

EAST QUAY

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About Onion Collective

Onion Collective is a social enterprise working to tackle social, cultural and environmental justice in our hometown here in Watchet, through wide reaching and ambitious regeneration projects. Where any profits are made they are reinvested to benefit the town and community as a whole.

Our four flagship projects are:

- East Quay, bringing community, culture and enterprise together.
- Biomill, a joint venture with biotech firm Biohm to manufacture environmentally-positive materials on the old Paper Mill site in the town.
- Watchet Visitor Centre, supporting people when they arrive in Watchet and to shout about our town nationally.
- Working with Watchet Coastal Community Team to support social action and volunteering in Watchet.

All our work is centred around creating a future in which we live as connected communities on a sustainable, thriving planet. We ground our work in the everyday power and values of community: connectedness, curiosity, plurality, compassion and solidarity. We are interested in work that supports a new economic system. One that values people and planet over profit. To this end, we are the next economy in action.

Currently we are a team of 12, five of whom are Executive Directors who work in project management, funding, sustainability, community engagement and marketing. The other posts are in education, finance, administration, creative support, operations and mycology. We look forward to this team growing to include all the East Quay team.

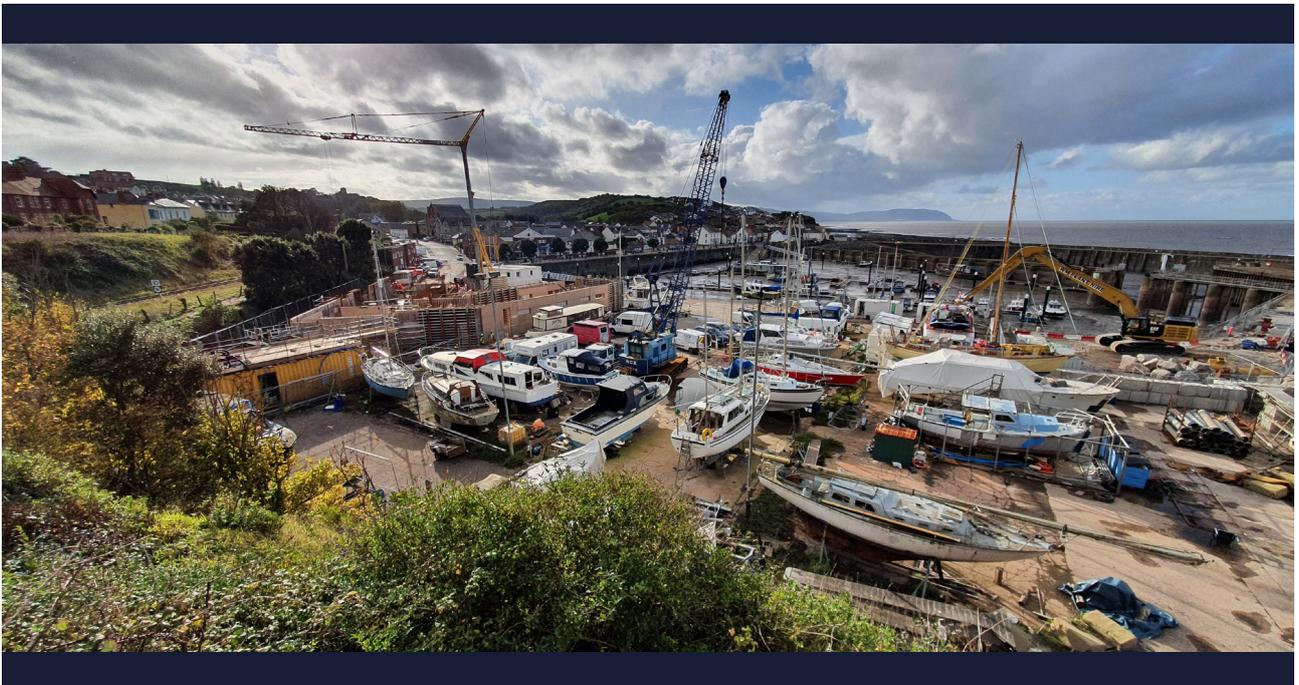


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10 things about East Quay

1. East Quay is a contemporary art gallery, a paper mill, a geology lab, a print studio, artist studios, maker workshops, creative education space, a restaurant, accommodation pods, and outdoor space courtyard: it will open its doors in summer 2021.
2. East Quay exists to demonstrate four core beliefs:
 - that when community, culture and enterprise work together a better future is possible;
 - that it shouldn't matter who you are, where you live or what you have, everyone should have access to high quality contemporary art and culture;
 - that we must help break down barriers, so that contemporary art and creativity are perceived as essential and welcoming for everyone; and
 - that it is not enough to just 'do-less-harm' to the environment, we must instead strive to be actively regenerative, and to use our influence in this regard wherever possible.
3. In the context of the climate and biodiversity emergencies, East Quay will be a space from which the community can come together to imagine a future it wants to be part of.
4. There will be a year-round programme of exhibitions, events and activities for children and adults and during school holidays there will be an activity of some sort everyday.
5. We will support all our tenants to take an active role towards a better more sustainable future.
6. There will be five individual and bespoke accommodation pods to stay in, aimed at the more adventurous traveller, looking for an interesting short-stay experience. One of the pods is easy access and can accommodate a wheelchair.
7. Each pod has been designed by architects Fearze as an immersive short-stay experience. Pod 1 sleeps two and is an object exchange, Pod 2 sleeps four and is about stories and imagination, Pod 3 sleeps two, and is about industrial heritage, Pod 4 sleeps two and is about playful architecture and Pod 5 sleeps two is all about participatory art!
8. There will be a limited amount of parking for the studio and workspace tenants on site.
9. East Quay has been designed by Piers Taylor of Invisible Studio and Ellis Williams Architects. The design was inspired by the characterful buildings around Watchet sitting on the strong plinth of the harbour and surrounding cliffs.
10. East Quay has been funded by the Coastal Communities Fund, Arts Council England, Magnox Socio-economic Fund, Esmée Fairburn, the Social Investment Business and the Coastal Revival Fund.

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Top: East Quay Render, Ellis Williams Architects, 2020
Bottom: East Quay build, Ellis Williams Architects, 2020