

Hastings Regeneration Timeline

Project Introduction
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The context



Getting Started

BIG LOCAL NORTH EAST HASTINGS

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Big Local



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Context

Literature review

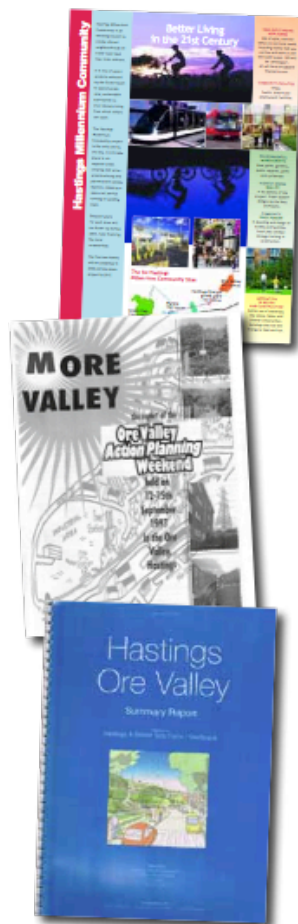
When the 'Getting Started' team were preparing their proposal for approaching the Big Local work, a number of informal conversations took place with residents and service providers who have a history of engagement and activism in the area we now identify as North East Hastings. These conversations identified a detailed and comprehensive body of past activity and generated an interest in building a history of consultation, engagement and planning activity which had taken place within the area.

This initial scoping work revealed the existence of a significant body of work ranging from local history articles, master-planning exercises, evaluations of past projects, neighbourhood plans, consultations and surveys. From this, and the richness of the material which had been found, the North East Hastings Literature Review began to take shape.

Essentially, a literature review recognises that any activity does not materialise "out of nowhere" but exists within a history, framework and context of previous work to which it should relate. It is also important that any new work takes account of what is already known and seeks to fill a gap or build on existing knowledge rather than simply repeats what has gone before.

In taking this approach the team were also acutely aware that as agencies and public services change and – in the present climate shrink - there is a real risk that the "corporate memory" of past work and research will diminish over time as individual practitioners leave or organisations re-structure. Therefore, the Literature Review is a way of preserving past work and making this available to a wider set of residents, agencies and academics who may use it to inform their current work or approach.

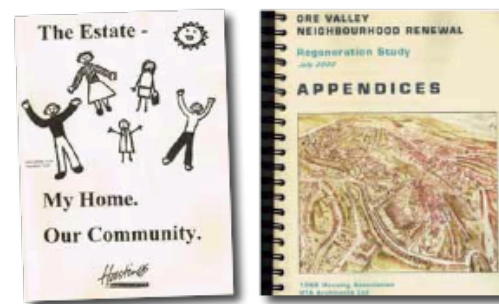
In practical terms the literature review has involved developing a spreadsheet cataloguing material of possible relevance and recording key bibliographic data as well as summarising any findings. A selection of the most important material is provided in the Literature Listing Appendix 3 and also on the Big Local 'Getting Started' website



(‘Before Big Local’ menu tab) with live access to individual source documents where these are available digitally.

The process of undertaking a literature review has provided a context which has been used to inform individual conversations with residents. An example of this is shown in the "timeline" exercise which was used extensively in the Big Local Roadshow events. As part of this approach a report from a community led-action planning exercise from 1997 was used. Many residents were unaware that the community had created a formal document describing its vision for the area and were asked simple questions arising from it e.g. "In 1997 residents identified young people as the top priority - is this still the case and how have things changed?". In this way the current Big Local work could be presented properly in the context of previous activity and in a way which enabled residents to examine change and development over periods of time.

