

Partnership Meeting
Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis, DT7 3PG
2.00pm on Thursday March 14th 2019

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Apologies

3. Minutes of the last meeting – October 11th 2018

- a. Agreement of accuracy
- b. Matters arising not on the agenda

4. Presentation by Councillor Daryl Turner:

Understanding the new Dorset Council: how can we ensure that Lyme and Charmouth benefit?

5. Report on activities since the last meeting

Oral report from David Sarson
Questions and discussions on items raised

6. Any Other Business

To be notified at the start of the meeting

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Date of next meeting : Annual General Meeting - Monday 1st July 2019 at 7.00pm



**Minutes of LymeForward Partnership Meeting
held October 11th 2018
Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis.**

1. Present:

Michaela Ellis	Mayor of Lyme Regis & Chair
Chris Tipping	Manager, LymeForward
Cheryl Reynolds	Lyme Regis Town Council, WDDC, Residents' Association
Chris Boothroyd	LymeForward Director
Wendy Davies	LymeForward Director
Ken Lavery	LymeForward Director
Sally Holman	LymeForward Director, Sailing Club, Kent House PPG
Jane Nicklen	Dorset Councils Partnership (WDDC)
Simon Williams	Lim Path Project
Tammi Gale	Home-Start West Dorset
Fran Williams	B Sharp
Mike Sheldon	Bridport CAB
David Sarson	Royal Voluntary Service
David Edwards	St Michael's School, Medical Centre PPG, Marine Theatre
Heather Britton	Independent
Audrey Vivian	St Michael's Primary School & Church.
Anne Sankey	Independent
Terri Tipping	Lyme Regis Development Trust
Godfrey Thomas	Lyme Regis Development Trust
Sue Davies	Independent
Lorna Jenkin	Lyme Regis Community Land Trust
Jim Bragg	Lyme Regis Society

2. Apologies for Absence

Rev Jane Skinner	St Michael's Church
Paul Oatway	Charmouth Parish Council
Philip Sankey	WATAG

3. Minutes of the meeting held July 2nd 2018

Ken Lavery proposed to accept as accurate, David Sarson seconded. All in favour.
There were no Matters Arising

0. Inserted Item on B Sharp:

Fran Williams, outgoing Director after 12 years, briefly described B Sharp and its work (see <http://www.bsharp.org.uk/>) and asked that the LymeForward community continued to offer friendship and support to Ruth Cohen, who would be taking over as CEO and Artistic Director at the end of November. This would be especially important as Ruth was not from Lyme Regis.

Audrey Vivian thanked Fran on behalf of the town for all her hard work and accomplishments, a sentiment that was warmly applauded by all.

4. **Home-Start West Dorset**

Tammi Gale, Organiser for Lyme Regis, Charmouth, Bridport, Dorchester and Beaminster, described the support that could be given (if appropriate volunteers were available) to families with a child under 5 by Home Start, established locally in 2009 as an independent charity, self-funded and self-governed, operating under a national umbrella. (For more details see <http://www.homestartwestdorset.co.uk/>).

Tammi described how volunteer parents (a crucial requirement) receive 40 hours of training and are then matched with a family who on average receive support for 2-3 hours a week for 6-12 months. The outcomes were increased self-esteem and confidence in own abilities. No magic, basically replacing what communities and families used to do.

There have been issues in becoming known in Lyme Regis (both to potential users and possible volunteers), but thanks to help from Cheryl Reynolds, 12 people are now starting a 10 week course with another 18 interested. Once trained and assessed, they would be ready to start work by next Spring. LymeForward and others could help by publicising both the need for volunteers and the possibility of support. Tammi's contact details are tammi@homestartwestdorset.co.uk, 01303 265072/07977 046504.

5. **Lyme to Uplyme Path**

Simon Williams, project manager on behalf of LymeForward and Dorset Coast Forum, talked through "before and after" photographs of the work that has been done to make the path more accessible to all eg: by redesigning steps and slopes and improving drainage. (The slides are available on the LymeForward Website from a link on the Coastal Community Team page at <https://www.lymeforward.com/coastal-community-team>).

In answer to questions, Simon explained that ongoing maintenance would be provided by Dorset and Devon County Highways; that cycling was difficult to stop along the path as cycling was legally allowed on those sections which were also bridle-ways; that they were close to the end of the budget and therefore would not be funding further work to re-route the stream at Slopes Farm which might be still prove to be necessary; and that a formal opening involving cross-border representation is likely to take place at some point. Following concerns expressed about the ramp planned to replace the step from Gosling Bridge down to the Lynch, it was agreed that Chris Tipping would seek further opinions and meanwhile Simon would put the work on hold.

