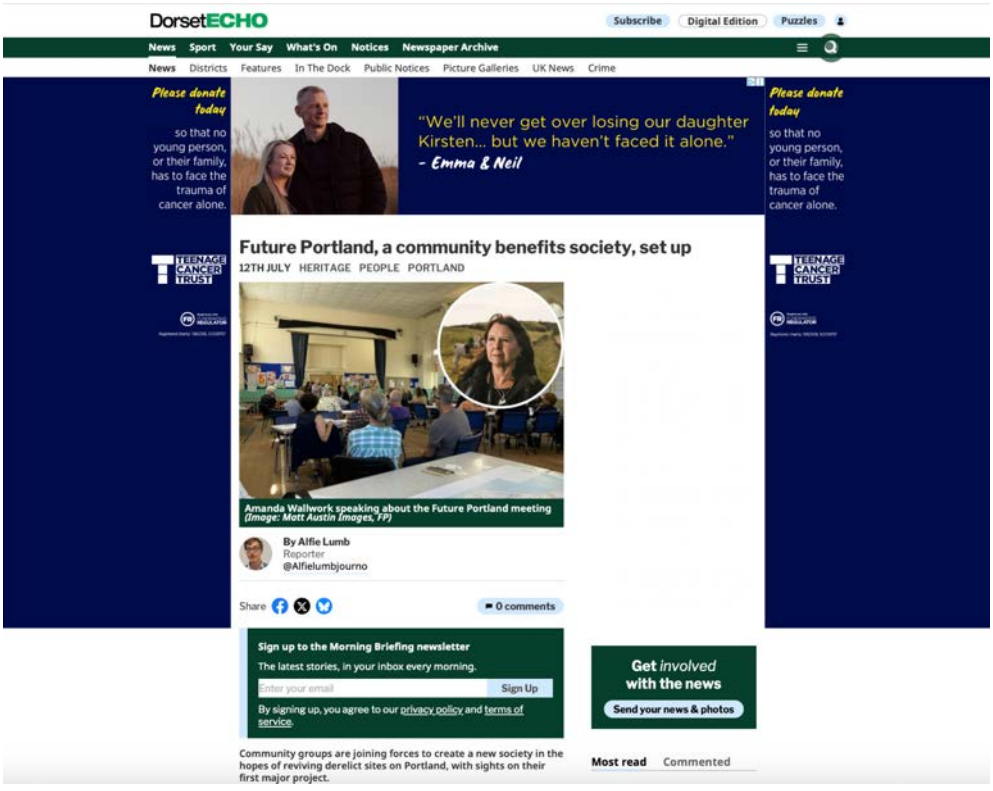
7 August 2024

Portland and Weymouth have been chosen to be Dorset's joint towns of culture for 2025.

The areas will put on a year of culture events after winning their joint bid.

They will receive £30,000 from Dorset Council, match-funded by both town councils, to support a programme of activities.

The title is currently held by Bridport where the town's streets and venues have been hosting an array of music, performances and visual art.


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TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

Future Portland, a community benefits society, set up

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Amanda Wallwork speaking about the Future Portland meeting (Image: Matt Austin Images, FP)

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Community groups are joining forces to create a new society in the hopes of reviving derelict sites on Portland, with sights on their first major project.

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Island Community Action - ICA's post



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Knitoholics
Absolutely amazing ....its absolutely beautiful xxx
11w Love Reply Hide

Island Community Action - ICA replied · 2 replies

Catherine Bennett
Incredible. Really amazing work and project. Easton gardens will never be the same again!
12w Love Reply Hide 4

Katy Pascoe Was Gingell
The best community ever!
12w Love Reply Hide 6

Lizzy McEvilly replied · 1 reply

Vicky Hope
It looks incredible I'm so proud to have been a small part of it and that all three of my girls helped to design and create a piece to help bring a smile to others. This is the best project we've ever taken part in and have enjoyed it so much
12w Love Reply Hide 6

Lynn Ette
Incredible! Beautiful ! Lots of hard work x
12w Love Reply Hide

Archie Rowell
stunning!X
11w Like Reply Hide

Janis Hill
How long is this on for please
12w Like Reply Hide

Island Community Action - ICA replied · 3 replies

Charlotte Smith
Hello!
How long will the Woolly Wonderland be in the gardens for?
11w Like Reply Hide

Island Community Action - ICA replied · 2 replies

Sophia Larsson
Oh that looks so fantastic, I didn't realise it was showing in Easton. I would have gone, such a beautiful and cheerful thing to do. Thank you to all the amazing crafters. Do you have your own website? Would you be showing your wonderful talents again? Well done all. ❤️x
11w Love Reply Hide

Island Community Action - ICA
Published by Kim Wilcocks · 26 July ·

Thank you to all that came along to the Cake Picnic today, especially those who made and donated the delicious cakes, those who helped serve and also those who set up, took down and manned the Fuzzy Buzzy Bees competition stall.

The rain certainly didn't deter you because over the last couple of days more than 1,000 of you have visited Woolly Wonderland, either as creators, volunteers and/or visitors. This is more than we could ever have imagined.

Here are a few more shots of today's activities and the stunning pieces on display.

Feel free to spread the word to others. It will be up until the 15th September.

Thanks also for the part-funding provided by NHS Dorset (via the Dorset Community Foundation) under their Mental Health & Wellbeing grant programme. Part of this contributed to our Community Crafters/Hooked activities, both of which played a significant part in delivering our Woolly Wonderland Yarn Bomb Festival.



Jawbone, Knitoholics and 137 others — 14 comments 19 shares

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All comments

Tina Lacey
It all looked amazing. So much hard work and dedication. Thank you to all involved. X
11w Like Reply Hide 3

Elaine Shepherd
Walked through this afternoon, what an incredible display, hats off to all those involved.
11w Like Reply Hide 3

Jemima Mcgrandle
Well done to all involved
11w Like Reply Hide 2

Pauline Gibbs
Fabulous display showing such hard work & talent. Well done everyone involved
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Linda Stevenson
Can't wait to visit soon with family and friends.
11w Like Reply Hide

Jennifer Dougan
Well done to you all it looks great

Jodie House
Looks amazing
11w Like Reply Hide 3

Lizzy McEvilly
It was right lush it were!
11w Like Reply Hide

Kiri Cox
All really lovely! Even in the rain!
11w Like Reply Hide

Patricia Caoimhe
Love it
11w Like Reply Hide

Paula Shiels
Amazing, well done, great talent by all x
11w Like Reply Hide

Carrie Dalby
Lorraine Bash Jackie Hambling
11w Like Reply Hide
Lorraine Bash replied · 1 reply

Viv Horne
This is truly amazing! I wish I could have come to the cake picnic!

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Wreath Making

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FUNDING

ICA covers its running costs, including the cost of its activities and services through a mix of grant funding, donations, local giving, legacy gifts and fundraising events.

GRANTS – We are hugely grateful to have received grants from the following funders for the period April 2025-March 2026:

- **The National Lottery Community Fund: Reaching Communities –** Towards The Portland Project, covering a range of new and expanded workstreams. Funding running 2021-26.
- **Portland Town Council –** Match funding contribution under a new five-year Service Level Agreement towards The Portland Project. Covers several extended and new services.
- **Dorset Council –** Towards our core costs, Helping Hands (older and vulnerable people), our cultural offers and youth projects.
- **Dorset NHS Health & Wellbeing Fund (via Dorset Community Foundation) –** Towards our health and wellbeing offer.
- **McCarthy Stone Foundation –** Towards our Christmas 2025 activities for older and vulnerable residents.
- **Postcode Community Trust –** Towards our core costs (funds raised by players of People's Postcode Lottery and awarded by Postcode Community Trust).
- **Wessex Water Community Fund (via Dorset Community Foundation) –** Towards our Community Connectors project .

NON-GRANT DONATIONS and FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES for the same period, unless otherwise stated:

- **Portland Court Leet –** Towards our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (for 2025 activity).
- **The Rotary Club of Island & Royal Manor of Portland –** Towards our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (for 2025 activity) and Helping Hands (our older people's project).
- **Portland residents** – Legacy and local donations towards our core costs.

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✨12 Days of Christmas ✨

For 12 days leading up to Christmas, we will be highlighting a charity, organisation or community group that has been nominated by members of our community.

REFLECTIONS & THE FUTURE

Unsurprisingly, this has once again been a year of challenge and achievement for Portland, its community and ICA.

Externally, the island continues to be affected by Powerfuel Portland's incinerator plans, which have so far withstood all challenges and are now the subject of a further application to expand the range of materials for incineration. We await the decision on this with concern.

At the same time, major opportunities are emerging. Dorset Council's Pathways to Prosperity initiative, including the Dorset Clean Energy Super Cluster, places Portland at the centre of plans for low-carbon growth, including hydrogen storage and both floating and fixed offshore wind. ICA has been invited into these strategic discussions, an opportunity that we welcome so that we can help ensure that any future investment brings real, tangible benefits to Portland people.

Within this changing context, ICA's own work has continued to grow. We have expanded our support for older and vulnerable residents. We have broadened our Duke of Edinburgh's Award offer to include Silver as well as Bronze, developed the Portland Youth Council, and worked with partners across Portland and Weymouth to support the delivery of the 2025 Towns of Culture programme. We also facilitated Portland Town Council's Visioning Day and played a lead role in delivering MEMO/EDEN Portland's 2025 public consultation and mine visits.

Cumulatively, 2025 saw us deliver 5,860 activities; engage 11,421 participants (participants, not individuals, which we estimate at over 5,000); generate 30,560 interactions; and deal with 17,968 ICA and 6,731 non-ICA-related phone calls, digital conversations and face-to-face enquiries. We also worked with 117 other organisations and initiatives and supported 1,973 volunteers (who gave 38,194 hours of time – worth over £513,000 to the local economy).

These numbers reflect the effort and passion of our staff and volunteers, who have worked tirelessly to meet our key aims, including: helping older and vulnerable residents stay safer and more independent at home; creating meaningful roles for young people to lead, volunteer and influence decisions; using culture, heritage and nature to increase feelings of pride and the desire to protect and champion Portland's key assets; and establishing collaborative models of working, such as Future Portland CBS and Community Connectors, that change how services and communities work together for the benefit our island and its people.

Going forward, our focus remains on prevention, early action, building local capacity, and passion-based, community-led engagement. This combination helps us improve health and wellbeing, reduce isolation, build skills and confidence, increase opportunities, strengthen informal support networks, and unlock significant added value through volunteering and partnership. Critical to state that success can only be achieved through collaboration, because no single organisation can create transformational and sustainable change in isolation.

With continued investment, we're ready to move from proving what works to scaling it. Our biggest challenge is that our five-year National Lottery funding ends in August 2026. We are working hard to secure new investment, but with shrinking opportunities, this won't be easy. So, we end this year hopeful that we can continue as a trusted, energetic and independent voice for Portland, working alongside our community for a positive and sustainable future for our island.



Kim Wilcocks, CEO – ICA

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Opening Hours **(for calls and visits – outside of these times email or message)**	
Monday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Tuesday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Wednesday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Thursday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Friday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Saturday	**CLOSED**
Sunday	**CLOSED**

Management Committee
Chair – Douglas Pigg
Secretary – Anita Busby-Wilcocks
Treasurer – Mervyn Burden
Trustee – Pauline Carlyle

Employees
CEO – Kim Wilcocks
Project Manager – Jackie Carpenter
Project Manager – Katy Pascoe
Project Coordinator – Georgina Bolt
Project Coordinator – Nicky Turrell

All ICA staff are part-time.

ICA continues to work to a code of practice and ensure its Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities policies are adhered to at all times. ICA has full public and employer's liability insurance in place. A copy of these documents + our constitution and all other policies can be viewed at the ICA office.

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025

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ALBERT GOODMAN

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Board of Trustees	Chairman	Douglas Pigg
	Treasurer	Lynda Gallie
	Secretary	Anita Busby-Wilcocks
	Trustee	Diana Bedford
Charity Number	1157978	
Charity Offices	The Easton Centre Portland DT5 1EB	
Independent Examiner	Michelle Ferris FCA Albert Goodman LLP Chartered Accountants Leanne House 6 Avon Close Weymouth Dorset DT4 9UX	

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Constitution, objects and policies
The charity was originally administered and managed by way of a Constitution which was first adopted on 23 June 1998. The original charity registered with the Charity Commission on 15 April 1999 under charity number 1075124. A new Charitable Incorporated Organisation was formed and registered with the Charity Commission on 24 July 2014. The new Charitable Incorporated Organisation took over the assets and activities of the original charity with that original charity becoming a linked charity of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The report and accounts for the year include the assets and activities for both charities. The objects of both charities are similar and are to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Portland by associating together volunteers and organisations in a common effort to advance education, protect health, relieve poverty, sickness and distress.

Committee and Management
Day to day management of the charity lies with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) reporting to the Board of Trustees, which includes a Chair and a Treasurer. The Board of Trustees holds a minimum of four face-to-face meetings in each year and other ad-hoc digital / online meetings, as required.

Investment Powers
The Constitution authorises the committee to use all money raised to further its objects and for no other purpose.

Public benefit
The charity has the public benefit in focus in all of its activities and all of those activities are directed at improving the quality of life of the residents of Portland.

Objectives, activities and achievements
Island Community Action (ICA) is a small, Dorset based charity. Since 1999, we have been supporting local communities through projects that:

- Tackle deprivation.
- Improve psychological, physical and social wellbeing.
- Reduce the impact of isolation and / or loneliness.
- Support individuals to live happier and more independent lives for longer.
- Increase life chances and quality of life through 'hands on' experiences, learning and training.
- Support those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteering roles.
- Improves community cohesion
- Inspires and facilitates collaborative working and the sharing of best practice across sectors
- Enable, support and showcase local enterprises, initiatives and activities that improve infrastructure and the environment, and contribute to regeneration and sustainable development

Under ICA's new five-year initiative, The Portland Project, 11 workstreams are being developed and delivered to achieve our objectives:

1. **HELPING HANDS –** Supporting those aged 50 years plus (in particular those impacted by poor mental, physical and / or social wellbeing, including isolation and loneliness) and also those of any age impacted by disability and / or serious, life limiting or terminal illness. Achieved through a range of over 20 activities and services, including befriending, lunch clubs and transport.

2. **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES –** Working in collaboration with other organisations, to support their work and develop other complementary activities, including a youth volunteering scheme, life and leadership skills training, consultation activities, events and a Portland Youth Council.

3. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ALL AGES) –** Currently includes:
    - **Community Connectors –** Residents, volunteers and organisations trained to identify and signpost those in potential need of support.
    - **Community Forum –** A space for local organisations to network, coordinate support, forward plan and build capacity.
    - **Community Hub –** Advice, information and signposting to local residents around non-ICA-related subjects.
    - **Events –** One-off large-scale community events, including national celebrations
    - **Infrastructure support –** Advice, information and training delivered or organised through ICA for other local community-based organisations.
    - **Volunteer Bureau –** Support for those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteer roles, from recruitment to training and DBS checks.

4. **CULTURE, HERITAGE, NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT (ALL AGES) –** Currently includes:
    - **Community Crafters –** Using creativity and crafting for local good causes, with an aim to reduce isolation and loneliness, strengthen community and intergenerational bonds, and showcase Portland's amazing artistic talents.
    - **Hooked –** A dedicated crafting group for those in their 20s, 30s and 40s.
    - **Do One Thing –** Activities and events that engage and inspire individuals to protect and enhance Portland's amazing biodiversity and environment.
    - **Nothe of the Living Dead –** An annual fundraiser between ICA, EPIC Games – Dorset and Nothe Fort. Described as a mash-up between The Walking Dead and Crystal Maze, the event sees participants attempt to solve a series of mental and physical challenges while being terrorised by a horde of hungry zombies.
    - **Halloween Treasure Trail –** Weymouth half-term activity with Weymouth BID.
    - **Tales and Trails –** Interactive walking experiences that engage participants in Portland's landscape, biodiversity and environment, culture, history and heritage.
    - **Victoria Gardens –** ICA supports the Gardens' volunteer gardening team.

5. **RESEARCH, REPRESENTATION and REGENERATION** – Currently includes:
    - **Community Consultations –** ICA provides a range of community consultation services for itself and other organisations. Past clients include Eden – Portland, Dorset Council, NHS Dorset and Portland Town Council.
    - **Collaborations and Representation –** ICA continues to work in partnership with a number of groups and networks to improve Portland's infrastructure and support offer across a number of strands, including…
        - **Older and vulnerable residents**, e.g. working with Dorset Council, NHS – Dorset, Dorset Fire & Rescue Service, etc., to ensure equality of offer for Portland's most vulnerable residents.
        - **Children and Families,** e.g. working with Dorset's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS), Chesil Locality – Portland Local Alliance Group (LAG/lead – Dorset NHS) and the Portland Family Hub (lead – DC).
        - **Environment and Biodiversity,** e.g. supporting the delivery of Portland's Biodiversity Plan (lead – Portland Town Council).
    - **Health and Wellbeing,** e.g. working to improve Portland's health outcomes (lead – The Dorset Integrated Care Board).
    - **Research and Development –** Weymouth & Portland Community Research Network (leads – ICA, Steps Youth Service, The Lantern Trust and Bournemouth University).

6. **FUTURE PORTLAND – THE FUTURE PORTLAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY (CBS)** – A collaboration between three successful and experienced island-based organisations – ICA, b-side and The Portland Association.

   We formed the CBS in response to our individual and collaborative research and consultations, which led to the realisation that we share a vision and desire to support Portland's community in having a stronger voice and more influence over what happens to and on our island.

Risk management
The Trustees have examined the major strategic operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to highlight and lessen these risks.

Reserves policy
It is the policy of the charity to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to meet approximately six months unrestricted expenditure and to assist with funding any future developments.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards relevant to smaller charities preparing their account on the receipts and payments basis.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that Year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the Trustees on …….. and signed on their behalf by:

…….. ……..
D Pigg (Trustee) **L Gallie** (Trustee)

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Island Community Action ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Michelle Ferris BSc (Hons) FCA DChA
For and on behalf of

Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants

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ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	2	147,804	5,097	152,901	130,006
Fundraising and sponsorship		1,200	4,006	5,206	3,452
Motor vehicles/Minibus		-	17,446	17,446	15,345
Contracted activitites		2,607	-	2,607	-
Clubs and Memory Café		-	21,684	21,684	19,353
Trips and tickets		-	5,210	5,210	-
Lottery		-	580	580	-
Interest		-	888	888	320
Total receipts		151,611	54,911	206,522	168,475
Payments					
Purchase of equipment		13,529	-	13,529	-
Salaries and wages	3	86,018	16,621	102,639	91,635
Pension		4,604	428	5,031	4,286
Shop Purchases and Consumables		2,017	1,709	3,726	13,912
Events tickets		-	29	29	1,175
Rent		8,143	1,452	9,595	8,944
Rates, water and electric		2,700	1,906	4,606	5,766
Insurance		792	679	1,471	1,408
Postage, stationery, printing and advertising		618	-	618	540
Photocopier Hire		-	961	961	1,282
Motor		2,640	12,053	14,693	15,170
Vehicle hire		-	500	500	1,215
Repairs and maintenance		-	286	286	80
Subscriptions and membership fees		500	960	1,460	472
Sundries		-	1,663	1,663	725
IT		1,533	-	1,533	2,480
Training, tutors and speakers		8,560	1,294	9,854	9,285
Fundraising		-	-	-	2,475
P.R. and marketing		1,117	-	1,117	1,267
Room hire		6,500	5,752	12,252	10,275
Accountancy fees		615	1,479	2,094	1,746
Consultancy fees		-	-	-	30
Capital					
Computer equipment		600	-	600	-
Refurbishment		500	-	500	
Fixtures, fittings and equipment		-	-	-	386
Total payments		140,986	47,772	188,758	174,554
Net receipts before transfers		10,625	7,139	17,764	(6,078)
Transfers between funds		(25,222)	25,222	-	-
Net movement in funds at bank and in hand for the year		(14,597)	32,361	17,764	(6,078)
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2024		90,863	11,784	102,647	108,725
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2025		**76,266**	**44,145**	**120,411**	**102,647**

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Cash at Bank	120,411	102,647
Total bank and cash balances per receipts and payments account	120,411	102,647
Other Assets and Liabilities:		
Fixed Assets		
Motor vehicles and trailer	10,466	13,081
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	6,423	7,557
	16,889	20,638
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	(3,576)	(1,614)
Net Assets	133,724	121,671

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on …..... and signed on their behalf by:

….....
D Pigg (Chairman of trustees)

….....
L Gallie (Trustee)

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of accounts
The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Committee's Report and all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Amounts in the Receipts and Payments Account are included as amounts are received and paid by the charity. The Receipts and Payments Account does not therefore include any accruals or prepayments.

Value added tax
Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs

2. Grants and Donations

	£
Restricted funds	
Dorset Council	48,546
Dorset Community Foundation	8,680
Dorset NHS	306
National Lottery	65,792
Innovate UK	647
Portland Town Council	16,429
The Court Leet of the Island and Royal Manor of Portland	1,250
Portland Rotary Club	1,327
Joan Thornton Foundation	1,000
Individual donations	3,828
	147,804
Unrestricted	
General donations	5,097
	5,097
Total	152,901

3. Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	87,347	75,648
Employers National Insurance Contributions	15,292	15,987
	102,639	91,635

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 per annum (2024: £60,000)

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated as full time equivalents, were as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	4	4

4. Restricted Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of grants and donations held on trust and to be applied for specific purposes.

	Balance 1 April 2024	Income/ receipts	Payments	Transfers from/(to) General funds	Balance 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Growing Local Project / Do One Thing	7,974	3,630	(3,637)	(7,967)	-
Portland Project	65,634	147,334	(136,702)	-	76,266
Weymouth & Portland Research Network - Forgotten Towns: Voices project	17,255	647	(647)	(17,255)	-
	90,863	151,611	(140,986)	(25,222)	76,266

Growing Local Project now renamed as Do One Thing, received funding from Dorset Council.

Portland Project received funding from Dorset Council, Dorset Community Foundation, Dorset NHS, We are Weymouth, National Lottery, Potland Rotary Club, The Court Leet of the Island and Royal Manor of Portland, Portland Town Council, Portland Rotary Club and various individuals.

Weymouth & Portland Research Network - Forgotten Towns: Voices Project received funding from UK Research and Innovation.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

I am proud to say that every year is a challenge for ICA because every year is a challenge for our community. I am proud to say that your trust in ICA continues to grow, and I'm proud to say that this trust allows ICA to reflect, advise and promote your preferred choices to the decision-makers and decision-takers who need to know. Portland has a strong community and a strong community voice; ICA plays a significant role in ensuring your voice is heard in all its variety. ICA delivers what it says on the tin – Island Community Action.

Indeed, your voice is behind everything we do, which is essential because the speed of change leaves little time to react to the ongoing crises that have profoundly affected our community. However, your feedback, gathered via our consultations, help ensure we have the insights and confidence we need ahead of time. Change-makers need and want to know what the Portland community thinks.

Every year, we hold a Public Speaking workshop (the world's number one phobia) for Portland Youth Council. In just two hours, they become 'transformers' emerging from a quiet nervous cocoon to stand up and speak loudly and coherently in front of their peers for one minute on a topic they've just been given. Now, that is what I call futureproofing Portland's voice.

At a more personal level, I am proud that ICA improves the quality of life of individual Portland residents. I was heartened to hear from a critical Portland service provider that no one needs to be lonely because we have ICA. I had to get the 'hanky' out. It's feedback like that that makes it all worthwhile.

I am also proud of our ICA volunteers. Their desire to give something back is phenomenal. The powerful word 'endorphins', often referred to as the body's natural "feel-good" chemical, play a crucial role in promoting wellbeing and fostering positive social behaviours. Released during acts of kindness, physical activity, and moments of joy, endorphins act as a natural reward system, encouraging behaviours that benefit both individuals and their communities. When people help others, whether through volunteering, offering support, or engaging in communal activities, the release of endorphins creates a sense of happiness and fulfilment and reinforces the desire to repeat such acts. This biochemical response strengthens social bonds, cultivates empathy, and fosters a sense of belonging, making endorphins essential for building compassionate and thriving communities. Endorphins power our ICA Volunteer Army, so why not come along and grab some for yourself?

Finally, I am proud of my ICA Team of Ferrets. Why Ferrets? The collective name for a group of ferrets is a business because they are always busy thinking, creating and delivering the community services you have told us you need. They are fantastic at their business!

For the ICA, this period has also been a time of opportunity amidst adversity. We've seen a notable increase in workload as we engage more deeply with large-scale initiatives to address the island's pressing challenges. Our collaborative efforts with Dorset Council, our partnerships with Portland and Weymouth Town Councils, Activate Performing Arts, b-side, Portland Sculpture & Quarry Trust, and We Are Weymouth have been remarkably fruitful.

Looking ahead, ICA will continue to enjoy supporting Portland as a place and Portland as a community. We are approaching the final year of support from the National Lottery, our key funder. With your support, we are determined to be here in two years, pumping out those endorphins and ensuring that Portland's community's voice is heard and acted upon.

Thank you for supporting and trusting ICA to be an influential voice on and off Portland.



Doug Pigg
Chair – Island Community Action (ICA)

KEY FUNDERS & SPONSORS

GRANTS

ICA gratefully received grant funding contributions from the following organisations in 2023

GRANT FUNDING

The National Lottery Community Fund: Reaching Communities – Funding contribution towards a range of new and expanded workstreams. Funding running 2021-26.

- **Portland Town Council –** Match funding contribution under a new five-year Service Level Agreement contribution for The Portland Project. Cover several extended and new services.
- **Dorset Council –** Funding contributions towards our core costs and Helping Hands (older and vulnerable people), Tails & Trails, and Year of Youth Action projects.
- **Dorset NHS's Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund (via the Dorset Community Foundation) –** Contribution towards a year of wellbeing activities.
- **Hall & Woodhouse –** Funding towards our Community Crafters project.
- **UK Research Institute (UKRI) –** Funding to cover delivery of the Weymouth & Portland Research Network's – *Voices from a Forgotten Town: Young and Vulnerable People Share Their Visions for the Future* project.

NON-GRANT DONATIONS & FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

In addition to ICA's successful grant applications, the charity was grateful to benefit from a range of local funding opportunities over the past 12 months, including

- **Portland Court Leet –** Towards Helping Hands
- **The Rotary Club of Island & Royal Manor of Portland –** Towards our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and Helping Hands (our older people's project)
- **Portland residents** – Legacy and local donations towards our core costs.

GENERATED INCOME
ICA generates income through a range of activities, including:

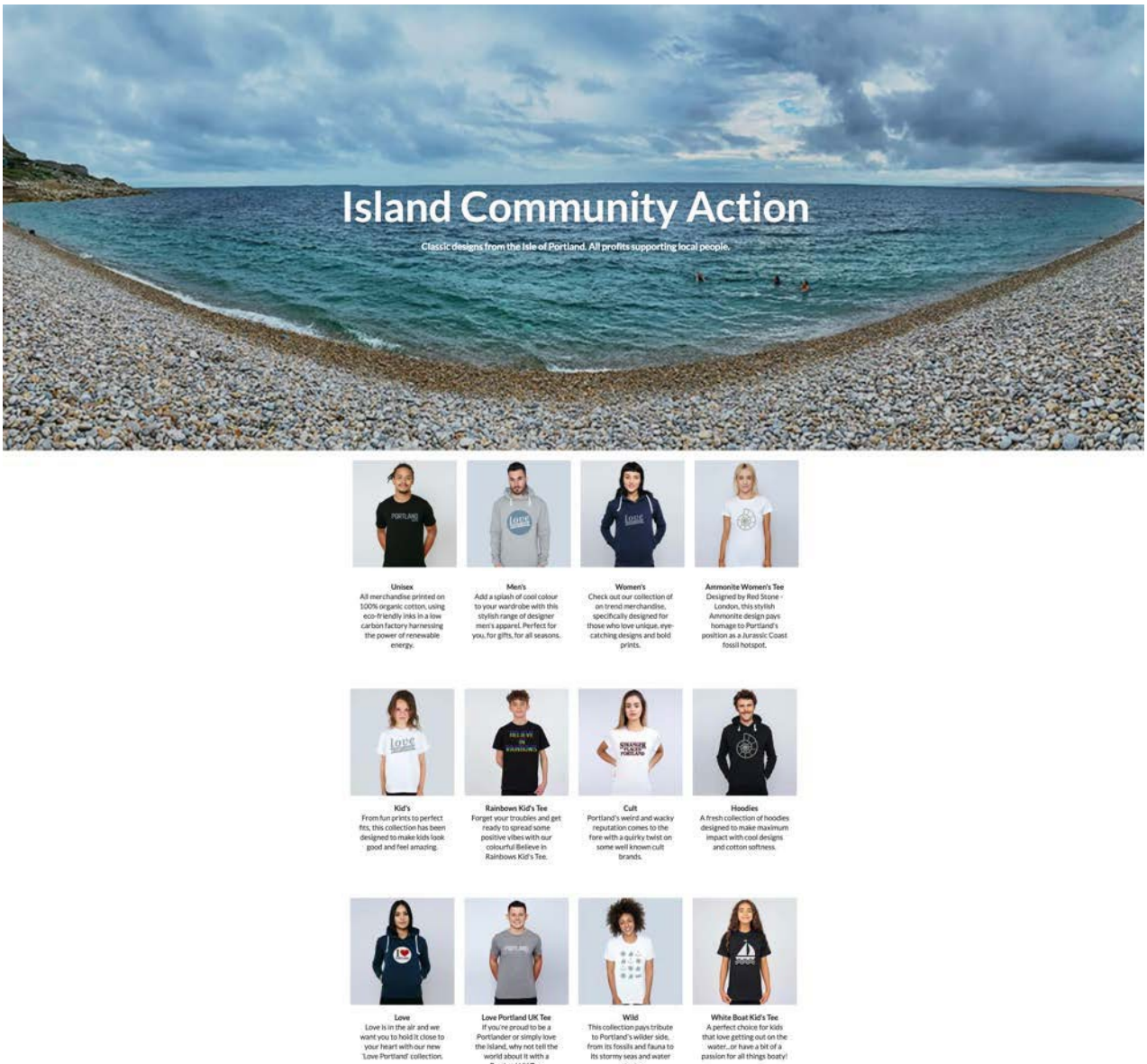
The Giving Lottery – An online alternative to ICA's original lottery at: www.givinglottery.org.uk/support/island-community-action

One-off or regular donations – Made by cash, cheque, standing order or via Local Giving at: www.localgiving.com/charity/islandcommunityaction

Legacy gifts – Made via the donor's will, these contributions range from direct donations instead of flowers at a funeral to specified sums of money, a % of an entire estate or a particular item.

Donations of prizes – From unwanted gifts to free experiences, trips and treatments.

Merchandise
ICA sells cards, lottery tickets, merchandise and more. 2020 also saw us open our Teemill website at: https://islandcommunityaction.teemill.com

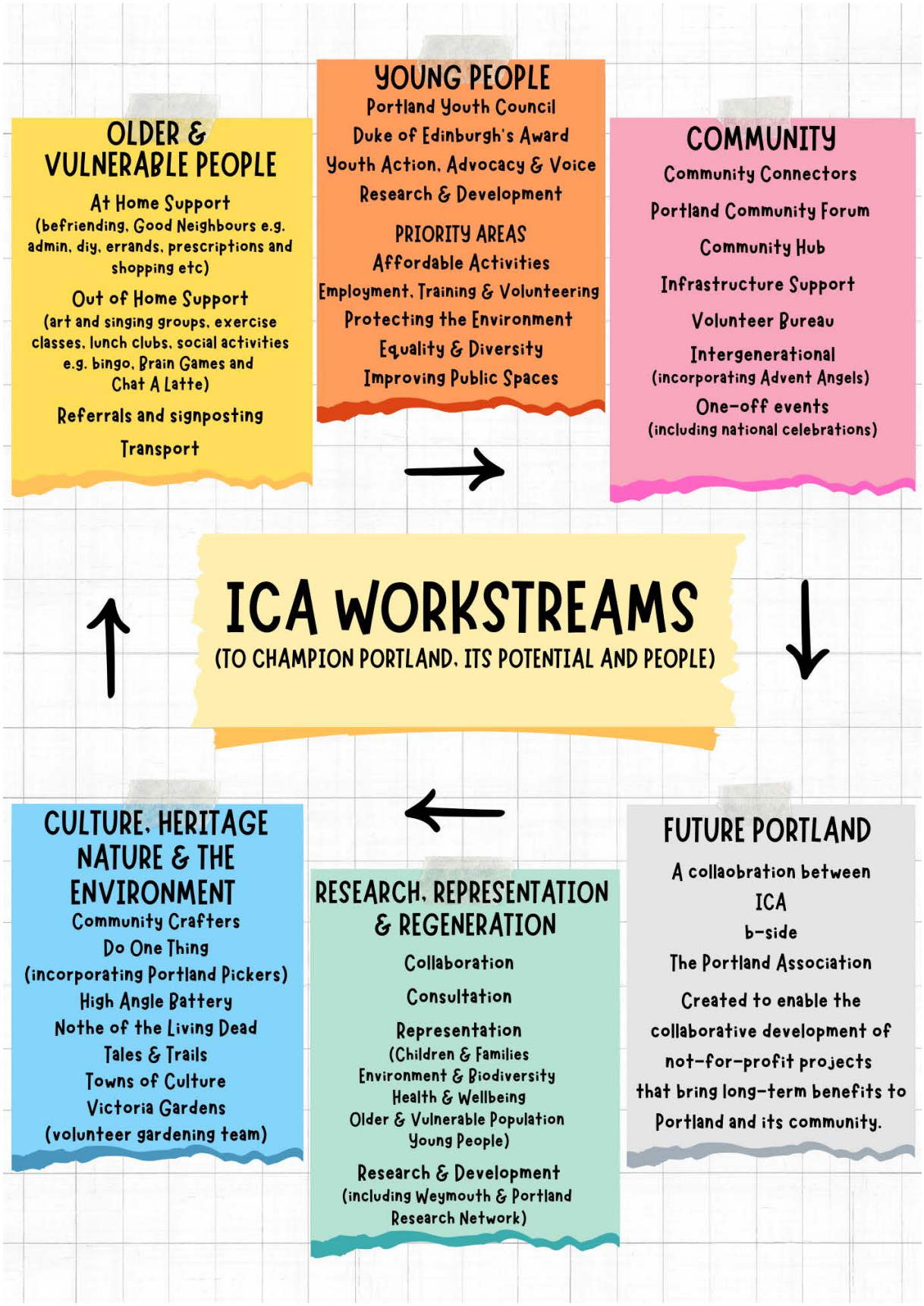


PROJECTS & SERVICES

For 2024, ICA restructured its workstreams to reflect our current workload.

All workstreams developed in response to our island's key challenges and the key needs and wants of local residents identified through ongoing consultation.

IN SUMMARY



IN DETAIL

1. **HELPING HANDS – OLDER PEOPLE + THOSE IMPACTED BY DISABILITY AND / OR SERIOUS, LIFE-LIMITING OR TERMINAL ILLNESS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED):**
    - Advice
    - Befriending (face-to-face and telephone)
    - Dog walking
    - Brain Games – conversation and games (suitable for those with mild dementia)
    - Chat A Latte: Coffee, cake and good conversation.
    - Chesil Art Group (Portland and Wyke Regis)
    - Exercise: Get Together – gentle seated
    - Exercise: Osteocise – mid-range
    - Exercise: Fit+ – advanced aerobic
    - Exercise: Yoga – mind and body (16yrs+)
    - Food: The Dining Room, Sunday Lunch Club and other foodie outings
    - Shopping: In-store @ Tesco
    - Songs R Us: Singing group featuring harmonies and a wide range of songs.
    - Special events (e.g. Senior's Christmas lunch and Christmas hampers)
    - Social: Bingo (cash and prize)
    - Social: Coffee mornings
    - Transport: Medical and essential appointments
    - Transport: Other (e.g. social outings, visiting relatives in care homes etc.)
    - Good Neighbour Scheme (small tasks and errands e.g. admin, DIY, prescriptions, shopping etc.)

2. **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES –** ICA is working in collaboration to develop and deliver a range of youth-focused services and activities. These include a youth volunteering scheme, life and leadership skills training, consultation activities, and large-scale events. ICA also manages the Portland Youth Council and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (DofE).

   ICA's ambition is to work both independently and in partnership to help strengthen Portland's 'youth voice,' ensuring young people are not only part of the local decision-making process but are also empowered to proactively lead and contribute to the development and delivery of collaborative solutions (built on robust and meaningful peer-led research and consultation) that not only respond to their key challenges and priorities but also build confidence, skills, and aspirations, leading to reduced incidences of marginalisation and improved long-term prospects and opportunities.

   Current identified youth priorities include more affordable activities; employment, training and volunteering; protecting the environment; equality and diversity and improving public spaces.

3. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ALL AGES) –** Currently includes:
    - **Community Connectors –** Residents, volunteers and organisations trained to identify and signpost those in potential need of support.
    - **Community Forum –** A space for local organisations to network, coordinate support, forward plan and build capacity.
    - **Community Hub –** Advice, information and signposting to local residents around non-ICA-related subjects.
    - **Events –** One-off large-scale community events, including national celebrations
    - **Infrastructure support –** Advice, information and training delivered or organised through ICA for other local community-based organisations.
    - **Volunteer Bureau –** Support for those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteer roles, from recruitment to training and DBS checks.

4. **CULTURE, HERITAGE, NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT (ALL AGES) –** Currently includes:
    - **Community Crafters –** Using creativity and crafting for local good causes, with an aim to reduce isolation and loneliness, strengthen community and intergenerational bonds, and showcase Portland's amazing artistic talents.
    - **Do One Thing –** Activities and events that engage and inspire individuals to protect and enhance Portland's amazing biodiversity and environment.
    - **High Angle Battery –** Supporting Dorset and Portland Town Councils with all volunteer activities related to the HAB Improvements Project and its ongoing offer, to include the formation of a Friends of High Angle Battery group.
    - **Nothe of the Living Dead –** An annual fundraiser between ICA, EPIC Games – Dorset and Nothe Fort. Described as a mash-up between The Walking Dead and Crystal Maze, the event sees participants attempt to solve a series of mental and physical challenges while being terrorised by a horde of hungry zombies.
    - **Tales and Trails –** Interactive walking experiences that engage participants in Portland's landscape, biodiversity and environment, culture, history and heritage.
    - **Victoria Gardens –** ICA supports the Gardens' volunteer gardening team.

