

Parish Heritage Consultation Questionnaire.

Number of responses: 27

Lostwithiel Museum celebrates local history and heritage.

Should we do more to promote our local heritage?

Yes 24

No 1

No response 2

89% of respondents felt more could be done to promote our local heritage.

If yes, how?

Active trails / guides (walking)

Create an active trail to appeal to kids (Like 'I Spy' books).

Heritage trail using historic buildings

New town guide

Blue plaques to mark historic buildings

Local pubs and shops to stock leaflets

Town walks - excellent

More information boards

Exhibition.

Make an exhibition of the River Fowey and its valleys.

Open museum at weekends

Heritage centre in Edgcombe House 3 comments, expand space for museum, genealogy resource centre, interactive modern displays, history of the Duchy, whole Fowey valley combined visitor centre

Scope for more oral history/recording memories

Civil War stories

More for children.

Events celebrating aspects of history in appropriate setting (e.g. re-enactments), especially for children

More child involvement.

Working with schools / interactive events linking with schools (2)

Walking into the museum is like stepping back in time itself – a treasure! Maybe more modern extension to help children and young people / families interact with it message more readily

Increased accessibility of historic buildings

More historic buildings should be accessible to see inside (2).

Duchy Palace should be a heritage centre, not a shop

Misc.

Prevent development that does not enhance the historic character of buildings.

Active tourism promotion.

Local curators.

Website informing about Lostwithiel's heritage

Recordings of older local people

Regular events / activities (monthly or once every 2 months) widely promoted

Improving conservation area

An awareness of the language and literature of Cornwall – intrinsic to our heritage and identity

More volunteers encouraged

Improved signage / tourist information boards (some signs in need of repainting)

Make more of Coulson Park's origin – tiny place hard to read

Wider publicity in conjunction with Cornwall Tourism / English Heritage

What aspects of local heritage and history do you **particularly value**?

Mining / industrial past.

The town's mining history / being a stannary town (2)
Being ancient capital of Cornwall
Industrial base of town
The lime kilns.

Working River

The river (6) and surrounding areas
The bridge (4)

Fortification

The Castle (3)

Other

Museum (2)
The public buildings – ensure well maintained
Fore St unchanged for over 100 years
The town centre / historic buildings (9) Living heritage; not preserved in aspic
“Duality of buildings and compact town play”
Townscape and the setting of the town
Eclectic style and range of properties
Parks
Local traditions and festivals (especially songs and music) / that it is celebrated in the town (2)
Writers who give us a window on the past
Local knowledge and stories (2). Reminiscence evenings. Heritage walks. Recording oral histories for Glyn Cinema project
“All of it”(5)
“too many layers to mention” – response included industrial past and the river
“don't think the Duchy Palace is of benefit to the community in its current usage
All old buildings (2)

How do you think we could **better integrate active transport** (for example cycling and walking) and local history?

Walking

An active trail would encourage walking / Updated walking trail / Information sheets on history of popular walking and cycle routes / Leaflets / self-guided walk leaflets (6)

Animated walks, maps, trails that link with artefacts or heritage sites.

Online maps

Woodland guided walks

Local buses to country areas for walkers

Reducing the traffic speed on Queen's Street (A390)

Improve the streets and pathways within the conservation area (2) – resurfacing the Shirehall Moor path

'Literary Lostwithiel Walks' / 'Cornish Language Placename Walks'

Local walks on Thursday are very good and could be extended

Better access to Madderly Moor

Cycling

Promote cycling / walking from Lanhydrock

More cycle paths / connecting with Bodmin – Wadebridge (4)

Cycle path to Fowey on the railway line (2)

Cycle stands at the station, cycle storage facility

Water-based

River cruises on the Fowey

Make better use of river – boat park, moorings, pleasure trips

Guided kayak trips are good opportunity to learn history

Rail and bus-based

Reinstate station building as heritage designed structures (?)

Improved information at the station and National Express stop

Increase stopping trains (2)

Buses to bring visitors from Fowey

Re-open the Fowey railway to passengers and cyclists

Do you value the town's 'Conservation Status'?

Yes 25

No 2

93% of respondents stated that they value the town's conservation status.

If yes, why?

Preservation of character and role in history.

Maintaining the character of the heart of the town should be carefully monitored.

It helps to preserve the look and feel of the town – its whole character, especially Fore St, Parade and Bridge area

Maintains the character of the town / buildings and history (4).

Helps preserve the historic fabric and character of the area

Gives some protection for the town's heritage

These are too easily lost and never regained

Assures the character of the town can be preserved for the future.

Sense of pride

Helps to preserve the quality of buildings new and old and gives people pride in their surroundings

Encourages tourism

It is a prestigious designation – and will appeal to tourists / bring trade into the town.

Concern regarding lack of protection the status actually offers

Concern that status doesn't have much 'teeth' in dealing with developments.

A special place that needs as much protection as possible (2)

Wildlife / Environment

Birds and other wildlife / trees (2)

Open spaces (do not like 'in-fill')

Walking in the area, including around the river, is very rich and varied

Other

Should offer some protection for the environment whilst allowing the town to adapt to the changing needs of the community

Yes – but we want to enliven our environment and be broad minded

I'm not sure what difference it makes (No response)

Should new development, even outside the Lostwithiel conservation area, **be in keeping** with the architecture within the conservation area?

Yes.

We should resist large housing estates and keep all developments to a domestic scale.

No big developers – keep it small and they seem to value architecture more

Yes – the new house on Summer Street (by Carbes Lane shows what can be done!)

Yes – character and common materials must be maintained.

Yes – development on Conservation area edge should be in keeping; eg old Duchy Motors

Yes – it should reflect good architectural / conservation principles. Design guide needed?

Yes – definitely (5) We need tightly controlled Design and Statements specified in the Neighbourhood Plan

Yes (5)

All development should 1) meet the needs of the existing community and 2) be in sympathy with the town's buildings.

There is no Conservation Area appraisal and management plan and this is more of a priority than a neighbourhood plan and should be commissioned as a priority. Traffic management (parking, speed limits and traffic calming) needs to be a fundamental consideration within this.

I came to Lostwithiel every year or more as a child and teenager. Much of what was special then has been retained, including an invaluable pride and vibrant spirit in the town. Long may it continue.

Not necessarily.

Not necessarily – but there should always be consideration given to ensure any development is not of detriment to the town

Not necessarily – as long as it fits the area as a whole and is generally attractive

We can have genuine eco-buildings they do not have to be ugly No – but sympathetic, yes. Contemporary architecture can be in keeping with modern living and sustainability

No

No – it should be good architecture and use modern 2017 techniques.

No (5)