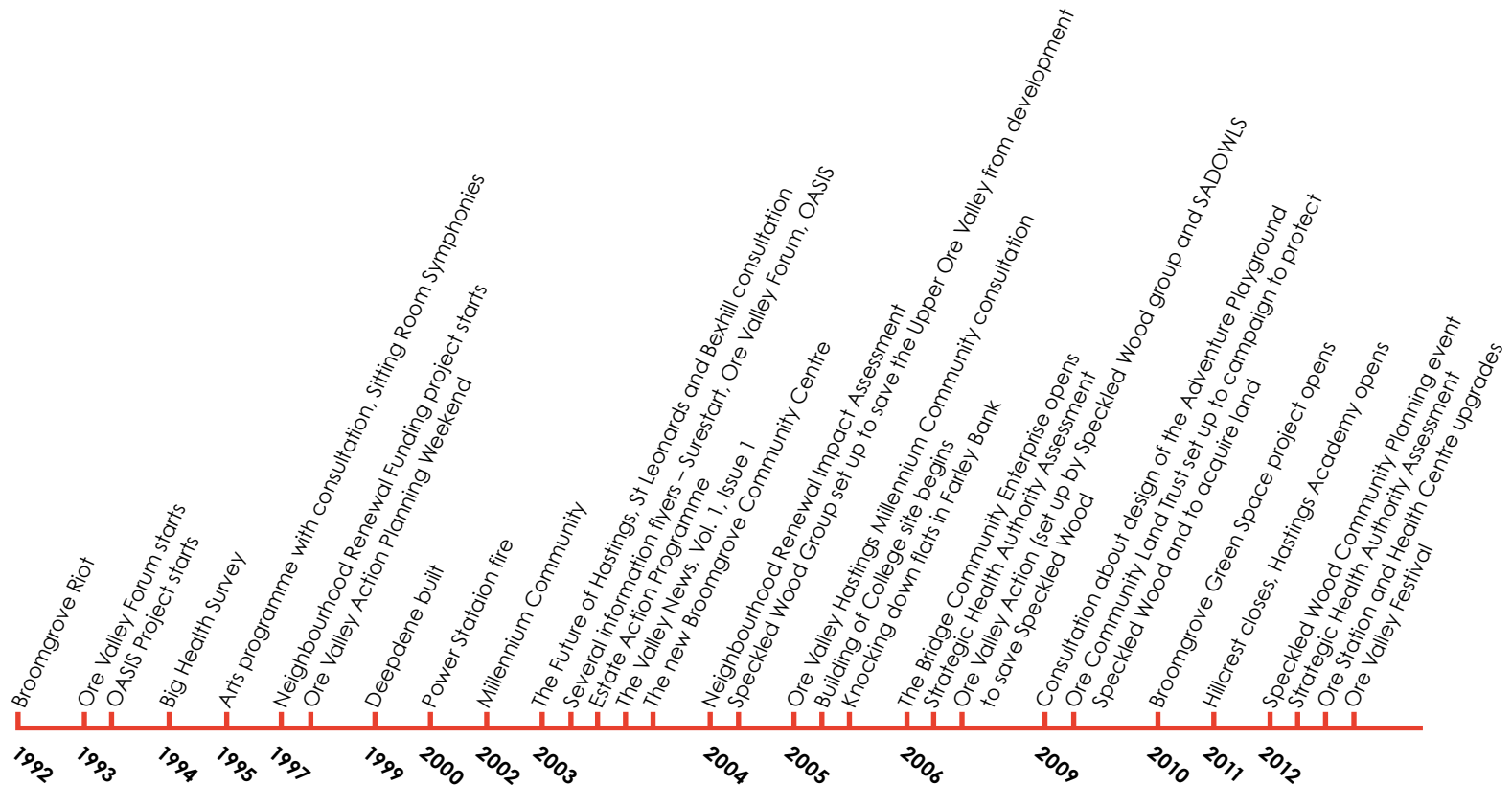
The 'Getting Started' Team are keen that the Literature Review which has been created should be a "living" document which grows over time adding to the intelligence about the area. Therefore, having created the framework, initial discussions have taken place with the University of Brighton with a view to embedding the North East Hastings material within the Hastings Knowledge Exchange, a new initiative from the Community University Partnership Programme which aims to bring together the knowledge of local communities, voluntary organisations, practitioners and university academics to share their different understandings and perspectives on issues of common interest.