5. **RESEARCH, REPRESENTATION and REGENERATION** – Currently includes:
    - **Community Consultations –** ICA provides a range of community consultation services for itself and other organisations. Past clients include Eden – Portland, Dorset Council, NHS Dorset and Portland Town Council

    - **Collaborations and Representation –** ICA continues to work in partnership with a number of groups and networks to improve Portland's infrastructure and support offer across a number of strands, including…
        - **Children and Families** e.g. working with Dorset's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS), Chesil Locality – Portland Local Alliance Group (lead – Dorset NHS) and the Portland Family Hub (lead – DC).
        - **Environment and Biodiversity** e.g. supporting the delivery of Portland's Biodiversity Plan (lead – Portland Town Council).
        - **Health and Wellbeing** e.g. Portland Healthcare Steering Group (lead – Dorset's Integrated Care System) and Developing an Integrated Care Model for W&P (lead – NHS).
        - **Research and Development –** Weymouth & Portland Community Research Network – non-clinical (leads – ICA, Steps Youth Service, The Lantern Trust and Bournemouth University).

6. **FUTURE PORTLAND** – Originally delivered as a collaborative project between ICA, b-side and The Portland Association to inspire and empower residents to protect and enhance their local environment, biodiversity, and significant landmarks, Future Portland's founding members have since gone on to form the Future Portland Community Benefits Society (CBS).

    Our organisations came together after local consultations revealed a strong desire for increased community-based innovation and vision for our island. Through the Future Portland CBS, we want to help address this ask by providing more support for the community development projects that our community deems important. The first initiative to be developed is The Pulpit Project.

ACHIEVEMENTS

TABLE 1: CLIENT / PARTICIPATION NUMBERS ACHIEVED FOR 2024

WORKSTREAM	NO. OF COURSES OR ACTIVITY SESSIONS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS ENGAGING IN ACTIVITY	TOTAL INTERACTIONS (CALCULATION VARIES DEPENDING ON ACTIVITY)
	YEAR 3 ACHIEVED	YEAR 3 ACHIEVED	YEAR 3 ACHIEVED
HELPING HANDS (OLDER PEOPLE + THOSE IMPACTED BY CHRONIC/SERIOUS ILLNESS OR DISABILITY)			
Befriending (face-to-face and telephone sessions with befrienders)	N-A	N-A	1,170
Club activities (art, exercise, games)	N-A	N-A	3,417
Chat A Latte (coffee, conversation and informal speakers)	N-A	N-A	375
Food based activities (e.g. lunch clubs and foodie outings)	N-A	N-A	809
Good Neighbours errands (Includes basic DIY, prescription collections and deliveries, shopping and other small errands)	N-A	N-A	1,012
Purely social activities (non-food celebration and bingo)	N-A	N-A	3,165
Transport (essential appointments and activities)	N-A	N-A	2,890
Transport (in-store shopping)	N-A	N-A	292
Telephone catch-ups (by ICA office staff and volunteers – based on a minimum ten calls per day x 5 days weekly x 48 weeks)	N-A	N-A	2,400
SUB-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED		**835**	**15,530**
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES			
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme	71	10	710
Portland Youth Council (PYC) – Intro sessions (delivered to 11-16 year olds via education / youth based groups)	1	13	403
Portland Youth Council – Council sessions	31	13	375
PYC – Events/campaigns: Remembrance Day (200+ attendees), Christmas Sparkle (500+), Incinerator Public Day (150+), Equalities Day (500+), Easter Hunt (500+), Pirate Day (200+) and Island Vibes (300+)	7	2,350+	2,350+
PYC – Collaborations: Atlantic Academy, b-side, CAHMS, Casterbridge Speakers, Chesil Youth Pride, Court Leet, DofE, The Drop In, Future Portland, King Ramps, Portland Rotary, Portland Town Council, Save the Children, UK Parliament,	14	10	140
PYC – Training: Team Building, Running a Meeting, Public Speaking, European Democracy, UK Parliament, Campaign Delivery, Event Planning, PR & Marketing	8	13	130
SUB-TOTAL	**132**	**2,409**	**4,108**

WORKSTREAM	NO. OF COURSES OR ACTIVITY SESSIONS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS ENGAGING IN ACTIVITY	TOTAL INTERACTIONS (CALCULATION VARIES DEPENDING ON ACTIVITY)
	YEAR 3 ACHIEVED	YEAR 3 ACHIEVED	YEAR 3 ACHIEVED
CULTURE, HERITAGE, NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT			
Community Crafters: • Octopai (53 volunteers / 197 items) • Christmas Cosies (36 volunteers / 152 items) • Winter Warmers (25 volunteers / 94 blankets, scarfs and hats) • Easter Treasure Hunt (61 volunteers / 500 participants / 1,336 items) Woolly Waters (54 volunteers / 382 items)	5	229	1,170
Community Crafters/Spin A Yarn sessions	16	17	214
Nothe of the Living Dead (75 volunteers / 192 participants)	1	192	192
Specialist Activities/Courses • Wreath making (2 volunteers/19 participants) • Crochet one-to-one lessons x 2 (8 volunteers/11 adult participants + 43 children) • Growing Group – Portland Youth Council (2 volunteers/5 participants) • Kitesurfing – Youth (5 participants) • Maker's Market – Youth (12 participants) • Orchid workshop (2 volunteers/6 participants) • Local history walks x 3 (3 volunteers/97 participants)	10	198	890
Environment Activities: Large-scale activities with Atlantic Academy (x 2 – BioBlitz and Do One Thing event – same students attended both events	2	292	292
Environment Activities: Portland Pickers (9 people doing weekly picks / joint litter pick with St George's YR 5 class / beach litter pick with W&P Marine Litter Project / practice DofE walk and litter pick / Island Vibes Youth Event)	436	63	436
SUB-TOTAL	**470**	**991**	**3,194**

WORKSTREAM	NO. OF COURSES OR ACTIVITY SESSIONS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS ENGAGING IN ACTIVITY	TOTAL INTERACTIONS (CALCULATION VARIES DEPENDING ON ACTIVITY)
	YEAR 3 ACHIEVED	YEAR 3 ACHIEVED	YEAR 3 ACHIEVED
COMMUNITY			
Advent Angels	24	24	24
Consultation events: • Portland Healthcare & Wellbeing (various/in-depth face-to-face/minimum 104 respondents) • Portland Family Hub (various/digital – for Dorset Council/552 respondents) • Pulpit Inn (various/digital – for Future Portland/551 respondents • ICA (1 session/older people = 1 session/85 participants) Portland Youth Council – Skatepark (1 sessions/85 participants)	5	1,377	1,377
Portland Community Forum (Healthcare x 2 sessions = 154 participants and Future Portland x 1 sessions = 52)	3	205	205
Community Connectors – Pilot with ICA volunteers and staff (includes everything from sorting Portland Foodbank vouchers for individual and family use to support with GP eConsults)	N-A	600+	600+
Infrastructure Support for local third sector community-based organisations (number of organisations supported)	N-A		
Minibus hires to support other organisations and groups	47	810	810
SUB-TOTAL	**79**	**3,016**	**3,016**
GRAND-TOTAL	**681**	**7,251**	**25,848**

ADDITIONAL 'OTHER' KEY STATS:

- **Enquiries**
  - 23,228 = total ICA-related phone calls, digital conversations and face-to-face enquiries
  - 7,889 = total non-ICA related phone calls, digital conversations and face-to-face enquiries

  NB: We are confident these significant numbers have much to do with ICA's increasing role as a trusted information source, especially for older residents who may feel wary of other sources, have limited access to other sources or may not be digitally active or confident.

- **Digital…**
  - Facebook – Island Community Action = 2,284 likes / 2,731 followers
  - Facebook – Island Community Action Community Crafters = 476 members

Island Community Action

ACHIEVEMENTS ACROSS ICA'S SIX WORKSTREAMS - SEPTEMBER 2023 TO AUGUST 2024

3,000+
Individuals engaged

=

25,848
Separate activity interactions

31,117
Calls, digital conversations and face-to-face enquiries

403
Volunteers

=

28,722
Volunteer hours

=

£361,897
Back into the local economy - volunteering only
(Based on the 'real' Living Wage)

ICA also boosted the local economy through successful funding bids and job creation. Additional activities, like venue and tutor hire, and engaging local support services also contributed (around £33,000). In addition, ICA collaborated with 103 organisations during the period.

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS –

Number of clients/participants engaged:

The total number of clients/participants engaged across ICA's active workstreams are as follows:

- Helping Hands = 835
- Children, Youth and Families = 2,409
- Culture, Heritage, Nature and The Environment = 991
- Community = 3,016

TOTAL = 7,251 (excludes participants engaged via Portland representation events)

NB: The numbers above do include repeats. However, we are confident that the number of separate individuals engaged exceeds 3,000.

Age and gender breakdown of ICA clients/participants (figures are approximations based on a selection of key activities).

Age:

- 7% = 5-10yrs
- 22% = 11-15yrs
- 3% = 16-24yrs
- 3% = 25-34yrs.
- 6% = 35-44yrs
- 8% = 45-54yrs
- 13% = 55-64yrs
- 15% = 65-74yrs
- 22% = 75yrs+
- 1% prefer not to say

Gender breakdown

- 64% female
- 35% male
- 1% = Other

CLIENT / PARTICIPANT IMPACT

ICA regularly seeks feedback regarding the impact of its activities, services and support offer. This feedback enables us to measure impact and assess areas for improvement.

TABLE 2: CLIENT / PARTICIPANT IMPACT 'HELPING HANDS' FOR 2024

WORKSTREAM AND QUESTIONS	YES %	NO %	N/A %
HELPING HANDS (OLDER PEOPLE + THOSE IMPACTED BY DISABILITY AND / OR SERIOUS, LIFE OR TERMINAL ILLNESS)			
Has ICA's activities made you feel happier and / or more confident?	99	0	1
Have ICA's activities helped you feel less lonely and / or worried	98	1	1
Has ICA helped you socialise with others?	98	0	2
Have ICA's activities helped your mobility / health	93	3	4
Has ICA helped you feel safer?	94	2	4
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES			
In-depth evaluation not undertaken in Year 3	N/A	N/A	N/A
CREATIVE - COMMUNITY CRAFTERS			
In-depth evaluation not undertaken in Year 3	N/A	N/A	N/A

TABLE 3: CLIENT / PARTICIPANT IMPACT 'COURSES and TRAINING' FOR 2024

WORKSTREAM AND QUESTIONS	YES %	A LITTLE %	NOT SURE %	NO %	N/A %
COURSES AND TRAINING					
Did you enjoy this activity?	100				
Did this activity increase your knowledge and skills	90				10
Did this activity increase your overall confidence?	97	3			
Did this activity make you feel happier/more positive?	96	2	2		
Did this activity increase your opportunities to socialise?	92				8
Did this activity make you feel healthier?	76	9			15
Did this activity make you more involved in your community?	89	11		4	
Did this activity make you more likely to get involved with other community-based activities?	96	4			

VOLUNTEERS

TABLE 4: VOLUNTEER NUMBERS ACHIEVED 2024

WORKSTREAM	NO. OF INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS ACHIEVED	NO. OF VOLUNTEER HOURS ACHIEVED
VOLUNTEER BUREAU		
Helping Hands (includes older and vulnerable)	152	19,182
Families, children and young people (includes Portland Youth Council, DofE and Maker's Market)	38	2,502
Culture, Heritage, Nature and the Environment (includes Community Crafters, Portland Pickers and Tales & Trails)	234	3,072
Nothe of the Living Dead	75	1,200
Events and project support	24	576
ICA Board of Trustees	5	528
ICA staff team (extra hours in addition to paid hours)	4	1,662
TOTAL	**538**	**28,722**

NB: Allowing for 25% repeats, we're confident the number of individual volunteers lies around 403.

In addition, ICA delivered:

- 83 x individuals to non-ICA volunteering roles
- The Advent Angels Christmas Campaign (celebrating formal and informal volunteer heroes across the island)

Age and gender breakdown of ICA clients/participants (figures are approximations based on a selection of key activities).

Age:

- 1% = 5-10yrs
- 4% = 11-15yrs
- 6% = 16-24yrs
- 7% = 25-34yrs
- 7% = 35-44yrs
- 8% = 45-54yrs
- 22% = 55-64yrs
- 35% = 65-74yrs
- 10% = 75yrs+

Gender:

- 63% female
- 36% male

Total volunteer hours

This figure is an estimate because so much volunteering goes unlogged e.g. odd errands carried out by befrienders or Good Neighbour volunteers. However, based on what we do know, we can say that volunteers gave a total of 28,722 hours during the year. This equates to £361,897 back into the local economy (based on UK Real Living Wage, £12.60 per hour).

ICA's evaluation survey showed the key reasons people decide to volunteer are that it:

- Makes them feel happy/positive
- Allows them to give something back to their community
- Helps them feel connected to their community
- Extends their social networks
- Makes them feel needed and useful
- Allows them to participate in activities that interest them

100% reported that volunteering with ICA also increased their confidence and awareness around the island's wider support offer, volunteering opportunities and other activities in general.

We also experience individuals transitioning from client to volunteer and back again.

WORKSTREAM PROJECTS

YOUNG PEOPLE

PORTLAND YOUTH COUNCIL (PYC)

PYC priorities remain:

1. Improve employment, training and volunteering opportunities.
2. Promote equality and diversity
3. Protect the environment
4. Increase social opportunities and affordable activities
5. Improve Public spaces.

Achievements:

- 13 Youth Councillors (76% retention rate throughout Yr 2)
- 31 regular PYC sessions
- 1,027 total hours
- 14 organisations partnered with
- 1,000+ public interactions with PYC activities
- 200 11-16 year-olds presented to (ahead of the Yr 2 elections)

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

ICA worked with Dorset Council to pilot the DofE Bronze Award for young people on Portland.

The pilot was open to all 11-16 year-olds but those from low-income/disadvantaged backgrounds were prioritised and ICA put special measures in place to ensure they could participate e.g. securing additional funding to cover participation and equipment.

Achievements:

- 10 participants
- 13 sessions
- 1,049 total hours (participants)/220 total hours (supporting volunteers)
- 14 organisations partnered with
- 1,000+ public interactions with PYC activities
- 200 11-16 year-olds presented to (ahead of the Yr 2 elections)

Year2

September - October 2023

Recruitment

Assembly for estimated 200 students at Atlantic Academy

Open evening

Social Media campaign

17 Youth Councillors appointed





Sessions & Activities

Youth Council led interviews

Team building day

Save the Children campaign training

November - December 2023







Sessions & Activities

Laying a wreath for Remembrance Day

Fed into 'Future Portland' environment event

Fed into the Incinerator appeal

10 members joined The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme pilot

Running a Meeting training

Fundraising strategy planning

Portland Christmas Sparkle event - four separate activities delivered



January - February 2024





Sessions & Activities

Continuation of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme

Designing and installing b-side's 'Love your Community' window display

Portland Rotary coffee morning fundraiser

Launch 'Maker's Market' to inspire young entrepreneurs (PYC idea/ICA delivered)

Public Speaking Training

European Democracy discussion

UK Parliament workshop

16 members continue
(one having stepped down)











March 2024



Sessions & Activities

Continuation of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

Event planning workshop with King Ramps

Equalities Day at Atlantic Academy, exploring protected characteristics with guests sharing their personal experiences. Event organised by ICA and previous PYC member Joe Pascoe, supported by current members Lola Carney and Leah Foot

Supported ICA's Easter Hunt







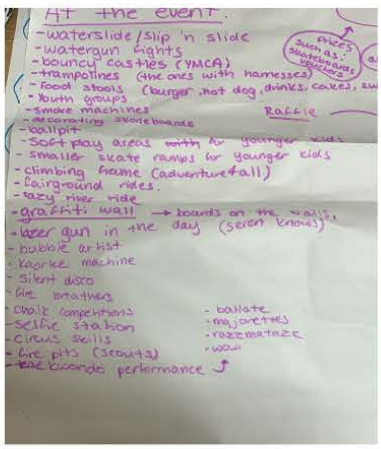












May 2024



Sessions & Activities

Second practice camp for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme

Event planning + PR & Marketing and design work for Island Vibes event

PYC members participate in CAHMS consultation.

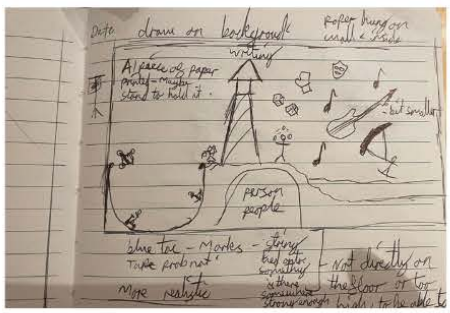
















June 2024

Sessions & Activities

Portland Rotary presentation preparation and delivery

Island Vibes event planning and tasks

Fundraised at Portland Pirate Fayre

Growing Club completed

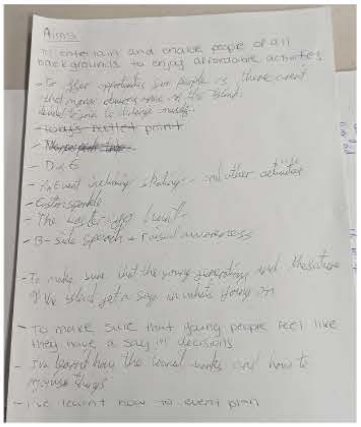
Final DofE expedition

3 work experience students join ICA



















July 2024





Sessions & Activities

Portland Town Council presentation preparation and delivery

Island Vibes event planning and tasks

Island Vibes event delivered

DofE Bronze award completion

1 work experience student joins ICA























PORTLAND YOUTH COUNCIL
Participant Progress

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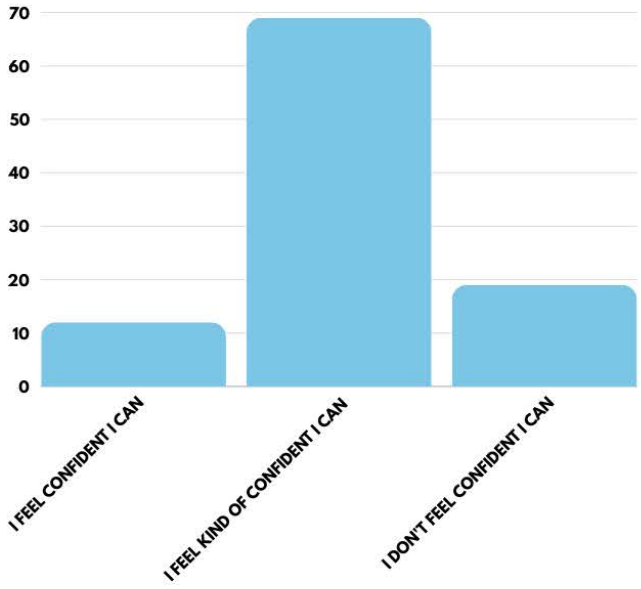
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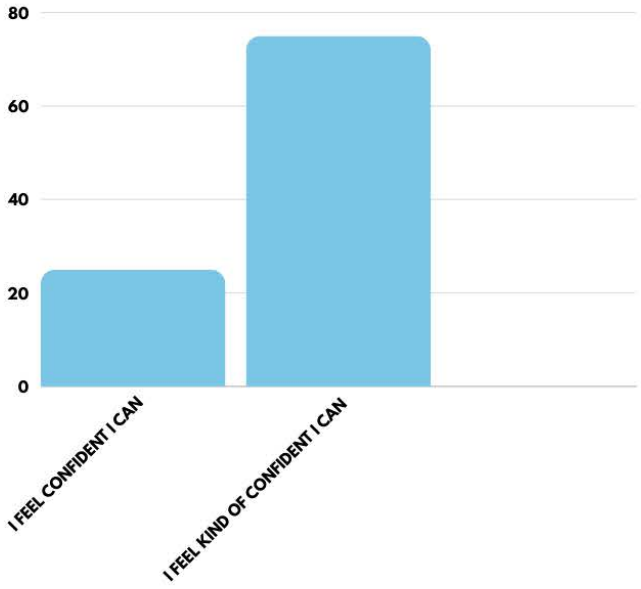
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I am able to make a difference in my community

I feel confident I can = 15%
I feel kind of confident I can = 62%
I don't feel confident I can = 23%

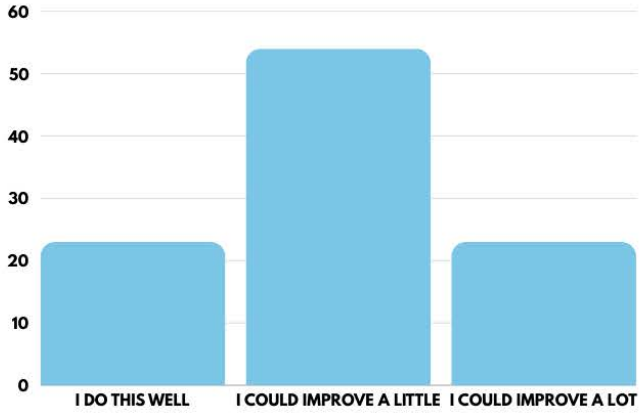


I feel confident I can = 39%
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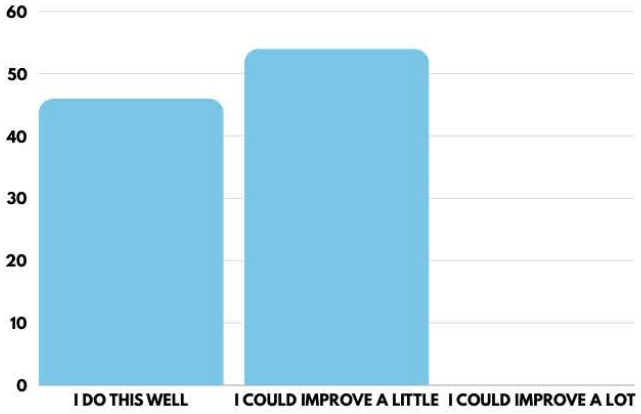


Helping others make their voice heard

I do this well = 23%
I could improve a little = 54%
I could improve a lot = 23%



I do this well = 46%
I could still improve a little = 54%



PORTLAND YOUTH COUNCIL
Participant Progress

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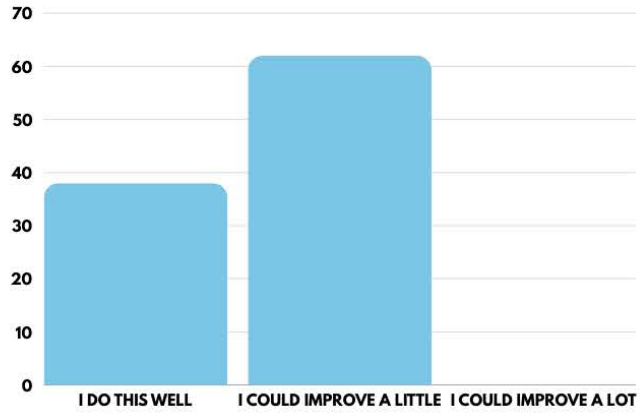
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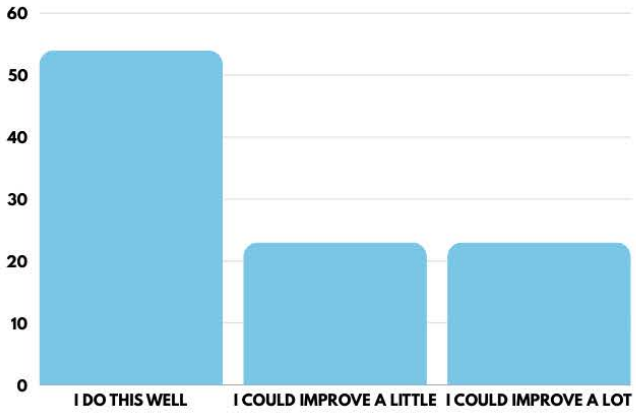
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Public speaking

I could improve a little = 38%
I could improve a lot = 62%

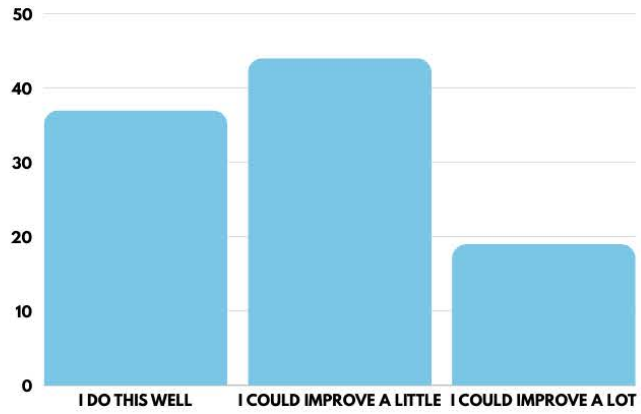


I do this well = 54%
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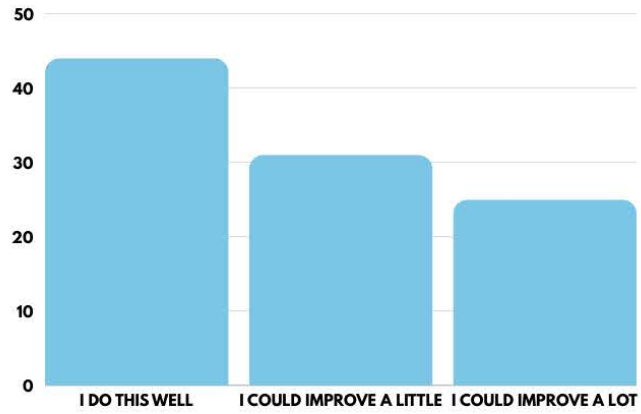


Able to make a difference in my own life

I do this well = 31%
I could improve a little = 61%
I could improve a lot = 8%



I do this well = 61%
I could still improve a little = 31%
I could still improve a lot = 8%



PORTLAND YOUTH COUNCIL
Participant Progress

ON JOINING

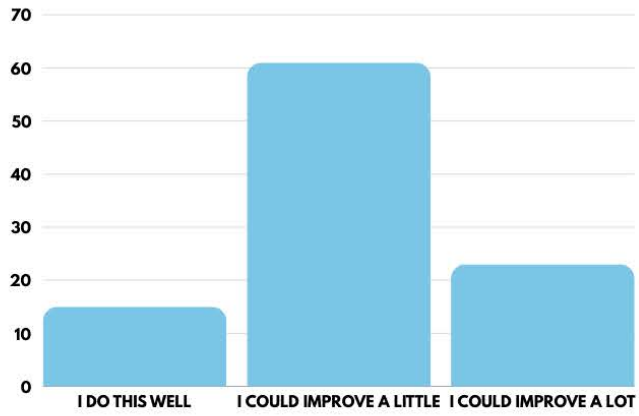
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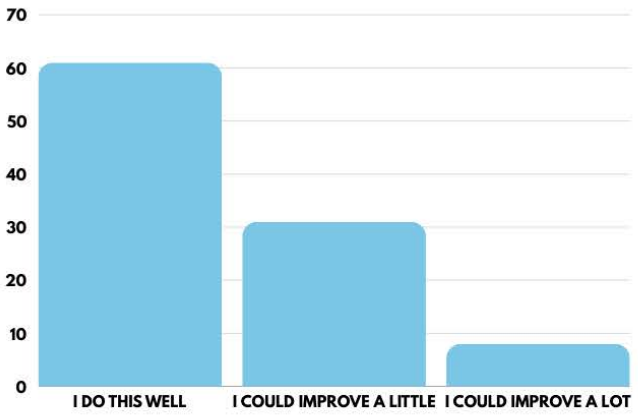
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Time management

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I could improve a little = 61%
I could improve a lot = 23%

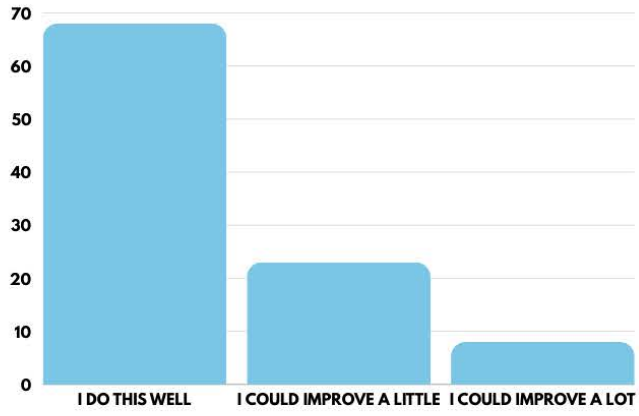


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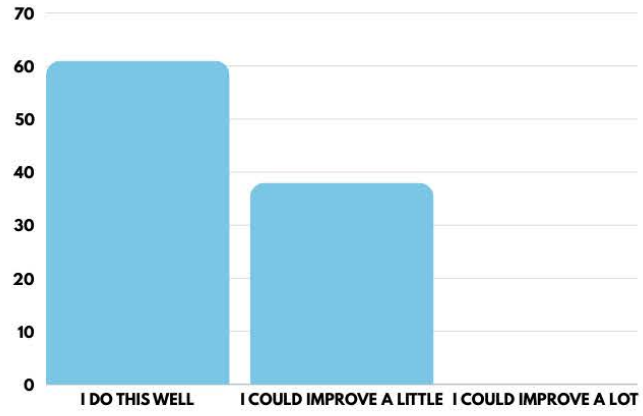


Organising an event

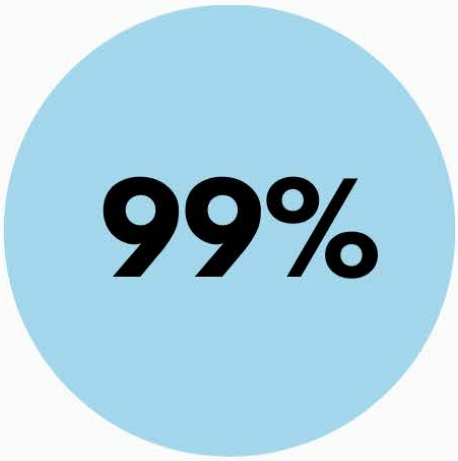
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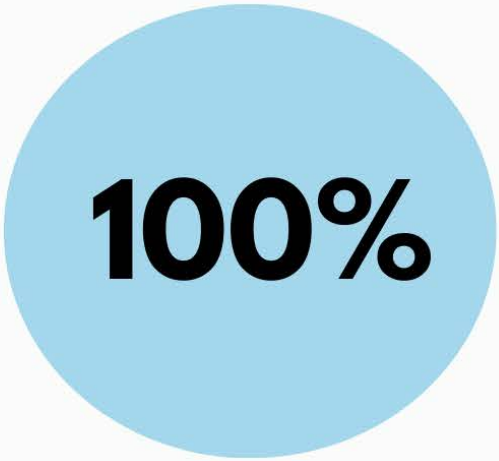
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I could still improve a little = 38%



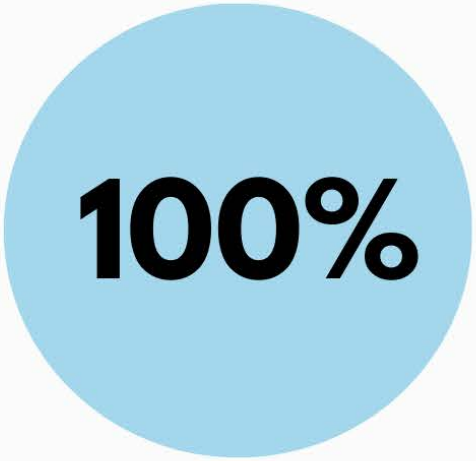
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Members reported that they do feel their voices are heard enough in the decision making process and ways in which things are done in the Youth Council.



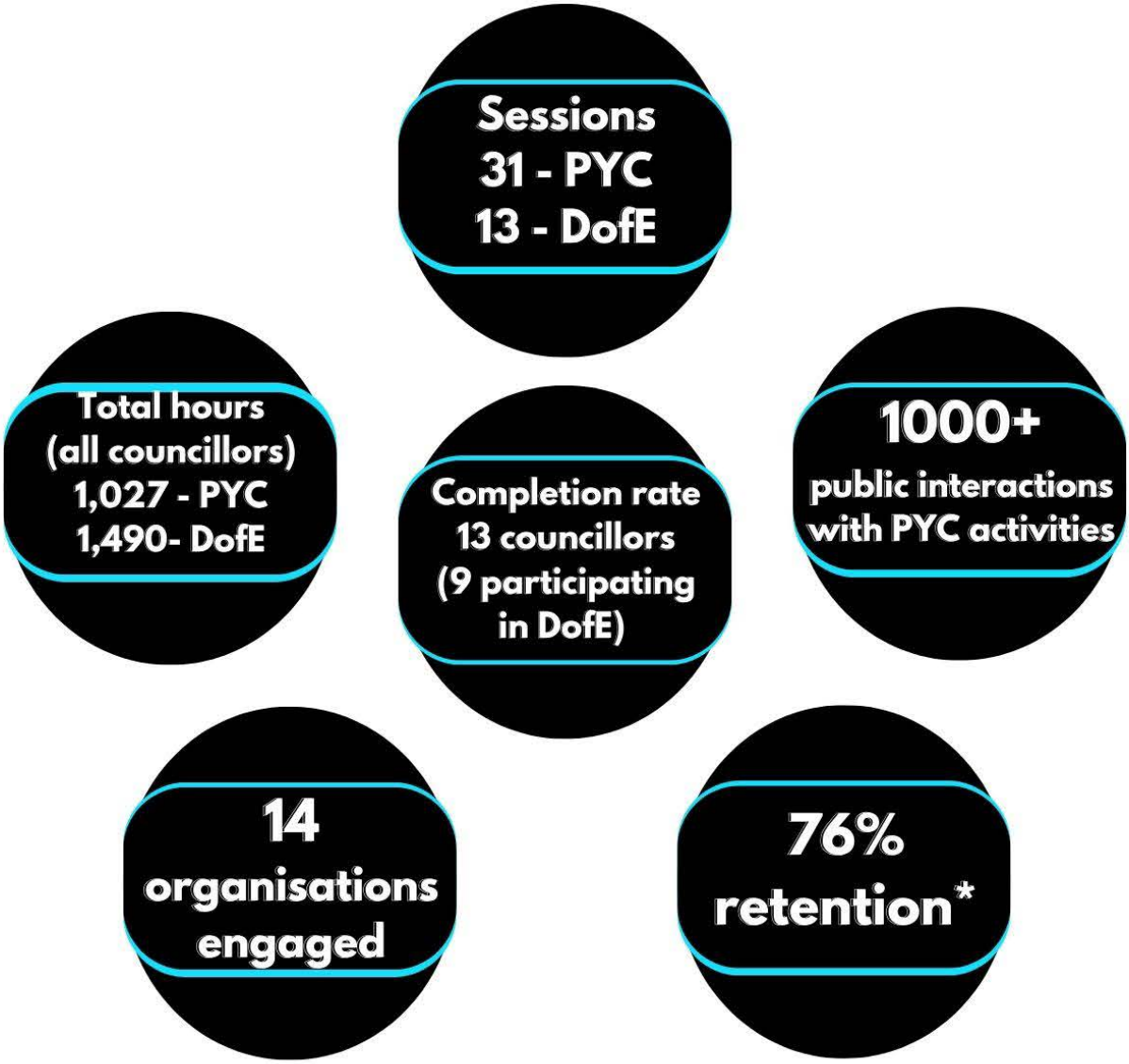
Members reported that they have achieved something they didn't think they could ever have achieved at the start of the project.



Have got what they wanted and more from the project

PORTLAND YOUTH COUNCIL
Summary of Youth Councillor Engagement

YEAR 2
September 2023-July 2024



*Within the delivery period of the project.

YEAR2
ADDED VALUE

In Year 2 the Portland Youth Council, supported by Island Community Action and Portland Town Council, has achieved the following to date:

Fed into two large-scale and incredibly significant events for the island, including...

FUTURE PORTLAND
A showcase for those leading the way in protecting the UK's coastlines, green spaces, biodiversity and landmark buildings.

PORTLAND WASTE INCINERATOR APPEAL
Portland Youth Council fed into the recent appeal process, representing the island's youth voice against the development.

First participants in a newly launched
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme for the island.

Co-developing Portland's new Maker's Market offer for budding new young entrepreneurs across the island. The scheme will provide the basic skills required to kick-start a pop-up business.

Planning Portland's first Skate Jam (July 2024).
The Jam featured skateboard training sessions and pro-demos, and also formed part of a bigger event, Island Vibes, which showcased a range of other affordable activities and support services for young people.

QUOTES

FROM YOUTH COUNCILLORS

“When I look at the people in this group, I think these are the people who are going to make a difference to Portland.”
LUCY, AGED 11

"Being part of the Youth Council has improved my confidence. When I first started I was nervous to talk to people, however, as we have continued through the year I have felt more comfortable. In the past year I have participated in lots of training such as public speaking and team building. The Youth Council has given me the opportunity to speak in front of 50 adults in the same room, which I didn't think I'd ever achieve"
GRACE, AGED 13

“There are no opportunities to make a difference in my life. I want to make a difference. Making a difference sounded cool. If I missed out, then I’d regret it. They’re good people doing this and I would have missed out being part of them.
ISABELLE, AGED 13

"The Youth Council has taught me that even though we might not make all the differences we originally set out to make, we can still make positive changes and perhaps inspire others to make even bigger difference in the future. Also the plan can change and we can still make a difference and it can still feel just as good.”
MIYA-LEI, AGED 15

"I decided to apply to be head boy of my school because of my experience as part of Portland Youth Council. The training and activities I took part in gave me all the skills and knowledge that I needed to be part of the Student Leadership Team, but wouldn't have had before. I was able to answer all the questions in my Head Boy interview with confidence and give examples of things I've already done, or ideas I had for how we could bring Youth Council projects and delivery structures into the school community too. I was really excited to be given the role of Head of Chesil Cove House and Equalities lead."

"Being part of Portland Youth Council has made my CV look stronger, which is great for my 6th form interview next week and eventually my uni application. It's given me confidence, skills and knowledge to consult with people, run projects, talk in public, reflect on my work and be accepted onto my schools Student Leadership Team. I'd definitely recommend joining to anyone wanting to make Portland a better place for young people to grow up and to progress their own personal journey."
JOE PASCOE, AGED 15

"Well done everyone. It’s great to see how well you guys are doing from when I started.”
CHARLIE BUSH, AGED 18 (FORMER FIRST YEAR COUNCILLOR)

QUOTES

FROM THE WIDER COMMUNITY

"It's been amazing to see their transformation, particularly those who've gone from being the shyest members of the group to leaders in their own right. Hearing their ambitions and self-belief increase, watching them walk into a room of adults with the confidence that their voice matters, and being there the moment they recognise that they really can contribute towards a more opportunity rich Portland for young people has been a privilege.

Their confidence and positivity have changed me too - made me feel more inspired about our ability to make a difference for our community. I've learned a lot from them."

"I have noticed a difference in every single member of the Portland Youth Council. In fact, over the past few months, all of them have grown in confidence and knowledge, which has made them more creative and adventurous in their aspirations.

They've come to the table with fresh ideas and approaches around the ways in which they want to improve not just their own lives but also the lives of other young people on the island. We've been there to support them on this journey and also to provide them with the tools needed to create the building blocks for positive change.

GEORGINA – ICA PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

ON FUTURE PORTLAND EVENT, AFTER YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS SPOKE ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THEIR GENERATION FACES LIVING ON PORTLAND

"I was really moved by how well the young people spoke about the lack of work experiences opportunities compared to 10 miles up the road, which feels wrong. Their voices were so powerful and had the biggest applause."

