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At the end of last year we received official [confirmation of the multi-million Town Deal funding](#) by Government to Cornwall Council. Contracts are now being issued by Cornwall Council to the projects. This will enable the transfer of the first funding allocation for 2023 to the projects and the progression of their delivery.

This month we have more exciting news to share with the announcement by St Ives Theatre of their successful planning application and the approval by St Ives Rugby Club Members of the proposal to relocate the club further North to enable the construction of future affordable housing on the current site. More updates from all our projects is available below.

BUILDING NEW AND TRANSFORMED HOUSING

Old Vicarage Flats

Whilst details of the contract are being finalised, the CLT project team have been working with a local designer to determine choices of colour, paint and decorative finishes for the individual flats. [Read more.](#)

St Ives Live West

Work to improve 200 of the worst performing social housing properties will be delivered through several phases across the next two years. Technical inspections are will be carried out in a number of properties this month. [Read more.](#)

Rugby Club and Housing

The project is moving forward following St Ives Rugby Club approving Cornwall Council's proposal to relocate and refurbish the club at their Extraordinary Members Meeting earlier this month. This exciting project aims to provide extra care homes and much needed affordable housing for St Ives. [Read more.](#)

IMPROVING OUR TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR A GREENER TOWN CENTRE

Low Carbon and Integrated Transport

The team has been working closely with local stakeholders to develop initial proposals to encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport. Public consultation activities are being planned for March. [Read more.](#)

UPGRADING AND PROVIDING NEW COMMUNITY SPACES

St Ives Theatre Regeneration

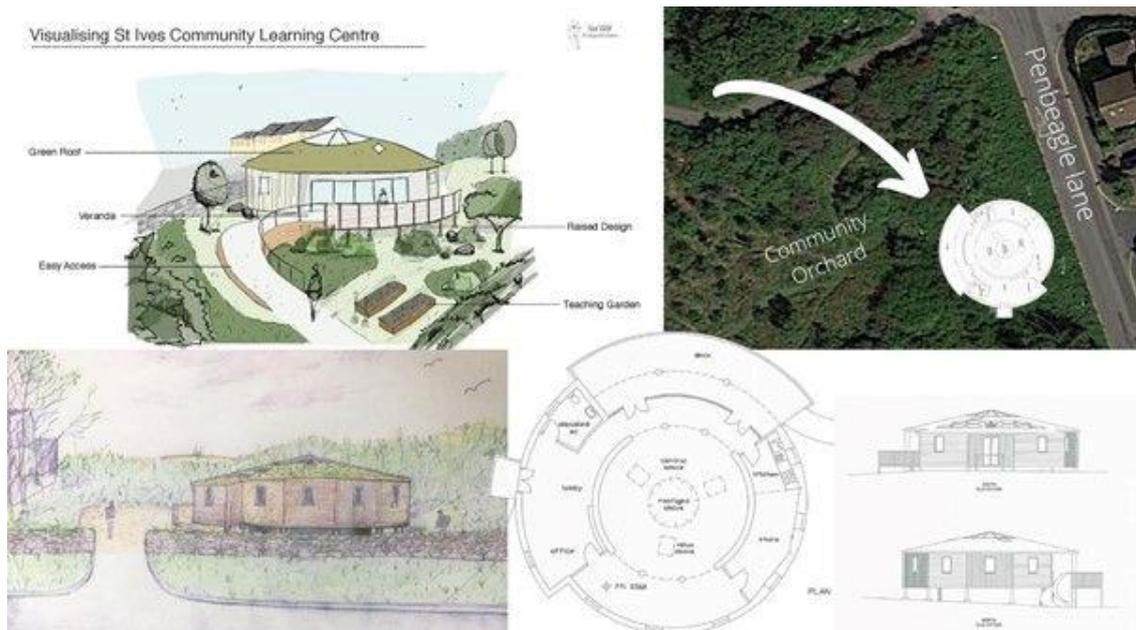
Kidz R Us has received planning permission for its scheme to reconfigure and upgrade the theatre. Whilst the main project will commence this autumn, preliminary work has started on the roof and a new refurbished façade and signage will be unveiled in the spring. [Read more.](#)

St Ives Guildhall

St Ives Town Council is well under way with the regeneration of the Guildhall with the project lead, cost consultant, and the design team currently being appointed [Read more.](#)

Community Orchard

Recent activities has included appointing a local architect to draw up designs for their building, staging public consultations and receiving planning permission. They are now seeking a local builder to carry out the works. [Read more.](#)



SUPPORTING NEW SKILLS, JOBS AND BUSINESS

Enterprise Grants

The team is working to confirm the criteria for awarding the first round of grants ahead of the official launch of the Fund later this year. [Read more.](#)

Leach Pottery and Digital Trail

After appointing a new team to manage the plans to create a community hub with a new production studio, kilns and a learning suite on the site, the team has submitted and received feedback on a pre planning application and is busy working to secure match funding for the scheme. [Read more.](#)



Next steps

As well as carrying out the specific activities outlined above, all the projects continue to develop their detailed programme of works and timescales over the next few months.

All the Town Deal funding must be spent by the end of March 2026. While the smaller scale projects will be completed early in the programme, the larger scale transformation projects, which are more complex and may require additional external funding, will take longer to deliver. However, all are expected to be completed by the end of the Town Deal programme in March 2026. More information is on our [Frequently Asked Questions page.](#)



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About the St Ives Town Deal

In September 2022, the Government confirmed that St Ives will receive up to £19.9 million from the Town Deal Fund to develop nine regeneration projects. This was based on the successful submission of St Ives Town Investment Plan (TIP) in January 2021, which was developed in consultation with the local community and identified a mix of smaller and large scale transformation projects.

View our [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) to find out more about the Town Deal Fund in St Ives.

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