NE Hastings Timeline end product – the past

APPENDIX 6

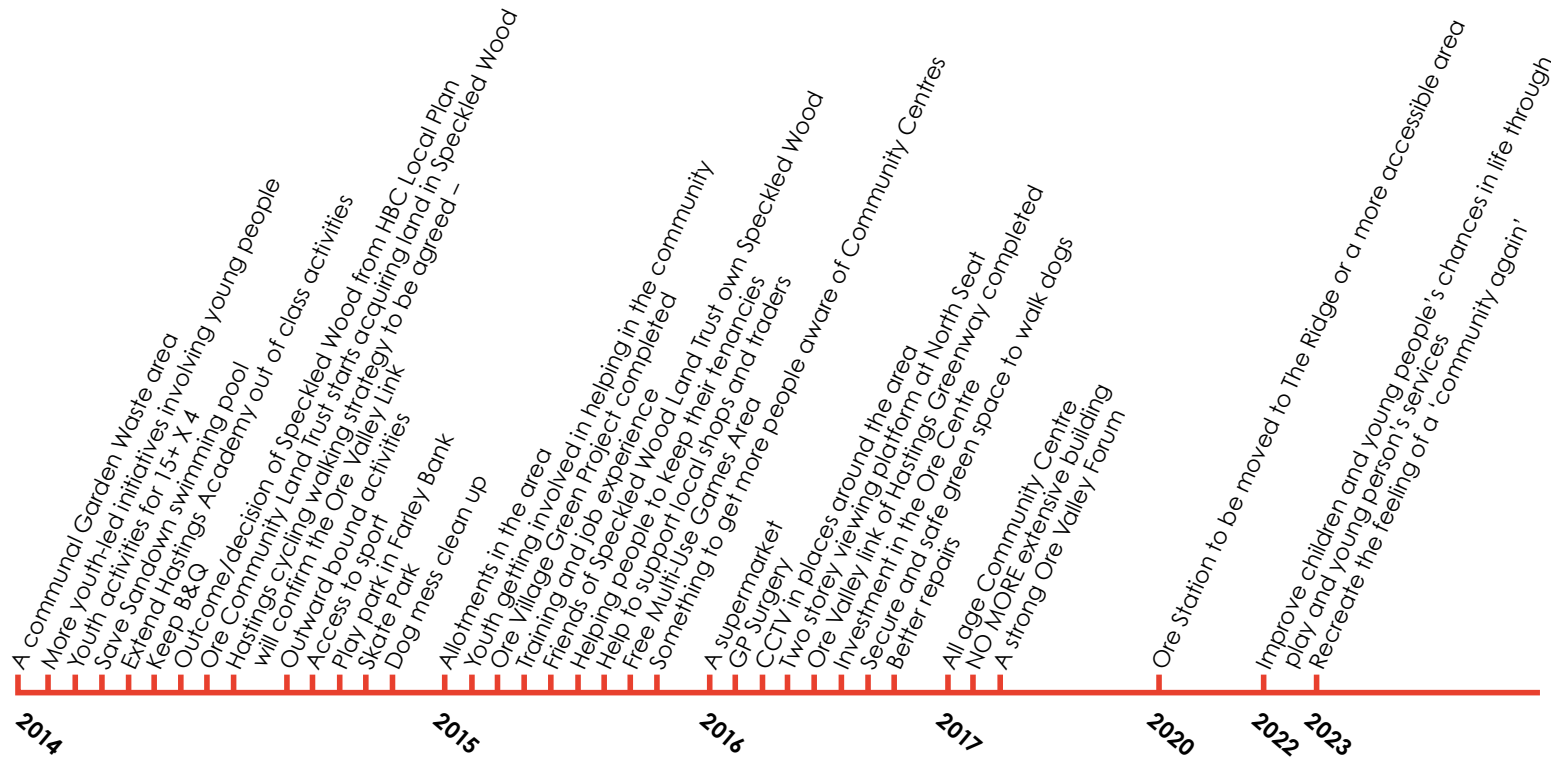
North East Hastings Timeline – developed by local people at 'Getting Started' Big Local events