CARRIE MASON, LOCAL ARTIST

"Portland Youth Council were excellence. Well done to them."

PORTLAND TOWN COUNCILLOR, SANDRA WEST

ON PORTLAND YOUTH COUNCIL'S INCINERATOR SPEECH

"I found the Youth Council's words to be incredibly moving. If this development happens, they would likely be most affected, not just from a health point of view but also because of its negative impact on the economy and environment. I didn't really realise this until I heard their words. They are an amazing group of people and make me proud to live on the island !"

SHARON STANTON, LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER

QUOTES

FROM THE WIDER COMMUNITY

ON PORTLAND YOUTH COUNCIL'S PRIDE WINDOW

"That's a beautiful display! Well done Youth Council!"
ANAICK HUMBERT, RESIDENT

"Well done everyone, amazing job!"
JO LUXTON, ST. GEORGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADTEACHER

ON THE YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR, MAKER'S MARKET, PROJECT

"What a great project - the kids and the community will gain so much from this."
BRIDGET PASCOE, RESIDENT

GENERAL

"Very inspired by all the work your youth council have already achieved.
This youth council is the aspiration."
EMMA SCOTT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER AND LEAD FACILITATOR FOR ANONYMOUS FESTIVAL AND DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL

"It's so nice to see our young people taking an active interest in our community and lovely to see them doing something so nice for others in the community too.
Their parents must be very proud of them."
ELIZABETH GINGELL, RESIDENT

"These young people are leading our future."
CARRIE DALBY, RESIDENT

"Lovely to see young people getting involved."
LORRAINE BASH, RESIDENT

"As a teacher on the island, I see the positive influence and impact that young people can have on their peers on a daily basis.
To watch Portland's Youth Council now channelling this positive energy into the wider community, through so many amazing activities and events has been remarkable. They are fantastic role models for Portland's young people and the wider community."
ANITA BUSBY-WILCOCKS, TEACHER - ATLANTIC ACADEMY

Island Vibes

ACHIEVEMENTS

July 2024

SKATE JAM

150+ people attended

29 young people competed

20 free skateboard lessons

5 signed up for a Friends of Portland Skatepark group

85 responses to our consultation

43% new users to the skatepark

New skateboarding kit given for free to competition winners

PYC and ICA ACTIVITIES

180+ engagements with our environment activities

150 native Portland plants, grown from seed, given free to attendees

43 one-to-one crochet lessons and beginner's kits given out

10 new sign ups to PYC/ICA activities

28 entered the chalk competition

14 young entrepreneurs attended, making a combined total of £870

20 engaged in the acceptance parade, with many more contributing to the flag design

EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

17 organisations attended

300+ engagements with those stalls, with 9 new confirmed member sign ups

£1000 donation secured by one organisation

Collaboration and networking opportunities

Island Vibes – Portland Youth Council's large-scale event for 2024

July saw hundreds enjoy a day of free fun on Portland. Delivered by ICA, the event was developed and planned for local children and young people through Portland's Youth Council (PYC) – a group of 11–16-year-olds who represent the youth wing of Portland Town Council.

The event included a youth activity showcase, a young entrepreneur's market, and a Skate Jam with competitions, tuition, and demonstrations.

The PYC meet regularly to discuss the issues impacting Portland's young people and their potential solutions. The concept for Island Vibes originated during one of these meetings, following a series of youth-led consultations that evidenced a lack of affordable activities for young people across the island. After further research, to discover what was actually available, the PYC proposed the event as a way of showcasing the activities they'd found.

A total of 17 groups attended, all providing free taster sessions, information and demonstrations. Organisations ranged from b-side, The Community Boxing Hub, CS Boardsports Power Kiting, Dorset Council and The Drop In to Platinum Dance School, Portland Museum, Royal Manor Theatre Playmakers and St John Ambulance.

Gavin Sandford from The Community Boxing Hub, said, ***"Attending this event has taken our organisation to another level. It was a fantastic day that gave us the opportunity to meet potential new members, engage with new beneficiaries and raise our profile in the community."***

Mairead Smith, PE Teacher at Atlantic Academy added, ***"I wasn't aware of the number of physical activities available on the island that I could signpost our students to."***

Alongside established groups like 1st Portland Scouts and Reay's Traditional Taekwondo, PYC also demonstrated free activities that can be enjoyed independently at home. This included arts and crafts, environment, and gardening activities. The latter was showcased after seven PYC members started a project, with support from Isle of Portland Orchids, to grow native Portland wildflowers from seed. 150 of these plants were given out free, with 177 people in total engaging with the event's environment-based activities.

Stephanie Rowland–Pilgrim toured the activities on offer with her 6 year old daughter Elora while her older child Isabelle, aged 12yrs ran a Youth Council stall. Stephanie said, ***"I couldn't believe how much is available locally and to be given the chance to try different activities out is such a wonderful idea. Because of today Elora is going to be starting Taekwondo and is feeling confident and excited about it, because she's now met the leaders and knows exactly what to expect."***

Thanks to a kick starter legacy donation from the family of Ben Milner, a local man who unexpectedly and tragically passed away in 2022, PYC were also able to promote skateboarding through a series of lessons prior to the event and a Skate Jam during it. Ben had a passion for skateboarding and grew up skating along the seawall at Chesil Beach. As a teenager, he was also part of a small group of friends who petitioned the council to construct a skatepark in its current location, adjacent to Portland Beach Road.

Ben's family felt it was a fitting tribute to use the donation to bring the community together for an event promoting the benefits of skateboarding. The PYC agreed, with members spending the entire year leading up to it raising additional funds to cover the cost of Bournemouth-based company King Ramps to deliver the Skate Jam element, which included professional scooter, BMX and skateboard demos, competitions and tuition.

Crowds of all ages thoroughly enjoyed this element, with many not only feeding into a consultation around the island's skateboarding facilities but also requesting for it to become an annual event. Local 17 year old Alfie Leggit said, ***"This has got me on my BMX again for the first time in a year and I think that I'll definitely start using the skatepark again after this. It's been a really good, really inspiring day."***

The young entrepreneur's market, selling products created by local children and young people, included everything from cakes and stickers to jewellery and hair braiding.
Glitter tattoos and face painting were offered by 10 year old friends Ruby Hope and Imogen Burley. When asked about the day Ruby said, ***"We've had brilliant fun, I've learnt a lot about hard work and earning my own money. I can't wait to do it again because I'm saving up for a new skateboard."***

Combined, the young entrepreneurs made an impressive £800, which they say has certainly motivated them to continue.

Overall the event was a huge success, with many new sign-ups to local activities by children and young people, a heightened awareness of the wide range of activities available, new opportunities for collaboration between local community and youth organisations and an insight into how different community spaces can be used creatively to bring the community together.

As the PYC enters its third year, their hope is to offer more positive activities and solutions, and to also attract more members and support. For more information, please contact Island Community Action at office@islandcommunityaction.org.uk or call 01305 823789.








LONSDALE




ISLAND COMMUNITY
EVENT HERE TODAY



















DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD – IN DETAIL





Duke of Edinburgh Award Portland Pilot Year Report 2023-2024

Island Community Action

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD





Delivery Timeline

OCTOBER
Volunteer recruitment and training
2 x funding applications submitted - Dorset Council (DC) and John Thornton Young Achiever's Foundation (JTYAF)



NOVEMBER
Information session for young people and parents

DECEMBER
Launch and registration
Funding awards agreed

JANUARY
Introduction to DofE and team building session
Setting up eDofE and agreeing section planning session

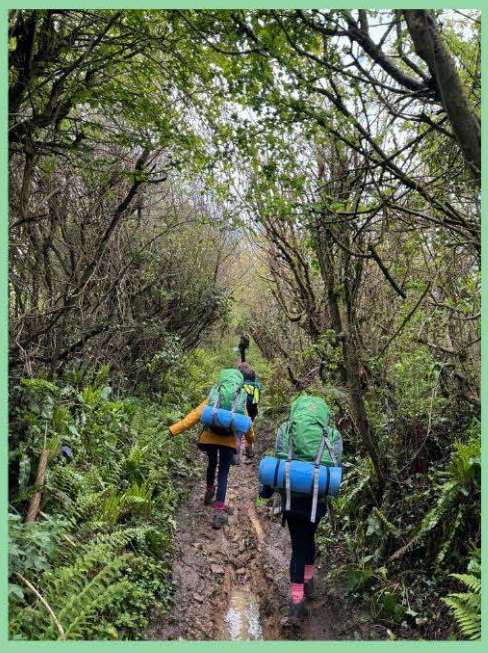
FEFBRUARY
Navigation and map reading session
Cooking and meal planning session

MARCH
Trip to Go Outdoors, Poole to purchase new kit
Camping skills session



APRIL
Practice camp, Cerne Abbas
Planning for Purbeck camp session
Practice expedition, Purbeck

MAY
Assessed expedition route and meal planning session
Assessed expedition project planning session
Volunteer recruitment information session



JUNE
Outline of assessment criteria for expedition session
Assessed expedition, Purbeck
Recruitment assembly for 2024-2025 intake

JULY
Project presentation and 'fun' awards
Showcase rectuitment and fundraising event
2024-2025 registration and section planning

AUGUST
Summer break

SEPTEMBER
New intake introduction camp on Portland
Award Presentation for 2023- 2024

Achievements

PARTICIPANT DEMOGRAPHICS:
Number of young people = 10
7 x Yr 9
2 x Yr 10
1 x Yr 11
3 x Pupil Premium
2 x SEN
1 x young carer x 1
2 x medical needs





EXPEDITION SKILLS:

3 x camps
2 x 2hr training sessions
Attendance @ 92%

HOURS VOLUNTEERED:
Young people x 1,490
Volunteers x 220
(includes expedition overnight hours)



DISTANCE: 9 of the young people have each walked 44km (27.3 miles)!

Resources Secured

THANKS TO



Dorset Council
Resilience Fund
£1,000

John Thornton Young
Achiever's Foundation
£1,700



Kit now owned:
5 x tents
11 x sleeping bags
10 x rucksacks (and liners)
10 x roll mats
10 x pairs of walking boots
10 x waterproof jackets
10 x waterproof trousers
2 x camping stoves (meths)
2 x travel first aid kits
2 x OS maps Purbeck





Additional donations:
Thick blanket
2x camping stoves (gas canisters)
3 x hammocks
2 x map cases
pots, pans, cutlery





Benefits

NEW / IMPROVED

LIFE SKILLS

Basic First Aid
Cooking
Communication
Commitment
Critical thinking
Decision making
Employability
Focus
Initiative
Leadership
Planning
Problem solving
Responsibility
Self awareness
Self management
Teamwork
Time management

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Aspirations
Confidence
Connections
Fitness
Friendships
Happiness
Independence
Positivity
Resilience
Self belief
Self expression
Self esteem
Sense of identity



New Skills Learnt
Minimum 1 hr per week x 3 months

3 x a language

3 x a musical instrument

1 x crochet

2 x animal care

1 x artistic skills

SECTION ACHIEVED 100%



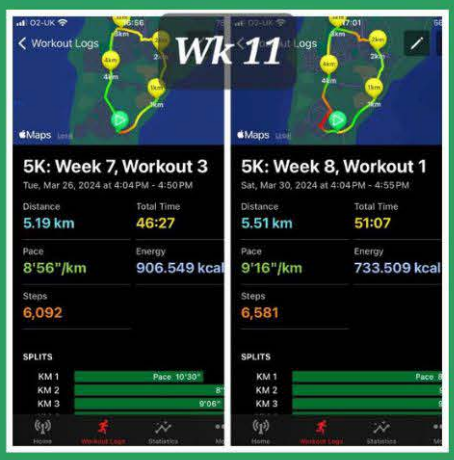








Physical Challenge Completed
Minimum 1hr per week x three months





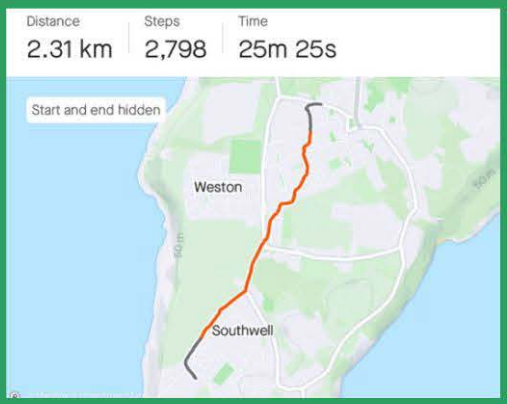


1 x Couch to 5k
2 x walking fitness
3 x netball x
1 x dance
1 x roller skating
1 x climbing
1 x kite surfing



SECTION ACHIEVED: 100%





Volunteering in the Community
Minimum 1hr per week x 6 months





9 x Portland Youth Council

1 x Young Leader
(at Youth Board Gaming Group)

SECTIONED ACHIEVED 100%







Training, Planning and Leading an Expedition and Associated Project

Completed 13 x 2hr training sessions for the expedition

Completed independent planning sessions for the expedition, including agreeing routes, roles and meals/ shopping

Attended 3 x shopping trips for food and equipment

Completed x 2 practice expeditions and camps

Successfully completed an assessed, independent expedition and camp

Successfully planned, collected data and presented their Team Projects to a 'live audience'

SECTION ACHIEVED 90%









Participant's Take

"I discovered that I really like the hot food that I cooked in the rain!" Gabe

"Walking across the hilltop was fun because we were all laughing and the scenery was really nice." Lillian

"I think that learning how to put up a tent will be a good skill to have because it's fun to camp with your friends." Grace

"I feel really proud of myself for what I've achieved today. I never thought I'd be able to walk that far." Issy G

"Walking with your friends is really fun, our group laughed so much." Chloe

"I was in charge of getting quotes from our group for our project, it kept me focused and made me laugh a lot." Isy B

"I've learnt that I'm the best cook of my team which I've enjoyed doing. I also took some very aesthetically pleasing photos for our group project which I'm proud of." Leah

"I've learnt a lot about map reading and navigation, so felt pretty impressed with myself when it was my turn to use the compass to get our bearings." Lola







Going Forward

From August 2024
Dorset Council stopped all of it's involvement in the DofE initiative.

In response, ICA has agreed to take on delivery of for Portland's open DofE Award as a Licenced Organisation .

We been working in collaboration with Atlantic Academy to achieve this.

28 young people have enrolled for the 2024 - 2025 Bronze Award group!

8 volunteers have been recruited to help support the delivery of the Award.

COMMUNITY

SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS MEAL

ICA's annual festive lunch for 85 older residents at The Lobster Pot, Portland Bill



ADVENT ANGELS

Special treats for 24 local community champions, from those who've volunteered or supported another person or cause to those who've survived a challenging period in their life.

Advent Angels are nominated for by the community. Each receives a hamper package donated by local residents or businesses.





CULTURE, HERITAGE, NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT

BIO-BLITZ FOR 2024

Throughout the 2023-2024 funded period ICA's BioBlitz and Environment Days engaged with 292 separate Atlantic Academy students. During these sessions students got hands-on with a multitude of different animals and plants/ We received 100% positive feedback from participating students.

To deliver the sessions, ICA worked with a range of local experts and enthusiasts, all of whom have committed to collaborate with the project long-term












COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

Community Crafters (crafting for community-based good causes) aims to reduce isolation and loneliness and strengthen community and intergenerational bonds through a range of large-scale crafting projects.

EASTER TREASURE HUNT – 2024

1,366 individual items were distributed to over 500 children during ICA's 2024 Easter Hunt.

The items were provided by ICA's Community Crafters team who made and donated 200 small, knitted egg decorations (each containing a small egg), 78 large Easter toys (each with one or more eggs), 200 individual cakes, 30 hot chocolates and 60 small Easter chocolates.

Separate fundraising also enabled ICA to donate a further 80 large eggs, 250 small eggs, 90 mixed Easter treats and 100 sunflower growing kits.

Here are a few shots of the event, including our Lucky Ducky star prize hamper winner.










WOOLLY WATERS – SUMMER 2024

This public art installation was created by 54 crochet and knitting legends, who made and donated 400 items. A team of supporting ladies then volunteered nearly 100 hours, over five weeks, to sew all the crafted items onto the fishing net backdrop. The oldest contributor was 89yrs and the youngest 14yrs. The installation also formed part of b-side's 2024 Fringe Festival.













OCTOPI – 2024

Octopi created for every new baby born on the island continued throughout 2024.











COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

Over the last year ICA has also represented Portland's community across a range of different steering/working groups, including:

1. Continued from the previous year…
    - The Integrated Care Partnership (ICP)…
        - Portland Health & Wellbeing Steering Group
        - Family Hubs Development Group
        - Integrated Neighbourhood Working Group (frailty, falls etc.)
    - Portland Hospital Development Group
    - Dorset Community Mental Health Alliance Group
    - Weymouth and Portland Innovation Group (Mental Health & Wellbeing)
    - Weymouth and Portland Community Research Network
    - High Angle Battery Delivery Group
    - Bibby Stockholm Community Group.

2. New for this year…
    - Portland Local Alliance Group (Children, Young People and Families)
    - Dorset Towns of Culture (Weymouth and Portland chosen for 2025).

Of these, the most significant over the year has been our work with the ICP.

As referenced in last year's evaluation, this work started with a public meeting, chaired by ICA, regarding the increasing challenges with Portland's healthcare. ICA was asked to take a position on the Portland Health & Wellbeing Steering Group to represent the island's residents.

The following slides describe the journey of that partnership work to date.

PORTLAND'S HEALTHCARE SERVICES

CREATING AN IMPROVED HEALTH AND WELLBEING OFFER FOR PORTLAND - THE STARTING POINT

In February 2023, Portland's community came together with members from Dorset's Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) - made up of the NHS, councils and groups from the community and voluntary sector.

The public meeting, organised by the Portland Hospital Development Group and chaired by Island Community Action (ICA), presented 12 questions to the ICP panel. All focused on Portland's significant health and wellbeing challenges, including:

Portland Hospital
(including the loss of its MIU, Xray and beds)

GP and hospital access - regular and same day/urgent
(including securing appointments, accessing services on and off the island, and the range of services and support available locally for families, children, older people and those with chronic and critical conditions)

Dentistry and pharmacy

Community-based (non-statutory) services

PORTLAND'S HEALTHCARE SERVICES

THE LAST 12 MONTHS

The public meeting ended with a commitment from the ICP to continue the conversation and work towards an improved and more focused health and wellbeing offer for local residents.

In the 12 months that followed, the ICP (working collaboratively with representatives from Portland's community, delivered:

A new Portland Steering Group
(to help develop and drive activity)

30+ Community Conversations
(in-depth conversations with a range of local people focused on their everyday lives, including the positives and challenges).

Current stats analysis (clinical and non-clinical)

Public feedback/engagement sessions.

"We recognise that our vision for working together to achieve the best possible improvements in the health and wellbeing of our communities can only be achieved by listening to, and working with, people and communities.

Never before has there been such strong recognition of the importance of working together with people and communities – with you."

PORTLAND'S HEALTHCARE SERVICES

DORSET'S INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP (NHS, COUNCILS AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR) HAVE COMPLETED THEIR 12 MONTH REVIEW OF PORTLAND'S HEALTHCARE OFFER

YOU ARE NOW INVITED TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE WORK THEY'VE BEEN DOING AND THEIR FUTURE PLANS FOR OUR ISLAND'S SERVICES



TUESDAY 14TH MAY
EASTON METHODIST HALL
7-8.30PM (FEEDBACK)
8.30-9PM (REFRESHMENTS)

PORTLAND'S HEALTHCARE SERVICES

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH DORSET'S INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP (NHS, COUNCILS AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR)

FAMILY HUB

Portland Family Hub confirmed. Portland Hospital proposed as main hub (TBC), with additional outreach across island. Phase 1 launch autumn 2024.

ROYAL MANOR HEALTHCARE

Improved telephone system and e-consult services.

New GP provision at Portland Hospital (pilot project offering GP services two days a week).

Leg Club
Creation of a Lower Limb Health team to incorporate and link other services (e.g. diabetes, podiatry, district nurses and hospital consultants).

Expanded Patient Participation Group.

PORTLAND HOSPITAL

Increased range of services operating and planned. Includes district nurses, health visitors, community rehabilitation teams, frailty support, physiotherapy, podiatry, pulmonary rehabilitation, COPD clinics, pain management, anti-coagulation and heart failure support, mental health support (e.g. psychiatric clinics, community health teams and counselling), visiting screening services (e.g. diabetic eye and mobile breast units + MRI scanner), COVID-19 vaccine clinics and Citizens Advice.

PORTLAND'S HEALTHCARE SERVICES

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOLLOW-UP MEETING WITH DORSET'S INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP (NHS, COUNCILS AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR)

IMPROVED COMMUNICATION

Monthly ICP information updates in Free Portland News (under banner OUR DORSET).

New OUR DORSET website dedicated to Portland.

PHARMACY

Fortuneswell and Easton teams merged, creating a new management team and improved service offer.

ICP ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

Improving support for those with long-term conditions.

Addressing root causes for frequent users of urgent care services.

Improving 'at home' support to prevent hospital admissions (e.g. provision of Acute Hospital at Home/Virtual Wards to support those needing health care at home - can also include remote monitoring).

Focus on pro-active prevention and regular reviews for the most vulnerable.

OTHER

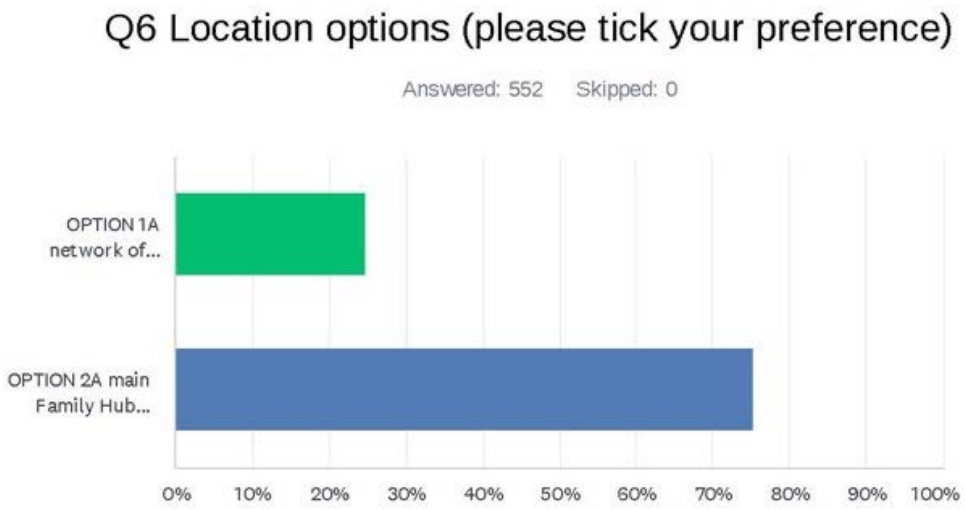
New Dorset apprenticeship and training schemes for healthcare professionals, including dentists.

Collaboration between NHS, councils and community sector organisations to continue across health and additional areas (including social care and transport).

Portland creating blue print for rest of Dorset.

FAMILY HUB – As part of ICA's ongoing representation work across health and wellbeing, we have also supported Dorset Council with the development of Portland's Family Hub.

Initially, the proposal was to deliver this offer via a range of small satellite hubs across the island. However, following conversations with local residents, ICA proposed that a central hub should be provided in addition to any satellite offer, putting it in line with other areas of Dorset. To test this proposal, Dorset Council asked ICA to deliver a community consultation exercise on behalf of Dorset Council.



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
OPTION 1A network of venues across the island, including Islander's Youth & Community Centre, Portland Community Venue and Portland Library. Option 1 would see the identified buildings developed to offer spaces such as:-Private rooms for one-to-one appointments, such as midwifery, health visiting and counselling.-Multi-purpose rooms for group and workshop sessions and meetings.-Spaces for larger groups, such as stay and play sessions or activities for young people.Venues would work collaboratively to plan and deliver services and support across the different sites, with clear information for families so they know what they can access where and when.	24.82%	137
OPTION 2A main Family Hub located on the site of Portland Community Hospital.This option would also include a range of services and activities at other local sites, including those identified in Option 1. In addition, Option 2 would see part of the hospital renovated to provide dedicated spaces such as:-Private rooms for one-to-one appointments, such as midwifery, health visiting and counselling.-Multi-purpose rooms for group and workshop sessions and meetings.-Spaces for larger groups, such as stay and play sessions or activities for young people.-A reception area providing a warm welcome for anyone wanting to drop in order to access information, advice or support.Again, venues would work collaboratively to plan and deliver services and support across the different sites.	75.18%	415
TOTAL		552

The consultation covered everything from the type of services to be delivered to the method of delivery and their physical location. When it came to location, the results were clear with 75% opting for a main hub with satellite support. – 552 responses were received in total.

As a direct result of this consultation, Dorset Council are now working with NHS Dorset to develop the Family Hub at Portland's Community Hospital. This will be complemented by a smaller satellite offer at the top of the island.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

During the funded period ICA have delivered a range of other consultations, including...

The Pulpit Inn – A local consultation to ascertain the community's interest in purchasing The Pulpit Inn for community use.

In addition to the question of 'purchase' the consultation asked residents about their service/activity preferences and key priorities e.g. affordability and accessibility for the site.

We received 551 responses, with 91% stating an interest to purchase.

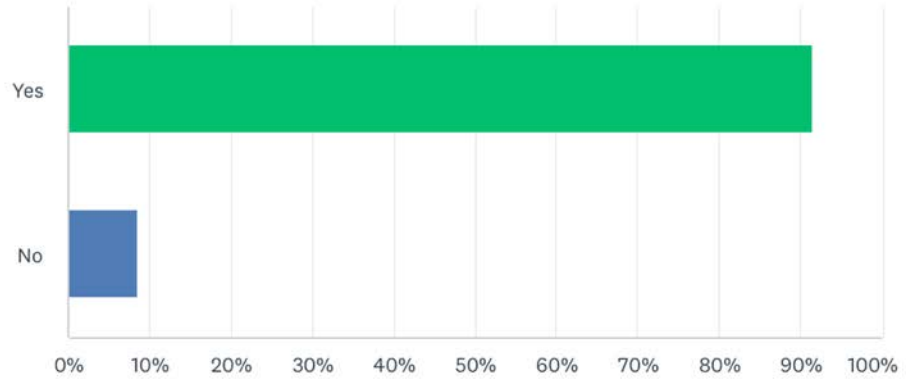
As a direct result of this consultation, ICA and b-side collaboratively registered the venue as an Asset of Community Value.

Along with The Portland Association, ICA and b-side are also in the process of forming the Future Portland Community Benefit Society, which will allow us to take a more collaborative and proactive role in large-scale community-based initiatives.

The Pulpit Inn represents the first of these initiatives. We are now progressing this work to look at purchase and development options.

Are you in favour of a community bid to purchase and develop The Pulpit Inn site? This could be refurbishment or build (please tick)

Answered: 551 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	91.47%	504
No	8.53%	47
TOTAL		551

PARTNERSHIPS and COLLABORATIONS

TABLE 5: LIST FOR 2024 – TOTAL 103 ORGANISATIONS

	PARTNER	NATURE OF PARTNERSHIP
1	1st Portland Scouts	Event, promotion, referrals and transport support
1	Ants on a Rock	Transport support and provided group with promotional opportunity via Island Vibes event.
1	Atlantic Academy	Consultations, events, Growing Local activities, and project delivery
1	Bobbys Bargain Bookcase	Collaborative project, promotion and donation coordination
1	Bibby Stockholm Barge	Volunteer recruitment, and funding advice and infrastructure support for community groups applying for Asylum Seeker Community Fund.
1	b-side	Events and collaborative projects, including Future Portland collaboration
1	Bournemouth University	Joint project delivery – UKRI funded 'Weymouth and Portland Research Network'
1	Casterbridge Speakers	Collaborative workshop
1	Chemists, including Boots Easton	Prescriptions
1	Chesil Equestrian	Event
1	Chesil Walled Garden	Volunteer recruitment and promotion
1	Chesil Youth Pride (Dorset Council, Space Youth Project, The Drop In Portland, Weymouth College, Dorset Police)	Youth consultation
1	Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Service	Advice and Youth consultation
1	Domiciliary care providers	Volunteer recruitment and collaborative projects
1	Dorset Blind Association	Volunteer recruitment, promotion and referrals
1	Dorset Citizen's Advice Bureau	Advice, information sharing and collaborative events
1	Dorset Community Action	Cross-referrals
3	Dorset Council – Adult Social Care & Children's Services	Transport for their trips
3	Dorset Council – Other (Communities & Partnerships; Environment, Policy & Partnerships; Social Mobility Commissioning and Refugee Resettlement Team)	Joint projects, funding, advice, information sharing, input into Dorset's evolving statutory offer, Portland based project support.
1	Dorset Integrated Care Partnership (NHS, Dorset Council and a range of voluntary organisations)	Joint project delivery. ICA a lead partner on the Portland Healthcare Steering Group and Portland Hospital & Healthcare Development Group
1	Dorset Mind	Advice, information sharing. cross-referrals
3	Dorset hospitals (Dorset County, Westhaven and Weymouth)	Support referrals for hospital leavers
1	Dorset Fire & Rescue	Advice, information sharing. cross-referrals
1	Dorset Memory Box Library	Volunteer recruitment, donation coordination and joint evaluation / client consultation.
3	Dorset NHS (Transformation Team, Strategic Commissioning, Urgent Care)	Support referrals for hospital leavers
1	Dorset Super League Darts	Transport for their trips

	PARTNER	NATURE OF PARTNERSHIP
1	The Drop-In Portland Youth Service	Events, activities and referrals.
1	Duke of Edingburgh's Award	Collaborative training and project delivery
1	Eden Portland	Consultation, collaborative events and activities
1	EPIC Games Dorset	Collaborative events
1	European Parliament	Youth consultation and workshop
1	Friends of Victoria Gardens	Volunteer management, recruitment and infrastructure support
1	Grove Prison Museum	Volunteer recruitment and donation coordination
1	Housing & Care 21 (Foylebank Court)	Lunch clubs, training kitchen
1	Island & Royal Manor of Portland Rotary	Funding, information sharing, event support and transport for their trips.
2	Isle of Portland Orchids	Collaborative workshops
1	Islanders Youth and Community Centre	Advice, volunteer recruitment, referrals and collaborative project
1	King Ramps	Collaborative skateboarding workshops and Island Vibes event
1	Lantern Trust	Cross-referrals and joint project delivery – UKRI funded 'Weymouth and Portland Research Network'
1	Macpherson House	Transport for their trips
1	NHS Health Visitor team	Collaborative project, information sharing and referrals.
1	Nothe Fort	Collaborative events
1	Opera Circus	Staff and resource sharing, activities and project delivery.
1	Platinum Dance & Acrobatics School	Provided group with promotional opportunity via Island Vibes event.
1	Portland Carers Group	Advice, information sharing, cross-referrals
1	Portland Churches	Information sharing, cross-referrals
1	Portland Community Hospital	Service support, cross-referrals
1	Portland Community Partnership (PCP)	Advice, information sharing, project support.
1	Portland Connect / Tricuro	Cross-referrals
1	Portland Community Fridge	Information sharing
1	Portland Foodbank	Shared resources, cross-referrals
1	Portland Gig Rowing Club	Advice
1	Portland Marina	Joint projects
1	Portland Library	Information sharing and project delivery
1	Portland Outdoor Centre	Event and promotion
1	Portland Permaculture Group	Growing Local stakeholder
1	Portland Town Council	Portland Project co-funder, information and resource sharing, Growing Local stakeholder?
1	Portland United Football Club (Youth)	Transport for their trips
1	Public Health Dorset	Growing Local stakeholder, ICA also member of the Dorset Health & Wellbeing Board

PARTNER		NATURE OF PARTNERSHIP
1	Raeys Martial Arts	Provided group with promotional opportunity via Island Vibes event.
1	Room 2 Reward	Promotion and project delivery
1	Royal Manor Health Centre	Data sharing, cross-referrals, volunteer recruitment and Growing Local stakeholder
1	Royal Manor Theatre	Event, promotion and volunteer recruitment
1	Save The Children	Advice and bespoke training workshop for Portland Youth Council
1	Southwell Area Living Together (S.A.L.T)	Event support and transport for their trips
1	St George's Primary School	Project promotion
1	St John Ambulance Portland	Promotion, advice, collaborative workshop and training
1	Steps Youth Service	Joint project delivery – UKRI funded 'Weymouth and Portland Research Network'
1	Sweethill farm	Event, promotion, collaborative project and advice
1	The Community Hub Boxing Academy	Provided group with promotional opportunity via Island Vibes event.
1	The Open Arms	Promotion, referrals and advice
1	The Portland Association	Future Portland collaboration
1	The Sanctuary	Volunteer recruitment, cross-referrals, infrastructure support for funding and governance.
1	UK Parliament	Collaborative training workshop for Portland Youth Council
3	Universities (Bournemouth, Exeter and Nottingham Trent)	Information sharing, joint projects and funding bids and conference ./ event support
13	Venues	C2000, Easton Methodist Church, Lobster Pot, Masonic Hall, Islanders Youth and Community Centre, Royal Manor Health Centre, St. George's Centre, St. Georges primary school, St. John's Hall, Wellworthys Sports & Social Club, Sweethill Farm, Wyke Regis Community Centre, and YMCA
1	Volunteer Centre Dorset	Joint projects, advice, information sharing, DBS checks, PR, general support (including VC Connect)
1	Weldmar Hospice Dorset	Advice and event support, volunteer recruitment, signposting and project delivery
1	Weymouth and Portland Marine Litter Project	Signposting and promotion
1	Wyke Regis / Lanehouse Medical Practice	Data sharing, cross-referrals and volunteer recruitment

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	2	9,750	120,256	130,006	131,346
Fundraising and sponsorship		2,392	1,060	3,452	2,011
Motor vehicles/Minibus		15,345	-	15,345	11,305
Clubs and Memory Café		19,082	271	19,353	17,272
Interest		320	-	320	27
Total receipts		46,888	121,587	168,475	161,961
Payments					
Portland Shed demerged from ICA		-	-	-	9,917
Souvenirs of Place and Love purchases		-	-	-	9,035
Salaries and wages	3	5,000	86,635	91,635	87,772
Pension		-	4,286	4,286	1,912
Shop Purchases and Consumables		-	13,912	13,912	3,072
Events tickets		-	1,175	1,175	-
Rent		7,800	1,144	8,944	9,636
Rates, water and electric		5,766	-	5,766	2,940
Insurance		-	1,408	1,408	2,073
Telephone		-	-	-	10
Postage, stationery, printing and advertising		-	540	540	437
Photocopier Hire		1,282	-	1,282	(401)
Motor		3,097	12,073	15,170	9,043
Vehicle hire		-	1,215	1,215	-
Repairs and maintenance		-	80	80	1,037
Subscriptions and membership fees		200	272	472	231
Sundries		517	208	725	913
IT		1,220	1,260	2,480	2,086
Christmas box donations		-	-	-	-
Training, tutors and speakers		-	9,285	9,285	7,408
Fundraising		475	2,000	2,475	1,221
P.R. and marketing		499	768	1,267	1,257
Room hire		180	10,095	10,275	6,720
Accountancy fees		102	1,644	1,746	1,716
Consultancy fees		-	30	30	-
Catering Costs		-	-	-	2,290
Capital					
Computer equipment		-	-	-	-
Fixtures, fittings and equipment		386	-	386	(725)
Total payments		26,523	148,031	174,554	159,600
Net receipts before transfers		20,365	(26,443)	(6,078)	2,361
Transfers between funds		(28,637)	28,637	-	-
Net movement in funds at bank and in hand for the year		(8,272)	2,194	(6,078)	2,361
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2023		20,056	88,669	108,725	106,364
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2024		**11,784**	**90,863**	**102,647**	**108,725**

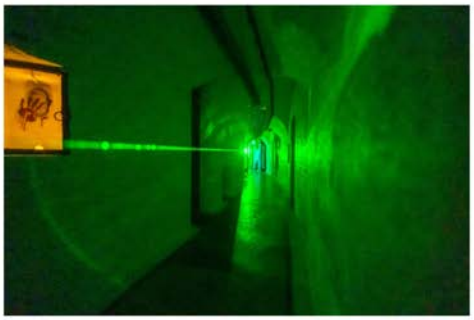
FUNDRAISING

ICA continues to deliver large scale fundraisers, including Nothe of the Living Dead.

The theme for this year's event was Dead Men Tell No Tales, a marine inspired adventure featuring zombie pirates and a host of marine monsters. The event, which sold out and attracted 107 volunteers of all ages and backgrounds, is a charity fundraiser between ICA, EPIC Games Dorset and Nothe Fort.













ADVERTISING & PR

ICA has continued to benefit from promotion across a range of media platforms, including BBC Radio Solent, Wessex FM, 105 FM, the Dorset Echo, the Free Portland News, partner newsletters and social media.

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Integrated Care Partnership meeting with Portland community

16th May

HEALTH PORTLAND



Residents have say on healthcare one year on from public meeting *(Image: Cristiano Magaglio)*



By Cristiano Magaglio
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A PARTNERSHIP of healthcare, volunteer and council groups heard local concerns at a public meeting on Portland.

In February 2023, Portland's community joined Dorset's Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) - comprised of the NHS, Dorset Council, community groups and the voluntary sector to address the isle's significant health and care challenges.

The ICP said at the time it was committed to working towards improving services for locals.

More than one year on the ICP held another meeting to update the community and address concerns.



Held at the Easton Methodist Church Hall, more than 80 members of the public attended.

Emphasised throughout the meeting were the efforts by the groups to work together to address the community's needs.

One of the largest issues has been transport on and off the island, particularly for specialist care not possible on Portland. Volunteer groups have even sometimes been needed to step in and bridge the gap.

Addressing transport, NHS Dorset Chief Medical Officer Dr Paul Johnson said: "We would love to say we got transport done. It is a big challenge but it is something we are working on. It is a struggle to get anywhere in the county given the rurality."

Also of concern to residents was Portland Community Hospital, which is often regarded as underutilised and diminished.

Read more: Growing anger over cuts at Portland Hospital

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Laura Godfrey, a GP working with practices across Dorset, spoke about the Minor Injuries Unit at Portland Hospital. She said: "Support is needed and should be available but when we looked at the data it was much wider. It was about the care of elderly people, mental health, social isolation, and support for young families. A Minor Injuries Unit is not going to solve all these issues.

"We have been working together and the key thing is to break down these walls between services. So we can provide you with the right care and support rather than working in a little bubble. Getting this right will take time.

"We don't get to people early enough and we don't identify them early enough to reduce their need for healthcare, and that is vital."

Dr Godfrey added that there are discussions around opening a community pharmacy following the closure of the Fortuneswell Boots.

Furthermore, staffing concerns are being addressed by advertising alternative routes to entering the NHS and social care, such as apprenticeships, and training nurse practitioners from scratch.



