

ELLACOMBE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

First came the grand villas and then the terraced houses for the tradesmen and staff who served them. Such are the 19th century origins of Ellacombe, Torquay's first large housing project for working people. Ellacombe takes its name from Ellacombe House which once stood at the top of Market Street. The area grew up in the 19th century, predominantly to provide housing for working people. The land was owned by Sir Lawrence Palk, who in 1867 bequeathed Ellacombe Park for public recreation and land for the Parish Church and the Primary School.

The area lies close to the town centre and is relatively tightly built-up. It relies on the town centre for many facilities. The parish church and primary school remain focal points in the community, there are a scatter of open spaces and corner shops, and a small neighbourhood centre at Hoxton Road.




POLICIES, OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIONS

Planning and Development

- Opportunity to develop the numerous small workshop spaces around Ellacombe into houses or training workshops supporting residents into employment as Ellacombe has high levels of unemployment and benefit dependence
- To see no more houses turned into flats and existing flats to comply with quality housing standards
- Land Stentford Hill – up for sale and potential for a community allotment
- Our boundaries lead into town centre – Market Street potential quality mixed use development
- To preserve the heritage character of the area
- To protect public houses from redevelopment

Ellacombe Green Space Audit

Greenspace name/location	Map reference	Details of the land ownership and access	Why does your community wish to identify this area in the Torquay NP? Do you have any plans for improving the area?	If the greenspace is demonstrably special and holds a particular local significance to the local community do you wish it to be considered for the new Local Greenspace designation?
Belmont Park		Torbay Council	<p>A small area of green space bordering Belmont Road, Woodville Road and Windsor Road used mainly for dog walking</p> 	
Warberry Copse		Torbay Council	<p>The ECP received funding from the Council to manage the woods in 2012/2013. Future plans are for a group to manage these woods for use by schools and the Community for Forest School and nature trails. There is a fantastic view point.</p>	
Castle Road Park		Torbay Council	<p>Small area of green space used for dog walking and community use...</p>	
Ellacombe Park		Torbay Council	<p>Play Park. Used for Community events. Plans to develop the Pavilion – top of Ellacombe Park as a Community Facility</p>	
Brewery Park		Torbay Council	<p>Play Park, sensory area and a dog walking area. The Park was updated through funding from REACH the local community group in 2005.</p>	

Alpine Park	Torbay Council	<p>This area is a public play park for local residents to come with children and play or sit in a pleasant area and enjoy the environment. Friends of Stentiford Hill applied for a grant to improve this area which was granted with Lottery funding and fund raising from the local community, residents and Friends of Parks group with local children taking ownership of their park to help fund raise for improvement of land and play equipment .The local children n families use this area a lot and people visiting the area, eg grandchildren and students. We also use this area as a community with local Youth workers providing sports and a friendly face to talk to.</p>	<p>Yes as a community we would like to have this space protected as it has made such a difference to our community and changed people lives increased sports and health for families in the area.</p>
Quinta Road Allotments	Torquay Allotment Holders Co-operative Association Ltd	Used by the Community.	