NE Hastings Timeline end product – the future

APPENDIX 7

Future Timeline – next 10 years – developed by local people at 'Getting Started' Big Local events



Developed by local people at Getting Started Big Local events



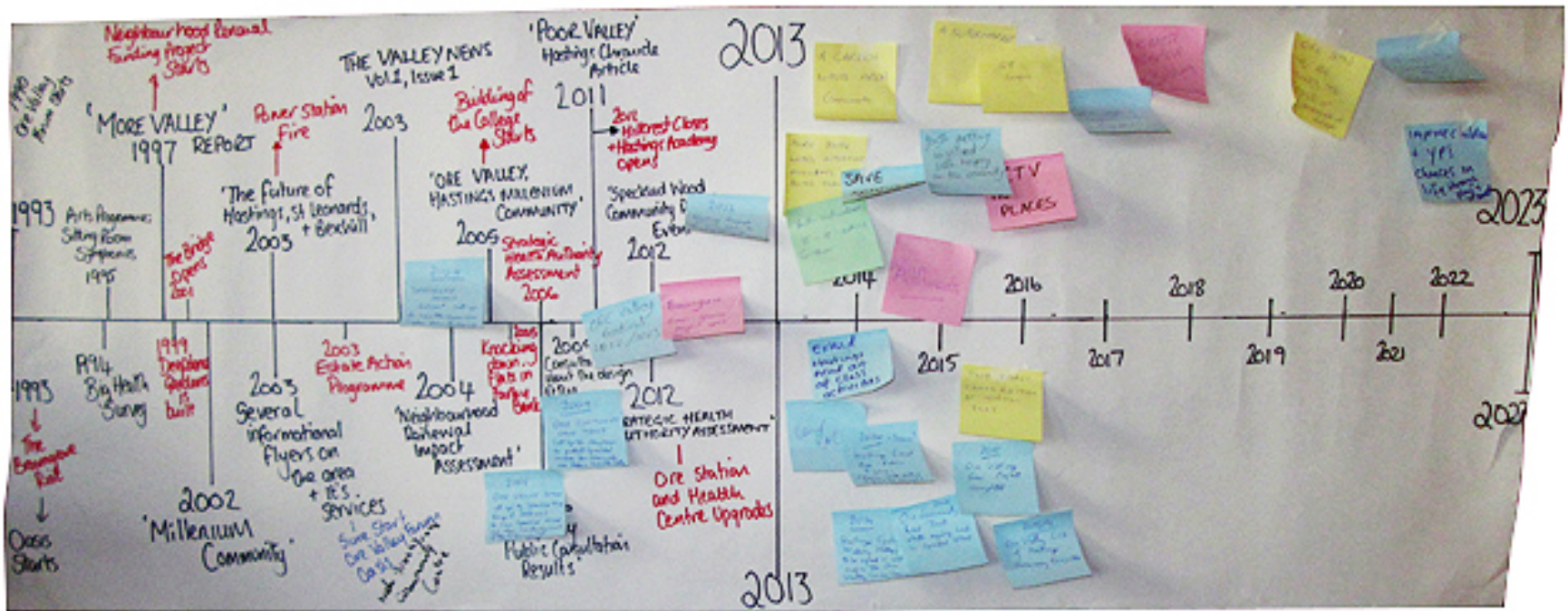
Here at the Adventure Playground



By the end of the Adventure Playground session (29 June 2013)



By the end of a later session at the Ore Centre (11 July 2013)



Value of NE Hastings timeline

- Simple framework for recording regeneration history of the area
- Helps build collective memory
- Allows for alternative histories
- Useful planning tool for thinking forward

Hastings Regeneration Timeline Project

- Similar process to NE Hastings for whole town.
- Interactive physical displays at events.
- Interactive website version online.
- Exhibition in one year's time.
- Useful tool for all - community, council, academics.

