

Residents and interest groups in Watchet are invited to contact the newly formed Committee of Watchet 2025 if they want assistance in raising funds or securing training to complete projects aimed at revitalising Watchet.

Watchet 2025 is now up and running after three years of careful planning. In 2007, Town Councillor Sally De Renzy- Martin and County Councillor, Anthony Trollope- Bellew successfully secured funding with which to draw up a town regeneration plan. Organisations in Watchet that would play a part in formulating that plan worked together during 2007-8 as the Watchet Action Strategic Partnership (WASP) identifying what needed to be done. In January 2008 they opened up a consultation process in which every individual and group was invited to consider their ideas and brainstorm more to use in making a comprehensive plan.

In 2009, WASP changed its name to Watchet 2025. The Committee chose 2025 as the target year for completing their goals for Watchet's economic, social and physical regeneration. During 2009, the regeneration plan was formulated into a document, which is available to read at the Town Council and the library or on line at www.watchetonline.co.uk. The new Committee includes, Molly Quint, Tim Taylor (owner of the Marina) Janet Hicks (shopkeeper), Dave Westcott (Town and District Councillor), Katie Attwater (resident), Jackie Reynolds (designer), Sam Westmacott (resident) and Sally de Renzy-Martin (Town Councillor). They intend that their efforts in securing funds, training and other necessary help will facilitate Watchet to operate as an even more buzzy, successful community with the East Quay fully utilised, our built environment preserved and enhanced, industry and other businesses offering the townspeople work and our tourist trade even more successful.

Those wanting funding or training opportunities are asked to contact Sally de Renzy- Martin or Kate Attwater through the website – sally@watchetonline.co.uk.

“It's taken a long time to get this far. Now we want to get on with the work.” Said Sally de Renzy- Martin. “We see our role as facilitators enabling those with ideas and projects to be able to get on with the work faster with our support. We think we can assist in many ways. We are a separate organisation to both Councils but Dave Westcott and my role on the Councils will facilitate communication and enable us to bring people together.”