

## **CORNWALL MUSEUMS PARTNERSHIP NOTICE OF CLOSURE**

**It is with great sadness that I am sharing this update on behalf of Cornwall Museum Partnership's (CMP's) deeply committed, and talented, team and Board.**

In January 2023, Arts Council England withdrew CMP's conditional offer of National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) 2023-26 funding. In March 2023, following an additional application process, the Arts Council offered CMP investment from its Transition programme.

Transition funding is granted to previous NPO organisations to "assist them to wind down or move towards a new operating and/or funding model in a managed and orderly manner."

CMP has an impressive legacy of experience, success, development, project delivery, outreach, consultancy, innovation, work, and talent. However, an extensive strategic business and funding review has clearly shown that a secure way for CMP to move to a new operating model does not exist within the current challenging funding climate.

The CMP Board has therefore made the difficult decision to commence a phased closure process. This means that, over a planned period, all members of the team will be made redundant and freelance contracts will cease at the appropriate points.

As part of the phased closure, the Museum Development Officer role will continue until the end of this financial year. The Cornwall Heritage Awards will go ahead on Wednesday 7 February 2024 and [applications](#) remain open until Sunday 19 November 2023.

CMP is exploring ways to ensure the continuation and integrity of its exceptional work. An update on this will be provided as soon as details are confirmed with partners and funders.

This evolution of CMP's work will ensure that critical funding can continue across the whole of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly's museum and heritage sector. It will also ensure that the powerful CMP legacy and the year-round support for 70+ small Cornish museums and organisations, will continue.

For now, everyone at CMP would like to take this collective opportunity to thank all the museum team members, funders, partners, collaborators, consultants, colleagues, board members, councillors and friends who have been part of CMP's story to this point. They would also like to thank the current team and the Board for their navigation, leadership, and empathy throughout this unexpected and challenging Transition process.

Thank you.

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