Organisation

- Partnership between Hastings Voluntary Action (HVA), University of Brighton (Hastings Campus), and Nick Wates Associates (NWA).
- **Editorial team:**
Steve Manwaring, Juliet Millican,
Helen Walker & Nick Wates.
- **Website development:**
Jason Bailey, Tucker McNeill and Craig Wakefield, Learning Technology Advisors, UoB
- **Graphic design and images:**
Sherry Clark, visual artist
Erica Smith, Wordsmith Design
- **Events:**
Jane Freund, Event Organiser, NWA
Catherine Watson, Community Partnerships Officer, HVA

Advisory Group

- Hannah Brookshaw, Regeneration Officer, Hastings Borough Council
- Glyn Carter, Stories into Light
- Dunja Dunda, MA Community Psychology, UoB
- Steve Foreman, ex Hastings Borough Council officer for St Leonards Housing Renewal Area
- Jo Orchard Webb, Research Associate, School of Environment and Technology, UoB
- Andre Palfrey-Martin, Secretary, Save Our Heritage
- Rachel Pearson, Co-owner, Electric Palace Cinema
- Naomi Ridley, Hastings Furniture Service
- Jess Steele, White Rock Trust

Scoping – a test edublog

Hastings Regeneration Timeline

Welcome!

About Us

Timeline

Submit an entry

Discussion Board



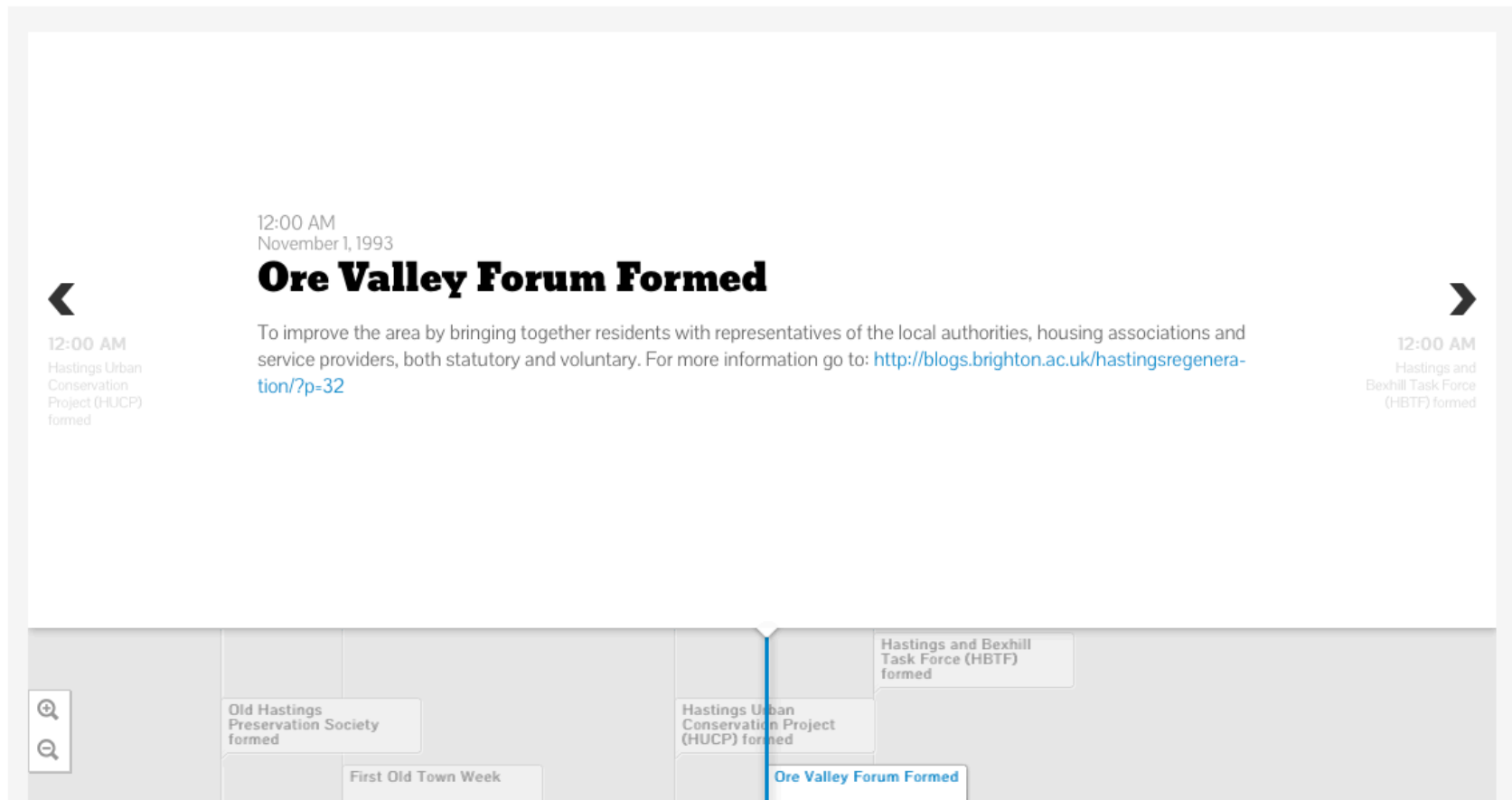
Welcome to the
Hastings Regeneration Timeline Project.

