

Over the past year, hundreds of local people have helped shape the future of Bude's coastline through surveys, Community Conversations, workshops and the Future Coast Bude Youth Board.

We've now brought all of that feedback together to identify the key themes that have emerged.

These themes will help shape the Coastal Vision for Bude, setting out shared priorities for how our coastline should adapt over the next 30 years.

Shaping Bude's Future Together

What You've Told Us

A summary of what we've heard from our community



People care deeply about Bude's coastline

Across all of the engagement, one message came through consistently.

People told us the coastline is at the heart of what makes Bude special.



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People told us they value:

The coast as a place to spend time with family and friends

The coastline as a place for wellbeing and recreation

Bude's natural beauty and character

Protecting the coastline for future generations

The coastline's role in supporting jobs, businesses and economy



Key Message

Bude's coastline is one of the town's greatest assets. People want it to continue supporting the environment, the community and the local economy for future generations.

People recognise that change is happening

Across the engagement, people told us they understand that:

**Coastal change
is happening**

**Planning ahead is
important**

**They want to
understand the
evidence and future
challenges**

**Clear, honest
communication helps
them make informed
decisions**



Key Message

People want to understand what is happening so they can help shape the future.

Plan ahead, don't wait

Across the workshops, there was strong support for planning ahead rather than reacting when assets are damaged or lost.

People generally supported:



Monitoring coastal change



Using agreed trigger points



Gradual adaptation over time



Taking action before facilities are lost



Key Message

Planning ahead gives the community more choice than waiting until change happens unexpectedly.

Planning for the places people value most

Rather than trying to preserve everything exactly as it is today, the workshops identified the facilities that should be prioritised as the coastline changes.

These consistently included:

RNLI Lifeboat Station

Surf Life Saving Club Facilities

Toilet provision

Sea Pool

Improving accessibility



Key Message

Future planning should focus on protecting the facilities the community values most while improving accessibility where possible.

Working with nature

Throughout the engagement, people wanted Bude to remain a natural and distinctive place.

Key themes included:

**Protecting
natural spaces**

**Maintaining the
character of the
coastline**

**Supporting
wildlife and
biodiversity**

**Allowing natural
processes where
appropriate**

The engagement also highlighted some differences in priorities between generations.

Younger people generally placed greater importance on:

Natural spaces

Sand dunes

Working with nature

Older generations were generally more focused on:

Retaining existing facilities

Parking

Keeping things as they are for as long as possible



Key Message

While views differed on how change should happen, there was broad agreement that Bude should remain a special place for future generations.

Keeping the coast accessible

People recognised that access to the coast remains important.

Ideas discussed included:

**Walking and
cycling**

**Public
transport**

Park & Ride

**Improving
accessibility**

**Making it easier
for everyone to
enjoy the coast**



Key Message

People want the coast to remain welcoming and accessible, even if the way we access it changes over time.

Bringing it all together

Across surveys, events, workshops and conversations, a clear picture emerged.

The community wants to:

**Protect what makes
Bude special**

**Work with nature
where possible**

**Plan ahead for
coastal change**

**Keep the coast
welcoming and
accessible**

**Protect the facilities
and spaces people
value most**



Key Message

The community recognises that change is coming and wants future decisions to balance protecting Bude's unique character with planning ahead for the future.

Young people helped shape the conversation

Future Coast Bude created a Youth Board to make sure younger voices were part of the conversation.

The Youth Board helped to:



Plan engagement



Support community events



Share young people's views



Challenge ideas and assumptions



Reviewed community feedback



Key Message

The Coastal Vision has been shaped by voices from across the community, including younger generations.

What happens next?

The views, ideas and priorities shared by the community over the past year will now help shape the Coastal Vision.

The Coastal Vision will:

➤ Bring together what we've learned from the community.

➤ Set out shared principles for the future of Bude's coastline.

➤ Help inform the Coastal Change Management Plan.

**Thank you
for helping shape
the future of
Bude's coastline.**

