

FUTURE PORTLAND

Community Benefit Society



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COMMUNITY, CULTURE, ENVIRONMENT

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WHAT IS FUTURE PORTLAND?

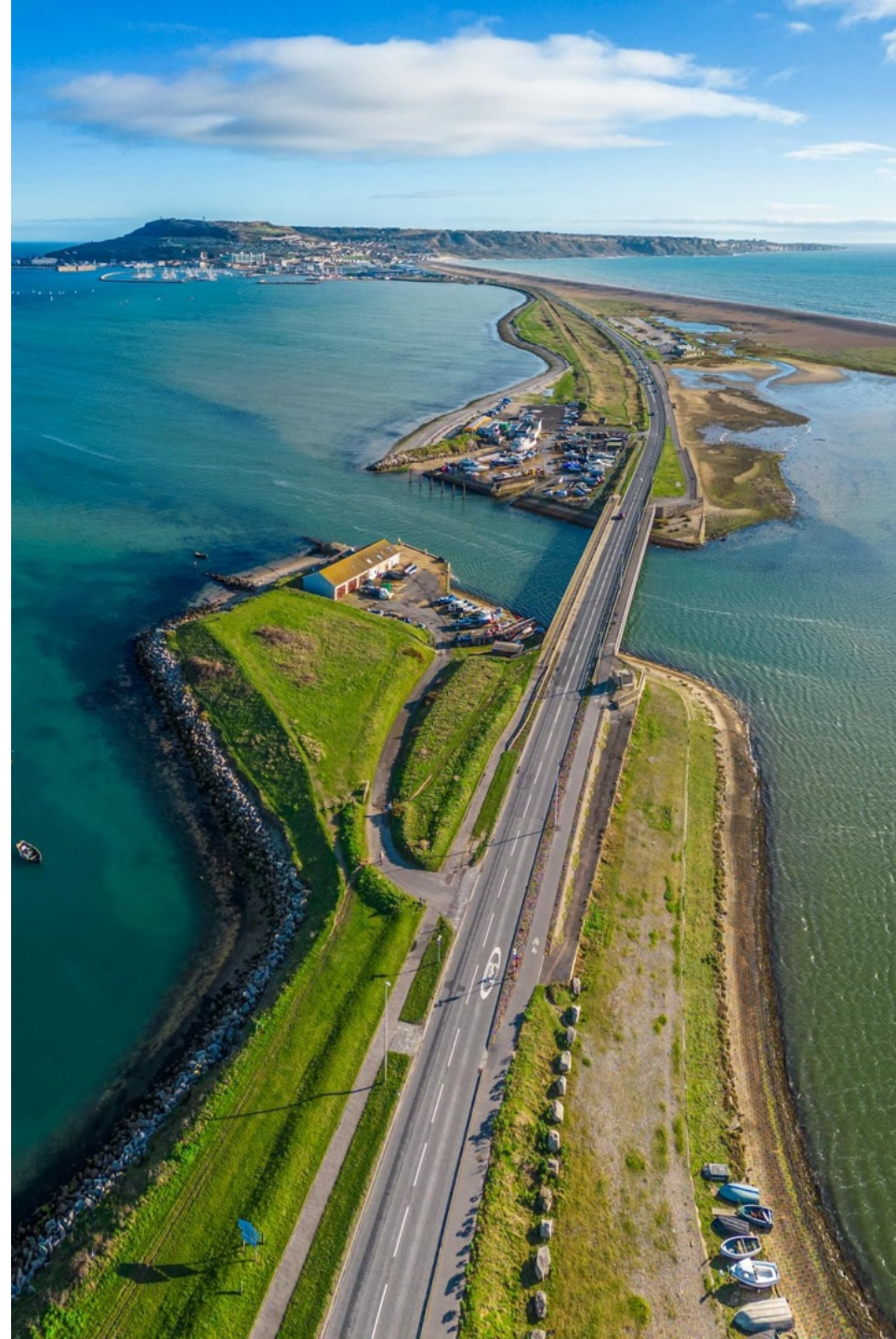
Future Portland is a collaboration between three island-based organisations that share a vision and desire to work together to support our communities to have a stronger voice and more influence, helping to mobilise and encourage community action, ambition and aspiration.

The Future Portland Community Benefit Society (CBS) has been formed in response to research and consultation undertaken by b-side, Island Community Action and The Portland Association.

Key ambitions include:

- Working collaboratively to drive and support a dynamic and innovative vision and future for Portland
- Improving the lives, opportunities, and experiences available to Portland residents
- Showcasing and protecting Portland's unique heritage, culture, and history, including its natural and built environments.

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PARTNERSHIP

Building strength for Portland through Partnership.

The Future Portland CBS is founded by b-side, Island Community Action and The Portland Association.

-  **b-side** – demonstrating how the arts can engage, inform, empower and support positive change
-  **Island Community Action** – supporting and delivering transformational projects for Portland and its community
-  **The Portland Association** – supporting projects with knowledge, expertise and thorough research

FUTURE PORTLAND is an overarching organisation created to support multiple projects for the benefit of the Isle of Portland, its community and residents.

FUTURE PORTLAND will act as an umbrella, providing a delivery platform for a wide range of community-based projects and interests.



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COMMUNITY, CULTURE, ENVIRONMENT

OUR VISION: To create a positive future for Portland, its people and places.

