



DUCHY UPDATE

Celebrating community success in Nansledan

This autumn has seen several local projects celebrated for their success in fostering community and wellbeing across Nansledan.

In October, the Duchy of Cornwall's Kew An Lergh development, which recently hosted Nansledan's Christmas Fayre, scooped the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) award for Commercial Development having been shortlisted among 13 projects nationwide.

The RICS awards celebrate the UK's most inspirational built projects that are having a significant positive impact on the communities they serve. The judges singled out Kew An Lergh as a "small project with a big social impact".

They added: "The impact this scheme has had on its locality, commercial environment and community cannot be overstated."

The Duchy played the pivotal construction management role in delivering Kew An Lergh through the COVID-19 pandemic, assembling a high-quality team from the skilled local workforce, to protect jobs and complete the project on time and budget, and to the Duchy's exacting standards, despite all the challenges of the pandemic.

Today Kew An Lergh is home to a diverse range of businesses including Naturally Learning nursery, vintage clothing store Love of Lemons, café and deli Sabzi, The Loft yoga studio, Linggard and Thomas Accountants, Solve Web Media, television production company Beagle Media, and Jackson's wine bar.

The remaining unit is being transformed into the Nansledan Community Centre through a collaboration between the Duchy, the Nansledan Community Association (NCA) and Cornwall Mind.



It will be a venue for a range of community groups and clubs, support groups, community events, local charities and other organisations, and to support the wellbeing of Nansledan residents and businesses.

Also celebrating this autumn is Newquay Community Orchard, which has received the prestigious President's award from The King's Foundation for its "Outstanding Contribution to Community Activities".

"The Duchy of Cornwall is immensely proud to have supported the Orchard since its inception, and we are excited to continue this partnership, helping it grow and positively impact the community for years to come."



Newquay Community Orchard

The awards scheme involves candidates being nominated by individuals and by The King's Foundation, with winners chosen by His Majesty King Charles III.



Newquay Community Orchard is a community-led green space on seven acres of Duchy of Cornwall land between Newquay and Nansledan focused on sustainability, education, mental health and social well-being.

Sam Kirkness, Nansledan Development Manager at the Duchy of Cornwall, which has supported the Orchard since it was first established almost 10 years ago, said: "This is terrific recognition of the hard work, dedication, and passion that the Orchard team and hundreds of volunteers have poured into this project over almost the past decade."

Also in September, Nansledan's first ever arts festival was hailed a huge success. It included a packed schedule of diverse events spanning live music, workshops, craft fair, talks and trails.

Organiser Nicola Craddock said: "We set up Nansledan Arts Festival with the aims of bringing opportunities to our community for joyful connection through the arts. We wanted to offer a platform for local developing artists and share pride in the things that make Nansledan special."

"We're thrilled to look back on the first-ever festival, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who played a role in its success."



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