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A HUGE thank you to everyone who attended our Pop-Up Expo at the town's library in April.

Over 200 people visited the EXPO to learn more about the St Ives Town Deal programme and the nine projects which are set to transform the town.

It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm and support for all the projects and, like many of you told us, we can't wait to see them become reality either. You can find out more about the event [here](#)

During the past few weeks we have seen the [launch](#) of the Enterprise Grants scheme, and St Ives Community Orchard and Wildlife Reserve becoming the first of our nine projects to receive its [Town Deal funding](#).

More updates from all our projects are available below.

UPGRADING AND PROVIDING NEW COMMUNITY SPACES

St Ives Community Orchard and Wildlife Reserve

After becoming the first Town Deal project to receive its funding, work on building the new environmentally sustainable facility begins this month. The main construction is due to be completed by October 2023. The team is calling for nature-based workshops leaders to start registering their interest in using the future community learning centre. [READ MORE](#)

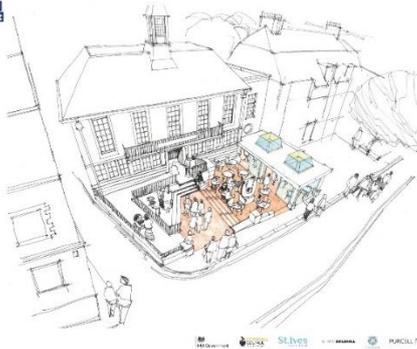
St Ives Town Council Guildhall project

The design team have now been appointed and design proposals are being worked on. Survey work has been completed and consultants are looking at mechanical and engineering elements and retractable bleacher seating options in more detail.

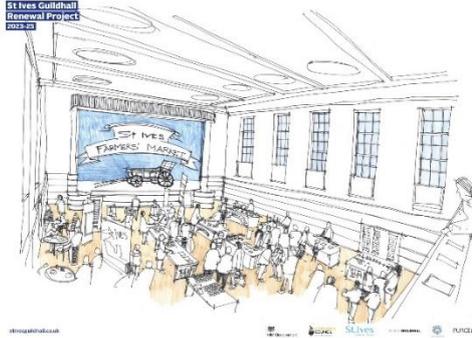
In May, a new Special Projects Officer has been appointed by the Council to work on the Guildhall project, as well as other Town Council projects locally.

The expo was a great event for gathering community feedback. If you'd like to share your views, head to <https://stivesguildhall.co.uk/future/> and click on the pop-up survey. [READ MORE](#)

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Kidz R Us Theatre

Following approval of the plans to extend the auditorium and provide a new cafe / bar and reception area, work on the first phase – the roof and facade of the building – has been taking place. Work on the main project (phase 2) which is supported by the Town Deal is currently due to begin in the Autumn. [READ MORE](#)



SUPPORTING NEW SKILLS, JOBS AND BUSINESS

Enterprise Grants Scheme

Applications for St Ives Town Deal Enterprise Grants officially opened on 2 May and the first round of grants for Tier 1 and 2 (up to £50,000) closed on 12 June. Round Two will launch after the summer. The scheme remains open for businesses seeking a grant of over £50,001 (Tier 3). [READ MORE](#)

Leach Pottery and Digital Trail

Leach Pottery is transforming rapidly. Phase 1 planning has been approved, the Town Deal contract with Cornwall Council is now signed, with the first grant payment expected imminently and a National Lottery Heritage Fund Development Stage underway. The design team is now looking to move forward to the stage 4 of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). [READ MORE](#)



BUILDING NEW AND TRANSFORMED HOUSING

Old Vicarage Flats Affordable Housing

Discussions are continuing to finalise the contract with Cornwall Council, enabling St Ives Community Land Trust to receive its Town Deal funding and start work on converting the building. In the meantime, the project team has been carrying out some preparatory works.

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St Ives LiveWest -

Work to improve 200 of the worst performing social housing properties will be delivered through several phases across the next two years. [READ MORE](#)

Rugby Club and Housing

Cornwall Council and the St Ives Rugby Club are moving forward together on the repositioning and refurbishment of the Rugby Club facility. [READ MORE](#)

IMPROVING OUR TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR A GREENER TOWN CENTRE

Low Carbon Transport

The team has been working closely with local stakeholder groups to develop some initial proposals, with plans now being developed to ask the local community for their views on what they would like to see in the town. [READ MORE](#)

Next steps

As well as carrying out the specific activities outlined above, all the projects are continuing to develop and deliver their detailed programme of works and timescales.

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.



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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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