6. **LymeForward Report**

The following points were made in addition to the written reports:

- Chris Tipping now has diary dates to meet with John Wright for the next 4 months;
- it seems that the decisions had been made on the Community Revival Fund bids, they were just awaiting Ministerial sign-off;
- Bridget Betts has been told that the first round results of the Coastal Community Fund Round 5 bids would be announced in the week beginning 29th October;
- the Foodbank is benefiting from the Harvest Festival produce at both Uplyme and Lyme Regis churches and primary schools - with encouragement to also make gifts of money so that fresh food can also be provided;
- one Foodbank voucher allows 6 visits, then the client is referred back to the referrer to avoid long-term dependency;
- RVS Befrienders are now to be called Community Companions and have to work through Head Office in Cardiff rather than Dorchester as before;
- there were 258 applications in total for Garmans Field and even when sifted, 45 families met all the criteria, so at least 30 eligible families are looking for accommodation;
- answering an appeal for knowledge of any even small sites where the CLT might build further, Simon Williams offered to talk to them about 3 possible sites in Uplyme;
- the existing local area partnerships (including LymeForward) will after all continue to receive a £6K grant from the new Dorset Council, with a review about their future taking place early in the New Year;
- as Rev Jane Skinner has been promoted and Stephen is retiring, they will soon be leaving Lyme;
- Ofsted is going to change the way it rates schools from November 2019, taking a broader view of how the children develop rather than strict concentration on test results. This should allow St Michael's to receive credit for their long-acknowledged success in producing well-rounded children with a good work ethic.

- Under the First Bus winter timetable there will be no service on Sundays or Bank Holidays;
- buses that finish at Lyme Regis will now be able to take passengers as far as Woodroffe (where they go to turn);
- passengers needing to change at Bridport to continue their journey on either the X51 or X53 are assured that the ongoing bus will wait for at least 10 minutes;
- CAB offered to provide reports on postcodes and issues. Attendance at their advice sessions very varied;
- A Youth Council has been set up at Woodroffe, with six former members due to attend Full Council on 31st October; LRTC has voted them £2K towards projects;
- 30 children are signed up to attend the Army Cadet Force which will replace the now defunct Combined Cadet Force at Woodroffe. 10 adult volunteers (including Cheryl Reynolds) are about to start their training;

7. **AOB**

Chris Boothroyd reported that Ellen Austin had notified him that owing to her commitment to the Army Cadet Force, she would not be able to take up the position on the Steering Group to which she had been elected at the last meeting. There is therefore still a vacancy for a member-nominated representative, offers or recommendations very welcome.

He also reported that Heather Prior would be retiring at Christmas from her valuable work with LymeForward's support groups, as would Wendy Davies as Director.

Date of next meeting: March 14th 2019 2pm-4pm at Woodmead Halls.



LymeForward Manager's and Activity Report : October 2018 - March 2019 For Local Area Partnership Meeting 14th March 2019

1. People

- Heather Prior retired as Partnership Assistant on 31 December 2018.
- Wendy Davies retired as a Director of LymeForward at the same date.

Both have served the community work of LymeForward unstintingly, in Wendy's case since its inception. Members will wish to join LymeForward Directors in thanking both of them for all that they have contributed to the effectiveness of LymeForward in their varied roles over the years.

- As noted in the previous Minutes, a vacancy exists on the Steering Group for a member representative following Sue Herman's retirement. If an election is needed it must be at the AGM on 1st July. This is an important but not over-demanding role (3 meetings per year); if you may be interested in helping LymeForward this way, please have a chat with Chris Boothroyd who chairs the Steering Group.

2. Funders' requirements

WDDC

The latest report required by WDDC was submitted on 9th January 2019. Chris Tipping and Chris Boothroyd attended the West Dorset Partnership meeting on 14th January, at which CB gave a presentation called "Integrated Care? The View from the Bottom".

WDDC & LRTC

In this report period, LymeForward has promoted the new Dorset Unitary Council survey on communication, the Police and Crime Commissioner survey on extra council tax funding, and the West Dorset Local Plan Consultation.

