

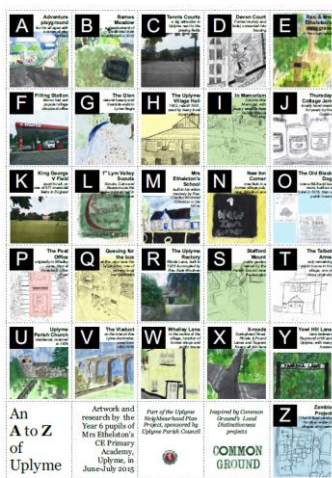
Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan Mrs Ethelston's Primary Academy 'Local Distinctiveness' Project. Press Release 9 November 2015

As part of the community engagement associated with the preparation of the Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan, Mrs Ethelston's primary Academy was invited to participate in a Local Distinctiveness project based on an initiative developed by an environmental organisation called Common Ground. (commonground.org.uk/)

The project involved students in July 2015 from Year 6, carrying out appraisal work throughout the village, to identify local features of interest that were particular to Uplyme, using the A-Z as a guide.

The students took photographs and then prepared painting and sketches and described why the features they had picked were locally distinctive.

The material was then designed into a poster layout by local graphics expert, Lois Wakeman and printed by Creative Design of Axminster.



The new posters, together with a number of large banners illustrating the designs are now displayed in the school, the Parish Church and Uplyme Village Hall. Copies of the poster have been given to everyone in the school, as well as those who undertook the project in July, but have now moved on to other schools.

John Garland, Chair of the Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan Group said:... ***"We thought it was very important to involve the youngest members of our community in the Neighbourhood Plan process. After all they will be the ones who will be most affected by the Plan, as it looks ahead, well into the future.***

We are very impressed with the quality of work that has been produced and would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the A-Z project".

Michaela Kite, Head of School at Mrs Ethelston's' said....

“We were delighted to participate in the A-Z project, as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was something really different for our Year 6 students to do in their last few weeks, at the end of the summer term.

They very much enjoyed walking around the village and looking for all the special features and it really helped them to look at their local environment in a very different and beneficial way.

The final posters are excellent and we are all so pleased with the outcome. It was a real partnership with the Neighbourhood Plan Team and perhaps we will consider continuing with this project in future years as well”.

Copies of the posters will be available at the next Neighbourhood Plan Community Consultation event which is to be held on:

Saturday 23 January 2016 in the Village Hall; 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Various new plans, policies and other information will be on display and the Uplyme Neighbourhood Plan Group will be on hand to answer questions.

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