Representatives of various organisations in the ICP, including ICA's Kim Watson (second from left) and Dr Paul Johnson (right) ***(Image: Cristiano Magaglio)***

Read more: Huge turnout for meeting on future of Portland Hospital

Emma, a GP for Royal Manor Healthcare, spoke about the new phone lines aimed at helping people get appointments and said: "Services we were sharing with Weymouth we are beginning to get our own here on the island."

Other members of the public expressed concern about dentistry and optometry, noting poor and reduced service.

Read more: Crisis as concern over access to NHS dentists in Dorset

Rebecca Watson, Family Hub Programme Lead, gave an update on the Family Hub planned for Portland. Currently, the council is talking to the NHS about feasibly using space at the Portland Hospital.

Anyone with questions for the partnership are asked to contact the Island Community Action at office@islandcommunityaction.org.uk or call 01305 823789.

Weymouth and Portland named next Towns of Culture for 2025

6th August



Weymouth and Portland are well known for artistic events such as B-side, Inside Out and artistic features such as sand sculptures *(Image: Graham Hunt, Lisa Lindqvist, B-side and Pete Millson)*

By Tom Lawrence
Reporter
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WEYMOUTH and Portland will become the next Towns of Culture after winning a joint bid.

Representatives from local councils, and organisations representing the arts, business and communities in Portland and Weymouth are celebrating after learning their bid to become Dorset Towns of Culture 2025 was successful.

It is part of a new County of Culture scheme which will see a town, village or hamlet named the cultural capital of Dorset and lead to a year of cultural activity, backed by funding.

As previously reported, Weymouth and Portland had applied to become the next Town of Culture, following Bridport which became the first Town of Culture in a trial period for the second half of 2024.

Weymouth and Portland faced competition from Sherborne, with Sherborne Town Council having also submitted a bid.

The initiative is run by the Arts Development Agency which today announced that Portland and Weymouth will take the baton from Bridport in 2025, which will see a year of creative events planned across the two towns.

Rocca Holly-Nambi, Director, b-side, said: “We are delighted Portland and Weymouth are Dorset's Town of Culture 2025. Weymouth and Portland have a diverse, vibrant, and ambitious art scene.

"We know this venture will be the catalyst to reveal, showcase, and celebrate our many creative people and places.

"Together we will co-create a year of culture that propels us towards a creative future, for all those that live, love, and visit our unique home.”

Matt Ryan, Town Clerk at Portland Town Council, and Jane Biscombe, Town Clerk at Weymouth Town Council, said: “Both Town Councils are looking forward to working with local residents, artists, and community organisations to help deliver a year of fun and creativity where everyone can have a go at new skills, develop existing ones or just enjoy some new experiences taking place across Portland and Weymouth.”

Kate Wood, Artistic & Executive Director at Activate Performing Arts, said: “Activate are thrilled with this success.

"We have had the real pleasure of working in Portland and Weymouth for many years – bringing international artists to present extraordinary performances, working with artists based in the county and running workshops with children and community groups.

"Everyone we have spoken to has a real appetite for more creative activity for the towns.

"We are looking forward to working with all the partners and the communities and bring our two rules with us: anything’s possible, and everyone’s invited.”

Kim Wilcocks, CEO, Island Community Action, added: “Island Community Action are absolutely thrilled to be part of the winning team selected for Dorset's County of Culture, 2025.

"We look forward to working alongside our phenomenal partners and the community to deliver an amazing year of creative, innovative and inspirational events and activities."

Dawn Rondeau-Irvine, Chief Operations Officer, We Are Weymouth, said: “Working in partnership to achieve this result for Portland & Weymouth is incredible news, for everyone.

"We are excited about the possibilities for our towns as both the businesses and residents enjoy developing new initiatives to build on the arts and culture scene.

"We hope this will create positive change for the local economy both in 2025 and beyond as we build on this legacy for future generations.”

Arts Development Agency CEO David Lockwood added: “I’m delighted that Portland and Weymouth will be joint Towns of Culture for 2025.

"The ambition for culture to transform people and place is inspiring, as is the collaboration between creatives, communities, businesses and civic organisations.

"I can’t wait to see and experience the extraordinary cultural activity that this opportunity will unleash, and to enjoy the legacy for years to come.”

For more information about Towns of Culture 2025, visit the Arts Development Company **website**.

Further announcements about events and activities and how to get involved will be publicised by the partners in due course.

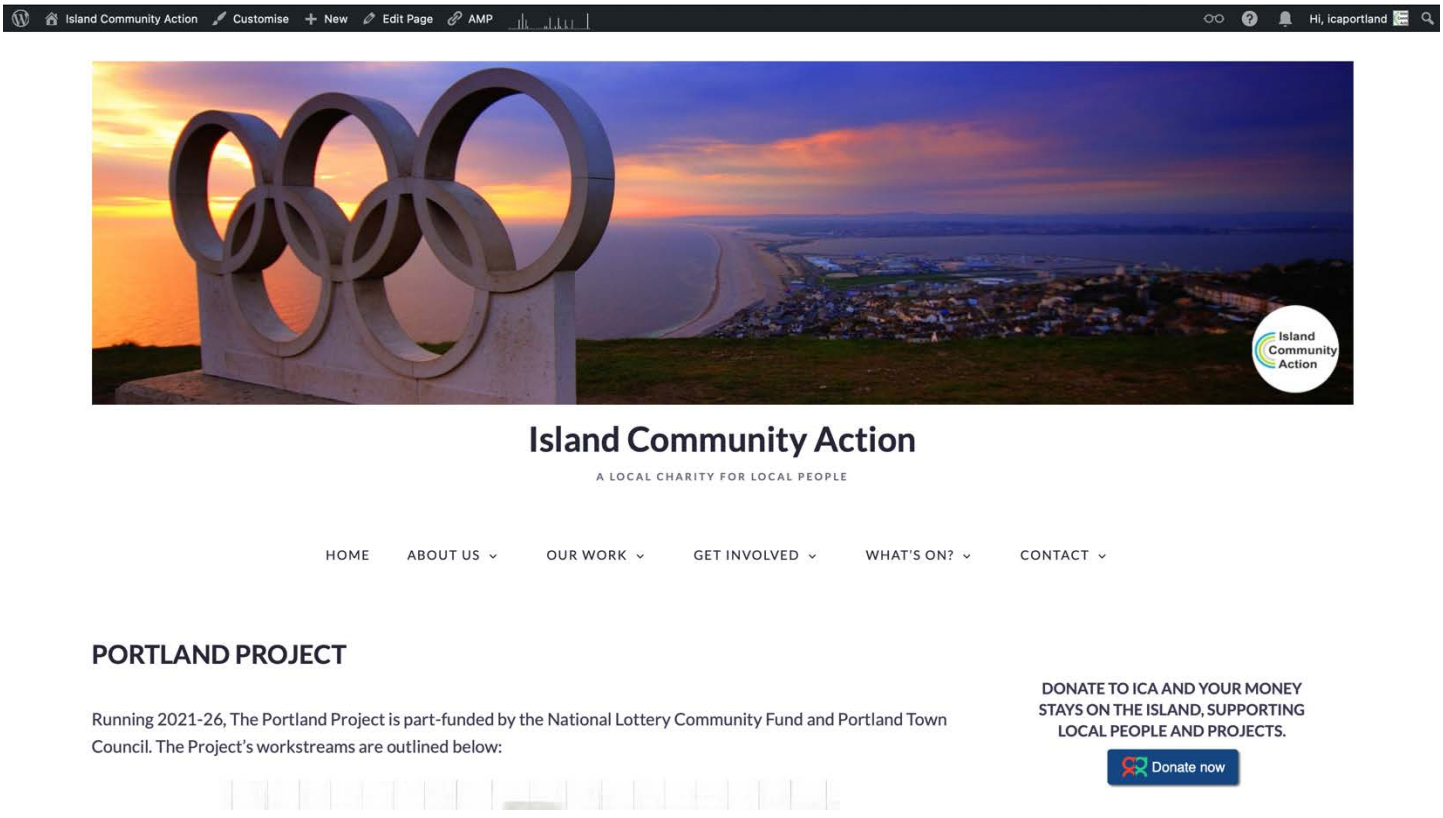
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FUTURE PORTLAND
Originally delivered as a collaborative project between ICA, b-side and The Portland Association to inspire and empower residents to protect and enhance their local environment, biodiversity, and significant landmarks, Future Portland's founding members have since gone on to form the Future Portland Community Benefit Society (CBS).
DONATE TO ICA AND YOUR MONEY STAYS ON THE ISLAND, SUPPORTING LOCAL PEOPLE AND PROJECTS.
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PORTLAND PROJECT
Running 2021-26, The Portland Project is part-funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and Portland Town Council. The Project's workstreams are outlined below:
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REFLECTIONS & THE FUTURE

Like last year, 2024 has been a year of ups and downs – with the downs taking centre stage, from the continued impact of the ongoing financial and political crisis to the devasting news that the government had approved Powerfuel's plans for an incinerator at Portland Port. The repercussions of these events have been felt by most of us, whether as residents or local organisations.

The impact on ICA has been significant. We have seen a continued increase in our volume of work, as we become more involved in the larger-scale initiatives set up to combat the island's ongoing challenges. These initiatives have included positive ongoing collaborations with Dorset Council around the soon-to-be-opened Portland Family Hub and Dorset NHS's Integrated Neighbourhood Working Group, focusing on frailty and falls.

We have also experienced success working in collaboration with Portland and Weymouth Town Councils, Activate Performing Arts, b-side, Portland Sculpture & Quarry Trust and We Are Weymouth, which culminated in a successful partnership bid to host the 2025 Dorset Town of Culture initiative. Run by the Arts Development Company, with Dorset Council input, will see this partnership come together with the wider community to deliver an inspirational year of cultural activity across 2025.

In addition, 2024 saw us continuing to support Dorset Council's Rediscovering the High Angle Battery Project, managing Portland Youth Council and taking over the non-uniformed delivery of Portland's Duke of Edinburgh's Awards programme.

With all this in mind and looking ahead to 2025, our key priorities will focus on:

- **Growing our income –** we currently have only 1.5 years left under our National Lottery Reaching Communities grant and must work hard to raise our income and reduce our reliance on grant funding, if we are to secure our long-term sustainability.
- **Collaboration and consultation –** we will continue to prioritise both activities as key routes through which to tackle Portland's challenges. This will include strengthening and diversifying our partnerships with statutory and non-statutory organisations.
- **Community engagement –** we will continue to prioritise working with local residents to ensure our approaches, activities and services always reflect their wants and needs. We will also strive to progress and support their engagement to inspire more with the confidence to proactively contribute to (and drive) the delivery of local projects, whatever their skills, knowledge, experience, personal circumstances or availability.
- **The Future Portland Community Benefit Society –** set up to provide a mechanism through which to support and drive the delivery of a more diverse and impactful range of projects that our community deem important.

In conclusion, we can confidently say that this has been our most challenging yet successful year to date. A year that has not only seen us implement many new approaches but has also raised a hugely important conundrum – how do we continue to deliver against the ever-increasing demand being placed on us especially as we enter the penultimate year of National Lottery funding.



Kim Wilcocks, CEO – ICA

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Opening Hours **(for calls and visits – outside of these times email or message)**	
Monday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Tuesday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Wednesday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Thursday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Friday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Saturday	**CLOSED**
Sunday	**CLOSED**

Management Committee
Chair – Douglas Pigg
Secretary – Anita Busby-Wilcocks
Treasurer – Mervyn Burden
Trustee – Pauline Carlyle

Employees
CEO – Kim Wilcocks
Project Manager – Jackie Carpenter
Project Manager – Katy Pascoe
Project Coordinator – Georgina Bolt
Project Coordinator – Nicky Turrell

All ICA staff are part-time.

ICA continues to work to a code of practice and ensure its Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities policies are adhered to at all times. ICA has full public and employer's liability insurance in place. A copy of these documents + our constitution and all other policies can be viewed at the ICA office.

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Board of Trustees	Chairman	Douglas Pigg
	Treasurer	Lynda Gallie
	Secretary	Anita Busby-Wilcocks
	Trustee	Diana Bedford
Charity Number	1157978	
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Independent Examiner	Michelle Ferris FCA Albert Goodman LLP Chartered Accountants Leanne House 6 Avon Close Weymouth Dorset DT4 9UX	

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Constitution, objects and policies
The charity was originally administered and managed by way of a Constitution which was first adopted on 23 June 1998. The original charity registered with the Charity Commission on 15 April 1999 under charity number 1075124. A new Charitable Incorporated Organisation was formed and registered with the Charity Commission on 24 July 2014. The new Charitable Incorporated Organisation took over the assets and activities of the original charity with that original charity becoming a linked charity of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The report and accounts for the year include the assets and activities for both charities. The objects of both charities are similar and are to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Portland by associating together volunteers and organisations in a common effort to advance education, protect health, relieve poverty, sickness and distress.

Committee and Management
Day to day management of the charity lies with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) reporting to the Board of Trustees, which includes a Chair and a Treasurer. The Board of Trustees holds a minimum of four face-to-face meetings in each year and other ad-hoc digital / online meetings, as required.

Investment Powers
The Constitution authorises the committee to use all money raised to further its objects and for no other purpose.

Public benefit
The charity has the public benefit in focus in all of its activities and all of those activities are directed at improving the quality of life of the residents of Portland.

Objectives, activities and achievements
Island Community Action (ICA) is a small, Dorset based charity. Since 1999, we have been supporting local communities through projects that:

- Tackle deprivation.
- Improve psychological, physical and social wellbeing.
- Reduce the impact of isolation and / or loneliness.
- Support individuals to live happier and more independent lives for longer.
- Increase life chances and quality of life through 'hands on' experiences, learning and training.
- Support those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteering roles.
- Improves community cohesion
- Inspires and facilitates collaborative working and the sharing of best practice across sectors
- Enable, support and showcase local enterprises, initiatives and activities that improve infrastructure and the environment, and contribute to regeneration and sustainable development

Under ICA's new five-year initiative, The Portland Project, 11 workstreams are being developed and delivered to achieve our objectives:

1. **HELPING HANDS –** Supporting those aged 50 years plus (in particular those impacted by poor mental, physical and / or social wellbeing, including isolation and loneliness) and also those of any age impacted by disability and / or serious, life limiting or terminal illness. Achieved through a range of over 20 activities and services, including befriending, lunch clubs and transport.

2. **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES –** Working in collaboration with other organisations, to support their work and develop other complementary activities, including a youth volunteering scheme, life and leadership skills training, consultation activities, events and a Portland Youth Council.

3. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ALL AGES) –** Currently includes:
    - **Community Connectors –** Residents, volunteers and organisations trained to identify and signpost those in potential need of support.
    - **Community Forum –** A space for local organisations to network, coordinate support, forward plan and build capacity.
    - **Community Hub –** Advice, information and signposting to local residents around non-ICA-related subjects.
    - **Events –** One-off large-scale community events, including national celebrations
    - **Infrastructure support –** Advice, information and training delivered or organised through ICA for other local community-based organisations.
    - **Volunteer Bureau –** Support for those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteer roles, from recruitment to training and DBS checks.

4. **CULTURE, HERITAGE, NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT (ALL AGES) –** Currently includes:
    - **Community Crafters –** Using creativity and crafting for local good causes, with an aim to reduce isolation and loneliness, strengthen community and intergenerational bonds, and showcase Portland's amazing artistic talents.
    - **Do One Thing –** Activities and events that engage and inspire individuals to protect and enhance Portland's amazing biodiversity and environment.
    - **High Angle Battery –** Supporting Dorset and Portland Town Councils with all volunteer activities related to the HAB Improvements Project and its ongoing offer, to include the formation of a Friends of High Angle Battery group.
    - **Nothe of the Living Dead –** An annual fundraiser between ICA, EPIC Games – Dorset and Nothe Fort. Described as a mash-up between The Walking Dead and Crystal Maze, the event sees participants attempt to solve a series of mental and physical challenges while being terrorised by a horde of hungry zombies.
    - **Tales and Trails –** Interactive walking experiences that engage participants in Portland's landscape, biodiversity and environment, culture, history and heritage.
    - **Victoria Gardens –** ICA supports the Gardens' volunteer gardening team.

5. **RESEARCH, REPRESENTATION and REGENERATION** – Currently includes:
    - **Community Consultations –** ICA provides a range of community consultation services for itself and other organisations. Past clients include Eden – Portland, Dorset Council, NHS Dorset and Portland Town Council.
    - **Collaborations and Representation –** ICA continues to work in partnership with a number of groups and networks to improve Portland's infrastructure and support offer across a number of strands, including…
        - **Children and Families** e.g. working with Dorset's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS), Chesil Locality – Portland Local Alliance Group (lead – Dorset NHS) and the Portland Family Hub (lead – DC).
        - **Environment and Biodiversity** e.g. supporting the delivery of Portland's Biodiversity Plan (lead – Portland Town Council).
        - **Health and Wellbeing** e.g. Portland Healthcare Steering Group (lead – Dorset's ICS) and Developing an Integrated Care Model for W&P (lead – NHS).
    - **Research and Development –** Weymouth & Portland Community Research Network – non-clinical (leads – ICA, Steps Youth Service, The Lantern Trust and Bournemouth University).

6. **FUTURE PORTLAND** – Originally delivered as a collaborative project between ICA, b-side and The Portland Association to inspire and empower residents to protect and enhance their local environment, biodiversity, and significant landmarks, Future Portland's founding members have since gone on to form the Future Portland Community Benefits Society (CBS).

   Our organisations came together after local consultations revealed a strong desire for increased community-based innovation and vision for our island. Through the Future Portland CBS, we want to help address this ask by providing more support for the community development projects that our community deems important. The first initiative to be developed is The Pulpit Project.

Risk management
The Trustees have examined the major strategic operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to highlight and lessen these risks.

Reserves policy
It is the policy of the charity to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to meet approximately six months unrestricted expenditure and to assist with funding any future developments.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards relevant to smaller charities preparing their account on the receipts and payments basis.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that Year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 30 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

D Pigg (Trustee) **L Gallie** (Trustee)

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Island Community Action ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michelle Ferris BSc (Hons) FCA DChA
For and on behalf of

Albert Goodman LLP
Chartered Accountants

Leanne House
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Dorset
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30 January 2025

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	2	9,750	120,256	130,006	131,346
Fundraising and sponsorship		2,392	1,060	3,452	2,011
Motor vehicles/Minibus		15,345	-	15,345	11,305
Clubs and Memory Café		19,082	271	19,353	17,272
Interest		320	-	320	27
Total receipts		46,888	121,587	168,475	161,961
Payments					
Portland Shed demerged from ICA		-	-	-	9,917
Souvenirs of Place and Love purchases		-	-	-	9,035
Salaries and wages	3	5,000	86,635	91,635	87,772
Pension		-	4,286	4,286	1,912
Shop Purchases and Consumables		-	13,912	13,912	3,072
Events tickets		-	1,175	1,175	-
Rent		7,800	1,144	8,944	9,636
Rates, water and electric		5,766	-	5,766	2,940
Insurance		-	1,408	1,408	2,073
Telephone		-	-	-	10
Postage, stationery, printing and advertising		-	540	540	437
Photocopier Hire		1,282	-	1,282	(401)
Motor		3,097	12,073	15,170	9,043
Vehicle hire		-	1,215	1,215	-
Repairs and maintenance		-	80	80	1,037
Subscriptions and membership fees		200	272	472	231
Sundries		517	208	725	913
IT		1,220	1,260	2,480	2,086
Christmas box donations		-	-	-	-
Training, tutors and speakers		-	9,285	9,285	7,408
Fundraising		475	2,000	2,475	1,221
P.R. and marketing		499	768	1,267	1,257
Room hire		180	10,095	10,275	6,720
Accountancy fees		102	1,644	1,746	1,716
Consultancy fees		-	30	30	-
Catering Costs		-	-	-	2,290
Capital					
Computer equipment		-	-	-	-
Fixtures, fittings and equipment		386	-	386	(725)
Total payments		26,523	148,031	174,554	159,600
Net receipts before transfers		20,365	(26,443)	(6,078)	2,361
Transfers between funds		(28,637)	28,637	-	-
Net movement in funds at bank and in hand for the year		(8,272)	2,194	(6,078)	2,361
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2023		20,056	88,669	108,725	106,364
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2024		**11,784**	**90,863**	**102,647**	**108,725**

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Cash at Bank	102,647	108,725
Cash in hand	-	-
Total bank and cash balances per receipts and payments account	102,647	108,725
Other Assets and Liabilities:		
Fixed Assets		
Motor vehicles and trailer	13,081	16,354
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	7,557	8,891
	20,638	25,245
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	(1,614)	(1,614)
Net Assets	121,671	132,356

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 30 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

D Pigg (Trustee)

L Gallie (Trustee)

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of accounts
The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Committee's Report and all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Amounts in the Receipts and Payments Account are included as amounts are received and paid by the charity. The Receipts and Payments Account does not therefore include any accruals or prepayments.

Value added tax
Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Receipts and Payments Account.

2. Grants and Donations

	£
Restricted funds	
Dorset Council	21,434
National Lottery Community Fund	66,750
Save the Children	627
Hall & Woodhouse	1,186
Dorset Community Foundation	5,213
UKRI	5,821
John Turner Foundation	1,700
Portland Town Council	15,115
Court Leet	250
Charities Aid Foundation	2,000
Portland Rotary Club	160
	120,256
Unrestricted	
General donations	9,750
	9,750
Total	130,006

3. Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Salaries and wages	75,648	86,124
Employers National Insurance Contributions	15,987	1,648
	91,635	85,616

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 per annum (2023: £60,000)

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated as full time equivalents, were as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	4	4

4. Restricted Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of grants and donations held on trust and to be applied for specific purposes.

	Balance 1 April 2023	Income/ receipts	Payments	Transfers from/(to) General funds	Balance 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Growing Local Project	11,535	5,840	(9,402)	-	7,974
Helping hands	-	3,010	(31,647)	28,637	-
Portland Project	77,134	93,482	(104,982)	-	65,634
High Angle Battery Project	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Weymouth & Portland Research Network - Forgotten Towns: Voices project	-	17,255	-	-	17,255
	88,669	121,587	(148,031)	28,637	90,863

Growing Local Project received funding from Dorset Community Foundation & Save the Children.

Helping Hands received funding from Joan Turner Foundation, and various individuals.
In addition to the restricted funds raised, unrestricted funds were also allocated to this project and this is reflected by the transfer

Portland Project received funding from National Lottery, Portland Town Council, Hall & Woodhouse, Portland Rotary Club and Dorset Council.

High Angle Battery Project received funding from the Charities Aid Foundation.

Weymouth & Portland Research Network - Forgotten Towns: Voices Project received funding from UK Research and Innovation.

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

As the chairman of Island Community Action, I regularly reflect on the journey and the unique ability of our charity to adapt to the constant changes in funding, policy, and services dictated by community needs and funders' requirements. Supporting an island community that prides itself on being unique, self-reliant and family-oriented brings complexity and joy to supporting this place we call home.

Island Community Action is a volunteer organisation that has been providing activities and services to the Portland community since 1999. We are currently three years into our five-year initiative, The Portland Project, which is part funded by the National Lottery Community Fund, with match funding being provided under an innovative five-year Service Level Agreement with Portland Town Council.

To date, the initiative has seen us grow our offer to deliver a much more comprehensive range of activities, including expanded workstreams for volunteering, creativity, food and the environment, children, families, young people, and community development. It is an approach that has enabled us to work more creatively, holistically and, where possible, collaboratively to address some of the broad challenges impacting local residents.

Our longest running project, Helping Hands, provides over 20 essential services and activities to support to the island's older residents and those impacted by disability and / or long-term significant illness. The project, which aims to facilitate and support independent living, receives no long-term grant funding for its older people's activities and relies on local fundraising activities, smaller short-term project grants and local and legacy giving. Regarding the latter support, it's worth pointing out that if you leave a legacy or contribute to a national charity, your gift is rarely spent locally and, instead, goes into the charity's general funding pot. It's an important point should you wish to give, donate, or leave money to a local cause. Naming Island Community Action is, therefore, a great way to ensure your gift remains on the island.

Our charity has always been driven by the desire to make a meaningful difference to the lives of those around us. Through the dedication of our volunteers, the generosity of our donors and our staff's unwavering commitment, we have touched the lives of countless individuals and families, providing vital support in times of need and fostering a sense of unity and belonging within our community. Whether it's through initiatives that support older people, educational opportunities for our youth, or activities that seek to reduce loneliness or improve our environmental, ICA always been at the forefront of positive change, responding to the evolving needs of our community with creativity and passion.

As chair, I am continually inspired by the big-heartedness that defines our community. The outpouring of support for our charity's initiatives, the countless hours volunteered by dedicated individuals, and the profound acts of kindness that permeate our island are a testament to our community's incredible strength and resilience.

I am humbled by the tireless efforts of everyone involved in making our charity a force for good in our community. As we look to the future, I am confident that our charity will continue to be a shining example of what can be achieved when a community comes together with a shared vision of compassion and solidarity.

Thank you all for your unwavering support, and to the ICA team who make it all happen, our volunteers who make it all work and our funders who make it all possible. I look forward to continuing this incredible journey of positive change with every one of you.



Doug Pigg
Chair – Island Community Action (ICA)

KEY FUNDERS & SPONSORS

GRANTS

ICA gratefully received grant funding contributions from the following organisations in 2023:



- **The National Lottery Community Fund: Reaching Communities –** Funding contribution towards a range of new and expanded workstreams. Funding running 2021-26.
- **Portland Town Council –** Match funding contribution under a new five-year Service Level Agreement contribution for The Portland Project. Cover several extended and new services.
- **iWill (via the Dorset Community Foundation) –** Contribution towards the Portland Youth Council.
- **John Thornton Young Achievers Foundation –** Contribution towards the Duke of Edinburgh's Aware scheme.
- **Sport England (via Active Dorset)** – Contribution towards Tales and Trail
- **The Big Green Week (via Save the Children)** – Contribution towards Growing Local
- **UK Research Institute (UKRI) –** Funding to cover delivery of the Weymouth & Portland Research Network's Stage 1 – *Voices from a Forgotten Town: Young and Vulnerable People Share Their Visions for the Future* project.

NON-GRANT DONATIONS & FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

In addition to ICA's successful grant applications, the charity was grateful to benefit from a range of local funding opportunities over the past 12 months, including

- **Portland Court Leet –** Towards Helping Hands
- **The Rotary Club of Island & Royal Manor of Portland –** Towards young people's First Aid training
- **Portland residents** – Legacy and local donations towards our core costs.

GENERATED INCOME
ICA generates income through a range of activities, including:

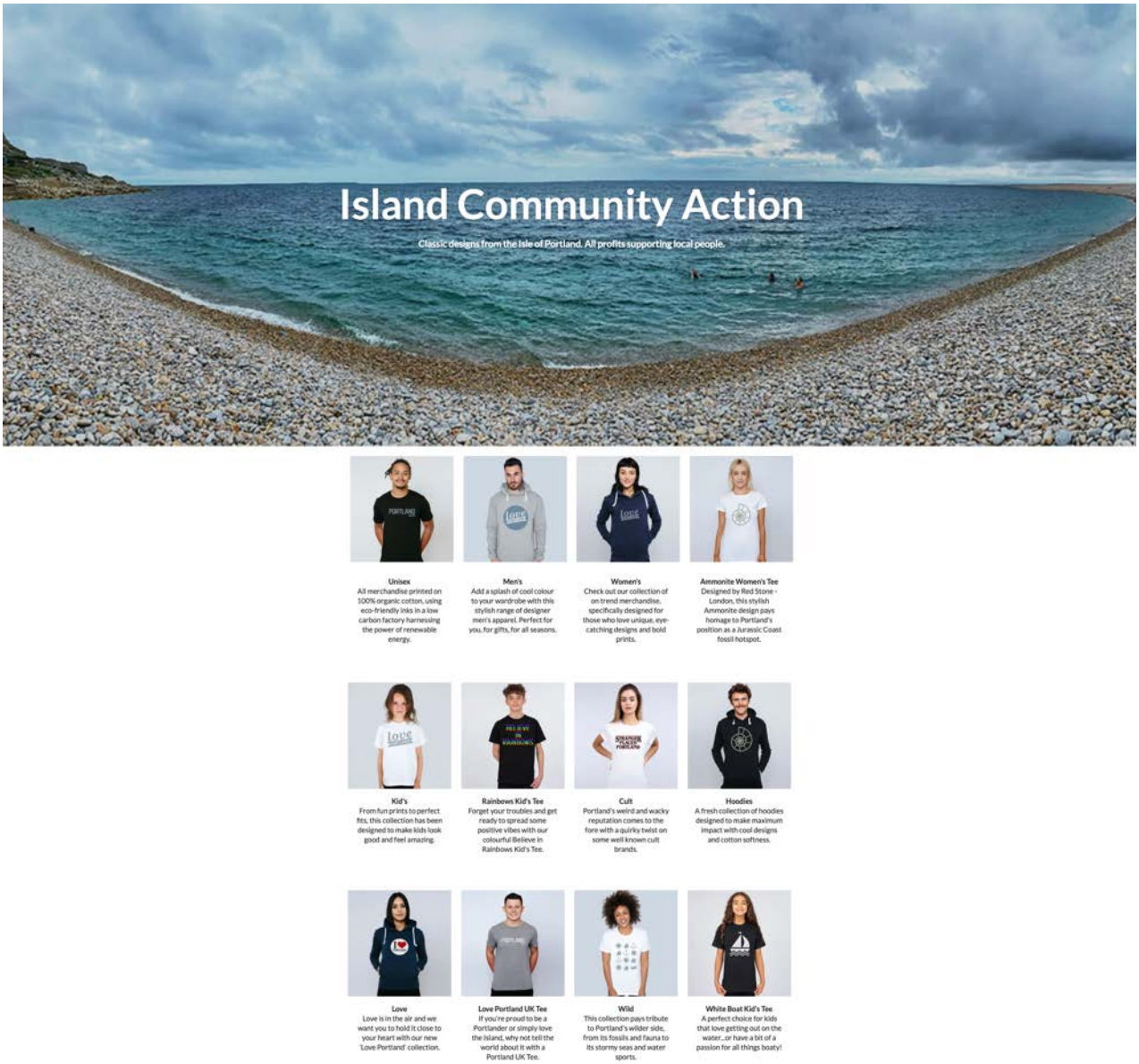
The Giving Lottery – An online alternative to ICA's original lottery at: www.givinglottery.org.uk/support/island-community-action

One-off or regular donations – Made by cash, cheque, standing order or via Local Giving at: www.localgiving.com/charity/islandcommunityaction

Legacy gifts – Made via the donor's will, these contributions range from direct donations instead of flowers at a funeral to specified sums of money, a % of an entire estate or a particular item.

Donations of prizes – From unwanted gifts to free experiences, trips and treatments.

Merchandise
ICA sells cards, lottery tickets, merchandise and more. 2020 also saw us open our Teemill website at: https://islandcommunityaction.teemill.com



PROJECTS & SERVICES

The Portland Projects 11 workstreams have been developed in response to our island's key challenges and the identified needs and wants of local residents.

1. **HELPING HANDS – OLDER PEOPLE + THOSE IMPACTED BY DISABILITY AND / OR SERIOUS, LIFE LIMITING OR TERMINAL ILLNESS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED): Current services:**
    - Advice
    - Befriending (face-to-face and telephone)
    - Dog walking
    - Brain Games – conversation and games (suitable for those with mild dementia)
    - Chat A Latte: Coffee, cake and good conversation. ICA's follow-on project for our 2022 Warm Bank.
    - Chesil Art Group (Portland and Wyke Regis)
    - Exercise: Get Together – gentle seated
    - Exercise: Osteocise – mid-range
    - Exercise: Fit+ – advanced aerobic
    - Exercise: Yoga – mind and body (16yrs+)
    - Food: The Dining Room, Sunday Lunch Club and other foodie outings
    - Shopping: In-store @ Tesco
    - Songs R Us: Singing group featuring harmonies and a wide range of songs.
    - Special events (e.g. Senior's Christmas lunch and Christmas hampers)
    - Social: Bingo
    - Social: Coffee mornings
    - Transport: Medical and essential appointments
    - Transport: Other (e.g. social outings, visiting relatives in care homes etc.)
    - Good Neighbour Scheme (small tasks and errands e.g. admin, DIY, prescriptions, shopping etc.)

2. **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES –** ICA are working in collaboration to develop and deliver a range of youth focused services and activities. These include a youth volunteering scheme, life and leadership skills training, consultation activities and events. ICA also manage the Portland Youth Council.

3. **COMMUNITY CRAFTERS (ALL AGES) –** Community-based creative and crafting projects for good causes. Aimed at reducing isolation and loneliness and strengthening community and intergenerational bonds.

4. **GROWING LOCAL (ALL AGES)** – Providing opportunities for residents to volunteer and participate in 'hands-on' activities that develop their skills and interest in food and growing, encourage their passion for nature and the environment and increase their understanding around the links between climate change, the natural world and food.

   The emphasis is on simple and fun community-based activities that keep participants engaged and empowered to progress, whatever their passion or skill level, from simple Do One Thing for Portland activities, like building a bug hotel, to signing up for a litter pick or foraging walk, taking part in beginner's or specialist cookery course or volunteering for (or driving) a large scale environment / nature based project.

The overall aspiration is to provide participants with the confidence and knowledge to make simple changes that benefit themselves and the planet. The project also focuses on bringing people together in settings that not only help them feel more connected to their community, but also helps them understand the benefits of engaging with and protecting Portland's amazing natural environment for today's and future generations.

ICA are collaborating with a range of organisations to deliver linked activities:

- EDEN Portland + Exeter, Nottingham Trent and Bournemouth Universities to deliver significant environment related projects.
- Atlantic Academy to develop a new wildlife and growing garden + cookery, growing and environment-based activities.
- b-side to deliver Future Portland, a multifaceted project aimed at empowering residents to protect and enhance their local environment, biodiversity and significant landmarks.

5. **VOLUNTEER BUREAU –** Supporting those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteer roles, from recruitment to training and DBS checks.
6. **COMMUNITY HUB –** Providing advice, information and signposting to local residents around a host of different subjects. ICA deals with around 7-8,000 queries a year.
7. **COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS –** ICA's three qualified Community Organisers provide a range of community consultation services for ICA and other organisations. Past consultation clients include Eden – Portland, Dorset Council, NHS Dorset and Portland Town Council.
8. **COMMUNITY CONNECTORS –** Residents trained by ICA's Community Organiser team to identify and signpost those in potential need of support.
9. **COMMUNITY FORUM –** A space for local organisations to network, coordinate support, forward plan and build capacity.
10. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT –** Providing advice, information and training for other local community-based organisations.
11. **COLLABORATIONS –** ICA continues to work in partnership with a number of groups and support structures to improve Portland's infrastructure and support offer, including:
    - The Integrated Care System (ICS) Portland Steering Group
    - Portland Hospital Development Group
    - Dorset Community Mental Health Alliance Group
    - Weymouth and Portland Innovation Group (Mental Health & Wellbeing)
    - Weymouth and Portland Community Research Network
    - High Angle Battery Delivery Group

ACHIEVEMENTS

TABLE 1: CLIENT / PARTICIPATION NUMBERS ACHIEVED FOR YEAR 2 (2022-23)

WORKSTREAM KEY N/A = NO INDIVIDUAL TARGETS ORIGINALLY SET [1] = FIGURE BASED ON KNOWN NUMBERS OR INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING ONCE ONLY	NO. OF COURSES OR ACTIVITY SESSIONS		NO. OF INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING ACROSS COURSES / SESSIONS		NO. OF INTERACTIONS (PEOPLE X ATTENDANCES – UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)	
	YEAR 2 TARGET	YEAR 2 ACHIEVED	YEAR 2 TARGET	YEAR 2 ACHIEVED	YEAR 2 TARGET	YEAR 2 ACHIEVED
HELPING HANDS (OLDER PEOPLE + THOSE IMPACTED BY DISABILITY AND / OR SERIOUS, LIFE LIMITING OR TERMINAL ILLNESS)						
Befriending (face-to-face and telephone sessions with befrienders)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	666
Club activities (art and exercise)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	2,539
Good Neighbours errands (Includes basic DIY, prescription collections and deliveries, shopping and other small errands)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	979
Food based activities (e.g. lunch clubs and foodie outings)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	834
Purely social activities (non-food celebration and bingo)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	3,499
Transport (essential appointments and activities)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	1,743
Transport (in-store shopping)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	206
Telephone catch-ups (by ICA office staff and volunteers – based on a minimum five calls per day x five days weekly x 48 weeks)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	1,200
SUB-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED			**500**	**576**	**9,000**	**11,666**
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES						
Portland Youth Council – Intro sessions (delivered to 11-16 year olds via education / youth based groups)	5	5	400	545	400	545[1]
Portland Youth Council – Council sessions	32	32	10	10	300	320
Portland Youth Council – Public events / campaigns: Coronation Cinema (500+ attendees), Pride Month (300+ attendees), Pirate Day (200+ attendees) and Portland Sparkle (500+ attendees)	4	4	1000	1500	250	1000[1]
Portland Youth Council: Project collaborations (with local organisations – Atlantic Academy, b-side, Casterbridge Speakers, Court Leet, Dorset Youth Association – Voice X, KNEED, Portland Town Council + The Drop In)	4	8	4	8	4	8[1]
Portland Youth Council: Thorpe Park trip	0	1	0	48	0	48
Youth based life and leadership skills training: Team Building, Manifesto Creation, Consultation Planning, Consultation and Research Skills, Interview Skills, Recording Skills. First Aid, Public speaking and Presentation Skills	6	8	10	19	80	103[1]
SUB-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED	**51**	**58**	**1,424**	**2,130**	**1,034**	**2,024**

WORKSTREAM KEY N/A = NO INDIVIDUAL TARGETS ORIGINALLY SET [1] = FIGURE BASED ON KNOWN NUMBERS OR INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING ONCE ONLY	NO. OF COURSES OR ACTIVITY SESSIONS		NO. OF INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING ACROSS COURSES / SESSIONS		NO. OF INTERACTIONS (PEOPLE X ATTENDANCES – UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)	
	YEAR 2 TARGET	YEAR 2 ACHIEVED	YEAR 2 TARGET	YEAR 2 ACHIEVED	YEAR 2 TARGET	YEAR 2 ACHIEVED
CREATIVE						
Advent Angels	24	24	24	24	24	24[1]
Community Crafters: • Wild 'n' Woolly (61 volunteers / 700 items • Winter Warmers (16 volunteers / 25 items) • Crowns for the Coronation (56 volunteers / 56 items) • Pride Feathers (52 volunteers / 300 items) • Octopi (17 volunteers / 17 items) • Butterflies (44 volunteers / 203 items) • Book Binding and Printing (7 volunteers / 14 items) • Hand Puppets (4 volunteers / 12 items) • Digestive System (1 volunteer / 10 items)	0	9	0	112	0	1,337
Spin A Yarn monthly get together social crafting sessions	0	3	0	32	0	66[1]
Cratetivity hampers (activities for vulnerable clients, including those who are housebound or impacted by disability / serious illness).	N-A	N-A	80	146	80	146[1]
Nothe of the Living Dead	1	1	150	192	150	192[1]
The Portland Shed (NOW AN INDPENDENT PROJECT)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A
SUB-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED	**25**	**37**	**254**	**506**	**254**	**1,765**
GROWING LOCAL (FOOD AND THE ENVIRONMENT)						
Cooking Courses	24	8	30	15	120	60
Growing Courses	24	0	30	0	120	0
Specialist Courses	6	6	60	60	60	60
Environment Activities: Large-scale activities with Atlantic Academy (x 2 – BioBlitz and Do One Thing event – same students attended both events	0	2	0	300	0	300[1]
Environment Activities: Large-scale activities with b-side (x 3 – How To Look After An Island = 50, Environment Fayre = 300+ and Future Portland = 72)	0	3	0	422	0	422[1]
Environment Activities: Portland Pickers (includes 4 individuals doing weekly picks x 48)	4	3	30	34	90	308
Environment Activities: Hedgehog Heroes	0	1	0	11	0	11
SUB-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED	**58**	**23**	**150**	**842**	**390**	**1,161**

WORKSTREAM KEY N/A = NO INDIVIDUAL TARGETS ORIGINALLY SET [1] = FIGURE BASED ON KNOWN NUMBERS OR INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING ONCE ONLY	NO. OF COURSES OR ACTIVITY SESSIONS		NO. OF INDIVIDUALS PARTICIPATING ACROSS COURSES / SESSIONS		NO. OF INTERACTIONS (PEOPLE X ATTENDANCES – UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)	
	YEAR 2 TARGET	YEAR 2 ACHIEVED	YEAR 2 TARGET	YEAR 2 ACHIEVED	YEAR 2 TARGET	YEAR 2 ACHIEVED
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT						
Consultation events: • High Angle Battery (face 2 face and digital @ various locations – for Dorset Council = 2 separate participation routes / 563 participants) • Weymouth & Portland Research Network – Voices from a Forgotten Town (young people's consultation = 3 sessions / 216 participants) • Portland Youth Council (younger people = 2 sessions / 109 participants) • ICA (older people = 1 session / 85 participants)	6	8	750	973	750	973[1]
Portland Community Forum (includes physical sessions x 4 and digital interactions x multiple / total current membership = 109 / final figure based on members engaging with two sessions, though most engaged more)	4	4	100	109	100	218
Community Connectors – Pilot with ICA volunteers and staff (includes everything from sorting Portland Foodbank vouchers for individual and family use to support with GP eConsults)	0	0	0	541 (number of referrals)	0	541
Infrastructure Support for local third sector community-based organisations (number of organisations supported)	N-A-	N-A-	8	8	24	24
Portland community representation on steering groups (x 7)	36	76	N-A-	N-A-	36	76
SUB-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED	**46**	**88**	**858**	**1,631**	**910**	**1,832**
GRAND-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED	**180**	**206**	**3,186**	**5,685**	**11,588**	**18,448**

ADDITIONAL 'OTHER' KEY STATS:

- **Enquiries**
  - 22,387 = total ICA related phone calls, digital conversations and face-to-face enquiries
  - 7,484 = total non-ICA related phone calls, digital conversations and face-to-face enquiries

  NB: We are confident these significant numbers have much to do with ICA's increasing role as a trusted information source, especially for older residents who may feel wary of other sources, have limited access to other sources or may not be digitally active or confident.
- **Digital…**
  - Facebook – Island Community Action = 2,068 likes / 2,357 followers
  - Facebook – Island Community Action Community Crafters = 458 members

CLIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

Number of clients / participants engaged:

The total number of clients / participants engaged across ICA's active workstreams are as follows:

- Helping Hands = 576
- Youth based activities = 2,130
- Creative = 506
- Growing Local = 842
- Consultations = 973
- Portland Community Forum = 109
- Community Connectors = 541

  TOTAL = 5,667 (excludes Portland representation and infrastructure support)

NB: The numbers above do include repeats. However, we are confident that the number of separate individuals engaged exceeds 2,500.

