

THE PYDAR DISPATCH

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EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS BEHIND THE SCENES

We're excited to bring you the latest update on the Pydar project, where great progress is being made behind the scenes. While demolition activity and the archaeological dig have finished and the planning approvals for the first phases of development have been approved, some of the things that are currently being worked on by the team include detailed surveys, final designs and selecting a contractor to build the approved phases of the scheme. All these steps are necessary on a project of this scale and take time to complete before the build stage can start.

UNVEILING HIDDEN DISCOVERIES

The archaeological investigation has unearthed significant finds that have exceeded our expectations. We were able to uncover items including, most notably, what is thought to be late-medieval pottery, a Royal Cornwall Volunteer's Belt Buckle (1870 - 1882) and some fragments of Staffordshire figurines, known as 'Dickensian Characters' from circa 1850. We would love to identify the original owners of some of these items. These discoveries will contribute to a comprehensive report that's currently being written. Once the report is completed and has been signed off by Cornwall Council, this will pave the way for the next crucial steps in the project.

Some lucky school children from Archbishop Benson and Bosvigo were also able to hear stories directly from people that lived on the old Boscawen Row. Mrs Richardson who lived on the Pydar site as a young girl, came back to visit to share her special memories with the children and our team. Thank you to everyone who supported this great piece of work, including Cornwall Archaeological Unit, Charlotte Williams of SALT Projects, Mrs and Mr Richardson and Mrs Moxon.

PRECISION IN DESIGN

Following Council approval of the archaeological report, we'll shift our focus to detailed ground surveys. These surveys will gather highly precise measurements now that buildings and structures have been removed. These measurements, some of thousands that will take place over the course of this project, play a pivotal role in refining our building designs and ensuring a seamless and well-executed construction process.



CONTRACTING FOR THE FUTURE

A significant step in the journey towards a rejuvenated Pydar is appointing trusted and capable construction partner. The contractor will be critical to bringing the Pydar vision to life and it is of utmost importance that they understand Truro and deliver on the great proposals for this site. We're now in the process of selecting the right contractor to bring our new buildings to life. This thorough selection process will ensure that we partner with professionals who share our vision for excellence. This will be taking place early next year.

NEXT ACTIVITIES ON & AROUND THE SITE

Geotechnical investigations have just started on site with the digging of a series of boreholes and in the next few months, you'll start to see surveyors back on site and then we anticipate the enabling works will start in the summer of next year. There will also be some associated works on the adjacent roads and then the main building work is due to commence in early 2025. We'll keep you posted as we get closer to the main activities.

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR PRIDE: OUR COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

This regeneration project is more than just construction; it's about creating a rejuvenated area of Truro that enriches our community's quality of life. Our teams continue to work behind the scenes to create Pydar and ensure it reflects great Cornish quality, vision, and sense of community.

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Staffordshire figurines (circa 1850)



Royal Cornwall Volunteer's Belt Buckle (1870-1882)

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