

## ***Lynton & Lynmouth Ideas Factory Outcomes***

This document represents a summary of the discussions and ideas generated at the Ideas Factory event held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at the Town Hall. This is a living document and we welcome your comments, additions, and amendments. To contribute to the discussions, contact the Community Unity team via email:

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### **Topic One: Challenges and Connections**

#### **1. When was the last time people in Lynton & Lynmouth came together to solve a challenge (or issue) affecting the community?**

Getting Fireworks on the Beach for 5<sup>th</sup> November  
The work of Lyn Community Development Trust (LCDT) i.e. the Health Centre and Library.

#### **2. How do you think the community could become better connected and build stronger relationships between its different sectors? Is there a specific opportunity that could make a big difference?**

Discussion around the Emergency Plan in Lynton - do L & L have a Plan?

Lee Abbey have said they have tractors and equipment that can be used, along with a cohort of willing volunteers if community projects needed support.

Lee Abbey are also going to train staff in grounds keeping, these skills can then be passed onto the community for application in times of need.

There should be a location in the town where people can come to find out about volunteer opportunities and to register as a volunteer. Would require a volunteer coordinator (timebanking?) The Town Hall Bookshop might be a good place, or the library.

People are willing to contribute and give their time into the community emergency plan and other community activities.

The URC church offered their help to deliver the Lynn Valley News for hard to reach people. This exercise will help them to identify where about in the Town hard to reach people may live.

A discussion was then had about venues for community activities, these were identified as;

- Lee Abbey Hall
- United Reformed Church (URC) Hall
- Church building
- Town Hall
- Lee Abbey - night landing site for Air Ambulance
- Valley of the Rocks Hotel - lots of land
- Farm at Abbey Camp to be used
- Community Garden at URC - ACTION: Liaise with School about URC garden project

## Topic Two: Activities and Engagement

### 3. Are there any activities in your community that you would like to see happening, that don't currently happen?

- Possibility of using Lee Abbey for school projects/ meetings - open for discussion
- Befriending - those living alone- tea + cake + a visit
- Emergency Forum to include LCDDT
- Welcome Pack for L&L for new community members with local info, shops, fish and chips, doctors, churches, pharmacy, tourist info, library hours, volunteers' opportunities - where to go, etc.  
Parish Council should head joined up thinking
- Centre for Volunteers opportunities
- Community Garden at URC
- URC to start distributing Lyn Valley news and identify isolated people and receive befriending training
- Lee Abbey to become a place where community projects can find volunteers
- Youth Club - there is a possibility that the church could provide a room for meetings

NEXT STEP - NEEDS AUDIT: A needs audit was suggested as a good next step as the attendees felt as though they would be willing to get involved in many community projects. Due to only small numbers at the Ideas Factory a Needs Audit might be a great exercise in capturing what the community want to happen in Lynton and Lynmouth and then tap into the volunteer pool to make them happen.

#### **4. What activities do you think might work to better involve young people with the community? Bringing them together with older generations, or engaging them with the town as a whole.**

Youth Club- there is a possibility from the church to provide a room for meetings including the school in the URC garden.

NEXT STEP - NEED AUDIT

#### **5. Training and Development Needs Session**

- First Aid
- Food safety
- First Aid Mental Health
- Boundaries/ referrals
- Befriending
- Abbey - potential training provider for volunteer

### **Topic Three: Resilience and Opportunities**

#### **6. How could you help the community in a minor emergency such as power cuts or freak weather?**

- Catering
- Church Hall
- Church Building
- Landing Site for ambulance at Lee Abbey
- Tractors and other equipment could be provided by Lee Abbey
- The Hotel also has a snow/ flood equipment
- Lots of volunteers can help

#### **7. What new skills or training opportunities would enable you to do more in these situations?**

- First Aid
- Food safety
- First Aid Mental Health
- Boundaries/ referrals
- Befriending
- Abbey - potential training provider for volunteers