LRTC

Chris Tipping has met with the Town Clerk five times. The main actions for CT arising from their meetings have been as follows:

- arranged a funding talk with Kirsty Main of the National Lottery for 22nd May;
- sharing knowledge of potential grant funding available for our area;
- developing a funding bulletin to share with any potential beneficiaries in the area;
- sought and provided feedback on the effectiveness of the Gateway Card;
- canvassed opinion on issues that the Town Council might put to the Lyme Voice participants;
- mutual publicising community events through the LymeForward mailchimp mailings and LRTC social media outlets.

Under its Grant Agreement with LRTC, LymeForward is required to submit an Annual Report and Forward Plan to the Council's Tourism, Community & Publicity Committee each autumn. This was prepared in readiness for the Committee meeting on 21st November, and circulated to Councillors through their weekly mailing. An updated annexe was provided for the meeting on 6th March, which was cancelled. The Committee has not yet been able to discuss the report or annexe.

Town Council requirements related to economic / CCT matters, and liaison with emergency services, are noted in sections (4) and (5) below.

3. Funding sources

Several funding applications have been made, are being prepared or are under consideration that could assist LymeForward's support groups: target funders include the W H Smith Community Fund, Warburtons Community Fund, the Trusthouse Foundation, the Valentine Trust, the Co-op Community Fund, and Power to Change.

An updated summary of funds raised over the last few years is on page 5. Of particular note is the continuing community generosity to the Foodbank, both through direct food donations and financial contributions which range from generous cheques to the kindness of strangers stopping by on a Wednesday morning to hand over a £5 or £10 note.

4. Coastal Community Team / Economy

Chris Tipping has talked with members of the Lyme Regis and Charmouth business community about possible updating the 2015 Economic Plan that underpinned CCT bids.

He has also had discussions with businesses that use the Gateway Card to seek feedback on usage and potential ways to improve the facility.

In conjunction with Sue Davis and Steve Offord, he has been investigating the feasibility of establishing a new Business Forum / Chamber of Commerce for the area, led by the business community.

Coastal Communities Fund Round 4

The work is almost complete, with some snagging and minor final works remaining. The project is within budget. Subsequent to Simon Williams's presentation to the previous Partnership meeting:

- 11,000 of the two Z-maps have been distributed locally;
- artist Alice Blogg has been selected to design three robust seats along the path – the intention is to install these by the spring;
- three new oak framed interpretation boards, compatible in materials with the seating, will be installed adjacent to the seats;
- agreement has been reached with both Devon and Dorset Highways to install "people crossing" signs;
- wooden staggered gates have been installed at the end of the Glen due to concerns over child safety;
- one side of Mill Lane needs repair work following torrential rain.

Total project costs to date are £235,754, not including a further £7,000 allocated for estimated works; the overall budget is £246,390.

Coastal Revival Fund

Outcomes for the four bids under the single-stage Coastal Revival Fund (St Michael's Church, The Marine Theatre, The Town Mill and The Hub) have been announced, with the Theatre and The Hub being successful. Chris Tipping has subsequently helped Audrey Vivian prepare a bid, value £105,000, to the AllChurches Trust for the Church Tower Repair Fund, and a second for £67,500 to Cornerstone Grants as a reserve for the main bid should that fail.

Coastal Communities Fund Round 5

The result of the Dorset Coast Forum bid to Stage 1 of Round 5 was announced in late 2018, with the Charmouth and Lyme Regis bid being approved for Stage 2. Final paperwork was submitted at the end of January to the Dorset Coast Forum for inclusion in their portfolio bid '*Gateways to Business Growth in Dorset*'. A member of the assessor team (from Groundwork) regularly visits Lyme and was very positive about these projects, agreeing that they address the problems identified in the bid.

The decision on Round 5 Stage 2 should be announced in April; timings slipped considerably last year so we will continue to monitor progress.

5. Health and Wellbeing Group

The future of health and care provision in the LymeForward area

Developing the 'new local arrangements' for the GP/medical services at Lyme Regis Medical Centre is proceeding slowly, mostly because the Clinical Commissioning Group is (rightly) concerned to respect the interests of existing staff but has to proceed in association with Virgin Care as current employers. From 1st June the Medical Centre and the Lyme Bay Medical Practice will join together as a single Practice, led by Dr Forbes Watson, and merging their patient lists into the one entity. The intention is for GP and nurse services currently provided at LRMC to continue, in the same building. The only significant difference will be that, instead of being employees of Virgin Care, the doctors and nurses will be employed directly by this single local Practice.