Age breakdown of ICA clients / participants

- 15% = 5-10yrs
- 22% = 11-15yrs
- 3% = 16-24yrs
- 4% = 25-34yrs.
- 6% = 35-44yrs
- 9% = 45-54yrs
- 12% = 55-64yrs
- 16% = 65-74yrs
- 21% = 75yrs+
- 1% prefer not to say

Gender breakdown

- 57% = Women / girls
- 42% = Men / boys
- 1% = Other

CLIENT / PARTICIPANT IMPACT

ICA regularly seeks feedback regarding the impact of its activities, services and support offer. This feedback enables us to measure impact and assess areas for improvement.

TABLE 2: CLIENT / PARTICIPANT IMPACT FOR YEAR 2 (2022-23)

WORKSTREAM AND QUESTIONS	YES %	NO %	N/A %
HELPING HANDS (OLDER PEOPLE + THOSE IMPACTED BY DISABILITY AND / OR SERIOUS, LIFE OR TERMINAL ILLNESS)			
Has ICA made you feel happier and / or more confident?	99	1	0
Have ICA's activities helped you feel less lonely and / or worried	99	1	0
Has ICA helped you socialise with others?	98	0	2
Have ICA's activities helped your mobility / health	91	5	3
Has ICA helped you feel safer?	90	5	5
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES - YOUTH COUNCIL			
In-depth evaluation not undertaken in Year 2	N/A	N/A	N/A
CREATIVE - COMMUNITY CRAFTERS			
In-depth evaluation not undertaken in Year 2	N/A	N/A	N/A

WORKSTREAM AND QUESTIONS	YES %	A LITTLE %	NO %	N/A %
GROWING LOCAL – HAS PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY…				
Increased your knowledge and skills	100			
Increased your understanding of the benefits associated with buying, cooking and / or growing your own or locally produced food (e.g. health, social, environmental and financial)?	83	17		
Made you more likely to buy locally produced / grown food?	80	20		
Made you more likely to cook at home / expand your repetoire at home?	100			
Made you feel happier / more positive?	100			
Increased your opportunities to socialise?	100			
Made you feel healthier?	64	9		27
Increased your overall confidence?	84	16		
Made you feel more involved in your community?	75	25		
Made you more likely to get involved with your local community e.g. as a volunteer, by joining an existing project (food, growing or environment based) or starting your own?	75	15	10	
Did you enjoy this activity?	100			

VOLUNTEERS

TABLE 3: VOLUNTEER NUMBERS ACHIEVED FOR YEAR 2 (2022-23)

WORKSTREAM	NO. OF INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS		NO. OF VOLUNTEER HOURS	
	TARGET	ACHIEVED	TARGET	ACHIEVED
VOLUNTEER BUREAU				
Helping Hands	0	125	0	24,000
Nothe of the Living Dead	0	107	0	1,284
Portland Youth Council	0	10	0	2,280
Community Crafters	0	112	0	896
Growing Local	0	61	0	666
Events	0	12	0	125
Project support	0	2	0	41
ICA Board of Trustees	0	5	0	240
ICA staff team (staff who have done volunteer hours in addition to paid hours)	0	4	0	1,738
SUB-TOTAL	**0**	**438**	**0**	**31,270**

In addition, ICA delivered:

- 34 x individuals to non-ICA volunteering roles
- 12 x Volunteer of the Month awards (celebrating volunteers from across different organisations on the island)
- The Advent Angels Christmas Campaign (celebrating formal and informal volunteer heroes across the island)

Age breakdown of ICA volunteers

- 1% = 5-10yrs
- 4% = 11-15yrs
- 7% = 16-24yrs
- 7% = 25-34yrs
- 9% = 35-44yrs
- 8% = 45-54yrs
- 20% = 55-64yrs
- 33% = 65-74yrs
- 11% = 75yrs+

Gender breakdown

- 65% female
- 34% male
- 1% other

Total volunteer hours

We can only provide an estimate for this figure because so much volunteering goes unlogged e.g. odd errands carried out by befrienders or Good Neighbour volunteers. However, based on what we do know, we can say that volunteers gave a total of 31,270 hours during the year. This equates to £375,240 back into the local economy (based on UK Living Wage, £12 per hour).

ICA's evaluation survey showed the key reasons people decide to volunteer are that it:

- Makes them feel happy / positive
- Allows them to give something back to their community
- Helps them feel connected to their community
- Extends their social networks
- Makes them feel needed and useful
- Gives them the opportunity to participate in activities that interest them

100% reported that volunteering with ICA also increased their confidence awareness around the island's wider support offer, volunteering opportunities and other activities in general.

We also experience individuals transitioning from client to volunteer and back again.

YOUTH

PORTLAND'S FIRST YOUTH COUNCIL



Isabelle Bowring
Youth Council Member

Isabelle wants to improve LGBTQ+ Rights and Equality.

Isabelle is passionate about representing your voices about LGBTQ+ lives and wants to advocate for more support clubs and events.



Matilda Busby-Wilcocks
Youth Council Member

Matilda is passionate about social and developmental opportunities for young people.

Her aim is to create more fun events for young people, influence different career opportunities and campaign for fairer public transport.



Leah Foot
Youth Council Member

Leah is passionate about helping the environment.

Leah wants to reduce food waste by campaigning for more opportunities for young people to learn how to cook from scratch and appreciate food.



Grace Hawkins
Youth Council Member

Grace is standing to improve sport equipment on the island so that exercise is more accessible to everyone.

She would like to push for more outdoor equipment for the Island.



Charlie Jackson
Youth Council Member

Charlie hopes to make a difference to young people's lives on the Island.

He is interested in using his experience to promote and improve activities for young people.



Lucy Masters
Youth Council Member

Lucy wants to bring more safety and fun to the Island.

She is looking to make differences to the outdoor facilities on the island and ensure that these can be safely accessed by all.



Storm Middleton
Youth Council Member

Storm is looking to improve support and opportunities for small businesses on the Island and create more youth provision.

She believes in providing more workshops for young people to learn outside of school.



Aidan O'Neill
Youth Council Member

Aidan wishes to advocate for the environment on the Island.

Aidan would like to increase opportunities for outdoor activities that promote respect and enjoyment of our natural world.



Miya-Lei Taylor
Youth Council Member

Miya wants to influence the support, information and social opportunities for young people.

This includes supporting local youth clubs to reinstate some services, advocating for outdoor play facilities to be refurbished and make all opportunities more accessible.



Joe Pascoe
Youth Council Member

Joe is hoping to make the Island a fairer place to live.

He wants to improve job opportunities on the island and campaign for more support for young people to learn skills that could help them discover different careers.

ACHIEVEMENTS

In its first year, the Portland Youth Council identified five key priorities, these were identified through the Youth Councillor's own manifestos, additional consultation with peers and evidenced local need. These priorities were as follows:

1. Improve employment, training and volunteering opportunities
2. Promote equality and diversity
3. Protect the environment
4. Increase social opportunities and affordable activities
5. Improve Public spaces.

Regular sessions – Councillors attended 32 regular sessions and participated in 5 face-2-face introductory sessions with 545 11-16 year olds (ahead of the Yr 2 elections)



Training sessions – Eight completed: Team Building Day, Manifesto Creation, Consultation Planning, Consultation and Research Skills, Interview Skills, Recording Skills, First Aid and Public speaking and Presentation Skills.

Consultations – Two consultations delivered, with 109 young people participating.

Collaborations – Atlantic Academy, b-side, Casterbridge Speakers, Community Crafters, Court Leet, Dorset Youth Association, Portland Town Council and The Drop In.

Events:



- **Coronation Cinema event with Portland Town Council –** Portland Town Council originally quoted over £10,000 to deliver an outdoor cinema event for the Coronation. PYC secured an alternative at just over £2,000)
- **Pride Window –** PYC collaborated with ICA's Community Crafters to deliver over 500 crotchet/knitted feathers and create a stunning pair of Pride wings for ICA's window.
- **Pirate Fun Day –** PYC delivered a range of low cost activities, including a Basketball Challenge and Treasure Hunt



Summer Trip – Raised £710 towards a Thorpe Park trip for 48 young people AND secured a free coach from local company, Excelsior Coaches. Included 20 free tickets (for identified young carers and volunteers + those from disadvantaged backgrounds) and a 28 reduced price tickets).

Representation – PYC represented Portland's youth at various Dorset wide events (including Portland's Beating the Bounds. celebration) and fed into local projects.

Portland's Youth Council is managed by ICA, with the support of Portland Town Council,

BEGINNER'S COOKERY COURSE

ICA collected feedback from students and young people after the cookery sessions. 100% said they enjoyed their experience.

Critically, the cookery sessions also enabled us to engage a number of students with SEND needs.





GROWING LOCAL: SPECIALIST











GROWING LOCAL: ENVIRONMENT

This year ICA worked in collaboration with Atlantic Academy, b-side, Hedgehog Friendly Portland and a number of local enthusiasts to deliver a range of activities and events focused on the environment, climate change and biodiversity. These included…

How To Look After An Island – Three linked events delivered in collaboration with b-side:

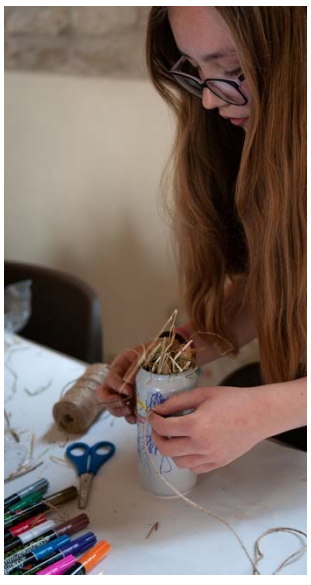
1. **How To Look After An Island –** Focused on bringing experts and enthusiasts together in order to discuss the ways in which we can work to balance sustainability and profitability, ensuring we meet the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future.
2. **Environment Fayre –** Aimed at engaging the wider community through a mix of hands-on activities, with particular emphasis on families.
3. **Future Portland –** Open to all and aimed at showcasing best practice examples of those leading the way in developing sustainable, community-based solutions.

































Hedgehog Heroes –
Working together, ICA and Hedgehog Friendly Portland ran an event to inspire primary aged children to care for one of the UK's most endangered species, from how to create a hedgehog home to providing the right food.

The day also included a talk about Portland's wild flowers and an opportunity to create 'Wild Art'.





Do One Thing for Portland –
Young and old were invited to complete challenges in order to support Portland's environment and biodiversity. With every 10 challenges completed, participants are awarded a nature themed prize.

















ENVIRONMENT DAY AND BIOBLITZ

Throughout the 2022-2023 funded period ICA's Growing Local BioBlitz and Environment Days engaged with over 300 separate Atlantic Academy students. During these sessions students got hands-on with a multitude of different insects and plants, created bird feeders, bug hotels and toad abodes, and potted up plants for pollinators. We received 100% positive feedback from participating students.

To deliver the sessions, ICA worked with a range of local experts and enthusiasts, all of whom have committed to collaborate with the project long-term.























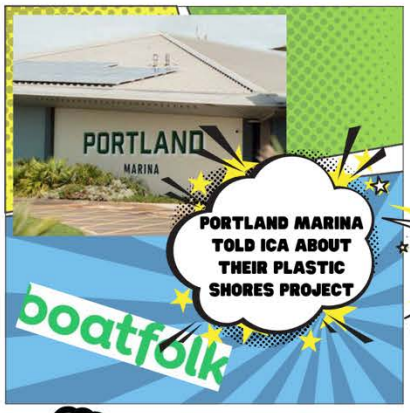


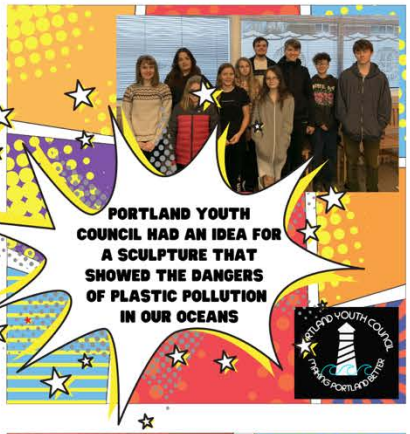
The Atlantic Academy's Environment Days were supported by Portland Youth Council, who also came up with the idea for our Bob the Blobfish sculpture (shown in the last shot). Bob was created to highlight the dangers of plastic pollution in our oceans.

His creation and evolution story are shown on the next page…

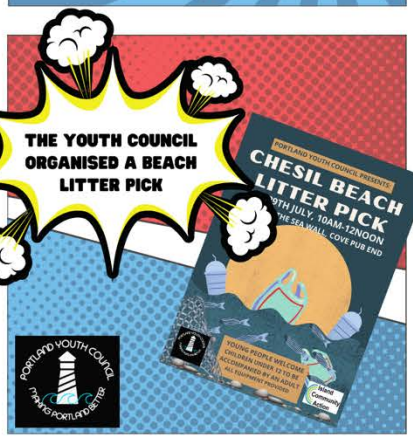
THE STORY OF A FISH NAMED 'BOB THE BLOB'

AND HIS JOURNEY TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PLASTIC POLLUTION IN OUR OCEANS



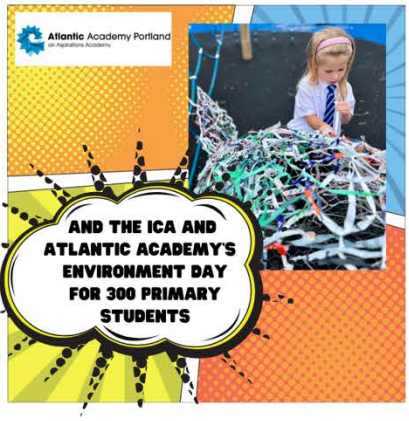


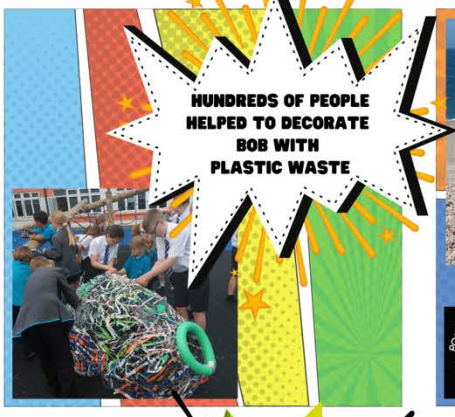




















COMMUNITY CRAFTERS

Community Crafters (crafting for community-based good causes) aims to reduce isolation and loneliness and strengthen community and intergenerational bonds through a range of large-scale crafting projects.

CROWNS FOR THE CORONATION









OCTOPI AND BUTTERFLIES

Octopi created for every new baby born on the island during 2023, the octopi also formed a central display at this year's Portland Marina, Portland Week event.

Butterflies created and turned into brooches and bag tassels to raise funds for ICA's older people's activities and services.









HAND PUPPETS
Created to support communication with SEND primary students at Atlantic Academy.



SPIN A YARN
ICA's monthly crafting club, which has grown out of the Community Crafters project. The club brings people of all ages together to socialise, share skills and create ways to celebrate community creativity.





CONSULTATIONS

During the funded period ICA delivered a number of consultations. The most significant was a consultation for Dorset Council – an extremely positive development for us because it was the first time we've been approached by a county wide, statutory organisation to deliver consultation services.

The consultation focused on Portland's High Angle Battery and formed part of a large scale (successful) Heritage Lottery Fund bid to restore, enhance and protect the landmark for current and future generations.

563 responses were received in total – a response rate that Dorset Council were thrilled about.

One of the most controversial questions asked was whether the Battery's tunnels should be closed, which Dorset Council were seriously considering.

For many local people, the Battery holds a special place in their hearts. This is particularly relevant when it comes to the tunnels, which have played an important role in the lives of residents and visitors, often from childhood.



The question regarding the tunnel closures was, therefore, always going to be provocative.

Significantly, over 90% of those responding stated that they felt this was not an appropriate action. In response, Dorset Council reversed this decision – evidencing the power of community.

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High Angle Battery (Including Ghost Tunnels) Project Survey 1st to 26th February 2023

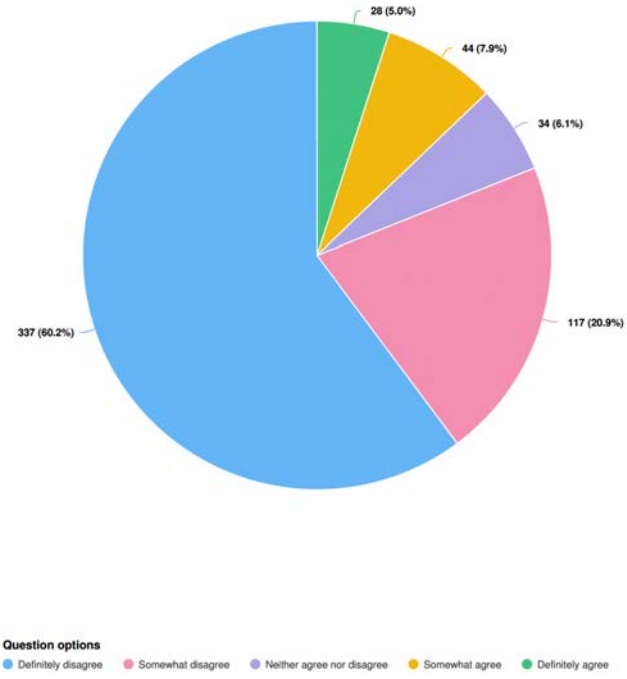


High Angle Battery (including the Ghost Tunnels) is located on Portland and is a protected as a Scheduled Monument, a status which recognises its national importance. It is part of the story of Portland's military past and a significant element in an 'arms race' in the later 19th century. It was built in the 1890s with the intention of firing shells down onto ships attacking Portland Harbour from a position invisible to those on the ships – aided by a complicated system to help the gunners locate the ships. It is a below-ground complex with buildings, tunnels, and gun emplacements. It is also due to be recorded as 'at risk' on Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register. The site is owned and managed by Dorset Council.

High Angle Battery Project proposal – We would like to make improvements which will transform the setting of High Angle Battery. We want to do this by:

- Carrying out improvements to some of the buildings and structures that are historically significant at the site
- Enhancing the site's variety of plants and animals found at the site e.g. bats.
- Improving safety at the site, which may include closing all of the tunnels.
- Linking with other key sites on the Island and beyond.
- Reinvigorating promotion of the site through events, talks etc to increase the number of visitors using the site
- Developing bold interpretation, including written, visual and interactive digital content, to tell the story of the site.
- Looking at the possibility of a placing a replica gun at the site
- Recruiting volunteers to look after the site following the improvement project.

Q7 The Tunnels We are considering closing all of the tunnels for safety reasons and to get drone footage of all tunnels to have a photographic record that would be available online. What is your view on this? Credit: Historic England Archive



PARTNERSHIPS

TABLE 4: COLLABORATIONS LISTS FOR YEAR 2 (2023) – TOTAL 76 ORGANISATIONS

	PARTNER	NATURE OF PARTNERSHIP
1	Atlantic Academy	Consultations, events, Growing Local activities
1	b-side	Events and collaborative projects
2	Chemists, including Boots Easton and Fortuneswell	Prescriptions
4	Domiciliary care providers	Cross-referrals
1	Dorset Blind Association	Transport for their trips
1	Dorset Citizen's Advice Bureau	Cross-referrals
1	Dorset Community Action	Advice, information sharing, events
2	Dorset Council – Adult Social Care & Children's Services	Advice, information sharing, cross-referrals
3	Dorset Council – Other (Communities & Partnerships; Environment, Policy & Partnerships; Social Mobility Commissioning)	Joint projects, funding, advice, information sharing, input into Dorset's evolving statutory offer, Portland based project support.
1	Dorset Integrated Care System (NHS, Dorset Council and a range of voluntary organisations)	ICA a lead partner on the Portland Healthcare Steering Group and Portland Hospital & Healthcare Development Group
1	Dorset Mind	Advice, information sharing. cross-referrals
3	Dorset hospitals (Dorset County, Westhaven and Weymouth)	Support referrals for hospital leavers
1	Dorset Fire & Rescue	Advice, information sharing. cross-referrals
3	Dorset NHS (Transformation Team, Strategic Commissioning, Urgent Care)	Support referrals for hospital leavers
1	Dorset Super League Darts	Transport for their trips
1	The Drop-In Youth Service	Shared staffing, collaborative events and activities
1	Eden Portland	Consultation, collaborative events and activities
1	EPIC Games Dorset	Collaborative events
1	Friends of Victoria Gardens	Collaborative events
1	Housing & Care 21 (Foylebank Court)	Lunch clubs, training kitchen
1	Island & Royal Manor of Portland Rotary	Funding, information sharing
1	Lantern Trust	Cross-referrals
1	Macpherson House	Transport for their trips
1	Nothe Fort	Collaborative events
1	Opera Circus	Staff and resource sharing
1	Portland Carers Group	Advice, information sharing, cross-referrals
1	Portland Churches	Information sharing, cross-referrals
1	Portland Community Hospital	Service support, cross-referrals
1	Portland Community Partnership (PCP)	Advice, information sharing
1	Portland Connect / Tricuro	Cross-referrals
1	Portland Community Fridge	Information sharing
1	Portland Foodbank	Shared resources, cross-referrals
1	Portland Library	Information sharing
1	Portland Permaculture Group	Growing Local stakeholder
1	Portland Town Council	Portland Project co-funder, information and resource sharing, Growing Local stakeholder
1	Portland United Football Club (Youth)	Transport for their trips
1	Public Health Dorset	Growing Local stakeholder, ICA also member of the Dorset Health & Wellbeing Board
1	Rotary Club of Portland	Funding, event support and transport for their trips
1	Royal Manor Health Centre	Data sharing, cross-referrals, volunteer recruitment and Growing Local stakeholder
1	Southwell Area Living Together (S.A.L.T)	Event support and transport for their trips
1	South West Path	Development linked projects
1	Steps Youth Service	Joint projects, Information sharing, joint funding bids,
3	Universities (Bournemouth, Exeter and Nottingham Trent)	Information sharing, joint projects and funding bids and conference ./ event support
9	Venues	C2000, Easton Methodist Church, Lobster Pot, Masonic Hall, Royal Manor Health Centre, St. George's Centre, St. John's Hall, Wellworthys Sports & Social Club and YMCA
1	Volunteer Centre Dorset	Joint projects, advice, information sharing, DBS checks, PR, general support (including VC Connect)
9	Voluntary Sector groups	Joint events, shared resources, volunteer recruitment / training

OTHER

CHRISTMAS

SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS MEAL

ICA's annual festive lunch for 85 older residents at The Lobster Pot, Portland Bill



ADVENT ANGELS

Special treats for 24 local community champions, from those who've supported another person or cause to those who've survived a challenging period in their life. Nominated for by the community.



CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP







WARM BANK

Warm Spaces Update

LEAVE A COMMENT 21ST DECEMBER 2022 ICAPORTLAND

Here is a list of current activities and warm spaces across Portland for December 2022 into 2023.

This is an evolving list that we plan to update monthly. If you are an organisation please let us have any changes or additions by the end of the month for inclusion the following month.

The spaces and activities listed on this timetable are free to attend, however, refreshments and / or snacks may cost extra. Unless otherwise stated, activities are run by the venue at which the activity is held.

No formals COVID-19 restrictions are currently in place, however, feel free to continue wearing a mask and using sanitiser etc.





MONDAY

Coffee Morning: Bringing the community together over a warm brew. 9.30am-12.00pm at The Islanders Youth and Community Centre, East Weare Road, Verne Common. Adults only.

Coffee Morning (run by The Salvation Army): 10.00-11.30am at the Easton Methodist Church, Easton.

Cuppa and Company: 10:30am-12:00pm at Portland Library, Easton. Space limited due to the library's size.

The Drop In: Safe, inclusive space for young people. 6.30-8.00pm (for those aged 11-14) at The Portland Community Venue, Three Yards Close, Fortuneswell.

TUESDAY

Coffee Morning: 10.00-11.30am at the Community 2000 Hall (C2000), Straits, Easton.

The Drop In: Safe, inclusive space for young people. 6.00-7.30pm (for those aged 8-11) at The Portland Community Venue, Three Yards Close, Fortuneswell.

FUNDRAISING

ICA continues to deliver large scale fundraisers, including Nothe of the Living Dead.

The theme for this year's event was Dead Men Tell No Tales, a marine inspired adventure featuring zombie pirates and a host of marine monsters. The event, which sold out and attracted 107 volunteers of all ages and backgrounds, is a charity fundraiser between ICA, EPIC Games Dorset and Nothe Fort.

















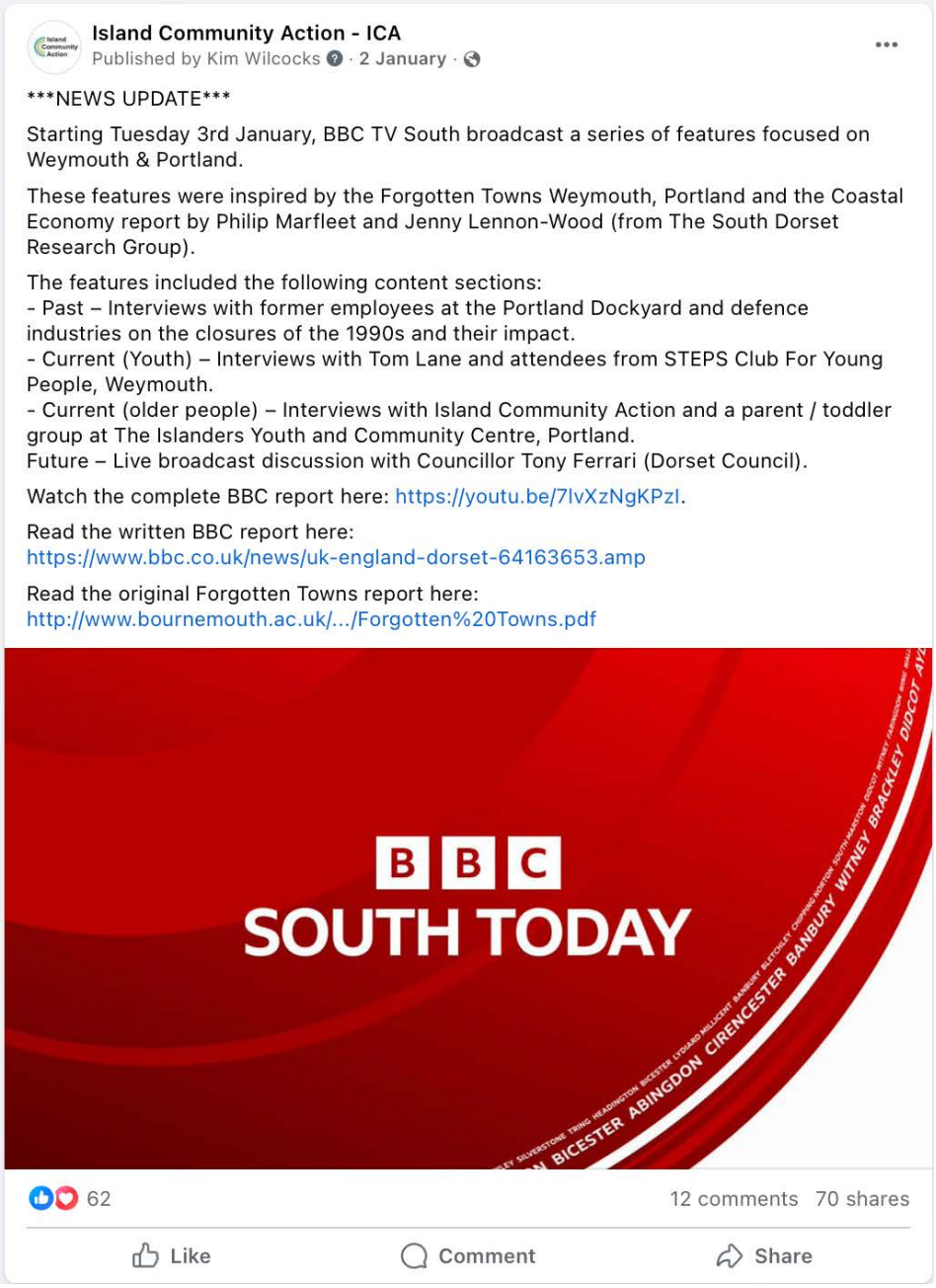
ADVERTISING & PR

ICA has continued to benefit from promotion across a range of media platforms, including BBC Radio Solent, Wessex FM, 105 FM, the Dorset Echo, the Free Portland News, partner newsletters and social media.

TV – The two most significant were:

1. **BBC South Today –** A week-long series of TV features in January based on the 2022 *Forgotten Towns*: *Weymouth, Portland and the Coastal Community* report, written by Philip Marfleet and Jenny Lennon-Wood.

   Original BBC South report - www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lvXzNgKPzI



2. **Community Action Network –** Film, featured at the 2023 VSC EXPO, Dorset.

   Film can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=6aVk7-vTrGs&list=PLqaLVXqZXdmfwHkSRWQqsH9-CDSsUfgTe&index=1

Dorset Echo –

Portland: Environment Fayre at St George's Centre

1st June

ENVIRONMENT EVENTS FAMILY LEISURE PORTLAND



A family friendly environment fayre is being held on Portland this weekend *(Image: B-side festival)*



By Joanna Davis

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Celebrate the unique environment of Portland with a special event this weekend.

An action-packed day of family-friendly activities and events will be held at St George's Centre in Reforne on Saturday, June 3 from 11am to 4.30pm.

It will be held in partnership with Island Community Action and the Portland Association.

There will be nature-themed challenges plus prizes, foraged and recycled art, stone carving, hedge-hogtastic tips, a chance to learn the waggle dance with the Bee Circus, take part in a BioBlitz, go on a wild foraging walk with Bushwhacker Tours or learn more about the medicinal properties of the plants around us with herbalist Andrew Cowling or make beautiful images using the power of the sun.

Keep an eye out for a few bee surprises provided by leading outdoor arts company Artizani.

See the website b-side.org.uk/events/environment-fayre for more informatrion.

ENVIRONMENT EVENTS FAMILY LEISURE PORTLAND

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1. More heavy rain expected for large parts of Dorset
2. Several Dorset roads still closed due to flooding
3. Yet another high street bank announces it will close early next year
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Future of Portland Hospital to be discussed at public meeting

3rd February

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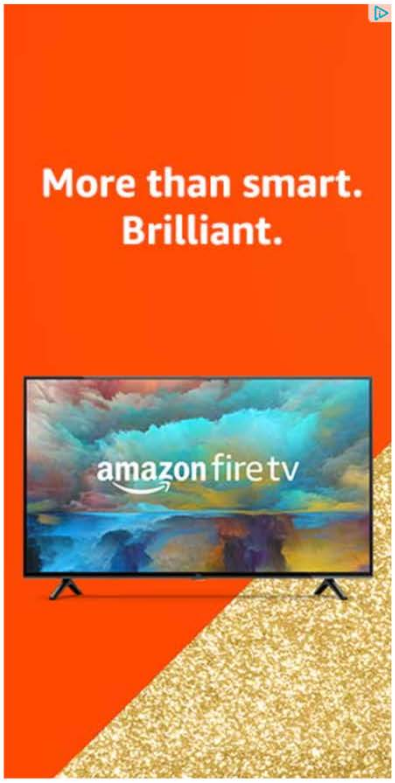
Portland Hospital is high on the agenda for a forthcoming public meeting about local healthcare services - and residents are urged to submit any questions they may have in advance. *(Image: Newsquest)*



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THE future of Portland Hospital is to be discussed at a public meeting – and residents are invited to attend and ask questions in advance.

As recently revealed by the *Echo*, **Portland Hospital's minor injuries department and X-ray facilities are to remain closed for the foreseeable future, prompting further concerns among the community after beds were axed from the hospital in 2018.**

A public listening event about local healthcare services has now been called by Portland Hospital Development Group and is being held at Easton Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday February 8, from 7pm until 8.30pm.

Local healthcare bosses will be in attendance and organisers say it is an important opportunity for leaders to hear from residents about their experiences accessing and using public services, with a particular focus on healthcare.

Questions can be submitted in advance by contacting Island Community Action – details below. As well as Portland Hospital, questions are welcomed on topics including local pharmacy services, dentistry and general healthcare services relevant to people living on the island, as well as in Wyke Regis.

At the event will be Patricia Miller of NHS Dorset Integrated Care System – an organisation which comprises representatives from the NHS, local councils and voluntary groups - all of which are working in partnership to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Dorset. Also at the meeting will be Dawson of Dorset HealthCare.

Organisers have extended their thanks to healthcare figures who have confirmed attendance so far.

Huge turnout for meeting on future of Portland Hospital

12th February

COMMUNITY HEALTH PORTLAND



More than 150 people attended the meeting at Easton Methodist Church hall *(Image: Giovanna Lewis)*



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More than 150 people crammed into Easton Methodist Church hall to quiz representatives from Dorset HealthCare and NHS Dorset – who gave assurances the hospital will NOT be closed down – but sidestepped questions over the future of its minor injuries unit and X-ray facility, which have been closed since January 2022.

Assurances were given that representatives will work with community groups in a bid to improve health outcomes for residents on Portland – where there is significant social deprivation and lower life expectancy compared to other parts of Dorset.

Island Community Action praised the panel for facing difficult questions and said positive steps have been made as a result of the meeting.

Chief medical officer for NHS Dorset, Paul Johnson, promised to continue working with the community over the coming 12 months and return for another public meeting in 2024 to ensure progress has been made.

Emotions ran high as attendees heard how money is being invested into hospitals elsewhere in Dorset – including at Wimborne Hospital, which is to benefit from a revamped minor injuries unit (MIU) and X-ray facility.

As reported, in January 2022 Portland's MIU temporarily closed amid staff absences during the winter Covid peak, and is the only MIU in Dorset to remain shut following the pandemic.

Attendees at Wednesday's meeting were told this is due to ongoing recruitment issues, with "difficult choices" needing to be made.

Minutes from Dorset HealthCare meetings reveal that nurses are being recruited from the Philippines for MIUs elsewhere in Dorset, and that at the time of MIU closures, staff were redeployed to Wimborne and Sherborne MIUs.

There are currently no roles at Portland Hospital advertised on Dorset HealthCare's website.

Members of the public also raised concerns that the island's population of around 13,558 people is served by one GP surgery and two pharmacies, making it difficult to access appointments and medication.



Determined to remain upbeat, CEO of Island Community Action, Kim Wilcocks, said it is to the credit of NHS Dorset and Dorset HealthCare that they were willing to listen to concerns - but that the island "deserves better."

"We feel it is vital that we take up the panel's offer to work with them in order to support the positive changes needed," she said.

"Like many other organisations on the island, we are definitely feeling the impact of cuts and challenges, with growing demands on our services.

"We understand that difficult decisions have to be made - however, what's not so clear is why Portland is so frequently at the sharp end of these decisions. We deserve better and look forward to seeing how the next 12 months unfold."

Chief medical officer for NHS Dorset, Paul Johnson praised the community for being "passionate" and gave assurances that the newly created organisation would do everything in its powers to support Portland residents.

