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**Collaborate with Rebecca Davies and The
community of Portland St, Stoke-on-
Trent, to deliver community led change
in an area of the city which has been
through significant regeneration
programmes in the past 20 years.**



Community Power Panel:
3 short provocations from
Anna Francis
Angela Fell
Mercedes Sharpe Zayas

And then plenty of time for questions and discussion around what is raised through those provocations around the following:

What does community decision making look like in our areas and organisations, what gets in the way and how can communities build on our very local based work to make national and global connections, which may lead to long term change?

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Stoke-on-Trent 'betrayed' over homes scheme

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An MP says the government has "betrayed" Stoke-on-Trent over the end of a housing regeneration programme.

The nationwide £1bn Pathfinder Housing Market Renewal scheme has paid for the demolition of hundreds of Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme homes.

Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent Central, Tristram Hunt, said: "We're going to have to think very creatively."

The Department for Communities and Local Government said it was "committed to supporting local councils".

A spokesman has said all projects which had funding until the end of the financial year would be completed.

'Knock down'





Artist and Neighbour: PIP can be a Ceramics workshop, architecture school, kids café, boxing club, fashion studio, Glass workshop, garden, film club, radio workshop... involving the community in decision making





The Portland Pigeon: Skills and ££££

(but came about because we needed to fix the hole
in the roof)

Working with the community to look at and aim to
solve problems with practical solutions



The Portland Pigeon



Top left: The Portland Pigeon features in the October 2021 'World of Interiors' and right: our Physical Pigeon Shop opened in the first week of BCB 2021 ahead of our second ever Pigeon Drop.



#PIGEONDROP Live product launch, 30th October 2020.

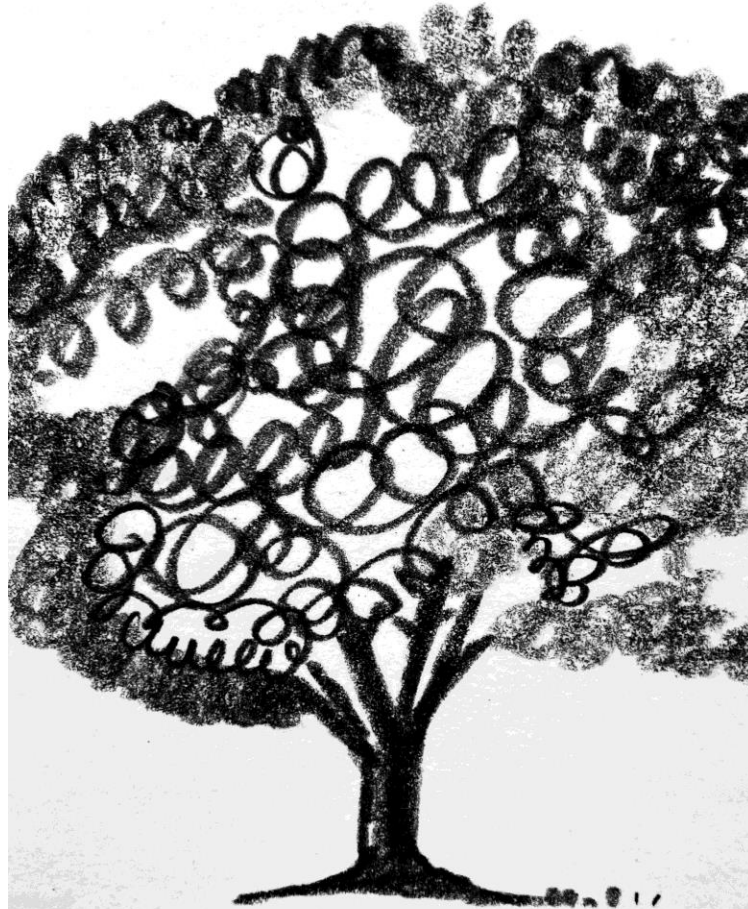
Bottom Left and middle: The Portland Pigeon product, Herbie and Right Instagram Live Post at #PIGEONDROP online event, 2020.



Community Led redesign for a community building



the Acorn.



the oak tree

- Now we are working on a 100 year plan for our neighbourhood:
- Dreaming long term lifts us out of a daily grind/urgencies and emergencies and allows us to think about legacy of long term projects...so helpful after the difficulties of COVID
- For us, the acorns are important but we are also thinking about the oak trees