Those community services still retained by Virgin Care, provided to patients at both the present Lyme Practices and the Charmouth Practice, have been put out to tender by the CCG, with its Board meeting to confirm the outcome of that procurement on 25th March. The Health and Wellbeing Group has long argued the advantages of community health services being part of Dorset HealthCare, as in the rest of the county, with a strong presence in Lyme: we hope that this will be the outcome.

Existing staff of Virgin Care, whether in the GP/medical 'side' or community services, have the right to be TUPE'd to employment by the relevant new provider. Both sites will remain in use for clinical services and for community services. Maximum continuity and minimal disruption is the key.

We are promised more specific information from the Clinical Commissioning Group and from Dr Watson as details are worked through. This will include an open public meeting, date not yet fixed.

The third piece of the jigsaw will be 'Social Prescribing', with a contract starting in April recently awarded to Help and Care, the organisation that ran the now-discontinued Partnership for Older People Programme and the 'Wayfinders' service. This should bring a 'Linkworker' to work with our GP Practices, which should also help in developing our 'Care Links Lyme' activities. In conjunction with the Health and Wellbeing Group of Bridport Local Area Partnership we have good contact with Help and Care, and over the next few months expect to be clearer about how the service will run.

The results of the on-line survey of patient experiences both sides of 'the border', conducted in association with Axminster Medical Practice, have been published and are available on the LymeForward website.

Care Links Lyme

The intention of this 'project' was outlined in the report to October's Partnership meeting.

The second planned application of the Healthwatch grant took place on 28th November, with 33 non-clinical health and care support organisations attending an open event in the Baptist Church halls. Bad weather limited public attendance to 65 people, but those who came found it valuable, and feedback from the guest organisations was positive. Healthwatch has approved the report written about this event, its predecessor in April, and other publicity work, as well as agreeing our retention of £350 of the £1,000 grant to help with preparing directories of support groups and facilities.

Following lengthy research into poor ambulance response times locally, and the Ambulance Trust's reluctance to make full use of trained Fire Service First Responders, LymeForward drafted a letter of protest for the Town Council to send to the Trust's Chief Executive on 29th November. The Council received a reply dated 14th December which it rightly regards as insufficient, believing it should be followed up. We have offered to help with such a follow-up.

Support Groups

- The Foodbank has settled into a good routine at the Hub, with an excellent team of volunteers. By the 20th February, after 40 weeks of operation, the Foodbank had served 29 separate clients totalling 37 adults and 28 children, making 124 separate visits; in all, by then 308 'person/weeks' of food had been provided. There are now 19 organisations signed up as official referrers, accepting their responsibilities to help clients in dealing with what causes their food-poverty (often related to Universal Credit and /or housing issues – the majority of referrals come from the CAB).
- Chris Tipping has worked hard with the volunteers for the Meet & Remember group; volunteers have decided that the name should revert to 'Memory Café' as this is a nationally recognised descriptor. This group is still struggling with numbers, although early signs in 2019 are encouraging, with a growing interest on Social Media. We will review the success (or lack of it) in the summer, with a decision being made as to whether or how we carry on. The Sixth Form of Woodroffe School provides valuable help via Edel Keaney, volunteer support remains strong, and the group is forging good links with other local Memory Café organisations.
- Community lunches, following a break in January and February, resume in March.
- The Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support group is thriving, and has just succeeded in its application for charitable status.

6. Looking ahead

At its meeting on 21st February, the Steering Group confirmed LymeForward's immediate priorities. In addition to the mandated requirements of LRTC and WDDC as principal funders, these are:

For the Coastal Community Team

- Completion of Round 4 work.
- If Round 5 Stage 2 is successfully passed, managing or helping to manage implementation of the various components.
- Reviewing the structure, function and personnel for the CCT to maximise efficiency and accountability.

For the Health and Wellbeing Group

- Working alongside appointed providers to maximise locally-based provision of health and care services during implementation.
- Ensuring that this area receives its fair share of benefit from Social Prescribing.
- Developing 'Care Links Lyme' as a framework for public understanding, collaboration, volunteer recruitment and training.
- Consolidating local health and wellbeing support groups to maximise their self-reliance.

For the Directors and Manager

- Identifying and bidding for appropriate funding to sustain LymeForward itself and the groups that it supports. This will involve, but is far from limited to, keeping abreast of developments as regards Community funding from the new Dorset Council.