COMMUNITY HEALTH PORTLAND

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Networks to strengthen public's role in research and innovation



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UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) has awarded 25 grants in the first phase of its £3.6 million Community Research Networks programme.

The programme will empower communities to develop grassroots research agendas and build capability and expertise in community-led forms of research and innovation.

The investment is supporting 25 collaborations, who have each received £25,000 for the initial expression of interest phase.

Over the next six months, collaborations will work with local communities to develop detailed plans for a network in their area. They will be given the opportunity to bid for a share of £3 million later this year.

Building new research collaborations

The collaborations are made up of a rich diversity of organisations, all over the UK, that recognise the value of creating new forms of locally relevant, community owned knowledge and evidence.

Whether social enterprises, local councils, museums, city farms and wildlife trusts or universities and arts organisations, these organisations are working together to build a more open, inclusive and diverse research and innovation system.

A new approach to funding

The Community Research Networks programme represents a shift in the way UKRI funds public engagement. It responds directly to our public engagement strategy goal to "make sure the benefits of research and innovation are shared widely by supporting collaboration and valuing diverse forms of knowledge".

The scheme was developed in response to scoping research undertaken by the Young Foundation, a summary of which can be seen in their report: an equitable future for research and innovation.

Beyond the Community Research Networks programme, we are:

- investing in community-led research through the Community Knowledge Fund
- piloting new approaches to university-community collaboration through the community-led research pilot
- developing a programme of learning and development through the Community Research Partnerships Learning Programme

Valuing diverse knowledge and expertise

Too many communities across the UK feel that research is done to them, and not with or for them. Through this programme, communities will come together to identify and undertake research that matters to them, in ways that ensure the benefits remain with the community.

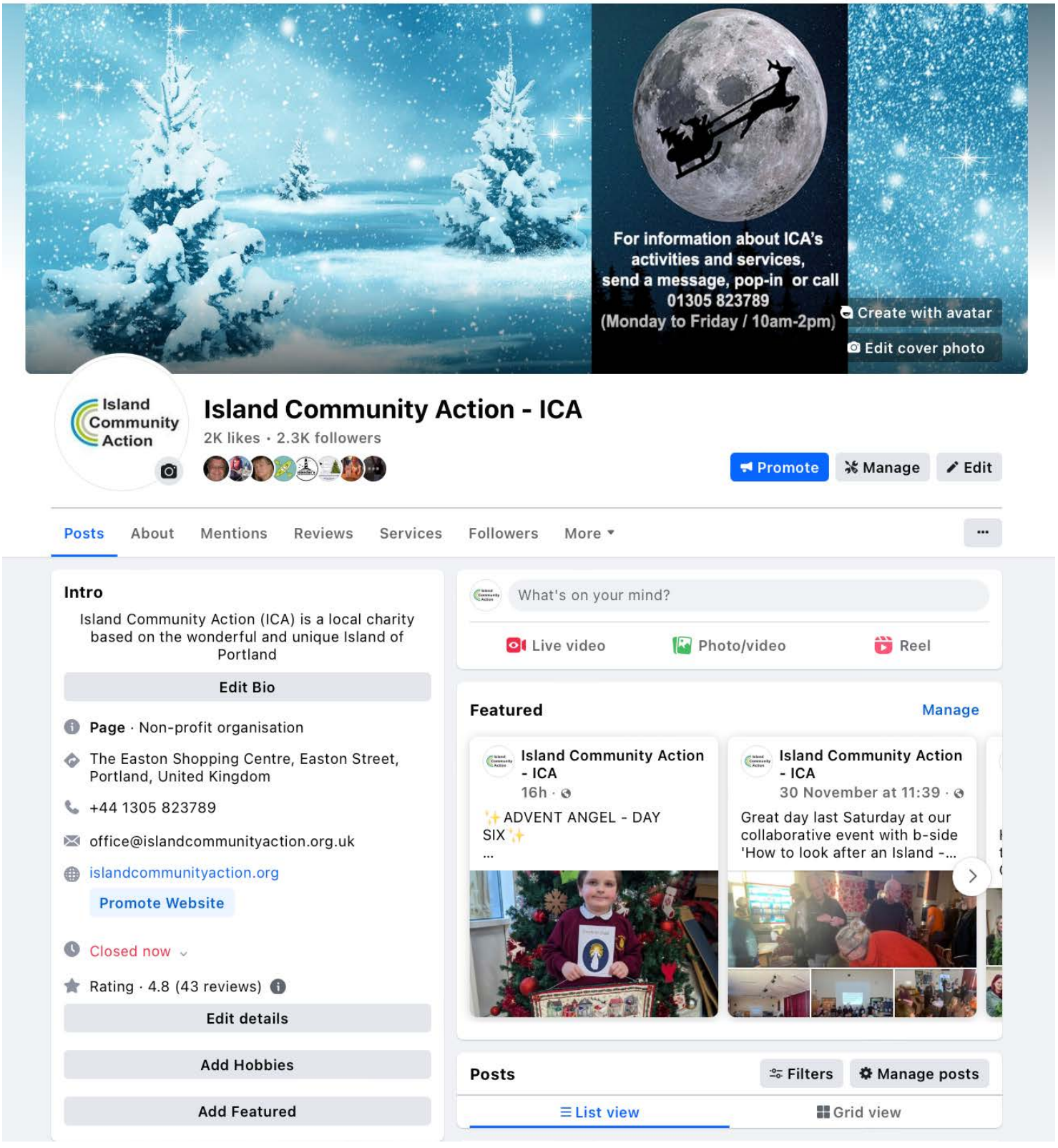
This way of working recognises and values the knowledge that communities hold about the issues they face and the solutions required. Through the networks, this knowledge and expertise will combine with and complement academic knowledge to create thriving local research ecosystems.

Responding to priorities

Tom Saunders, Head of Public Engagement at UKRI said:

> "This programme demonstrates the enthusiasm for new forms of research and innovation that respond to the priorities of communities across the UK.
>
> These exciting collaborations are paving the way for a more open, diverse and connected research and innovation endeavour and I'm really looking forward to seeing what they can achieve.
>
> By recognising, valuing and harnessing the knowledge and expertise of communities we can ensure that research and innovation is something that more people can contribute to and benefit from.

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ICA Highlights

EDIT LEAVE A COMMENT 2ND SEPTEMBER 2023 ICAPORTLAND

Some great collaborations and achievements over the last three months.

Huge thanks to everyone involved in delivering these activities and projects

The National Lottery Community Fund

Portland Town Council

Atlantic Academy

b-side

The Lantern Trust

STEPS Club for Young People

SUMMARY FOR YEAR 2

Island Community Action

QUARTERLY UPDATE

A few of ICA's highlights from June, July and August.

Advice, Information and Support

225 interactions with our community transport team, taking clients to vital appointments, clubs and social outings.

3,262 enquires about ICA services responded to.

904 enquires about 'non-ICA' services, including tourist information, referral enquiries and local recommendations, responded to.

Education and Empowerment

300+ Atlantic Academy primary students engaged in a special summer Environment Day. They made bug hotels, toad abodes and bird feeders, and looked for wild plants and mini-beasts during a bioblitz!

Portland Youth Council organised a trip to Thorpe Park for 48 young islanders. Previous fundraising meant they could offer 20 free places to young Community Champions - people who volunteer, have a caring role or have shown resilience over the past year. 28 additional spaces were offered at a discounted rate. The coach was generously provided by Excelsior Coaches.

Consultation and Collaboration

200+ Atlantic Academy senior students consulted for, 'Voices from a Forgotten Town: 'Young and Vulnerable People Share Their Visions for the Future', a project run by the Weymouth and Portland Research Network (a partnership between ICA, STEPS, and The Lantern Trust).

300+ people attend the Portland Environment Fayre - a collaboration between ICA and b-side, with support from Portland Youth Council.

ICA is currently delivering 11 separate workstreams under its new initiative, The Portland Project. We could not achieve this without the amazing support of our volunteers, partners and funders.

FINANCE

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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Net movement in funds at bank and in hand for the year		12,756	(10,395)	2,361	17,708
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2022		7,300	99,064	106,364	88,656
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2023		**20,056**	**88,669**	**108,725**	**106,364**

REFLECTIONS & THE FUTURE

2023 was yet another year of ups, downs and roundabouts. We have seen our island take centre stage on local, national and worldwide news channels. We've revelled in the excitement of a Coronation and struggled in the face of shrinking statutory provision and an ongoing cost of living crisis. Throughout all of this, however, one thing has remained constant – our amazing community, along with its generosity, humanity and resilience.

These words are particularly poignant when one considers that under the spotlight of the world's media there has been increasing awareness raised about our island's key challenges, particularly around deprivation, employment, social mobility, health and healthcare and the increasing outward migration of the young and inward migration of the old.

This 'moment in time' has created an opportunity for change and enabled us to become actively involved in the larger-scale initiatives now being created to respond to Portland's challenges. These include:

- Portland Health and Wellbeing Steering Group (with Dorset's Integrated Care System)
- Portland Hospital Development Group
- Weymouth and Portland Community Research Network

Without doubt, this work is taking up a significant amount of our time and is certainly stretching our resources thinly. However, it is critical we find a way to ensure our input and voice continues to be heard because, ultimately, we have a massive responsibility to our community.

We hope our efforts and those of our colleagues has had a positive impact. We've certainly begun to see a positive shift from both NHS Dorset and Dorset Council – a recognition that Portland deserves better and a willingness to step and achieve this for the island's community. There's still a long way to go and certainly no promise or guarantee of improvement, however, we're hopeful that the work we are now involved in will deliver positive outcomes, even if only related to the island's health and wellbeing offer in the first instance.

Looking forward, we have set the following key priorities for the coming year:

- Continue looking at ways to increase our incomings to ensure long-term sustainability.
- Increase our collaborations because, no matter how capable or determined we are, no single person, organisation or sector has the reach, resources or expertise to overcome all of Portland's challenges in isolation.
- Continue celebrating our island because no community should be judged on statistics alone. Portland may have significant hurdles to overcome BUT it's also a place of castles and kings – a unique peninsula with 185 million years of history embedded within its stone. A place where past and present collide and environment, nature, heritage, culture and community thrive.
- Support and empower residents to proactively contribute to and / or drive the delivery of solutions, whatever their skills, knowledge, experience, personal circumstances or availability – from the simple, individual act of signing a petition or taking part in a survey to the joining or leading on a local project. We all have the power to make a difference.

  As Henry Ford once said, "If the people really set their minds on anything it is impossible to prevent their getting what they want."



Kim Wilcocks, CEO – ICA

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Monday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
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Wednesday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Thursday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Friday	**10.00 am – 2.00 pm**
Saturday	**CLOSED**
Sunday	**CLOSED**

Management Committee
Chair – Douglas Pigg
Secretary – Anita Busby-Wilcocks
Treasurer – Mervyn Burden
Trustee – Pauline Carlyle

Employees
CEO – Kim Wilcocks
Project Manager – Jackie Carpenter
Project Manager – Katy Pascoe
Project Coordinator – Georgina Bolt

All ICA staff are part-time.

ICA continues to work to a code of practice and ensure its Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities policies are adhered to at all times. ICA has full public and employer's liability insurance in place. A copy of these documents + our constitution and all other policies can be viewed at the ICA office.

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2023

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ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

CHARITY INFORMATION

Board of Trustees	Chairman	Douglas Pigg
	Treasurer	Lynda Gallie
	Secretary	Anita Busby-Wilcocks
	Trustee	Diana Bedford
Charity Number	1157978	
Charity Offices	The Easton Centre Portland DT5 1EB	
Independent Examiner	Michelle Ferris FCA Albert Goodman LLP Chartered Accountants Leanne House 6 Avon Close Weymouth Dorset DT4 9UX	

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Constitution, objects and policies
The charity was originally administered and managed by way of a Constitution which was first adopted on 23 June 1998. The original charity registered with the Charity Commission on 15 April 1999 under charity number 1075124. A new Charitable Incorporated Organisation was formed and registered with the Charity Commission on 24 July 2014. The new Charitable Incorporated Organisation took over the assets and activities of the original charity with that original charity becoming a linked charity of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The report and accounts for the year include the assets and activities for both charities. The objects of both charities are similar and are to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Portland by associating together volunteers and organisations in a common effort to advance education, protect health, relieve poverty, sickness and distress.

Committee and Management
Day to day management of the charity lies with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) reporting to the Board of Trustees, which includes a Chair and a Treasurer. The Board of Trustees holds a minimum of four face-to-face meetings in each year and other ad-hoc digital / online meetings, as required.

Investment Powers
The Constitution authorises the committee to use all money raised to further its objects and for no other purpose.

Public benefit
The charity has the public benefit in focus in all of its activities and all of those activities are directed at improving the quality of life of the residents of Portland.

Objectives, activities and achievements
Island Community Action (ICA) is a small, Dorset based charity. Since 1999, we have been supporting local communities through projects that:

- Tackle deprivation.
- Improve psychological, physical and social wellbeing.
- Reduce the impact of isolation and / or loneliness.
- Support individuals to live happier and more independent lives for longer.
- Increase life chances and quality of life through 'hands on' experiences, learning and training.
- Support those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteering roles.
- Improves community cohesion
- Inspires and facilitates collaborative working and the sharing of best practice across sectors
- Enable, support and showcase local enterprises, initiatives and activities that improve infrastructure and the environment, and contribute to regeneration and sustainable development

Under ICA's new five-year initiative, The Portland Project, 11 workstreams are being developed and delivered to achieve our objectives:

1. **HELPING HANDS –** Supporting those aged 50 years plus (in particular those impacted by poor mental, physical and / or social wellbeing, including isolation and loneliness) and also those of any age impacted by disability and / or serious, life limiting or terminal illness. Achieved through a range of over 20 activities and services, including befriending, lunch clubs and transport.

2. **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES –** Working in collaboration with other organisations, to support their work and develop other complementary activities, including a youth volunteering scheme, life and leadership skills training, consultation activities, events and a Portland Youth Council.

3. **COMMUNITY CRAFTERS (ALL AGES)** – Crafting for community-based good causes. Aimed at reducing isolation and loneliness, strengthening community and intergenerational bonds and increasing confidence and skills sharing.

4. **GROWING LOCAL –** Providing opportunities for residents to volunteer and participate in 'hands-on' activities that develop their skills and interest in food, encourage their engagement with nature and the environment and increase their understanding around the links between climate change, the natural world and food.

   The emphasis is on simple and fun community-based activities that keep participants engaged and empowered to progress, whatever their passion or skill level, from simple Do One Thing for Portland activities, like building a bug hotel or bird feeder, to signing up for a litter pick or foraging walk or taking part in beginner's or specialist cookery course.

   The overall aspiration is to provide participants with the confidence and knowledge to make simple changes that not only benefit them but also the planet. These changes might include them having a better understanding of how to cook healthy, nutritious food on a budget; grow their own fruit and veg or adopt an eco-friendlier lifestyle.

   The project also focuses on bringing people together in settings that not only help them feel more connected to their community, but also help them understand the benefits of engaging with and protecting Portland's amazing natural environment for today's and future generations.

5. **VOLUNTEER BUREAU –** Supporting those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteer roles, from recruitment to training and DBS checks.

6. **COMMUNITY HUB –** Providing advice, information and signposting to local residents around a host of different subjects. ICA deals with around 7-8,000 queries a year.

7. **COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS –** ICA has three qualified Community Organisers who provide a range of community consultation services for ICA and other organisations.

8. **COMMUNITY CONNECTORS –** Residents trained by ICA's Community Organiser team to identify and signpost those in potential need of support.

9. **COMMUNITY FORUM –** A space for local organisations to network, coordinate support, forward plan and build capacity.

10. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT –** Providing advice, information and training for other local community-based organisations.

11. **COLLABORATIONS & REPRESENTATION –** ICA continues to represent Portland's community and work in partnership with a number of groups and support structures where required, including: The Integrated Care System (ICS) Portland Steering Group, Portland Hospital Development Group, Dorset Community Mental Health Alliance Group, Weymouth and Portland Innovation Group (Mental Health & Wellbeing), Weymouth and Portland Community Research Network and Portland High Angle Battery Delivery Group

Risk management
The Trustees have examined the major strategic operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to highlight and lessen these risks.

Reserves policy
It is the policy of the charity to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to meet approximately six months unrestricted expenditure and to assist with funding any future developments.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards relevant to smaller charities preparing their account on the receipts and payments basis.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that Year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approval
This report was approved by the Trustees on 29 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

D Pigg (Trustee) **L Gallie** (Trustee)

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Island Community Action ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michelle Ferris BSc (Hons) FCA DChA
For and on behalf of

Albert Goodman LLP
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Transfers between funds		(6,122)	6,122	-	-
Net movement in funds at bank and in hand for the year		12,756	(10,395)	2,361	17,708
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2022		7,300	99,064	106,364	88,656
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2023		**20,056**	**88,669**	**108,725**	**106,364**

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
Cash at Bank	108,725	105,572
Cash in hand	-	792
Total bank and cash balances per receipts and payments account	108,725	106,364
Other Assets and Liabilities:		
Fixed Assets		
Motor vehicles and trailer	16,354	20,441
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	8,891	10,463
	25,245	30,904
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	(1,614)	(1,731)
Net Assets	132,356	135,537

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 29 Janaury 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

D Pigg (Trustee)

L Gallie (Trustee)

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of accounts
The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Committee's Report and all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Amounts in the Receipts and Payments Account are included as amounts are received and paid by the charity. The Receipts and Payments Account does not therefore include any accruals or prepayments.

Value added tax
Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Receipts and

2. Grants and Donations

	£
Restricted funds	
Dorset Youth Association	11,499
Dorset Council	10,000
National Lottery Community Fund	64,718
Active Dorset	5,500
Hall & Woodhouse	800
Dorset Community Foundation	7,275
J Hornby	2,640
John Turner Foundation	500
Portland Town Council	15,000
Nothe Fort	1,942
	119,874
Unrestricted	
General donations	11,472
	11,472
Total	131,346

3. Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	86,124	79,328
Employers National Insurance Contributions	1,648	6,287
	87,772	85,616

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 per annum (2022: none)

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated as full time equivalents, were as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	4	4

4. Restricted Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of grants and donations held on trust and to be applied for specific purposes.

	Balance 1 April 2022	Income/ receipts	Payments	Transfers from/(to) General funds	Balance 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Growing Local Project	14,706	5,500	(8,671)		11,535
Helping hands	4,490	5,882	(16,494)	6,122	-
Portland Project	74,818	108,492	(106,176)		77,134
Portland Shed	5,050	-	(5,050)		-
	99,064	119,874	(136,391)	6,122	88,669

Growing Local Project received funding from Sport England (via Active Dorset)

Helping Hands received funding from Hall & Woodhouse, John Turner Foundation, John Hornby and Nothe of the Living Dead.

Portland Project received funding from National Lottery, Portland Town Council, Dorset Community Foundation, Dorset Youth Association and Dorset Council

The Portland Shed de merged from Island Community Action in the year

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

England & Wales - Charity number 1157978

Accounts

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Here we are one year into our new five-year initiative, The Portland Project, part-funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and the catalyst that made it possible, Portland Town Council, whose commitment to provide match funding across the same five-years provided the final incentive for the National Lottery's agreement to fund.

Just a few months prior to their decision, there was a period in which we were looking at a totally different scenario, which included everything from a major reduction in our services to complete closure. As a volunteer organisation, sometimes you feel that success makes you invisible; you are so much part of the community infrastructure that people assume you will always be there; well, we almost weren't there.

Thankfully, however, through an expanded offer, supported by a Service Level Agreement with Portland Town Council to deliver a defined set of activities and services, we secured the essential National Lottery funding required to move forward into a new delivery era.

The National Lottery funding comes with its set of targets and deliverables. For the most part, this excludes our older people's project, Helping Hands, which we must now fund separately through our generated service income, local and legacy giving, grant applications and annual fundraising events and activities. Helping Hands is long-standing project and provides support that is greatly needed and valued. Our community's loyalty has helped some of its services become self-funding, however, with increasing demand and shrinking statutory sector services become more prevalent, we are having to fight hard to ensure its survival.

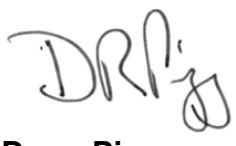
On an incredibly positive note, The Portland Project has met all of the targets set by the National Lottery and Portland Town Council. This is a great achievement because the project supports a much wider range of activities, including expanded workstreams for volunteering, creativity, food and the environment, children, families and young people and community development. This work has always been part of our portfolio; however, we are now able to take it forward as an extended offer. We have also been able to integrate our COVID-19 activities, many of which are aimed at tackling isolation and loneliness. This combined provision is helping us to create new ways of addressing some of the broad challenges impacting local residents.

Government and statutory changes, emerging needs and deprivation rates are higher here than in most other Dorset areas and Nationally. The recently released 2021 Census results show that the elderly continue to retire to Dorset and young people and families continue to leave. This situation is further compounded by increasing levels of loneliness and isolation due to Portland's physical geography and lack of island-wide public transport, which make it harder for vulnerable and less mobile residents to access essential services, food and social activities. Combined, these changes are creating a cocktail of challenges for our Island.

In England, between 2011 and 2021, there has been an increase of 20.1% in those aged 65+ ***(24.8% increase in Dorset)****, an increase of 3.6% in people aged 15 to 64* ***(2.8% decrease in Dorset)*** *and a rise of 5.0% in children aged under 15 years* ***(a 3.2% decrease in Dorset).***

What inspires my hopes for success is the support not only offered by ICA but also Portland's other community-based organisations. On top of this there is the support offered by local people themselves. Our local community continually unites in a single mission to support the most vulnerable, regardless of age, background, gender, ethnicity, or belief. Successes such as these are down to the unselfish acts of individuals and the communities in which they live.

I want to thank every resident who helped achieve this over the last year, including our volunteers, ICA staff, our Board of Trustees, and our partners. Your energy, commitment, skills, and knowledge have been remarkable in these challenging times for everyone.



Doug Pigg
Chair – Island Community Action (ICA)

KEY FUNDERS & SPONSORS

GRANTS

ICA gratefully received grant funding contributions from the following organisations in 2022:



1. For ICA's The Portland Project initiative…

- **The National Lottery Community Fund: Reaching Communities –** Funding contribution towards a range of new and expanded workstreams. Funding running 2021-26.
- **Portland Town Council –** Match funding contribution under a new five-year Service Level Agreement contribution for The Portland Project. Cover several extended and new services.
- **Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation –** For general core and project related costs
- **Dorset Youth Association –** Funding to cover a UK Year of Service nine month trainee job-share role (Youth Coordinator) with The Drop In.

2. For Helping Hands – ICA's older people's services….

- **Valentine Charitable Trust –** For general core and project related costs.

3. For ICA's Growing Local project…

- **Dorset Community Fund: Neighbourhood Fund –** Contribution towards Growing Local's food, growing and environment training sessions and activities.

4. For ICA's creative projects…

- **Dorset Community Fund: Let's Celebrate –** Contribution towards ICA and b-side's collaborative Jubilee project, Souvenirs of Place and Love.

5. For ICA's core costs…

- **Dorset Council: Organisational Support Revenue Fund –** Contribution towards ICA's core costs.

NON-GRANT DONATIONS & FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

In addition to ICA's successful grant applications, the charity was grateful to benefit from a range of local funding opportunities over the past 12 months, including

- **Albion Stone –** Towards our Christmas offer for older vulnerable people
- **Portland Court Leet –** Towards our Portland Volunteer's Jubilee Party and Christmas offer
- **The Rotary Club of Island & Royal Manor of Portland**
- **Portland Probus –** Towards Helping Hands
- **Portland residents** – Legacy and local donations towards our core costs

GENERATED INCOME
ICA generates income through a range of activities, including:

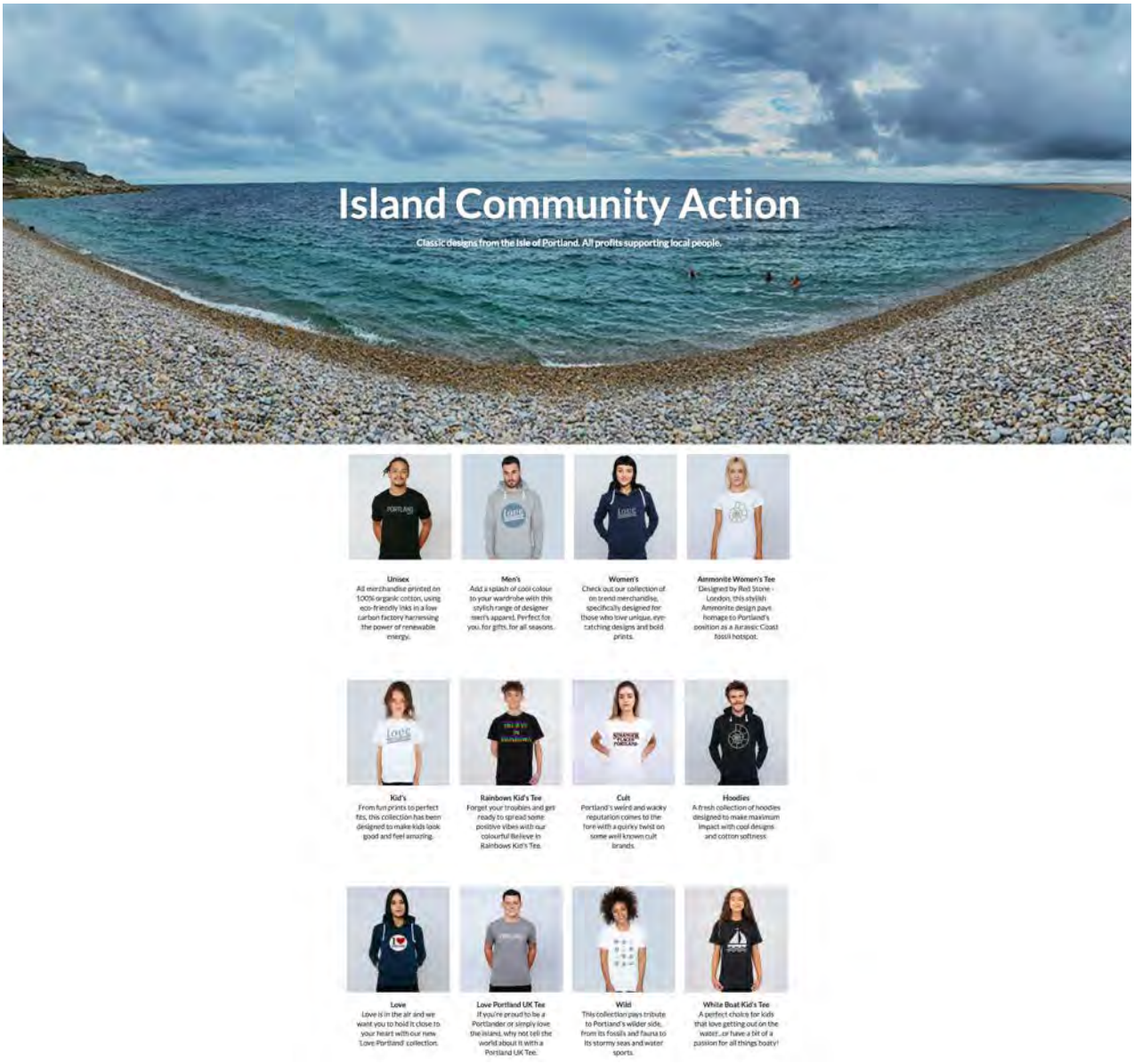
The Giving Lottery – An online alternative to ICA's original lottery at: www.givinglottery.org.uk/support/island-community-action

One-off or regular donations – Made by cash, cheque, standing order or via Local Giving at: www.localgiving.com/charity/islandcommunityaction

Legacy gifts – Made via the donor's will, these contributions range from direct donations instead of flowers at a funeral to specified sums of money, a % of an entire estate or a particular item.

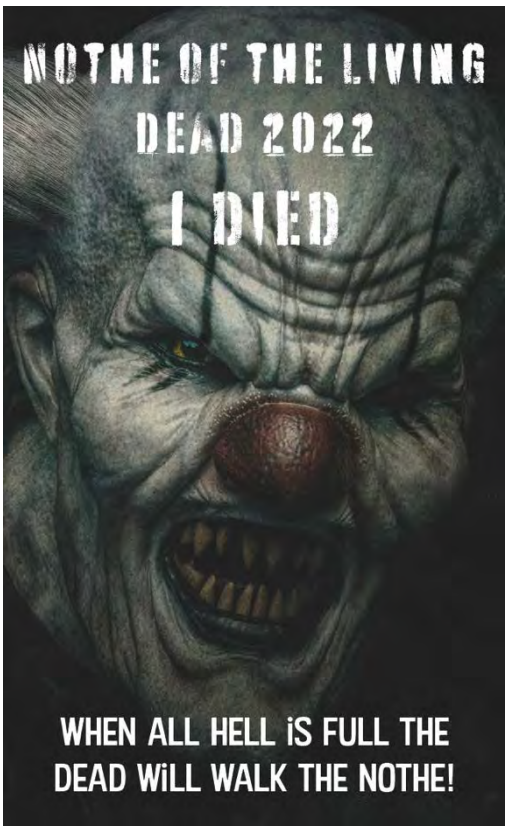
Donations of prizes – From unwanted gifts to free experiences, trips and treatments.

Merchandise
ICA sells cards, lottery tickets, merchandise and more. 2020 also saw us open our Teemill website at: https://islandcommunityaction.teemill.com



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

ICA's biggest fundraising event was Nothe of the Living Dead – raising money for Silver Island.

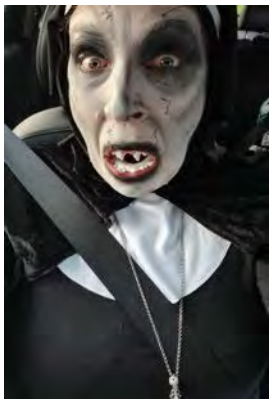
















See Nothe of the Living Dead promo at: https://youtu.be/c5Nal81kaEk

PROJECTS & SERVICES

The funding ICA received during 2022 supported 11 workstreams:

1. **HELPING HANDS – OLDER PEOPLE + THOSE IMPACTED BY DISABILITY AND / OR SERIOUS, LIFE LIMITING OR TERMINAL ILLNESS (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED) –**

TABLE 1: SILVER ISLAND – ACTIVITIES / SERVICES DELIVERED FOR 2021

CORE SUPPORT Delivered by ICA staff, volunteers or external tutors to clients on an ongoing basis.			
At Home: Befriending (face-to-face)	**At Home:** Befriending (telephone)	**At Home:** ChAT (Portland and Wyke)	**Art Group** Gardening
Exercise: Get Together (seated)	**Exercise:** Osteocise (mid-range)	**Exercise:** Fit+ (advanced)	**Exercise:** Yoga
Food: The Dining Room (lunch club)	**Food:** Sunday Lunch Club	**Good Neighbour Scheme:** Small tasks and errands e.g. DIY, shopping, prescriptions, putting out the bines etc	**Cratetivity Hampers** Cratetivity (activity hampers for 'mind and body' delivered to the housebound)
Special events: e.g. Celebration events and Christmas offer	**Shopping:** In store	**Social:** Bingo (cash and prize)	**Social:** Coffee mornings
Pets: Dog walking	**Transport:** Medical and essential 'other' appointments	**Transport:** Other e.g. visiting relatives in care homes	**Trips and outings**

2. **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES –** ICA are collaborating with relevant organisations, including Atlantic Academy, b-side, The Drop In, Portland Town Council and other local educational and youth providers, to support their work and also develop a range of complementary activities. Over the year, this has included:
    - Portland Youth Council
    - Youth volunteering scheme
    - Youth focused life and leadership skills training.

3. **CREATIVE – FOR ALL AGES:**
    - Community Crafters (crafting for community-based good causes). Aimed at reducing isolation and loneliness and strengthening community and intergenerational bonds.

4. **GROWING LOCAL (FOOD and ENVIRONMENT)** – Helping make affordable, healthy and nutritious food more accessible, encouraging engagement with nature and the environment and increasing understanding around the links between climate change, the natural world and food.

   Growing Local provides opportunities for residents to volunteer and participate in 'hands-on' activities that develop their skills and interest in growing and cooking, providing them with the confidence and knowledge to make healthier food choices, live more sustainably, adopt more eco-friendly lifestyles and feel more connected to their community and environment.

   The emphasis is on simple and fun activities that keep participants engaged and empowered to progress, from cookery and growing courses to creating nature friendly outdoor spaces.

   Growing Local is open to all, with an emphasis on those more susceptible to food poverty.

   To deliver Growing Local, ICA has created a local stakeholder group consisting of Portland Town Council, Royal Manor Health Centre, Atlantic Academy, Portland 4 The Planet, Portland Foodbank, Portland Permaculture Group, NHS / CCG, Public Health Dorset, and a range of local experts and enthusiasts.

   ICA are also working with EDEN Portland and Nottingham Trent University to deliver a range of new activities, including consultation and nature-based activities e.g. Slow Memory And A Flourishing Future – an inter-generational project focused on the environment and memory.

   In addition, we are working with Atlantic Academy to develop a new wildlife and growing garden, as well as a cookery, growing and environment-based activities.

5. **VOLUNTEER BUREAU –** Supporting those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteer roles, from recruitment to training and DBS checks.

6. **COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS –** ICA has three qualified Community Organisers who provide a range of community consultation services for ICA and other organisations.

7. **COMMUNITY CONNECTORS –** Residents trained by ICA's Community Organiser team to identify and signpost those in potential need of support.

8. **COMMUNITY FORUM –** A space for local organisations to network, coordinate support, forward plan and build capacity.

9. **COMMUNITY HUB –** Providing advice, information and signposting to local residents around a host of different subjects. ICA deals with around 7-8,000 queries a year.

10. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT –** Providing advice, information and training for other local community-based organisations.

11. **COLLABORATIONS –** ICA continues to work in partnership with a number of groups and support structures, including: The Portland Resilience Committee and The Portland Hospital Working Group.

ACHIEVEMENTS – THE PORTLAND PROJECT

TABLE 2: CLIENT / PARTICIPATION NUMBERS ACHIEVED FOR YEAR 1 (2021-22)

WORKSTREAM KEY N/A = NO INDIVIDUAL TARGETS ORIGINALLY SET	NO. OF COURSES OR ACTIVITY SESSIONS		NO. OF INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE FOR EACH COURSE / SESSION		NO. OF INTERACTIONS (PEOPLE X ATTENDANCES)	
	YEAR 1 TARGET	YEAR 1 ACHIEVED	YEAR 1 TARGET	YEAR 1 ACHIEVED	YEAR 1 TARGET	YEAR 1 ACHIEVED
Befriending (face-to-face and telephone sessions with befrienders)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	546
Club activities (art and exercise)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	1,898
Good Neighbours errands (Includes basic DIY, prescription collections and deliveries and other small errands)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	1,017
Food based activities (e.g. lunch clubs and foodie outings)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	862
Purely social activities (non-food celebration and bingo)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	2,741
Transport (essential appointments and activities)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	1,356
Transport (in-store shopping)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	185
Telephone catch-ups (by ICA office staff and volunteers – based on a minimum five calls per day x five days weekly x 48 weeks)	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	N-A	1,200
SUB-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED				**596**		**9,805**
Portland Youth Council (Intro Presentations Delivered To 11-16 Years Olds Via Education / Youth Based Groups)	N-A	5	N-A	400+	N-A	400+
Youth Based Life And Leadership Skills Courses: Orienteering	N-A	5	N-A	22	N-A	22
SUB-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED		**1**		**422+**		**422+**
Community Crafters	N-A	6	N-A	77	N-A	184
Cratetivity hampers (containing treats and creative activities for older, vulnerable clients, those who are housebound and those impacted by disability and / or serious, life limiting or terminal illness). For the 2021-22 period these hampers were delivered for Christmas 2021.	N-A	1	N-A	103	N-A	103
The Portland Shed	N-A	240	N-A	55	N-A	1,440
SUB-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED		**247**		**235**		**1,727**

WORKSTREAM	NO. OF COURSES OR ACTIVITY SESSIONS		NO. OF INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE FOR EACH COURSE / SESSION		NO. OF INTERACTIONS (PEOPLE X ATTENDANCES)	
	TARGET	ACHIEVED	TARGET	ACHIEVED	TARGET	ACHIEVED
Cooking Courses: Beginners – Courses = 4 sessions / number of sessions shown	12	16	30	70	120	280
Cooking Courses: Advanced – As above	12	16	30	37	120	148
Growing Courses: Beginners – As above	12	12	30	57	120	228
Growing Courses: Advanced Courses – As above	12	12	30	33	120	132
Specialist Courses: Cookery And Growing – individual workshops	6	6	60	68	60	68
Environment Activities: Large-scale activities with Atlantic Academy	2	2	300	330	300	330
Environment Activities: Portland Pickers – individual outings	3	3	30	36	60	66
SUB-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED	**59**	**67**	**510**	**631**	**900**	**1,252**
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT						
Consultation events: Community Infrastructure Levy (face 2 face and / or digital @ various locations – for Portland Town Council)	N-A	17	N/A	1,051	N/A	1,051
Consultation events: Young People's Hopes for Portland (face 2 face @ Atlantic Academy / Yr 5s for Eden – Portland and Nottingham Trent University's Slow Memory project)	N-A	2	N/A	57	N/A	57
Consultation events: Digital Eden (face 2 Face @ Atlantic Academy / Yr 9s for Eden – Portland and Nottingham Trent University's Slow Memory project)	N-A	2	N/A	72	N/A	72
Community Forum (physical sessions = 3 / total members = 106, excluding ICA). Includes creation of the first publication of the Portland A to Z Community Directory. Currently being used a pilot by our Befriending Coordinator and office volunteers for client referrals. Will then be rolled out.	N-A	3	N/A	106	N/A	318
Infrastructure Support for local third sector community-based organisations (number of organisations supported)	N-A	N-A	N-A	5	N/A	13
Community Connectors. 15 local organisations have already agreed to receive staff training as Phase 1 Community Connectors (DELIVERING FROM 2023).	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SUB-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED		**24**		**1,291**		**1,511**
GRAND-TOTAL – ACTUALS ACHIEVED				**3,175**	**12,000**	**14,717**

NB: The numbers above do include repeats. However, we are confident that the number of separate individuals engaged exceeds 2,000

HIGHLIGHTS

GROWING AND ENVIRONMENT

From sourdough and baking courses to foraging walks, BioBlitz's and Island cleans, ICA's Growing Local has continued to expand our community's love of food, growing and nature.















GROWING AND ENVIRONMENT

Community Crafters was created during the COVID-19 lockdown period in attempt to help reduce levels of local isolation and loneliness through community-based crafting activities. The idea being to encourage and support local residents across all generations to use their crafting and creative skills for local good causes.

Two years later the project is still running and getting stronger, with hundreds of participants taking part from home, in groups or at specially organised events.

