

# Lyme Regis Development Trust

*Giving residents an  
opportunity to discuss issues  
raised and outcomes of  
engagement activities in their  
community*

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# Some Lyme Regis Facts

- Population = 3,600 - 43% over 60
- Average wage 17% beneath National Average
- Heavy economic dependence on traditional tourism offer
- A third of homes in some areas 'second homes' or 'holiday lets'
- Displacement of young people
- House prices 40% above national average

# How Community Development started in Lyme Regis

- SRB - Planning for Real exercise
- Community Identified Projects
- Vehicle needed to progress these and to attract funding
- Town Council decided to support but not lead



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Set up 1998, with 3 distinct roles:

- Community Consultation & Planning
- Capacity Building - supporting and enabling local groups
- Project Delivery



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But....

Volunteers not  
enough

Paid staff needed to  
progress projects

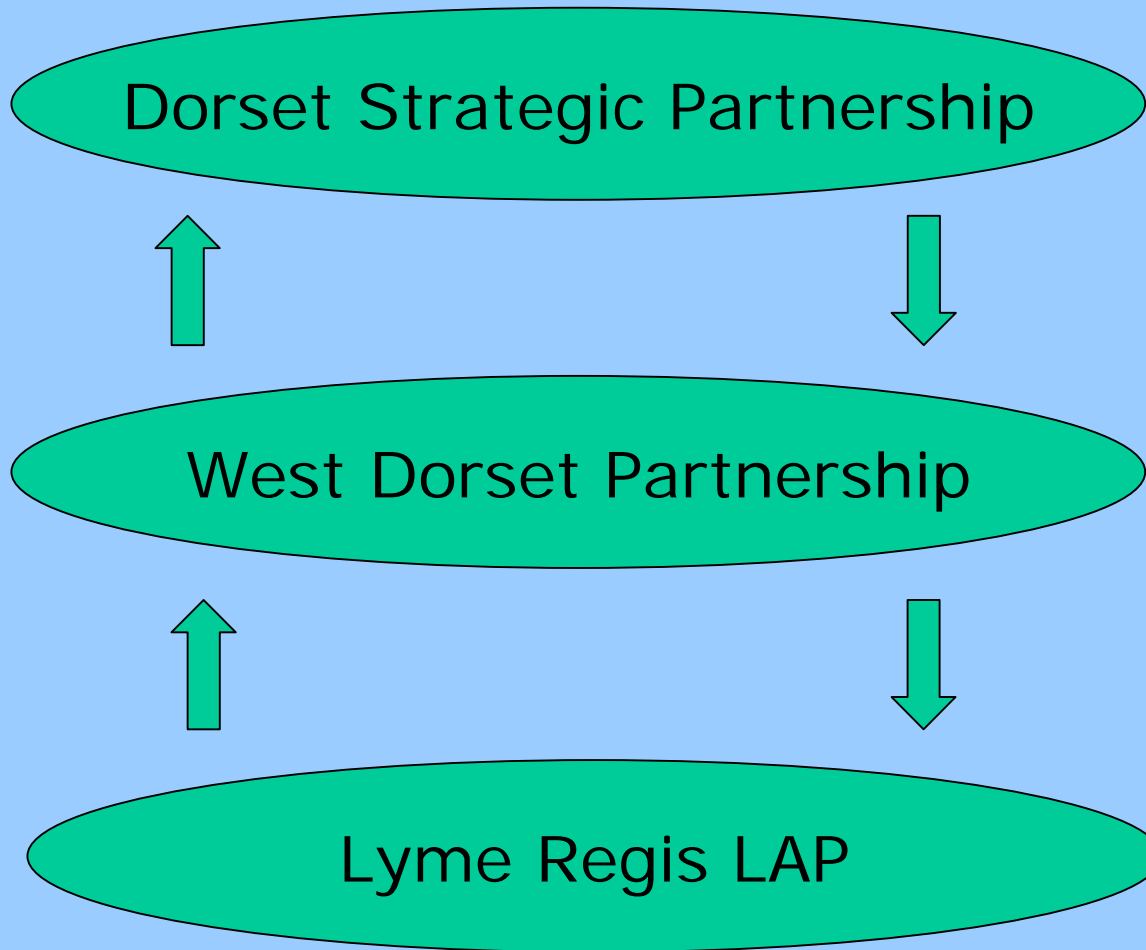


# Local Government Act 2000

- Placed a duty on Local Authorities to produce a Community Strategy
- encouraged partnership approach
- led to creation of local strategic partnerships



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# Local Area Partnership Funding

(Contributions from County, District  
and Town Councils)

Plus

SWRDA Funding

Paid for Development Manager Post

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# MCTI

## Market and Coastal Towns Initiative

Task: To develop a community-based comprehensive and holistic strategy.

How: set up LymeForward Group



## **Lyme Regis Community Plan 2007 - 2027**

How the people of Lyme and its surrounding area would like the town to develop in the foreseeable future.

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## Town Council:

Local statutory Authority  
Representative democracy  
Legislative framework

## Lyme Regis Development Trust

Independent  
Charitable Company -  
project delivery and fundraising

## Local Area Partnership

Recognised consultative and  
planning framework, annual action plan

Town  
Council

CPISC  
forum for  
local debate

LymeForward  
Steering Group  
strategic guidance

LAP  
plan guardians  
discussion forum with service providers

LRDT  
Community consultation  
LAP facilitation  
Project Delivery

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# LRDT today

Commitments to :

- Lyme Forward Plan - Housing, Youth, TLG
- Local Area Partnership - infrastructure
- Local Economic Regeneration
  - Fossil Festival & 2012
  - Webcam
- Community Resource Centre
- Our Own sustainability
- Community Support, for example
  - Town Mill Path
  - Lyme Regis Children's Centre



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# Community Anchor

- Provide physical space for meetings and activities
- Provide a base/tenancies for some groups
- Generate income and resources to fund community services and activities, subsidise some community groups and sustain itself in the long term.
- Provide basic development support, advice and information for community groups and individuals.
- Provide back office support (such as access to a computer, photocopier, phone, and use of address)
- Provide a community voice: independent, organised and deeply networked.
- Start and sometimes hive-off new community enterprises, groups and activities.
- Delivery of some services or running some activities.

# Communities In Control

- 'Power, Influence and Control to more people'
- Representative Democracy and Participative Democracy the flip sides of the same coin.
- Community Anchor's Central to mobilising the passion, knowledge and know-how of communities
- There needs to be a real sustained cultural change and commitment to making this a reality.