

Ellacombe Community Partnership

History of Area:

FIRST came the grand villas and then the terraced houses for the tradesmen and staff who served them. Such are the 19th origins of Ellacombe, Torquay's first large housing project for working people.

Ellacombe was named after Ellacombe House which once stood at the top of Market Street.

Ellacombe is a very densely populated area, it is one of the most deprived areas within Torbay. There are many challenges facing the area. Probably the greatest challenge is the need to see a growing sense of community. To enable this there needs to be a substantial improvement in infrastructure. As well as engaging in the improvement of Warberry Copse the Community Partnership is seeking to develop a Community Hub. This could possibly be on a single site or spread across two locations enabling an increased awareness of community issues and distribution of information to the community. Youth provision is a major issue within Ellacombe. A £15,000 project is underway to improve this, coordinated by the Community Partnership.

Map of Ellacombe identifying priorities :

Photo of Ellacombe:

The chief priorities for the area are:-

- Improved Transport Links
 - Warberry copse development
 - Retain the character of Heritage buildings within the area
 - Protect **all** parks and green, open spaces
 - Community Kiosk /Hub/Centre
 - Protect public houses from redevelopment
 - Features of the area being diminished
 - Traffic Calming
 - Help a growing sense of Community
 - No more houses turned into flats
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- We have a lot of small workshop spaces around Ellacombe which are slowly closing down – identify these spaces for opportunity to develop into housing or training workshops supporting residents into employment
 - Albert Court development
 - Land Stentiford Hill – up for sale and potential for development
 - Superfast broadband
 - Our boundaries lead into town centre – Market Street potential for residential quality housing development?