WILD & WOOLLY – STAGE 1 INSTALLATION FOR SUMMER 2022













WILD & WOOLLY – STAGE 2 INSTALLATION FOR WINTER 2022

Island Community Action - ICA
30 September 2022 ·

Time to get creative again!

We are asking for crafty people to get involved in the second wave of our current Community Crafters project 'Wild 'n' Woolly.'

This time we are going for a winter and Christmas theme. In particular, we need knitted, crocheted, sewn or felted 6"x6" green squares and white snowflakes! Robins, baubles, holly and any other festive creation you can think of are also welcome.

We have patterns, if needed.

Finished items need to be dropped into our office before the 25th of November.

Call us on 01305 823789 for more info.







WARM SPACES

Warm Spaces Update

LEAVE A COMMENT · 21ST DECEMBER 2022 · ICAPORTLAND

Here is a list of current activities and warm spaces across Portland for December 2022 into 2023.

This is an evolving list that we plan to update monthly. If you are an organisation please let us have any changes or additions by the end of the month for inclusion the following month.

The spaces and activities listed on this timetable are free to attend, however, refreshments and / or snacks may cost extra. Unless otherwise stated, activities are run by the venue at which the activity is held.

No formals COVID-19 restrictions are currently in place, however, feel free to continue wearing a mask and using sanitiser etc.



MONDAY

Coffee Morning: Bringing the community together over a warm brew. 9.30am-12.00pm at The Islanders Youth and Community Centre, East Weare Road, Verne Common. Adults only.

Coffee Morning (run by The Salvation Army): 10.00-11.30am at the Easton Methodist Church, Easton.

Cuppa and Company: 10:30am-12:00pm at Portland Library, Easton. Space limited due to the library's size.

The Drop In: Safe, inclusive space for young people. 6.30-8.00pm (for those aged 11-14) at The Portland Community Venue, Three Yards Close, Fortuneswell.

TUESDAY

Coffee Morning: 10.00-11.30am at the Community 2000 Hall (C2000), Straits, Easton.

The Drop In: Safe, inclusive space for young people. 6.00-7.30pm (for those aged 8-11) at The Portland Community Venue, Three Yards Close, Fortuneswell.



ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Island Community Action - ICA
Published by Kim Wilcocks · 30 November 202. ·

Just a little snippet of what we've been doing over the past three months!

Thank you to the following organisations, all of whom have either supported or partnered our work over this period.

The National Lottery Community Fund... See more

Island Community Action

QUARTERLY UPDATE

A few of ICA's highlights from September, October and November.

Advice, Information and Support

416 meals served at our lunch clubs, 1,270 interactions at our cash and prize bingo sessions (+ 96 interactions at our other social activities).

7,380 enquires about ICA services responded to.

2,522 enquires about 'non-ICA' services, including tourist information, referral enquiries and local recommendations, responded to.

Education and Empowerment

100's of handcrafted items donated by local Community Crafters for our Wild 'n' Woolly project (touring the Island over the coming months).

Portland's first Youth Council launched in partnership with Portland Town Council. The 10 young people engaged in the project have gained training on manifesto writing, consultation research and teamwork. They have also received support with writing their constitution.

24 volunteers from local charities trained in Emergency First Aid with St John Ambulance.

Consultation and Collaboration

90 volunteers supported the delivery of our Nothe of the Living Dead Halloween fundraiser - a two day even run in collaboration with ICA, Epic Games Dorst and The Nothe Fort.

22 people represented local organisations at our Community Forum where we shared info about funding and research.

334	22	↓ -5.1x lower	Boost post
People reached	Engagements	Distribution score	

CONSULTATIONS

ICA delivered two consultations. The first was with Portland's young people in support of our collaboration with Eden Portland and Nottingham Trent University's Slow Memory project. The project focuses on the use of memory to encourage future guardianship of the environment. This consultation has helped to shape the development of our Wildlife and Growing Garden at Atlantic Academy.

NTU so enjoyed their experience, they came back to Portland in June with 70 international Slow Memory members to hold their annual conference, which ICA coordinated.



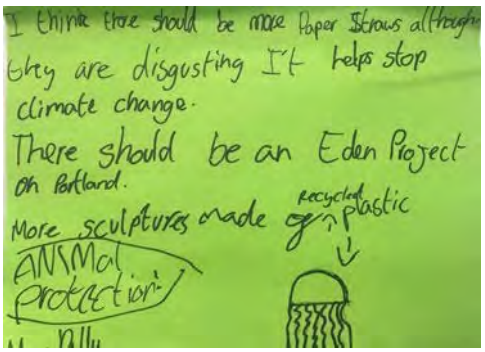


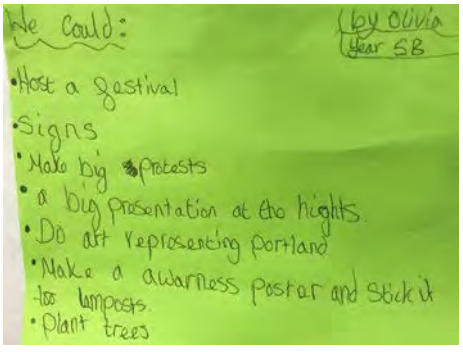


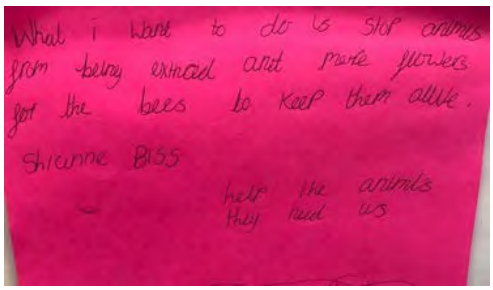














The second, for Portland Town Council, asked local people how they would like the Community Infrastructure Levy spent.

RESULTS BY AGE

1,051 residents responded.

AGE OF RESPONDENTS	% OF RESPONDENTS	NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS
11-15	24.16	253
16-24	5.44	57
25-34	7.35	77
35-44	10.32	108
45-54	12.51	131
55-64	17.00	178
65+	20.15	211
Prefer not to say	3.06	32
Answered	**99.99**	**1,047**
Skipped	**0.01**	**4**
TOTAL	**100.00**	**1,051**

RESULTS IN ORDER OF PROJECT PREFERENCE

PROJECT	% OF RESPONDENTS SELECTING PROJECT IN TOP THREE CHOICES	NUMBER OF TIMES PROJECT SELECTED IN RESPONDENT'S TOP THREE CHOICES
Support Osprey Leisure Centre – providing new equipment and better access to the pool	54.14%	569.00
Create a skate park at the Royal Manor Playing Field	36.54%	384.00
Create a free access outdoor 'trim trail' (outdoor gym equipment)	27.97%	294.00
Refurbish and improve the current playparks at Easton Gardens and Sweethill Lane	24.64%	259.00
Provide an accessible public toilet at Victoria Gardens	23.79%	250.00
Refurbish and improve the current skate park facility at Chiswell (next Masonic car park)	23.69%	249.00
Use consultants to survey a new cycleway from Underhill to Southwell	20.17%	212.00
Create new community allotment areas in Tophill and Underhill	19.04%	200.00
Refurbish and improve the MUGA facility at the Royal Manor Playing Field	15.89%	167.00
Install new traffic calming measures – advisory speed cameras and signage	14.27%	150.00
Refurbish the multi-use games area (MUGA) at West Weares, overlooking Chesil Cove	13.13%	138.00
Refurbish and improve the current playpark at Victoria Gardens	12.94%	136.00
Install solar panels at the Portland Community Venue	9.51%	100.00
Create a chapel of repose and reflection at Weston Cemetery	4.28%	45.00
TOTAL (EACH RESPONDENT HAD THREE VOTES, HENCE 300% AND 3,153 RESPONSES)	**300.00%**	**3,153.00**

SOUVENIRS OF PLACE AND LOVE

A collaboration between ICA and b-side, Souvenirs of Place saw local residents create special ceramic mementos to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. Each ceramic celebrated a resident's special someone or something, from pets and people to memorabilia and other cherished items.

The final pieces were exhibited over two weekends, with each exhibit being complemented by a specially commissioned audio podcast featuring participant's personal stories about their chosen items. See Souvenirs of Place and Love highlights at: https://youtu.be/htG0N02kPdc





A selection of photos from the Souvenirs of Place and Love exhibition – September 2022

b-side Island Community Action Supported using public funding by ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND LOTTERY FUNDED Dorset Community Foundation

PORTLAND YOUTH COUNCIL

Working with PTC, ICA has led on the development of Portland's first Youth Council. In the first year, 10 young people aged 11-15 have been selected to represent young people across the Island, with a focus on five key areas: Activities and Opportunities, Improved Public Spaces, Portland's Environment, Equality and Diversity and Employment and Training





PLATINUM JUBILEE









VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Island Community Action - ICA
28 January 202 ·

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2022

This month's volunteer is the fabulous Su Illsley from Fancys Farm, Portland.

Su was nominated several times for our Advent Angel project in December but unfortunately was not picked out of the hat, so we were especially delighted for her to win this month.

Su has worked tirelessly as a volunteer literally putting her blood, sweat and tears into building a community farm that the whole island can enjoy.

Well done Su from the whole team and thank you once again to the fabulous Lorna from Pebbles Beach for this beautiful donated bouquet





Vicky Short, Alison Wilcocks and 118 others 13 comments 8 shares

Island Community Action - ICA
29 October 202 ·

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH - OCTOBER

Well done to Josh (pictured middle) for winning our Volunteer of the Month award for October.

Josh is an inspiring young man who dedicates his time as a volunteer at Castletown D-Day Centre . He goes out of his way to make visitors feel welcomed and informed and is always willing to help his team in whatev way he can.

Thank you, Josh, from everyone at Castletown D-Day Centre, Island Community Action and your local community.

To nominate a volunteer for an award give us a message, a call on 0130 823789 or email office@islandcommunityaction.org.uk



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A LIFE IN PRINT

It was such a delight to witness the moment that Nab saw his life story 'From the Coalfields of Yorkshire to the Isle of Portland in Dorset,' printed as a hardback glossy book for the first time.

ICA volunteer Carol has been visiting Nab weekly for around 18 months, listening to his stories and using her years of writing experience to turn his memories into this wonderful book.

Katy Pascoe, ICA Project Manager says, "I'll admit to reading the first chapter and being absolutely transported to a different time in social history, with 'wash days' and 'butter weighed and wrapped in greaseproof paper!'

Nab was referred to ICA by Weldmar Hospicecare nurses who encouraged him to write down his recollections for his daughter and granddaughters. We're so glad they did.

Nab says, "I have absolutely loved doing this, it's one of the best things I've ever done and it wouldn't have been possible without Carol and your wonderful team. I've genuinely looked forward to every visit and to see the end result is incredible."

Thanks also to Damien from Print Team – Dorset Ltd for his help with the front and back covers and ensuring the finished product looked so professional.



CHRISTMAS



ADVENT ANGELS

Special treats for 24 local community champions, from those who've gone that extra mile to help another person or cause to those who've survived a challenging period in their life. Nominated for by the community.



Advent Angels – Day 19

LEAVE A COMMENT 19TH DECEMBER 2022 ICAPORTLAND

Rachel Braund has been nominated to be an Island Community Action Advent Angel by her neighbour Ann B.

An amazing neighbor to her whole neighborhood and beyond, Rachel volunteers her time to deliver leftover food to people in need and help deliver food bank parcels to those who cannot get them themselves.

She is always checking in on members of her community and even volunteers her time down at Islanders with her son Mason.

Rachel goes the extra mile to ensure everyone has what they need despite not having it easy herself. We are amazed by her selfless dedication to her community.

Thank you, on behalf of your neighbours, everyone at ICA and your wider community.



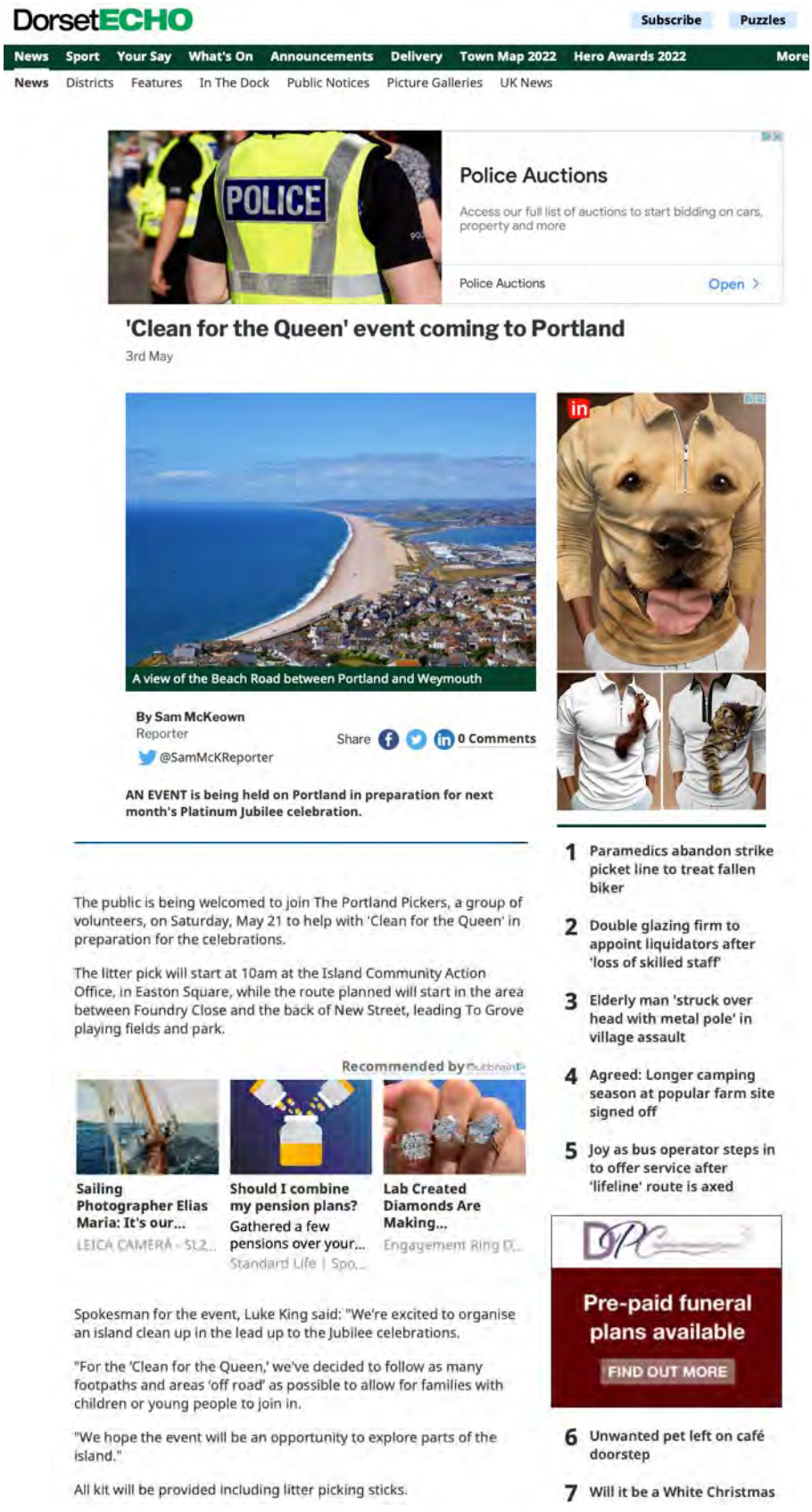
ADVERTISING & PR

ICA has continued to benefit from promotion across a range of media platforms, including BBC Radio Solent, Wessex FM, 105 FM, the Dorset Echo, the Free Portland News, partner newsletters and social media. Here are a few examples…









WEBSITE



Island Community Action

A LOCAL CHARITY FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

First Aid Training

LEAVE A COMMENT 6TH OCTOBER 2022 ICAPORTLAND

Great to see so many representatives from Portland's Voluntary and Community Sector groups at the two recent Essential First Aid courses we've organised locally.

Thanks to St John Ambulance – Portland Division for having us.



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

TABLE 3: COLLABORATIONS LISTS FOR YEAR 1 (2021-22) – TOTAL 70 ORGANISATIONS

	PARTNER	NATURE OF PARTNERSHIP
1	Atlantic Academy	Consultations, events, Growing Local activities
1	b-side	Events and collaborative projects
1	Bournemouth University	Information sharing, joint funding bids,
2	CCG, NHS Foundation / Locality Team etc	ICA a lead partner on the Portland Hospital & Healthcare Development Group
2	Chemists, including Boots Easton and Fortuneswell	Prescriptions
2	Community hospitals e.g. Westhaven / Weymouth	Support referrals for hospital leavers
4	Domiciliary care providers	Cross-referrals
1	Dorset Blind Association	Transport for their trips
1	Dorset Citizen's Advice Bureau	Cross-referrals
1	Dorset Community Action	Advice, information sharing, events
2	Dorset Council – Adult Social Care & Children's Services	Advice, information sharing, cross-referrals
3	Dorset Council – Other	Funding, advice, information sharing, input into Dorset's evolving statutory offer
1	Dorset Fire & Rescue	Advice, information sharing. cross-referrals
1	Dorset Super League Darts	Transport for their trips
1	The Drop-In Youth Service	Shared staffing, collaborative events and activities
1	Eden Portland	Consultation, collaborative events and activities
1	EPIC Games Dorset	Collaborative events
1	Friends of Victoria Gardens	Collaborative events
1	Housing & Care 21 (Foylebank Court)	Lunch clubs, training kitchen
1	Island & Royal Manor of Portland Rotary	Funding, information sharing
1	Lantern Trust	Cross-referrals
1	Macpherson House	Transport for their trips
1	Nothe Fort	Collaborative events
1	Nottingham Trent University	Information sharing, joint projects, conference support
1	Opera Circus	Staff and resource sharing
1	Portland Carers Group	Advice, information sharing, cross-referrals
1	Portland Churches	Information sharing, cross-referrals
1	Portland Community Hospital	Service support, cross-referrals
1	Portland Community Partnership (PCP)	Advice, information sharing
1	Portland Connect / Tricuro	Cross-referrals
1	Portland Community Fridge	Information sharing
1	Portland Foodbank	Shared resources, cross-referrals
1	Portland Library	Information sharing
1	Portland Permaculture Group	Growing Local stakeholder
1	Portland Town Council	Portland Project co-funder, information and resource sharing, Growing Local stakeholder
1	Portland United Football Club (Youth)	Transport for their trips
1	Public Health Dorset	Growing Local stakeholder, ICA also member of the Dorset Health & Wellbeing Board
1	Rotary Club of Portland	Funding, event support and transport for their trips
1	Royal Manor Health Centre	Data sharing, cross-referrals, volunteer recruitment and Growing Local stakeholder
1	Southwell Area Living Together (S.A.L.T)	Event support and transport for their trips
1	Steps Youth Service	Information sharing, joint funding bids,
8	Venues	C2000, Easton Methodist Church, Lobster Pot, Royal Manor Health Centre, St. George's Centre, St. John's Hall, Wellworthys Sports & Social Club and YMCA
1	Volunteer Centre Dorset	Advice, information sharing, DBS checks, PR, general support (including VC Connect)
9	Voluntary Sector groups	Shared resources, volunteer recruitment / training, collaborative events
1	Wessex Orienteering	Collaborative walking / orienteering activities
1	Wyke Regis / Lanehouse Medical Practice	Data sharing, cross-referrals and volunteer recruitment

FINANCE

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

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Telephone		140	-	140	90
Postage, stationery, printing and advertising		1,325	222	1,547	2,093
Photocopier Hire		3,260	-	3,260	1,517
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REFLECTIONS & THE FUTURE

2022 - what an incredible year of ups and downs! Epitomised by a single six month period in which we saw the UK transition from the highs of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (through three prime ministers and a deepening financial catastrophe) to the profound sadness of her death and funeral.

The repercussions of these events were felt by most of us, whether as people or organisations. For ICA, we saw a growth in demand for our services, a reduction in levels of funding and a general change in our community's wellbeing and stress levels around the cost-of-living crisis.

At the same time, these challenges delivered opportunities, from growing our knowledge and experience to improving our adaptability and responsiveness. However, perhaps the biggest positive came with our increased understanding around the journey we must take as an organisation if we are to continue providing an offer that is intrinsically right for our community.

A key priority throughout this journey will be the need for increased collaboration. We have realised the benefits of this over past years but we also know we need to achieve even more because, no matter how talented or determined we are, no single person, organisation or sector has the reach, resources or expertise to overcome all of Portland's challenges.

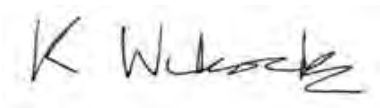
Together we become stronger, more adept and able to…

- Shout louder, get our voices heard and positively influence decision makers.
- Share best practice and resources – helping to maximise our impact, reduce duplication and spend and create a more resilient, responsive and sustainable way forward.
- Attract more local investment and funding
- Develop more cohesive, targeted and progressive services – ones that respond more effectively to life's 'whole journey,' from preventive to curative.
- Deliver the initiatives needed to enhance and maximise Portland's potential and, in turn, the positive outcomes and benefits afforded to its people, places and environment.

Regardless of challenge, we must also remember that a community cannot not be judged on statistics alone. Portland may have significant hurdles to overcome BUT it is also a place of castles and kings – a unique peninsula with 180 million years of history embedded within its stone. A place where past and present collide and environment, nature, heritage, culture and community thrive.

Perhaps, for us lucky 13,000+ residents, the significance of our Island is personified best by our late Queen – a woman who played out her 70 year reign against a theatrical backdrop of Portland Stone, from her Coronation in Westminster Abbey, through her Jubilee celebrations at St. Paul's Cathedral to her final journey past the Cenotaph to Wellington Arch.

With our community's feet firmly settled on that same stone, we surely have the strongest foundations on which to build. I, for one, can't wait to continue that journey with you all.



Kim Wilcocks, CEO – ICA

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Opening Hours (for calls and visits – outside of these times email or message)	
Monday	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Tuesday	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Wednesday	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Thursday	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Friday	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED

Management Committee
Chair – Douglas Pigg
Secretary – Anita Busby-Wilcocks
Treasurer – Mervyn Burden
Trustee – Pauline Carlyle

Employees
CEO – Kim Wilcocks
Project Manager – Jackie Carpenter
Project Manager – Katy Pascoe
Project Coordinator – Georgina Bolt

All ICA staff are part-time.

ICA continues to work to a code of practice and ensure its Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities policies are adhered to at all times. ICA has full public and employer's liability insurance in place. A copy of these documents + our constitution and all other policies can be viewed at the ICA office.

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2022

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ALBERT GOODMAN

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

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ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

CHARITY INFORMATION

Board of Trustees	Chairman	Douglas Pigg
	Treasurer	Mervyn Burden
	Secretary	Anita Busby-Wilcocks
	Trustee	Julia Willoughby
Charity Number	1157978	
Charity Offices	The Easton Centre Portland DT5 1EB	
Independent Examiner	Michelle Ferris FCA Albert Goodman LLP Chartered Accountants Leanne House 6 Avon Close Weymouth Dorset DT4 9UX	

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Constitution, objects and policies
The charity was originally administered and managed by way of a Constitution which was first adopted on 23 June 1998. The original charity registered with the Charity Commission on 15 April 1999 under charity number 1075124. A new Charitable Incorporated Organisation was formed and registered with the Charity Commission on 24 July 2014. The new Charitable Incorporated Organisation took over the assets and activities of the original charity with that original charity becoming a linked charity of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The report and accounts for the year include the assets and activities for both charities. The objects of both charities are similar and are to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Portland by associating together volunteers and organisations in a common effort to advance education, protect health, relieve poverty, sickness and distress.

Committee and Management
Day to day management of the charity lies with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) reporting to the Board of Trustees, which includes a Chair and a Treasurer. The Board of Trustees holds a minimum of four face-to-face meetings in each year and other ad-hoc digital / online meetings, as required.

Investment Powers
The Constitution authorises the committee to use all money raised to further its objects and for no other purpose.

Public benefit
The charity has the public benefit in focus in all of its activities and all of those activities are directed at improving the quality of life of the residents of Portland.

Objectives, activities and achievements
Island Community Action (ICA) is a small, Dorset based charity. Since 1999, we have been supporting local communities through projects that:

- Tackle deprivation.
- Improve psychological, physical and social wellbeing.
- Reduce the impact of isolation and / or loneliness.
- Support individuals to live happier and more independent lives for longer.
- Increase life chances and quality of life through 'hands on' experiences, learning and training.
- Support those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteering roles.
- Improves community cohesion
- Inspires and facilitates collaborative working and the sharing of best practice across sectors
- Enable, support and showcase local enterprises, initiatives and activities that improve infrastructure and the environment, and contribute to regeneration and sustainable development

Under ICA's new five-year initiative, The Portland Project, 11 workstreams are being developed and delivered to achieve our objectives:

1. **HELPING HANDS –** Supporting those aged 50 years plus (in particular those impacted by poor mental, physical and / or social wellbeing, including isolation and loneliness) and also those of any age impacted by disability and / or serious, life limiting or terminal illness. Achieved through a range of over 20 activities and services, including befriending, lunch clubs and transport.

2. **CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILIES –** Working in collaboration with other organisations, to support their work and develop other complementary activities, including a youth volunteering scheme, life and leadership skills training, consultation activities, events and a Portland Youth Council.

3. **CREATIVE (ALL AGES) –** Includes:
    - Community Crafters (crafting for community-based good causes). Aimed at reducing isolation and loneliness and strengthening community and intergenerational bonds.
    - Cratetivity (activity boxes for 'mind and body' delivered to the housebound).

4. **GROWING LOCAL –** Helping make affordable, healthy and nutritious food more accessible, encouraging engagement with nature and the environment and increasing understanding around the links between climate change, the natural world and food.

   Growing Local provides opportunities for residents to volunteer and participate in 'hands-on' activities that develop their skills and interest in growing and cooking and provides them with the confidence and knowledge to make healthier food choices, live more sustainably, adopt more eco-friendly lifestyles and feel more connected to their community and environment. Growing Local is open to all.

5. **VOLUNTEER BUREAU –** Supporting those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteer roles, from recruitment to training and DBS checks.

6. **COMMUNITY HUB –** Providing advice, information and signposting to local residents around a host of different subjects. ICA deals with around 7-8,000 queries a year.

7. **COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS –** ICA has three qualified Community Organisers who provide a range of community consultation services for ICA and other organisations.

8. **COMMUNITY CONNECTORS –** Residents trained by ICA's Community Organiser team to identify and signpost those in potential need of support.

9. **COMMUNITY FORUM –** A space for local organisations to network, coordinate support, forward plan and build capacity.

10. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT –** Providing advice, information and training for other local community-based organisations.

11. **COLLABORATIONS –** ICA continues to work in partnership with a number of groups and support structures where required, including : The Portland Resilience Committee and Food Security Group and The Portland Hospital Development Group.

Risk management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to highlight and lessen these risks.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to meet approximately six months unrestricted expenditure and to assist with funding any future developments.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards relevant to smaller charities preparing their account on the receipts and payments basis.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that Year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approval
This report was approved by the Trustees on 31 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

D Pigg (Trustee) **M Burden** (Trustee)

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Island Community Action ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michelle Ferris BSc (Hons) FCA DChA
For and on behalf of

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

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Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand			
Cash at Bank		105,572	88,656
Cash in hand		792	-
Total bank and cash balances per receipts and payments account		106,364	88,656
Other Assets and Liabilities:			
Fixed Assets			
Motor vehicles and trailer		20,441	25,549
Fixtures, fittings and equipment		10,463	10,397
		30,904	35,946
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		(1,731)	(3,337)
Net Assets		135,537	121,265

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 31 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

D Pigg (Trustee)

M Burden (Trustee)

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of accounts
The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Committee's Report and all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Amounts in the Receipts and Payments Account are included as amounts are received and paid by the charity. The Receipts and Payments Account does not therefore include any accruals or prepayments.

Value added tax
Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Receipts and Payments Account.

2. Grants and Donations

	£
Restricted funds	
Dorset Community Foundation	791
Dorset Council Culture and Community Project Fund award	2,160
Dorset Council Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) grant	1,792
National Lottery Community Fund	30,000
Dorset Council Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) grant	448
Hall and Woodhouse	1,000
Hall & Woodhouse L Comm Chest	500
Portland Town Council	15,000
Valentine Trust	10,000
COOP Community Fund	1,695
DYA	455
Po 95-99 Fortune	3,000
Atlantic Academy PTA	1,203
Nothe Fort	2,012
Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation	10,000
National Lottery Community Fund RC	30,000
Dorset Community Foundation	9,750
	119,806
Unrestricted	
Irenen Roig + Joan Turner Foundation	10,740
Nottingham Trent	455
Grants and donations	11,820
	23,015
Total	142,821

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

3. Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Salaries and wages	79,328	81,980
Employers National Insurance Contributions	6,287	6,672
	85,616	88,652

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 per annum.

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated as full time equivalents, were as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	4	4

4. Restricted Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of grants and donations held on trust and to be applied for specific purposes. Please note the that information below

	Balance 1 April 2021	Income/ receipts	Payments	Transfers from/(to) General funds	Balance 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Growing Local Project	13,877	4,234	(3,405)		14,706
Helping hands	-	14,707	(10,217)		4,490
Portland Project	-	95,250	(20,432)		74,818
Covid-19	12,446		(12,446)		-
Portland Shed	5,435	5,615	(6,000)		5,050
	31,758	119,806	(52,500)	-	99,064

5. Growing Local Project received funding from the Dorset Community Foundation, Dorset Council Holiday Activities and Food..

Helping Hands received funding from Valentine Charitable Trust, COOP Community Fund, Hall & Woodhouse

Portland Project received funding from National Lottery, Portland Town Council, Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation, Dorset Community Foundation, Dorset Youth Association.

The Portland Shed received funding from the COOP Community Fund, Hall & Woodhouse Community Chest, Dorset Council Culture and Community Project Fund.

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ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION
The Easton Centre
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Dorset
DT5 1EB

Albert Goodman LLP
Leanne House
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Dear Sirs

This representation letter is provided in connection with your review of the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2022, for the purpose of providing an Independent Examiners report on the financial statements.

1. We acknowledge, as trustees, our responsibility under the Charities Act 2011 for preparing financial statements.

2. We confirm that all accounting records have been made available to you for the purposes of your review, in accordance with your terms of engagement, and that all transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.

3. We confirm that there have been no events since the balance sheet date which require disclosure or which would materially affect the amounts in the financial statements, other than those already disclosed or included in the financial statements.

4. We confirm that we are not aware of any possible or actual instance of non compliance with those laws and regulations which provide a legal framework within which the charity conducts its business. The charity has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non compliance. We have made available to you all correspondence with regulators, including any serious incident reports. The relevant laws and regulations are:
    - Charities Act 2011
    - Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008

5. We confirm that all grants, donations and other income, including those subject to special terms or conditions or received for restricted purposes, have been notified to you. There have been no such breaches of terms or conditions during the period regarding the application of such income.

6. We confirm that appropriate controls are in place to ensure that all payments (including those made overseas) are applied for charitable purposes.

7. We confirm that there have been no actual or suspected instances of fraud involving management or employees who have a significant role in internal control that could have a material effect on the financial statements, except as already disclosed to you. We also confirm that we are not aware of any allegations of fraud by former employees, regulators or others, except as already disclosed to you.

8. We confirm that we consider that the charity has sufficient unrestricted funds to enable liabilities to be met as they fall due.

9. We confirm that we are not aware of any matters of material significance that should be reported to the Charity Commission.

10. We confirm that the use of the designated and restricted funds is correct as disclosed in the accounts.

11. We confirm that the allocation of income and expenditure is reasonable and in line with our understanding of the charity.

12. We confirm that the National Lottery Covid-19 Grant is restricted income and should be allocated against extra costs associated with Covid-19 support and to cover the running costs of the charity while the covid crisis is ongoing and help cover the shortfall of income.

We confirm to the best of our knowledge and belief that the above representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience and, where appropriate, of inspection of supporting documentation sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can properly make each of the above representations to you.

Yours faithfully

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Trustee

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Trustee

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Date:

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

England & Wales - Charity number 1157978

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

There was a time last year, prior to our existing National Lottery grant ending, when the core ICA team and I found ourselves planning a complex range of next step options, from extending our services (to include the creation of new activities and collaborations), through a major reduction to complete closure.

Thankfully, this planning led to the creation of our new initiative, The Portland Project, and, alongside it, a new and successful application to the National Lottery for £60,000 per annum over the next five years (2021-26).

A clear factor in us securing this grant was Portland Town Council's guarantee to provide match funding of £15,000 per annum for 5 years. This decision was based on ICA's previous work with the Council and our proposal to work under a service level agreement to deliver a number of vital services for the Island.

As with most other grant funding, The Portland Project comes with its own set of targets and challenges. For example, the National Lottery grant no longer covers our older people's services, which must now be funded separately through our generated service income, local and legacy giving, grant applications and annual fundraising events and activities.

Critically, the Portland Project will support a much wider range of activities, including an expanded workstream for children, families and young people. It will also enable us to grow the work we previously carried out under our volunteering and Growing Local (food and environment) strands, permanently integrate a number of our COVID-19 activities (aimed at tackling isolation and loneliness), build a new network of local community connectors and work collaboratively to address some of the key challenges impacting local residents.

Government and statutory changes, emerging needs and deprivation rates, which are higher here than in most other Dorset areas, are key drivers for our mission:

- 35% of households located in areas within the top 20% nationally for multiple deprivations.
- Several areas located in the top 10/20% nationally for specific categories, including education and training, employment, health and disability and income.
- 30% childhood poverty rates (41% in Underhill).
- 32% of older residents comfortably off or above (80% average for Dorset / 65% nationally).
- High levels of loneliness and isolation due to Portland's physical geography and lack of island wide public transport, making it harder for vulnerable and less mobile residents to access essential services, food and social activities.

What inspires my hopes for success is what I've witnessed over the last two years. Our local community uniting in a single mission to support the most vulnerable, regardless of age, background, gender, ethnicity or belief etc.

Successes such as these are so often down to the unselfish acts of individuals and the communities in which they live. With that in mind, I would like to say a huge thank you to every single resident that helped, including our volunteers and staff, our Board of Trustees and our partners. Your energy, commitment, skills and knowledge have been remarkable.

Massive thanks also to those individuals, groups and businesses who have supported us financially through grants, donations and legacies. Your input has been critical in enabling us to continue supporting local people and projects within our community.



Doug Pigg
Chair – Island Community Action (ICA)

KEY FUNDERS & SPONSORS

GRANTS

In a year where all of our regular fundraising activities and services were unable to go ahead, significantly reducing our ability to raise income, ICA were grateful to receive grant funding contributions from the following organisations during 2020:

1. For ICA's older people's services…

- **The National Lottery Community Fund: Reaching Communities –** ICA completed its final year of funding (ended August 2021) for its Silver Island (older people's) project.
- **Coop Local Community Fund –** For our Cratetivity project.
- **Hall & Woodhouse –** For our community transport offer.

2. For the Man / Women's Shed…

- **Dorset Council: Community & Culture Project Fund –** A contribution towards the Shed's regular sessions.
- **Hall & Woodhouse –** A contribution towards the Shed's regular sessions.

3. For ICA's Growing Local project…

- **Dorset Community Fund**
- **Dorset Council: Holiday Activities & Food Fund –** Summer holiday activities for those aged 5-16 who qualified for free school meals.

4. For ICA's new initiative The Portland Project…

- **The National Lottery Community Fund: Reaching Communities –** A new five year grant (2021-26) covering an extension of several existing workstreams and the development and delivery of key new workstreams.
- **Portland Town Council –** A new five year Service Level Agreement contribution towards a range of extended and new services, including Children, Youth and Families.
- **Valentine Charitable Trust –** For general project related costs.

NON-GRANT DONATIONS & FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

In addition to ICA's successful grant applications, the charity was grateful to benefit from a range of local funding opportunities over the past 12 months, including

- **The Court Leet**
- **The Rotary Club of Island & Royal Manor of Portland** (towards our digital screen)
- **Portland residents**

GENERATED INCOME

ICA generates income through a range of activities, however, COVID-19 continued to have an impact on these during 2021, with some not starting until September 2021. Those activities that continued to run throughout included:

The Giving Lottery – An online alternative to ICA's original lottery at: www.givinglottery.org.uk/support/island-community-action

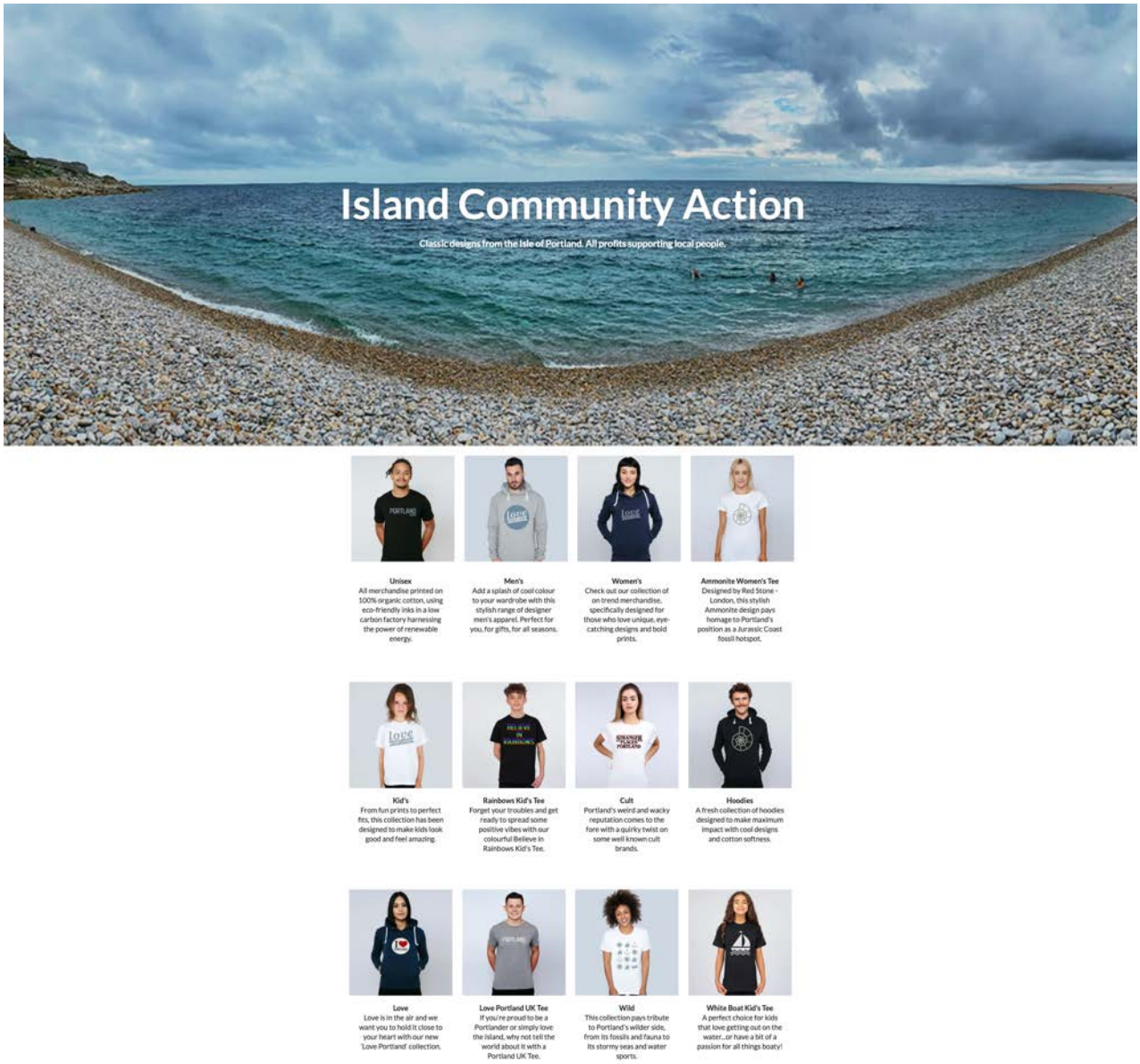
One-off or regular donations – Made by cash, cheque, standing order or via Local Giving at: www.localgiving.com/charity/islandcommunityaction

Legacy gifts – Made via the donor's will, these contributions range from direct donations instead of flowers at a funeral to specified sums of money, a % of an entire estate or a particular item.

