

### Anna Francis:

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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

sit fromourplace.co.uk.

In homage to polychromatic stone flooring naracteristic of the Italian Renaissance nd its Tuscan birthplace, Bisazza creted the 'Marmo' wall-and-floor collecon (from £431 per sq m), consisting of n patterns named after towns in the gion. It's available in two colourways. (ing 00 39 04 44 707511, or visit bisazza.com.

Joe Armitage recently reissued his architect grandfather's 1952 floorstanding light, but it's also served as a jumping-off point for the scion's own 'Armitage Lamp' collection (from £740). The ceiling, two table and wall fittings feature the same conical shade, which today is made of recycled felt laminate. Visit joearmitage.com.





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



#PIGEONDROP Live product launch, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Bottom Left and middle: The Portland Pigeon product, Herbie and Right Instagram Live Post at #PIGEONDROP online event, 2020.



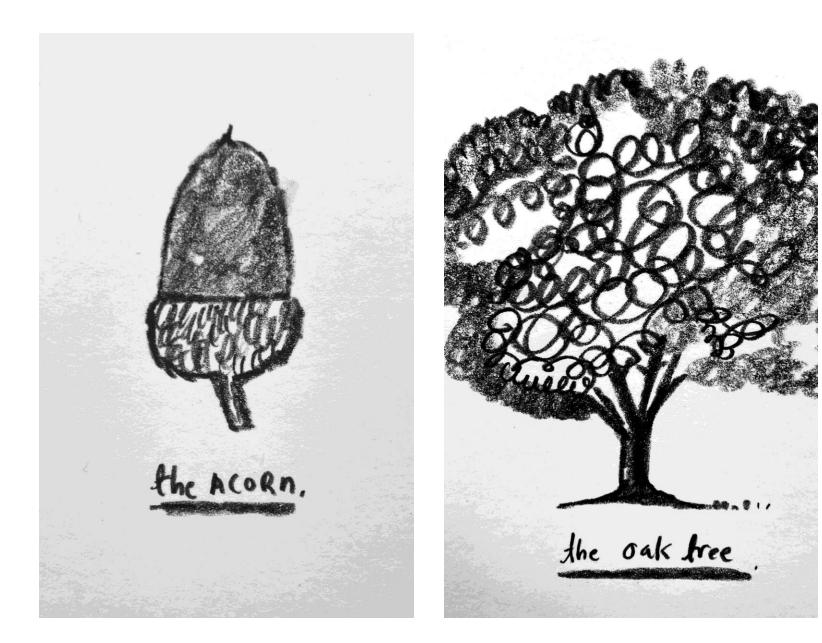
Community Led redesign for a community building





Portland Community Decision Making Panel:

This was working really well before Covid...



- 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