

Prout's Corner Community Green Expression of Interest

Invitation to submit EOI

You are invited to submit an expression of interest for involvement as a user organisation in Prout's Corner Community Green (PCCG). We are looking for organisations interested in using the site with groups on a regular basis to improve health and wellbeing.

Launceston Community Development Trust and Prout's Corner

Launceston Community Development Trust (CDT) has been set up by a group of local residents and businesses. We're keen to develop, and own in perpetuity, a range of different community assets.

Our vision: an inclusive, affordable and sustainable Launceston that's better for everyone.

LCDT's first project will be the creation of genuinely affordable housing at Prout's Corner - a piece of land near to the town centre that we're aiming to make a high-quality project with 30 low environmental impact residential units based on a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bedroom 'house types'. We plan to ensure that the properties will be allocated to people will have strong links to the town.

Prout's Corner isn't your average housing project. We're prioritising open public spaces, renewable energy resources (such as solar PV roofing and a ground source heat loop) and availability to local people.

Further information on the development can be found at <http://launcestoncdt.co.uk/our-projects/prouts-corner-launceston-das/>

Prout's Corner Community Green

LCDT has contracted Urban Biodiversity (UB) to advise them on developing the landscape around the development into a green space that will nurture the residents, the wider community and nature. Urban Biodiversity CIC is a not for profit social enterprise that aims to reduce social deprivation by developing urban sites into places that offer community benefit and a fair chance for all.

UB are the team behind Newquay Orchard, a 7-acre multifunctional community space designed to provide environmental education, employability training, mental health therapy, community events, food security, and environmentally sustainable economic growth to one of the UK's poorest communities (www.newquayorchard.co.uk).

For Prout's Corner, UB has designed a landscape that incorporates community orchards, woodland, wild play, wild flower meadows and spaces to site, relax and drink in the view (see Page 3). The vision is for the site to be managed by a community organisation who will engage the residents and wider community in the use and care of the site.

The site will also be used by other groups who might benefit from activities in nature. The benefits of connecting with nature for health and wellbeing are widely recognised and NHS England is developing a standard model of social prescribing including nature prescription with the aim of expanding the range of NHS commissioned services in the future (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/personalisedcare/social-prescribing/>)

Example of potential activities and groups include:

- Horticultural therapy
- Wildlife groups
- Walking groups
- Mental health support
- Bereavement support
- Carers support group
- Physical and mental wellbeing

Partner organisations

We are looking for organisations that are interested in bringing groups to Prout's Corner Community Green to run group activities in the future.

Over the next three months, UB will be supporting the managing organisation to develop a funding strategy and plan to secure a sustainable financial future for development and operation of the community green. Funding bids will be more successful where there is a partnership of organisations committed to using the space with relevant beneficiary groups.

The partner organisations will be expected to engage in this process eg providing letters of support for funding bids. The aim is for the landscape to be developed from April 21, creating opportunities for use of the site from this point.

Selection process

If you are interested in using Prout's Corner, please complete the EOI form at the end of this document to be the best of your ability. If you have any questions, you can raise your queries with Jacob Lee by emailing info@launcestoncdt.co.uk

Your completed EOI should be submitted via email to info@launcestoncdt.co.uk by 31st August 2020.

We will shortlist organisations by 11th September. A representative from each shortlisted group will be invited to attend a site visit to Newquay Orchard and Prout's Corner in the week commencing 21st September. This will be a chance to see how Newquay Orchard operates and discuss opportunities for using Prouts Corner. You will also get the chance to meet and network with other potential user groups and the managing organisation.

Successful organisations will be informed by 2nd October 2020.

Prout's Corner Community Green Landscape Design

1. Native woodland, forest school, trim trail & play

Woodland trail with willow dens, fire pit, climbing and balance logs, bug hotels, log seats & rope swings. Coppiced willow and hazel to harvest for crafts. Sweet chestnut, Oak, Wych Elm, Small Leaved Lime, Birch, Elder, Sloe, Damson and Wild cherry.

7. Open Meadow/ Grass land- with foraging hedges

Hedge row; Blackberry, sloe, Ugni, Raspberry, Black current, elder. Wild cherry trees dotted along the path line. Enriched meadow

6. Mixed Fruit Orchard

Plum, Pear, Apple- local heritage varieties, Crab apple, Sweet cherry, Damson. All can be sourced from Adams apples quality local supplier.

5. Seating

Plenty of seating along paths across the site. Creating places to dwell in sunny spots with great views.

2. Apple Orchard

Native Cornish and local Devon varieties. Launceston is the gate way between Devon and Cornwall and has some apple varieties specific to the locality:

- 'Trecarrell Mill' No.1, 'Comb No.1 and Comb No. 2', (all from Launceston)
- 'Devon Crimson Queen' (St Dominic)
- 'Golden Wonder' (Tamar Valley)
- Hockings Green (East Cornwall), 'Improved Keswick' (Harrow Barrow)
- 'Lawhitton No.7' (Grey stone bridge-river Tamar)

These rare varieties could be sourced from the Cotehele collection and grafted onto M25 and M106 root stocks to give a naturalistic and free orchard planting. Under planted with wildflower mix and native spring bulbs.

3. Shiplap clad containers

Housing water and power source with seating area to the front. Screened from properties at the top of the orchard with native hedging.

4. Pedestrian Access

Accessible pedestrian route into the orchard. Path slope to be no greater than 1:15 for disabled access. Two large local heritage apple cultivars at each side of the gate.



PROUT'S CORNER USER ORGANISATION EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Organisation/Business Name:
Organisation/Business type:
Main contact person:
Contact email:
Contact phone number:
Tell us about your business or organisation. E.G. what you do, what you are trying to achieve, who are your customers, service users or members, what your values are?
What do you want to do at the Prout's Corner?
What difference will using Prout's Corner make to your organisation or business compared to what you do know?
What experience do you or your organisation have similar types of activities?