Donations of prizes – From unwanted gifts to free experiences, trips and treatments.

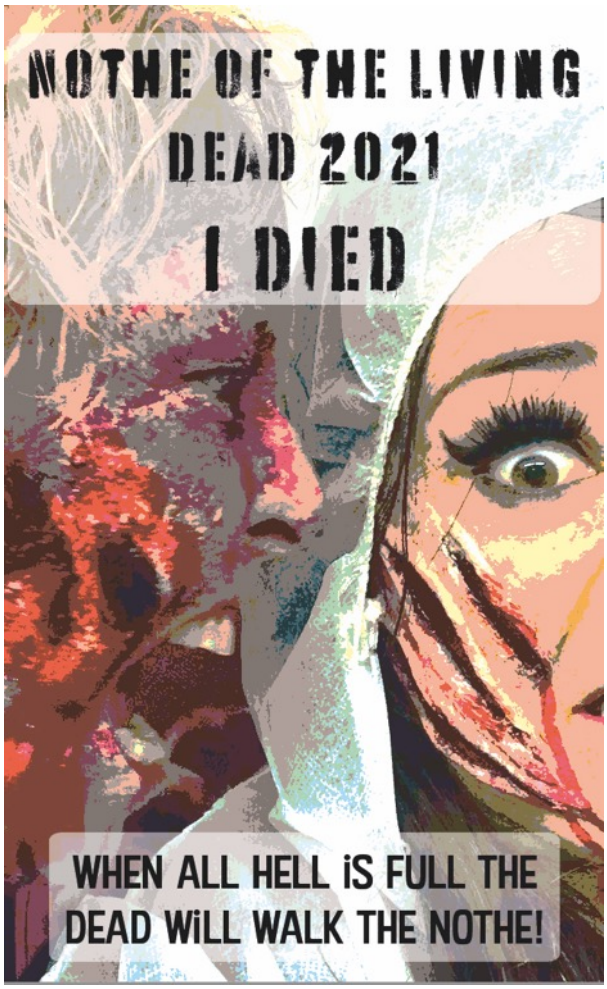
Merchandise

ICA sells cards, lottery tickets, merchandise and more. 2020 also saw us open our Teemill website at: https://islandcommunityaction.teemill.com



FUNDRAISING EVENT

ICA's biggest fundraising event was Nothe of the Living Dead – raising money for Silver Island.

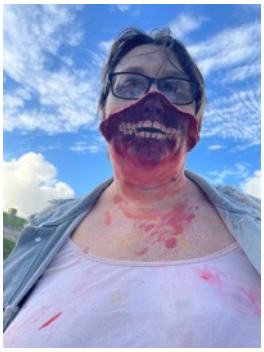


















PROJECTS & SERVICES

The funding ICA received during 2021 supported its core project costs, including.

SILVER ISLAND (Ended August 31st, 2021) –
ICA's older people's project key aims were:

- To address the causes and impact of older people's marginalization.
- To improve physical, mental and social wellbeing and reduce levels of isolation and loneliness, helping older residents live healthier, happier and more independent lives for longer.
- To deliver a range of 'early action' approaches and activities that help minimise or prevent the likelihood of serious conditions occurring in the first place.
- To increase and support the number of older volunteers, so they are empowered to play a more active role in their community and understand the support available to them as they, themselves, age.
- To work in collaboration with community leaders, statutory providers and voluntary groups in order to deliver better, more interlinked and person-centred community services and activities.



TABLE 1: SILVER ISLAND – ACTIVITIES / SERVICES DELIVERED FOR 2021

CORE SUPPORT Delivered by ICA staff, volunteers or external tutors to clients on an ongoing basis.					
Advice: Benefits (remained closed due to COVID-19)	Advice: Legal (remained closed due to COVID-19)	At Home: Admin	At Home: Befriending (face-to-face)	At Home: Befriending (telephone)	At Home: DIY
At Home: Dog walking	At Home: Errands	At Home: Gardening	At Home: Prescriptions	At Home: Shopping deliveries	Art Group X 2
Exercise: Get Together (seated)	Exercise: Osteocise (mid-range)	Exercise: Fit+ (advanced)	Exercise: Yoga	Food: The Dining Room (lunch club)	Food: Sunday Lunch Club
The Man Shed	The Women's Shed	The Man Shed	Shopping: In store	Transport: Minibus and cars	Shopping: In store
Special events: e.g. Christmas offer	Transport: Cars	Transport: Minibus	Trips and outings	Social: Bingo x 2	Social: Coffee mornings

TABLE 2: SILVER ISLAND and COVID-19 – ACTIVITY and SERVICE INTERACTIONS 2016-2021

ACTIVITIES	NUMBER OF INTERACTIONS					
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 (Reduced due to COVID-19)	2020-21 (Reduced due to COVID-19)	GRAND TOTALS
ADVICE & TRAINING	30	36	53	93	78	290
AT HOME SERVICES	532	5,461	5,342	3,822	2,997	18,154
CLUBS AND SOCIAL	4,066	4,131	5,551	2,826	2,052	18,626
FOOD PROVISION	831	1,110	1,114	993	405	4,453
TRANSPORT (passengers not individuals)	1,798	2,422	2,585	1,124	1,005	8,934
TELEPHONE BEFRIENDING	0	0	0	2,441	1,906	4,347
PRESCRIPTIONS	0	0	0	2,344	1,350	3,694
SHOPPING	0	0	0	1,442	914	2,356
ERRANDS	0	0	0	371	251	622
CLIENT CHECK-INS & CATCH-UPS	0	0	0	2,480	2,260	4,740
TOTAL	7,257	13,160	14,645	17,936	13,047	66,216

In addition, ICA dealt with thousands of general enquiries and advice requests during the period from clients, families, carers and external organisations (e.g. GP, Adult Social Services and NHS) about potential / future ICA referral care packages and support for clients.

TABLE 3: SILVER ISLAND and COVID-19 COMBINED CLIENT NUMBERS 2016-2021

NUMBER OF CLIENTS					
2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL CLIENTS FOR 2016-2021
368	522	564	1,115	1,120	1,887

SILVER ISLAND PHOTOS



















SILVER ISLAND CLIENT QUOTES

"ICA has been absolutely invaluable to me over the last few years. Without ICA and the volunteer drivers I wouldn't be able not get to my medical appointments, to be honest I would be lost without them."

"Thank you ICA for all you hard work and everything you do for us."

"May I say a big thank you to the volunteers and staff at ICA for all the help you give me throughout the year. You are all marvellous."

"Thank you could never be enough. I honestly don't know what I would of done without you all."

"Thank you to all the volunteers who have enabled me to do my own shopping and taken me on some lovely days out. You have made a huge difference to my life."

"Thanks for everything, you are the very best."

"Many thanks for all you have done for me this year. You are a lifeline for many."

"Thank you all for providing an excellent service and to all your volunteer drivers that have helped me get hospital appointments in 2021."

"Without ICA's help we wouldn't have eaten or I would have had to go out myself and do it, which would have risked Alan because even now we're still shielding whilst he waited for his next operation to remove a further two tumours from his liver. Lisa (volunteer) has been absolutely brilliant; I can't thank you or her enough."

GENERAL VOLUNTEER QUOTES

"Reconnecting with ICA has been amazing for me. The charity is such a useful tool for the community. I know that I can reach out to them and recommend them to everyone I meet."

"(My friend) roped me into volunteering in the office on a Tuesday and I've never looked back! I've been amazed by how much the charity actually does. Until you're here, amongst it, you don't realise just how much ICA is involved in or leading on the delivery of local support – and for so many people!"

"Living alone, a big part of volunteering for me is the social aspect. It encourages me to get out the house, meet people, talk to friends, have a giggle. Critically, volunteering in the office also gives me a great picture of how much we're doing and the people we're supporting. I thoroughly enjoy it and it's great to feel like I'm doing some good for the community I'm a part of."

"I originally went into the (ICA) office to ask for some walking route maps, but they talked me into volunteering as a driver for the car and minibus and I haven't looked back. I love it! Without the ICA I'd be stuck indoors alone, but thanks to them I've made friends with other volunteers, got to know the Island and have the confidence to get out walking and talking to people from all over the World."

GROWING LOCAL (FOOD and ENVIRONMENT) – Helping to make affordable, healthy and nutritious food more accessible, encouraging engagement with nature and the environment and increasing people's understanding around the links between climate change, the natural world and food.

Growing Local provides opportunities for residents to volunteer and participate in 'hands-on' activities that not only develop their skills and interest in growing and cooking, but also provides them with the confidence and knowledge to make healthier food choices, live more sustainably, adopt more eco-friendly lifestyles and feel more connected to their community and environment.

The project is open to all, particularly those susceptible to food poverty. The emphasis is also on simple and fun activities that keep participants engaged and empowered to progress.

To deliver Growing Local, ICA has created a local stakeholder group consisting of Portland Town Council, Royal Manor Health Centre, Atlantic Academy, Portland 4 The Planet, Portland Foodbank, Portland Permaculture Group, NHS / CCG, Public Health Dorset, and a range of local experts and enthusiasts (b-side and St. Georges Primary tbc).

ICA also started working with EDEN Portland and Nottingham Trent University to deliver a range of new activities, including Slow Memory And A Flourishing Future – a project focused on the environment and memory.

We also continued our fantastic collaboration with Atlantic Academy, including kick-starting the Academy's wildlife garden and growing space.







As part of this work we created video promoting what has been achieved to date. See: https://youtu.be/zwk2baUL98c

And delivered a range of beginner's cookery enrichment courses with primary students. The plan being to expand these sessions to parents and carers over time.







In addition, we delivered specialist 'paid for' courses, including three Christmas cookery sessions.






These paid for sessions help to cover the costs of our 'free' beginner's courses, which we want to deliver at no charge to help ensure we help those in most need.

VOLUNTEER BUREAU – Supporting those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteer roles, from recruitment to training and DBS checks.

The total number of volunteers engaged over the last five years is 421. This figure includes those volunteering for Silver Island, COVID-19 and our annual Nothe of the Living Dead fundraiser for Silver Island.

ICA works in collaboration with Volunteer Centre Dorset

COMMUNITY HUB – Providing advice, information and signposting to local residents around a host of different subjects. ICA deals with around 7-8,000 queries a year.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS – ICA has three qualified Community Organisers who provide a range of community consultation services for ICA and other organisations.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT – Providing advice, information and training for other local community-based organisations, from governance advice to First Aid training.

COLLABORATIONS – ICA has continued to work in partnership with a number of groups and support structures, including:

- The Portland Resilience Committee and Portland Food Security Group – part of the local COVID-19 response and consisting of ICA, Portland Town Council, Portland Foodbank and Churches Together.
- Dorset CCG and the NHS Foundation Trust on the Portland Hospital and Healthcare Working Group.
- Portland Town Council on their Climate and Ecological Emergency Working Group.
- Nothe of the Living Dead – An annual zombie themed fundraiser between ICA, the Nothe Fort and EPIC Games Dorset.

OTHER – During the 2021 period ICA also delivered activities for

Dorset's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

A government initiative, HAF aims to provide healthy food and enriching activities for children and young people aged 5 to16 who are eligible for free school meals. HAF is funded by the Department for Education.

ICA delivered four summer cooking and growing sessions as part of this initiative working with local tutor, Jo Jackson and EPIC Games Dorset.








PR, MARKETING & BRAND AWARENESS



ICA has continued to benefit from promotion across a range of media platforms throughout 2020, including: BBC Radio Solent, the Dorset Echo, the Free Portland News, partner newsletters and social media.

The year culminated in three incredibly successful promotional Christmas initiatives:

- Advent Angels – 24 special treats delivered to local heroes who were all nominated by local residents as a thank you for their acts of kindness and support for others.



- Christmas Box Appeal – Festive hampers for some of our most vulnerable residents. 103 hampers were delivered, helping to reduce levels of isolation and loneliness and helping ensure recipients have something special to open on Christmas Day.
- 130 Christmas meals enjoyed by ICA clients at a range of events, from foodie outings to festive lunch clubs and our annual Senior's Christmas Lunch.
- Show Us Your Baubles – Hundreds of Christmas decorations made by our Community Crafters volunteers and then hidden across the Island for others to find. Also, 10 x Golden Baubles hidden across Portland, each containing a special golden ticket, which could be traded for a Christmas prize at the ICA office.

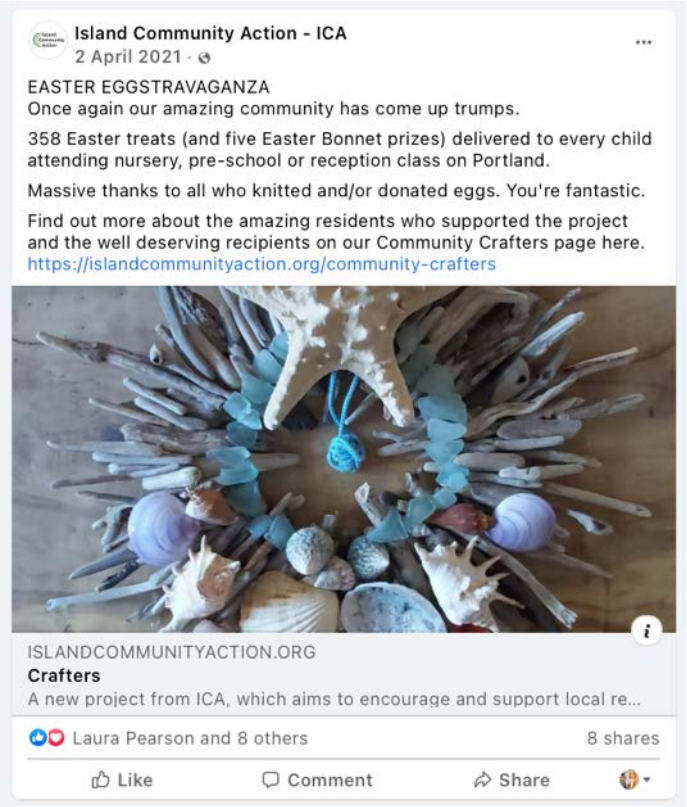
To showcase these Christmas activities ICA created a short movie: https://youtu.be/YvsbnNeMR2c







Community Crafters – ICA's intergenerational craft project, born out of COVID-19 and the desire to reduce feelings of loneliness and improve mental health amongst older residents and those deemed as vulnerable. The project encourages residents to come together and use their crafting and creating skills for good causes.





DorsetECHO

News

15th April

Island Community Action's new projects to celebrate easing of lockdown restrictions

By Sam McKeown | @SamMcKReporter
Reporter



The ICA is based in Easton Shopping Centre, Easton, on Portland

COMMUNITY projects on Portland have been launched to celebrate the easing of social restrictions.

Island Community Action (ICA) has launched its latest projects - the Community Crafters initiative and Decorate Your Doorstep - which are encouraging residents to get creative for their community.

Project manager Katy Pascoe said: "We want to showcase our island's fantastic community spirit by covering Portland in colour in the lead up to the end of social contact restrictions.

"It's a time for celebration and gratitude, so we're looking for people to decorate their doorstep with bunting, garlands and wreaths.


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"We're also hoping that some residents will donate their creations to ICA, so we can offer them to local businesses and communal spaces to display during the period.

"We feel wreaths will be a wonderful way of showing our respect for those we've lost."

One of the key aims of the Community Crafters project is to reduce levels of local isolation and loneliness by bringing the community together to use their crafting skills to lift people's spirits and create a sense of pride.

ICA will be providing a range of patterns and ideas for garlands bunting and wreaths.

Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated doorsteps, as voted for by the community from June 1 until June 21.

For more, visit the ICA's Community Crafters Facebook page or search: www.islandcommunityaction.org/community-crafters, or call 01305 823789.

We have also used our own medial platforms to promote our own and our partner's work:

- Facebook at: www.facebook.com/islandcommunityaction and www.facebook.com/Portland-Man-shed-450146508827360
- Twitter at: https://twitter.com/ICA_PortlandUK
- Website: https://islandcommunityaction.org

Website



Island Community Action

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MV Freedom

EDIT LEAVE A COMMENT 10TH JULY 2021 ICAPORTLAND

It's summer and there's nothing like getting out on the water. The MV Freedom, a fully disabled friendly vessel, offered a group of ICA clients and volunteers the opportunity to do just that with a two hour boat trip along the Dorset coastline last week.











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OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



Island Community Action - ICA
34 minutes ago

June Morley Today our volunteer elf was able to surprise one of Portland's busiest residents, June Morley. Nominated by Cllr Rob Hughes for, "All her good work in the church and for her role running the friends of Easton Gardens. Her heart belongs to Easton and it's community."

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Collaboration is critical to the success of most community-based organisations. This is very much the case for ICA. This was particularly crucial during 2021, when working together to continue the coordination of COVID-19 support helped to ensure we maximised our combined impact.

	PARTNER	NATURE OF PARTNERSHIP
1	Age UK Dorchester	Benefits Advice Surgery, referrals
1	ArtsReach	B-side Festival / PR
1	Atlantic Academy	Events, intergenerational activities
1	b-side	Events
2	CCG, NHS Foundation / Locality Team etc	ICA a lead partner on the Portland Hospital & Healthcare Development Group
2	Chemists, including Boots Easton and Fortuneswell	Prescriptions, COVID-19 support
2	Community hospitals e.g. Westhaven / Weymouth	Referrals, COVID-19 support for hospital leavers
4	Domiciliary care providers	Cross-referrals
1	Dorset Citizen's Advice Bureau	Cross-referrals, COVID-19 support
1	Dorset Community Action	Advice, information sharing, events
2	Dorset Council – Adult Social Care & Children's Services	Advice, information sharing, cross-referrals
3	Dorset Council – Other	Funding, advice, information sharing, COVID-19 support
1	Dorset Fire & Rescue	Advice, information sharing. cross-referrals
1	Eden Portland	Collaborative events and activities and consultation
1	EPIC Games Dorset	Collaborative events
1	Friends of Victoria Gardens	Collaborative events
1	Housing & Care 21 (Foylebank Court)	Lunch clubs, training kitchen
1	Island & Royal Manor of Portland Rotary	Funding, information sharing
1	Lantern Trust	Cross-referrals
1	Nothe Fort	Collaborative events
1	Pengillys Solicitors	Sponsorship, Legal Surgery
1	Portland Carers Group	Advice, information sharing, cross-referrals
1	Portland Churches	Information sharing, cross-referrals, COVID-19 support
1	Portland Community Hospital	Service support, cross-referrals
1	Portland Community Partnership (PCP)	Advice, information sharing
1	Portland Connect / Tricuro	Cross-referrals
1	Portland Foodbank	Shared resources, cross-referrals
1	Portland Library	Information sharing
1	Portland Permaculture Group	Growing Local stakeholder
1	Portland Resilience Committee	ICA is a lead partner – group coordinates overall Portland COVID-91 community-based response
1	Portland Town Council	Portland Project co-funder, information and resource sharing, Growing Local stakeholder, ICA representative on PTC's Environment Committee
1	Public Health Dorset	Growing Local stakeholder, ICA also member of the Dorset Health & Wellbeing Board
1	Royal Manor Health Centre	Data sharing, cross-referrals, volunteer recruitment and Growing Local stakeholder
8	Venues	C2000, Easton Methodist Church, Lobster Pot, Royal Manor Health Centre, St. George's Centre, St. John's Hall, Wellworthys Sports & Social Club and YMCA
1	Volunteer Centre Dorset	Advice, information sharing, DBS checks, PR, general support (including VC Connect)
9	Voluntary Sector groups	Shared resources, volunteer recruitment / training, collaborative events
1	Wessex Orienteering	Collaborative walking / orienteering activities
1	Wyke Regis / Lanehouse Medical Practice	Data sharing, cross-referrals and volunteer recruitment

Total number of groups / organisations = 62

FINANCE

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	2	36,613	82,075	118,688	117,787
Sales		9,831	-	9,831	2,700
Fundraising and sponsorship		6,544	-	6,544	3,330
Motor vehicles/Minibus		9,214	-	9,214	6,669
Clubs and Memory Café		15,289	-	15,289	14,428
Compensation for lost stock and materials		-	-	-	2,000
Memberships		300		300	949
Consultation		-	-	-	600
Interest		-	-	-	2
Total receipts		77,791	82,075	159,866	148,465
Payments					
Man Shed purchases and consumables		-	2,185	2,185	-
Salaries and wages	3	8,832	63,960	72,792	87,485
Pension		2,600	-	2,600	4,390
Rent		7,200	9,220	16,420	14,630
Rates, water and electric		2,097	384	2,481	942
Insurance		1,591	-	1,591	1,933
Telephone		120	-	120	120
Postage, stationery, printing and advertising		2,364	353	2,717	2,043
Photocopier Hire		1,569	-	1,569	4,664
Motor		3,491	6,753	10,244	10,721
Travel, accommodation and subsistence		-	-	-	287
Repairs and maintenance		44	975	1,019	3,239
Subscriptions and membership fees		632	913	1,545	1,268
Sundries		313	238	551	471
IT		-	572	572	1,695
Christmas lunch - Seniors		-	-	-	246
Training, tutors and speakers		-	9,480	9,480	10,166
Fundraising		1,095	-	1,095	1,196
P.R. and marketing		470	302	772	525
Room hire		117	5,479	5,596	5,888
Accountancy fees		1,470	-	1,470	1,422
Bank charges and interest		-	-	-	104
Capital					
Motor vehicles etc.		-	800	800	-
Computer equipment		-	300	300	-
Other equipment		-	-	-	180
Fixtures, fittings and equipment		-	-	-	162
Total payments		34,005	101,914	135,919	153,777
Net receipts before transfers		43,786	(19,839)	23,947	(5,312)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds at bank and in hand for the year		43,786	(19,839)	23,947	(5,312)
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2019		-	36,288	36,288	41,600
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2020		**43,786**	**16,449**	**60,235**	**36,288**

REFLECTIONS & THE FUTURE

As outlined in last year's Annual Report, COVID-19 has played a significant role in helping ICR develop solutions to many of the challenges facing us as a charity and service provider:

- Evidencing our ability to lead on the development, delivery and co-ordination of impactful community-based services at a time of national crisis.
- Growing our reputation and visibility on both local and county levels.
- Pushing us to be more innovative, forward thinking and bold in our approaches.
- Increasing our own knowledge, experience and confidence.
- Expanding our client and volunteer base.
- Encouraging and enabling us to form new and impactful partnerships, which have continued to evolve and grow, providing the trust and foundation on which to develop, and deliver a range of truly collaborative and progressive solutions going forward.
- Increasing our ability to identify engage and support new clients, creating opportunities for them to remain with us and benefit from our support long-term.

In addition, we spent the 2020/2021 period creating a new, multi-faceted, bold and realistic 'next step' proposal for our Island – one that creates more sustainable and preventative options for residents; contributes to the creation of healthier, happier and more fulfilling lives; is achievable, affordable and acceptable to our key stakeholders and evidences to funders and decision makers that we are worthy of investment and have the credentials, resolve and expertise to deliver multiple and mutual benefits to all.

We must say a huge thank you to the National Lottery Community Fund (NLFC) for their ongoing support in helping us achieve these things, not only around Silver Island but also ICA as a whole. Without doubt, this support culminated in ICA surpassing all of its original five year aims and targets for our older people's services and activities:

- Number of older residents engaged – target 1,750 / achieved 1,887
- N umber of volunteers engaged – target 350 / achieved 421
- Number organisations collaborated with and supported – target 50 / achieved 62

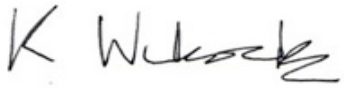
In supporting these achievements, the NLFC also contributed towards a critical shift in perception about the absolute value of community-based organisations and the positive impact they can have in a world of challenged statutory services. It was this shift that became paramount in helping us to secure new funding for our new initiative, The Portland Project.

We must also thank Portland Town Council for their vision in stepping up and providing match-funding for this same initiative.

The Portland Project will deliver 11 workstreams over the next five-years – a daunting, but overwhelmingly exciting prospect.

As ever, we could not have achieved what we did without the overwhelming support of local residents and funding organisations. Your generosity and willingness to help has been truly humbling. Neither would we have achieved the outcomes we have without the creativity, inspiration and professionalism offered by other organisations.

We truly cannot wait to continue our collaborations with you all, so that we can work together to create a more resilient, prepared and opportunity filled Island.



Kim Wilcocks, CEO – ICA

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Opening Hours (for calls and visits – outside of these times email or message)	
Monday	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Tuesday	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Wednesday	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Thursday	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Friday	10.00 am – 2.00 pm
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED

Management Committee

Chair – Douglas Pigg
Secretary – Anita Busby-Wilcocks
Treasurer – Mervyn Burden
Trustee – Pauline Carlyle
Trustee – Julia Willoughby

Employees

CEO – Kim Wilcocks
Project Manager – Jackie Carpenter
Project Manager – Katy Pascoe
Project Coordinator – ML Anderson
Youth Development Worker – Georgina Bolt

All ICA staff are part-time.

ICA continues to work to a code of practice and ensure its Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities policies are adhered to at all times. ICA has full public and employer's liability insurance in place. A copy of these documents + our constitution and all other policies can be viewed at the ICA office.

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2021

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ALBERT GOODMAN

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Board of Trustees	Chairman	Douglas Pigg
	Treasurer	Mervyn Burden
	Secretary	Anita Busby-Wilcocks
	Trustee	Julia Willoughby
Charity Number	1157978	
Charity Offices	The Easton Centre Portland DT5 1EB	
Independent Examiner	Michelle Ferris FCA Albert Goodman LLP Chartered Accountants Leanne House 6 Avon Close Weymouth Dorset DT4 9UX	

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Constitution, objects and policies
The charity was originally administered and managed by way of a Constitution which was first adopted on 23 June 1998. The original charity registered with the Charity Commission on 15 April 1999 under charity number 1075124. A new Charitable Incorporated Organisation was formed and registered with the Charity Commission on 24 July 2014. The new Charitable Incorporated Organisation took over the assets and activities of the original charity with that original charity becoming a linked charity of the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The report and accounts for the year include the assets and activities for both charities. The objects of both charities are similar and are to promote any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Portland by associating together volunteers and organisations in a common effort to advance education, protect health, relieve poverty, sickness and distress.

Committee and Management
Day to day management of the charity is in the hands of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) reporting to the Board of Trustees, which includes a Chair and a Treasurer. The Board of Trustees holds a minimum of four face-to-face meetings in each year and other ad-hoc digital / online meetings, as required.

Investment Powers
The Constitution authorises the committee to use all money raised to further its objects and for no other purpose.

Public benefit
The charity has the public benefit in focus in all of its activities and all of those activities are directed at improving the quality of life of the residents of Portland.

Development, activities and achievements
Island Community Action (ICA) is a small, Dorset based charity. Since 1999, we have been supporting local communities through projects that:

- Tackle deprivation.
- Improve psychological, physical and social wellbeing.
- Reduce the impact of isolation and / or loneliness.
- Support individuals to live happier and more independent lives for longer.
- Increase life chances and quality of life through 'hands on' experiences, learning and training.
- Support those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteering roles.
- Improves community cohesion
- Inspires and facilitates collaborative working and the sharing of best practice across sectors
- Enable, support and showcase local enterprises, initiatives and activities that improve infrastructure and the environment, and contribute to regeneration and sustainable development

ICA current projects include:

1. **SILVER ISLAND** – Supporting those aged 50 years plus (in particular those impacted by poor mental, physical and / or social wellbeing, including isolation and loneliness). To do this through a range of activities and services, including befriending, lunch clubs and transport.

2. **GROWING LOCAL** – Helping make affordable, healthy and nutritious food more accessible. Growing Local provides opportunities for local residents to volunteer and participate in 'hands-on' activities that not only develop their skills and interest in growing and cooking food, but also provides them with the confidence and knowledge to make healthier food choices, live more sustainability, adopt more eco-friendly lifestyles and feel more connected to their community. Emphasis on simple and fun activities that keep participants engaged and empowered to progress. The project will also create a network of experts and enthusiasts to support delivery of all aspects of the project.

3. **PORTLAND 4 THE PLANET: YOUTH PROJECT** – Empowering 10-14yr olds with the opportunities, knowledge and skills to develop a love and respect for nature and the environment and take an active role in tackling the current Climate and Ecological Emergency.
4. **VOLUNTEER BUREAU** – Supporting those wishing to volunteer or offer volunteer roles. ICA supports 40+ local organisations and places around 60-80 people into non-ICA roles annually.

   ICA has over 387 of its own registered volunteers, working in a range of positions, from befrienders, cooks and drivers to office staff and event and COVID-19 volunteers.
5. **COMMUNITY HUB** – Providing advice, information and signposting to local residents about a host of different subjects. ICA deals with around 7-8,000 queries a year.
6. **INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT** – Providing advice, information and training for other local community-based organisations, from governance advice to First Aid training.
7. **COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS** – ICA has three qualified Community Organisers who provide a range of community consultation services for ICA and other local organisations.

Risk management
The Trustees have examined the major strategic operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to highlight and lessen these risks.

Reserves policy
It is the policy of the charity to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to meet approximately six months unrestricted expenditure and to assist with funding any future developments.

Covid-19
Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, ICA has managed and delivered Portland's support for those:

- Categorised as vulnerable e.g. due to their age or a pre-existing medical condition
- Shielding due to frailty, poor mobility and / or anxiety.
- Shielding due to a personal diagnosis of COVID-19 or an exposure to COVID-19.

During this period, ICA has worked with over 1,000 residents (of all ages) and 200 volunteers, providing:

- Food – shopping and essential supplies
- Medication – regular prescription pick-ups and deliveries, including controlled drugs
- Telephone befriending – for those identified as lonely/isolated and in need of regular, supportive conversations.
- Errands and general support – everything from organising pet foster care (e.g. for those going into hospital) to sorting out home-based DIY emergencies and admin.
- Advice and signposting – ensuring clients get the advice and support they need quickly and efficiently.
- Working with other frontline organisations to coordinate the planning, development and delivery of support.
- Transport for essential appointments and shopping.

The pandemic had a huge impact on ICA. To meet the increased demand for our services, we had to adapt our team and delivery mechanisms, which increased our staffing costs. This was at a time when our core costs, including our rent and utilities, remained constant. In addition, both the lockdowns and restrictions forced ICA to stop its regular activities, resulting in a substantial loss in our non-grant income. Thankfully, however, we did benefit from COVID-19 grants and, thanks to our increased local profile, a rise in donations from residents.

We expect the repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic to continue beyond the physical restrictions. These repercussions are likely to include a very slow return to our regular activities and services, particularly for those clients who are most vulnerable and more likely to have felt a significant impact to their physical, mental and social wellbeing. They will also include ICA adapting its future provision offer to accommodate these post-COVID-19 world.

Statement of Trustee's responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards relevant to smaller charities preparing their account on the receipts and payments basis.

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that Year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed/constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approval
This report was approved by the Trustees on .....6/1/2022... and signed on their behalf by:

.....
D Pigg (Trustee)

.....
M Burden (Trustee)

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Island Community Action ("the charity") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not comply with these records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

.....

Michelle Ferris FCA
For and on behalf of

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Date: 13/01/2022

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grants and donations	2	38,952	120,601	159,553	118,688
Sales		5,519	-	5,519	9,831
Fundraising and sponsorship		371	-	371	6,544
Motor vehicles/Minibus		4,626	-	4,626	9,214
Clubs and Memory Café		1,602	-	1,602	15,289
Memberships		-	-	-	300
Total receipts		51,070	120,601	171,671	159,866
Payments					
Man Shed purchases and consumables		81	77	158	2,185
Salaries and wages	3	10,884	77,768	88,652	72,792
Pension		2,052	1,963	4,015	2,600
Rent		5,455	13,220	18,675	16,420
Rates, water and electric		962	1,191	2,153	2,481
Insurance		947	907	1,854	1,591
Telephone		46	44	90	120
Postage, stationery, printing and advertising		1,070	1,023	2,093	2,717
Photocopier Hire		775	742	1,517	1,569
Motor		1,187	7,386	8,573	10,244
Repairs and maintenance		355	905	1,260	1,019
Subscriptions and membership fees		337	519	856	1,545
Sundries		78	156	234	551
IT		235	1,278	1,513	572
Christmas box donations		421	402	823	-
Training, tutors and speakers		-	5,020	5,020	9,480
Fundraising		107	103	210	1,095
P.R. and marketing		184	176	360	772
Room hire		-	570	570	5,596
Accountancy fees		770	736	1,506	1,470
Capital					
Motor vehicles etc.		-	-	-	800
Computer equipment		-	3,118	3,118	300
Total payments		25,946	117,304	143,250	135,919
Net receipts before transfers		25,124	3,297	28,421	23,947
Transfers between funds		(12,016)	12,016	-	-
Net movement in funds at bank and in hand for the year		13,108	15,313	28,421	23,947
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2020		43,786	16,449	60,235	36,288
Bank and cash balances 31 March 2021		**56,894**	**31,762**	**88,656**	**60,235**

ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand			
Cash at Bank		88,656	60,215
Cash in hand		-	20
Total bank and cash balances per receipts and payments account		88,656	60,235
Other Assets and Liabilities:			
Fixed Assets			
Motor vehicles and trailer		25,549	31,936
Fixtures, fittings and equipment		10,397	9,115
		35,946	41,051
Current Liabilities			
Creditors		(3,337)	(824)
Net Assets		121,265	100,463

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on .....6/1/2022..... and signed on their behalf by:

.....
D Pigg (Trustee)

.....
M Burden (Trustee)

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of accounts
The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the charity's operations which are described in the Committee's Report and all of which are continuing.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Amounts in the Receipts and Payments Account are included as amounts are received and paid by the charity. The Receipts and Payments Account does not therefore include any accruals or prepayments.

Value added tax
Value added tax is not recoverable by the charity, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Receipts and Payments Account.

2. Grants and Donations

	£	Purpose
Restricted funds		
National Lottery	37,275	COVID-19 funding
Public Health Dorset	1,710	Portland Pride (Growing Local)
Dorset Health Care	1,000	Portland Pride (Growing Local)
Portland Town Council	1,000	Portland Pride (Growing Local)
National Lottery Community Fund	32,821	Silver Island (RC Yr 5 - First Payment)
Hall & Woodhouse	1,500	Silver Island (Excercise classes)
National Lottery Community Fund	32,821	Silver Island (RC Yr 5 - Second Payment)
Sport England funding	1,254	Silver Island (Orienteering)
Dorset Community Foundation	4,740	Portland Pride (Growing Local)
Portland Rotary Club	500	Silver Island (Digital Screen)
Dorset Community Foundation	5,700	Portland Pride (Growing Local)
Coop Community Fund	280	Man / Women's Shed
	120,601	
Unrestricted		
Dorset Community Fund (COVID-19)	12,500	
Valentines Trust	3,000	
SSE via Portland Town Council	2,000	
Court Leet	1,000	
Portland Rotary Club	1,400	
Grants and donations	19,076	
Total	159,577	

3. Staff Costs and Emoluments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries and wages	81,980	68,710
Employers National Insurance Contributions	6,672	4,082
	88,652	72,792

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 per annum.

The average weekly number of employees during the year, calculated as full time equivalents, were as follows:

	2021	2020
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	5	5

4. Restricted Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following balances of grants and donations held on trust and to be applied for specific purposes. Please note the that information below

	Balance 1 April 2020	Income/ receipts	Payments	Transfers from/(to) General funds	Balance 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Portland Pride Project	907	14,150	(1,180)		13,877
Silver Island Project	-	68,896	(91,027)	22,131	-
Covid-19	-	37,275	(24,829)		12,446
Fighting Fit	10,115			(10,115)	-
Man / Women's Shed	5,427	280	(272)		5,435
	16,449	120,601	(117,308)	12,016	31,758

The Portland Pride: Growing Local project received funding from the Dorset Community Foundation, Portland Town Council, Public Health Dorset and Dorset Health Care.

The Silver Island project received funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, Hall & Woodhouse, Portland Rotary Club and Sport England Funding.

The Covid-19 funding was received from the National Lottery Community Fund.

The Fighting Fit fund previously came from Comic Relief to enable the charity to undertake capacity building.

The Man / Women's Shed received funding from the COOP Community Fund.

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Dear Sirs

This representation letter is provided in connection with your review of the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2021, for the purpose of providing an Independent Examiners report on the financial statements.

1. We acknowledge, as trustees, our responsibility under the Charities Act 2011 for preparing financial statements.

2. We confirm that all accounting records have been made available to you for the purposes of your review, in accordance with your terms of engagement, and that all transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.

3. We confirm that there have been no events since the balance sheet date which require disclosure or which would materially affect the amounts in the financial statements, other than those already disclosed or included in the financial statements.

4. We confirm that we are not aware of any possible or actual instance of non compliance with those laws and regulations which provide a legal framework within which the charity conducts its business. The charity has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non compliance. We have made available to you all correspondence with regulators, including any serious incident reports. The relevant laws and regulations are:
    - Charities Act 2011
    - Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008

5. We confirm that all grants, donations and other income, including those subject to special terms or conditions or received for restricted purposes, have been notified to you. There have been no such breaches of terms or conditions during the period regarding the application of such income.

6. We confirm that appropriate controls are in place to ensure that all payments (including those made overseas) are applied for charitable purposes.

7. We confirm that there have been no actual or suspected instances of fraud involving management or employees who have a significant role in internal control that could have a material effect on the financial statements, except as already disclosed to you. We also confirm that we are not aware of any allegations of fraud by former employees, regulators or others, except as already disclosed to you.

8. We confirm that we consider that the charity has sufficient unrestricted funds to enable liabilities to be met as they fall due.

9. We confirm that we are not aware of any matters of material significance that should be reported to the Charity Commission.