- Managing demand: Directors, Steering Group and partnership members, volunteers and others need to remember that LymeForward's Manager is employed for only three days per week, with a heavy workload; we have a collective responsibility not to over-demand.

RECORD OF FUNDING FOR LOCAL FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES BROUGHT IN THROUGH LYMEFORWARD		
Since June 2015, LymeForward has enabled funds to be applied to facilities and activities within the Local Area Partnership, either through direct bids, or as a partner in larger bids, or by assisting other local organisations with their funding bids. This list does not include core funding from LRTC or WDDC, nor many donations of time and 'in kind'.		
	Financial Year	Amount
1. CCT / Economy funding		
<u>DCLG</u> for set-up and preparation of the economic plan (see Note)	2015-2016	£10,000
<u>DCLG Coastal Revival Fund</u>		
for Town Mill Trust (Feasibility Study)	2015-2016	£8,000
for Marine Theatre (roof repairs)	2015-2016	£40,000
for The Hub (window replacements)	2015-2016	£10,000
for Charmouth Coastwatch (Charmouth Lookout)	2015-2016	£2,000
<u>DCLG Coastal Communities Fund (DCF Collaborative bid) Round 4</u>		
for Devon Way upgrade (Lyme Regis Trail)	2016-2017	£246,000
Seafront litter-reduction	2016-2017	£500
<u>Dorset Connections</u>		
for Charmouth Seafront Wi-Fi contribution	2016-2017	£10,000
<u>Private donations</u>		
for supper for 60 people at Round 5 launch workshop 3.7.17		£1,250
<u>Gardens Sculpture Project (fundraising led by John Calder)</u>		
Aviva fund	2017-2018	£500
Hix Charity events and related donations	2017-2018	£4,647
CCT/Economy running total		£332,897
2. Health & Wellbeing funding		
<u>Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme</u>		
Support for Moving On	2016-2017	£1,922
Support for Cookery classes	2016-2017	£945
Support for Community lunches and Cookery classes	2017-2018	£1,461
<u>WDDC Social Inclusion Fund</u>		
Support for Altogether Group (TAG)	2017-2018	£600
Cost of Foodbank storage cupboards	2017-2018	£551
<u>Private donations</u>		
Foodbank contributions to 3.3.19	Various	£5,015
<u>Luton and Leighton branch of the Quakers</u>		
Foodbank contribution	2017-2018	£520
<u>Bridport Lions</u>		
Foodbank contribution	2018-2019	£325
<u>Healthwatch Dorset</u>		
Grant for 'Care Links Lyme' activities	2017-2018	£1,000
<u>Lyme Regis Regatta & Carnival Committee</u>		
Donation to Meet & Remember	2017-2018	£500
Donation to Community Lunches	2017-2018	£275
Donation to Foodbank	2018-2019	£300
<u>Magna Housing</u>		
Donation to Foodbank	2018-2019	£300
<u>Axminster Roman Catholic Church</u>		
Donation to Foodbank	2018-2019	£150
<u>Macmillan Cancer Support</u>		
Start-up grant for Axminster and Lyme Cancer Support	2018-2019	£1,210
Health & Wellbeing running total		£15,074
3. Core funding		
<u>Lyme Regis Regatta & Carnival Committee</u>		
Contribution to laptop		£175
<u>Private donations</u>		
Contribution to laptop		£100
<u>Charmouth Parish Council</u>		
Core costs	2018-2019	£200
<u>Uplyme Parish Council</u>		
Core costs	2018-2019	£200
Core running total		£675
TOTAL TO DATE		£348,646
BIDS UNDER CONSIDERATION / IN PREPARATION		
DCLG Coastal Communities Fund (DCF Collaborative bid) Round 5: Lyme Regis and Charmouth Seafront Enhancements	Stage 1 successful	
NOTE: Additional start-up funding for the CCT was received in 2015-2016:		
from Uplyme Parish Council		£1,000
from Charmouth Parish Council		£500
from Charmouth Traders		£250



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Monday, March 11, 2019

As Spring begins to arrive we look back at our snow day closure, the storms, winds and warm sunny days and really appreciate how lucky we are to work in such a beautiful part of the world.

