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*Connecting People to People and
People to Place*

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#ConnectMe Resource Pack 3 Celebrate your Street – Together!

With huge thanks to Devon County Council we thrilled now to present the third quality and free resource in the [#ConnectMe](#) series.

The Celebrate your Street – Together short



course comes in 15 written Units, each accompanied with a video that will flesh out your understandings in a fun and accessible way. The Course will show you how to reveal the hidden histories of your very own street, cul de sac, block of flats – wherever you live. More than this, it will show you how to make an effective invitation to your neighbours to come join you in a shared celebration of your place. Designed with socially-distanced ideas as well as larger group events, it can be used to help connect your neighbours during lockdown and beyond.

You can download these free, quality #ConnectMe resources - Packs 1, 2 and 3 here:-

<http://www.interwovenproductions.com/connectme.html>

NEW – Littleham Squilometre!

We're totally thrilled to say that East Devon District Council have sponsored the training of our brand new “Weaver Bee” or Place Champion for Littleham, Exmouth



Because of this we've been able to attract an extraordinarily well qualified and experienced “super-participant” volunteer. Anna Matthews joins us fresh from her role with Torbay's Great Place

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Scheme absolutely brimming with all the right leadership and place-shaping experience.



Anna at Littleham Church

This brings the total number of *Squilometres* in Devon to five! We feel truly blessed and can't wait to see how Anna and the Littleham community choose to explore and celebrate their place.

The Great Conjunction 2020

On 21st December Jupiter and Saturn will appear to us to be the closest they have been in the sky since 1623! They will both be visible in the same field of view of a small telescope. You need to look South West, very close to the horizon just after sunset.

We're very pleased to be working in collaboration with the University of Exeter Astrophysics Outreach team, the Exeter Science Centre, and Interwoven Associate Artists Boo to a Goose Theatre to be providing input for local schools in our *Squilometre* communities to co-incide with the Jupiter/Saturn Conjunction.

"Weaver Bees" – Learning and participation

We're developing Interwoven participation all the time and you can explore all of the different options and routeways for yourself, through the [Participation Framework](#).

However, we've come to realise that our *Squilometre* Place Champions – "Weaver Bees" as we are coming to affectionately know them – are



in fact Super-Participants.

They're not volunteers in the usual sense. They are active agents, not only in their own communities but also within Interwoven's

horizontal structure. They are self-managers and have decision-making power to influence the *Squilometre* technique.

Importantly, they can also become "Weaver Bee" Trainers, which is a paid role. As creatives in their own right they can network with the growing community of Associate Artists seeking ways to develop new projects and create income through their creative practice.

More than this, they receive £5000 worth of National Lottery Heritage Funded training and support in heritage interpretation and community facilitation. Interestingly, we've recently had talks with the University of Plymouth around accrediting the course at Masters or PgDip Level.

We think that's entirely appropriate and sets the right level for just how extraordinary these individuals are. They may join us as volunteers with a passion for community CONNECTION but once Interwoven, they're and incredibly important part of the organizational whole.

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