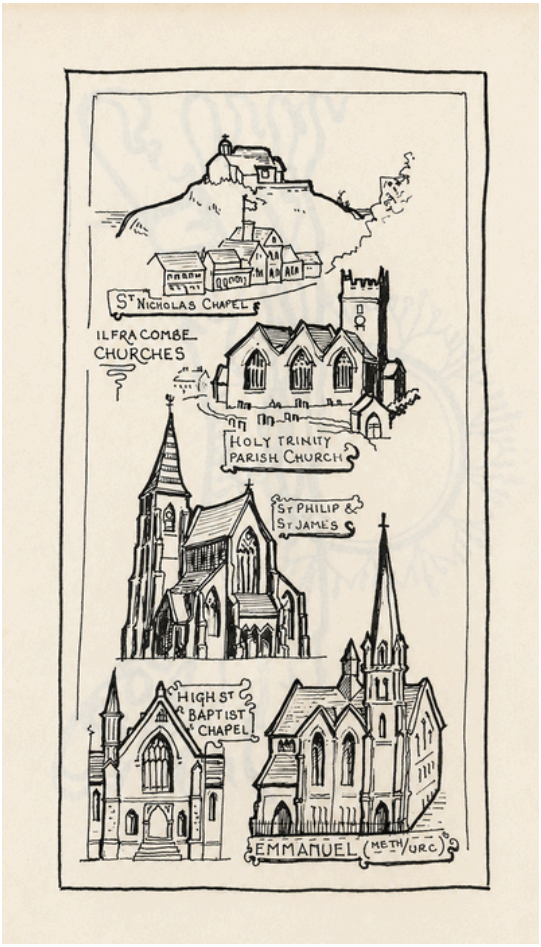
The Lanes Culture Club Update

Progress since the August 2026 Culture Club meeting

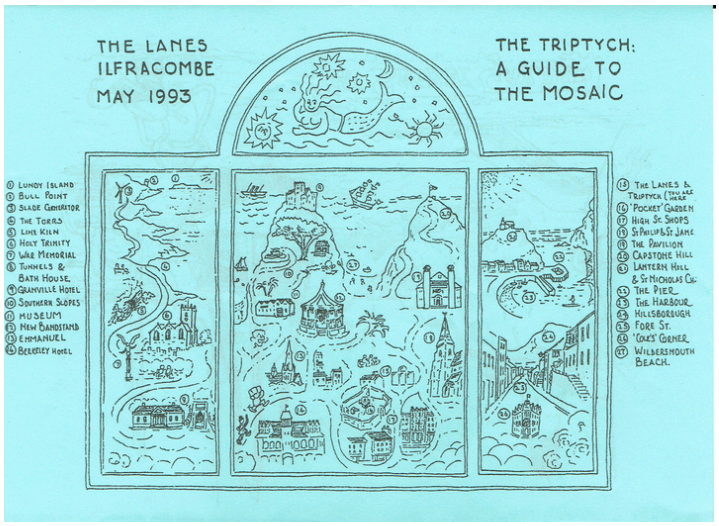
The Lanes has moved from an initial proposal into a funded, partnered and publicly visible project, with its first community activity now confirmed.

- Created a small archive exhibition at Ilfracombe Museum, including a public call-out for memories, photographs and stories from the original project.
- Launched a public call out on social media.
- Met Jon Bell, the original instigator, and recorded his memories and the wider story of Ilfracombe's cultural development for the museum archive.
- Reconnected with Hazel Goldman, the original Free Form Arts Project Director, who has confirmed that around 1,000 local people participated in the original project.
- Put plans in place to deliver two free public drop-in workshops at the Landmark on 26 and 27 October.
- Secured a £1,500 budget for this pilot activity from Town of Culture.
- Developed plans for participants to create a new ceramic and mosaic artwork inspired by an image from the archive. It will feature in the exhibition for the DCMS visit and be displayed permanently in Ilfracombe Library.
- Positioned the activity as an early Town of Culture engagement pilot, combining archive, storytelling and collaborative making while beginning the next chapter of The Lanes.



Next steps

- Plan, promote and deliver community workshops 26 & 27 October
- Visit Hazel in London and arrange for her to visit Ilfracombe.
- Continue to research and record the projects history whilst planning for its future.



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