Miss Bearsford-Walker joined our teaching team after Christmas and settled straight in to life with the Ammonites class. Lisa joined Jane as our new cleaner and as support at lunchtimes. Caroline, Kathy and Amanda worked tirelessly to develop our Preschool and for the first time we were able to offer the full 30 hour provision at half term.

The children have also been very busy with World Book Day, Maths challenges, visits to Seaton Jurassic and the Terracotta Warriors in Dorchester. As the Summer term begins we will be looking to make the most of the local area and all that it has to offer. Year 6 have an important term ahead with the SATs tests, as well as beginning their preparations for transition to secondary school.

Each week every class across the school is fortunate to be supported by a number of volunteers. All our children benefit from these sessions; reading, writing, Collective Worship and soon maths, and we'd like to thank them for all their support and time that they are able to give to the school and the children.

Nick Kiddle
Headteacher

Head Teacher: Mr. Nick Kiddle
Website: www.stmichaelslyme.dorset.sch.uk

Report from St Michael the Archangel Church

The Church and town said goodbye to our Team Vicar Rev Jane Skinner and her husband Team Rector Rev Stephen Skinner in November after nine years. During that time Rev Jane had special responsibility for our town parish.

She was a member of Lyme Forward and took part in many activities in Lyme. She was a governor of our school and regularly took the prayers before our Council meetings. All Civic occasions and services and many Christenings, Weddings and Funerals were taken by her.

She also had responsibilities together with Stephen in the villages of the Benefice .

We now look for clergy to fill this important post .

The main task for our church now is raising funds to restore and repair the grade 1 Saxon Tower of the Church which has severe ingress of water. This requires specialist hand removal of the present pebbledash and replacing the render.

We have permissions in hand and are presently raising funds with help from our Mayor and other people in Church and Town in order to begin the work when the weather permits. Lyme Forward are supporting me with technical expertise and grant information or which we are very grateful .

Our Church is open each day from early morning until early evening .As our Civic Church it holds the History of our Town over many generations and sits in the centre of Lyme seen as a marker from the sea .It is there for tourists and those of us who live here to visit without charge.

All are welcome. We would like to care for it for future generations of our Town.

We look forward too and welcome whoever replaces Jane in the next few months and know he /she will be made welcome .

Audrey Vivian

WATAG Buses Report

First will change to their Summer timetables on 7 April. This will restore the Sunday service on X51 and X53 for the Summer.

The National Express service which currently links Cornwall with Sussex calling at Hunters Lodge and Bridport is being curtailed and retimed from 1 April. It will offer one journey at 0800 from Plymouth to Bournemouth calling Hunters Lodge at 1000 returning at 1430 calling Hunters Lodge at 1710, seven days a week.

Much of WATAG's energies have been given to efforts to improve the Bridport – Yeovil bus service.

We are also concerned about the lack of suitable public transport if some medical services are transferred from Bridport Hospital to Dorchester and Blandford hospitals.

PHILIP SANKEY

WATAG Lyme Regis rep

CAB BRIDPORT CLIENTS in 2017/2018

	2018	2017
Clients:	2220	2030
Issues:	6502	5505
Disability/long		
Term health problem:	45%	43%
Over 65:	22%	
Breakdown of issues		
Benefits	2259 (28% increase)	1994
Debt	649 (22% increase)	534
Housing	536 (5% increase)	509
Employment	611 (46% increase)	419
Lyme Ward Clients:	Charmouth 44	42
	Lyme 117	92
Totals:	161	134

RW/MGS March 2019

Uplyme Community Sponsorship Report

Community Sponsorship was launched in the UK in 2016 by the Home Secretary & Archbishop of Canterbury to encourage community groups to sponsor a refugee family. The scheme falls under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) whereby the Government committed to resettling up to 20,000 refugees in the UK (from camps in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt & Turkey) between 2015- 2020.

Before applying to welcome a family, the group must fulfil a number of criteria, critically, finding suitable rental accommodation which is available for a minimum of 2 years (though NOT social housing) and raising a minimum of £9,000 (for a two-parent family; £4,500 per adult).

Other criteria include that we have charitable status (currently under application with the Charity Commission) and that we provide a resettlement plan that includes provision for access to health and education services, ESOL (English language) lessons, an interpreter for the initial period. And we must work with our local authority and obtain their consent.

Clearly we have our work cut out, but after two very well received presentations at open meetings (Uplyme Church & Village Hall) we are delighted by the huge amount of enthusiasm in the community about this scheme. Fundraising is already underway and the search for a house is on.