

West Cornwall an example in regeneration

WORK to revive communities and regenerate deprived neighbourhoods in West Cornwall have taken centre stage in a new Government report.

West Cornwall is highlighted in the Neighbourhood Renewal Unit annual review - which showcases examples from all over the country of how local people, community and voluntary groups are working with public services and business to improve their neighbourhoods.

Published by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister as part of its drive to boost quality of life and end postcode poverty, it is hoped that the work in West Cornwall and elsewhere will inspire others.

Whether its improving housing, tackling graffiti and burned out cars, finding jobs and training or introducing neighbourhood wardens to patrol local areas, people are finding lots of ways to work with local services

to get things changed in their neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood Renewal Minister Barbara Roche, who launched the review at the Government's Urban Summit in Birmingham said: "It's great to see so many communities getting to grips with the problems in their areas and transforming the prospects of local people.

"But its still early days. Renewing disadvantaged neighbourhoods and ending postcode poverty is a 10-20 year aim - a marathon rather than a sprint."

She added: "Local communities know best which issues need tackling in their area - we don't want a 'one size fits all' approach. But there's no point reinventing the wheel - we hope that local people and professionals in public services will use others' successes and adapt them to solve problems in their area."

Local schemes and projects used to illustrate West Cornwall's drive to boost the quality of life include Business Broker and Digital Peninsula Network.

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