Feel free to browse our interactive timeline by clicking on the menu above, or you can click [this link here](#)

Thanks to Craig Wakefield, Learning Technologies Adviser, UoB (Hastings Campus)

Scoping – simple format

Event heading - Event annotation - Link to webpages or downloadable document with more info - Image



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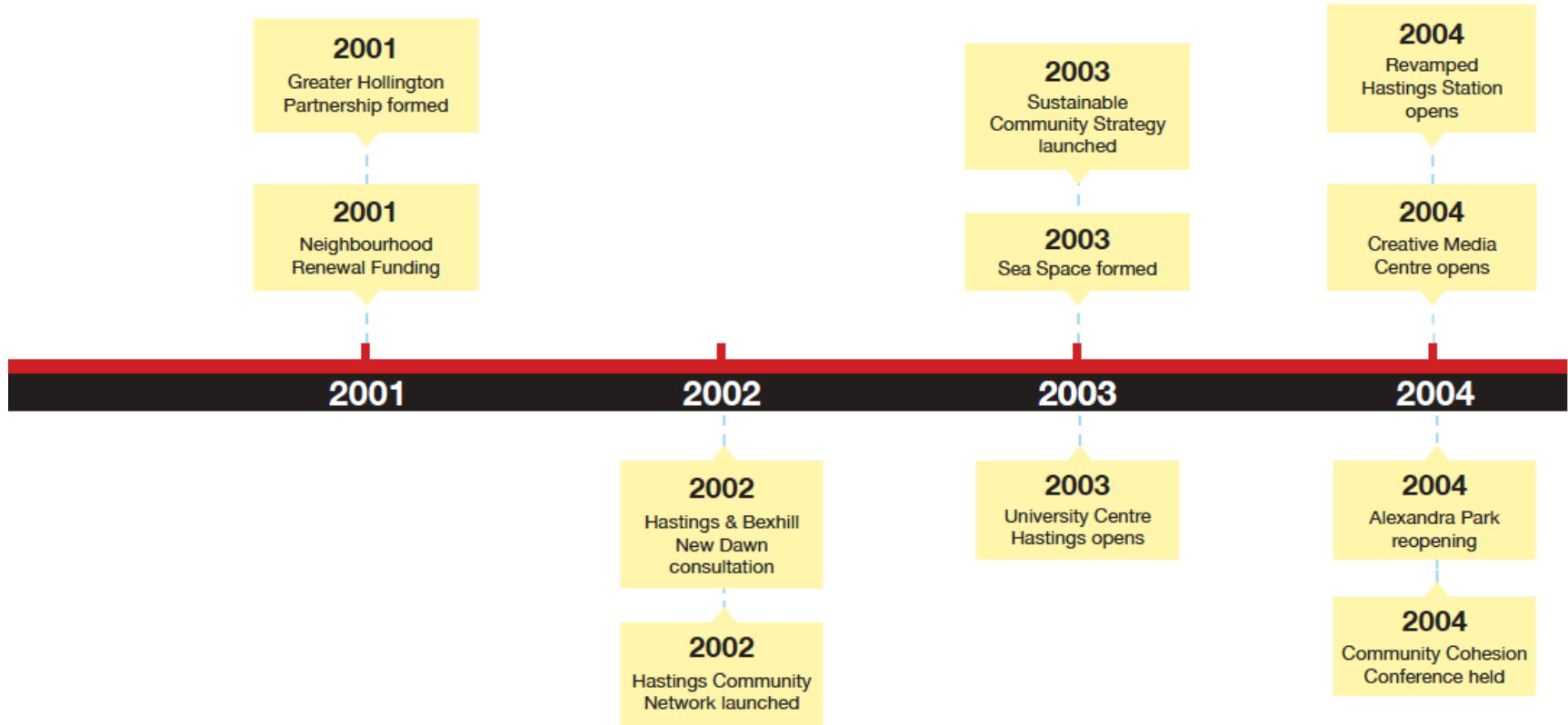
Scoping - we could have themes

The screenshot shows a digital timeline interface for the White Tower in London. At the top, there are navigation options: "View full screen" on the left and "Close" on the right. Below these are three filter buttons: "Architecture & Works" (highlighted in teal), "Events" (highlighted in light green), and "Reign" (highlighted in light blue). The main content area features a background image of the White Tower. A teal triangular overlay on the left side of the image contains a "2d" icon and a vertical slider. A light green triangular overlay on the right side contains a gear icon. The timeline at the bottom is marked with years: 1084, 1187, 1238, 1345, 1461, 1486, 1553, and 16. Two callout boxes are visible: one for "1066 The Tower Founded" and another for "1079-1100 The White Tower Built". A credit line at the top right reads "Image courtesy of Matthias Kabel via Wikimedia Commons". At the bottom of the interface, there are four columns of text: "that you can share with friends and colleagues. Sign up here", "embed them on your website. More info can be found here", "via Twitter, Facebook, Google+ and our new blog", and "started. We also publish mini-tutorials on Facebook and".

Courtesy of tiki-toki.com

Scoping – a test interactive wall

Some sample items to get us started – Please add things missing – Make comments on format and process – One idea per sticky notes – Discuss later



Pilot – 25 March 2015



Community Led Regeneration Forum, UoB Hastings Campus

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Community Led Regeneration Forum, UoB Hastings Campus

Seed fund £1k Outputs

- Updated wall timeline incorporating feedback from the Forum and pier and White Rock dates.
- Online timeline populated up to date and ready to be promoted.
- Updated powerpoint presentation
- Submission for funding to Hastings Borough Council's Culture66

Seed fund £1k Outcomes

- Project ready to be publicly launched and presented to potential funders.
- Public presentation of the project - at Hastings Voluntary Action's AGM on 25 November.

Over to you

- **Work in progress.** All suggestions welcome especially sources of funding.
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