OUR MISSION: To improve life on Portland through collaborative, community-driven enterprises that empower positive change, provide life-enriching opportunities for local people, prioritise and protect the island's natural and cultural heritage, and secure a sustainable island for future generations.

Future Portland projects:

- Promote, preserve, and reflect the island's unique environment, culture, heritage, and history, supporting improved mental, physical, and social wellbeing and contributing to long-term regeneration, improved infrastructure, and increased opportunities for local people
- Are community-owned and driven, with any surplus profits being re-invested into the community for the benefit of local people and organisations
- Work collaboratively, sharing knowledge, expertise and maximising reach, impact and sustainability.



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VALUES

COLLABORATION: We believe in the power of positive partnerships, working with our community to widen engagement, leverage increased funding and co-create innovative, impactful and sustainable solutions to our island's key challenges.

EMPOWERMENT: We are committed to uplifting our community by providing the tools, resources, and support needed to inspire and enable active participation in shaping the decisions and actions that affect their lives.

EQUALITY & EQUITY: We are dedicated to ensuring fairness and respect for all by creating activities and initiatives that are diverse, inclusive and responsive to the unique needs of our community and its residents.

EXCELLENCE: We will pursue the highest quality in everything we do, striving for continuous improvement, remaining receptive to our community's evolving needs and mandates, and delivering maximum impact and value for money.

INNOVATION: We will embrace creativity and forward-thinking approaches, remaining open to new and progressive ideas and perspectives that deliver positive, transformative change to our island and its community.

INTEGRITY: We are committed to building trust with our community, upholding the highest standards of honesty and accountability in our actions (by conducting all our activities with respect, impartiality, and transparency), and meeting all legal and public obligations.



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PRIORITIES

COLLABORATION & CO-CREATION: To work collaboratively with our community and its organisations to develop mutually beneficial initiatives, share knowledge and best practices, empower proactive engagement, and maximise our collective impact and sustainability.

CULTURAL HERITAGE: To safeguard, reinvigorate, and improve our island's most significant and valued buildings and cultural assets for the benefit of residents, visitors and future generations.

ECONOMIC REGENERATION: To deliver a network of space and community-based activities and initiatives across Portland, all of which contribute to long-term regeneration, improved infrastructure, and greater opportunities and life chances for local people.

NATURAL HERITAGE: To protect and enhance our natural environment, protected landscapes, and biodiversity for the benefit of residents, visitors and future generations.

PEOPLE & COMMUNITY: To create opportunities and activities that increase life chances, improve health and wellbeing and empower residents to participate in community life and decision-making to achieve their full potential.

SUSTAINABILITY & SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE: To promote and implement sustainable practices (ensuring our work is designed with future generations in mind) and to reinvest the profits generated through Future Portland's activities back into the community.



FUTURE PORTLAND POTENTIAL PROJECTS

COMMUNITY

Solutions for
'at risk'
heritage and
much-loved
places



St Peter's
Church
Purchase to
prevent
decline and
bring into
good use

Growing
spaces
Making areas
of land
available for
community
growing

CULTURE

Spaces for
exhibitions,
meetings, projects,
research, training
and workshops



Brandy
Row
Save historic
cottage and
develop site
for skills and
creative
enterprise

The Pulpit
Purchase and
develop as a
café/pub,
events venue,
education and
visitor centre

ENVIRONMENT

Sustainable
infrastructure,
access to our natural
environment for health
and wellbeing,
space for nature to
thrive



France
Quarry
Safeguard as a
green space
for community
use



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WHY FORM A COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY?

The Future Portland CBS was formed in direct response to research and consultation undertaken by b-side, Island Community Action and The Portland Association.

The ideas, and conclusions that emerged from the **Portland Community Forum** and the **This Land** community conversation events emphasised the need for a bold and an ambitious shared vision for the island. They also highlighted the importance of access to effective facilitation, expertise, and support to empower the community in achieving this vision.

Two other important factors emerged from the events. First, there are many small voluntary organisations across the island, often comprising the same few individuals, all striving to create positive change but often feeling overwhelmed by the many challenges they face. Second, the realisation that no single organisation can achieve the desired vision for Portland on its own. There was a consensus that a more collaborative approach could achieve a much wider range of mutual benefits by uniting knowledge, expertise, reputation, and resources, opening doors to larger scale funding and inspiring bolder initiatives – enabling the progression of many of the ideas discussed during the events and ultimately moving us closer to the desired vision for the island we all share.

The formal partnership and structure of a CBS will support this work, along with a wide range of other opportunities to improve our island and our futures. It will allow us to act quickly and respond to local needs by empowering us to co-create projects mandated and driven by our community, such as supporting concerns related to the sale of much-loved buildings or at-risk amenities and heritage.



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WHAT IS A COMMUNITY BENEFIT SOCIETY?

A CBS is:

- A legal form for organisations that wish to operate on a not-for-profit basis for purposes that benefit the community as a whole
- Registered with and reports to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)
- Owned by its members
- Operated using a mix of community shares, grants, sponsorships, donations, loans and income, with the benefits being returned to the community.

Features of a CBS:

- Fulfils a social purpose
- Operated by a board and voting members (with each member having one vote)
- Able to apply for public funding and grants
- Able to raise funds by issuing shares to the public
- Uses its assets only for the benefit of the community
- Reinvests any surplus income from its initiatives back into the community (though dividends can be paid to shareholders if agreed by the operating board).



**Not for
profit**



**Owned by
members**



**Invests in
the island**