

For the past 3 months we have knocked on the doors in some of the quartiers (Qr) on the south side of Cordes and collected 69 opinions, primarily in the Valley of the Aurasse and Le Bouisset, from residents and entrepreneurs - among which 9 wished to remain silent. A project of this magnitude always takes its time. We like to think that it is like sowing seeds: you never know which ones will take root, and of course you can't pull on a plant to make it grow faster!

Each time it is a great pleasure to meet people: Cordes is full of human resources, people who have lived and worked here all their lives, others who have come here from all over the world by choice. What a joy it is for us to collect the pearls of stories strung on the necklace of memories of yesteryear, adorning today's Cordes with a precious richness - the bond of mutual aid, of inter-being, of inter-doing, of undertaking *together*.

Indeed, some of the proposed projects are simply inspired by what the older generation has known and would like to bring back to life for the sake of ease and rest: to revitalize the plazas (Acampadou, Trinité) or bring back toilets (Jardin Royal); to add more benches (Bouisset, Barri), all done *together*. Other ideas come from a love of beauty, or for the sake of welcoming: more garbage cans (for humans as well as dogs, in the streets as well as along the paths); to raise awareness about recycling; to hide the recycling bins with wooden enclosures and to embellish them (with flowers, plants, native trees) *together*; to clean up one's Qr *together*; to weed or clear the land *together*; to plant flowers or common fruit trees in vacant green spaces *together*; to organize a sharing of plants and cuttings *together*... Other desires spring from a vital need for conviviality: organizing an aperitif or meal of Qr or pot luck *together*, a seasonal Qr party; to play petanque or wooden games; to organize *together* Qr concerts, Qr cinema, Qr theater; to collect Qr memories... Finally from the need for communication (residents <-> city hall) come the co-created installations of Qr bulletin boards, and, for the pleasure of communicating freely, all-ages expression walls!

Among the expectations of the residents for the Mairie: encouraging cars and motorcycles to slow down by enforcing the 30km/h zones; making available for the residents as well as the tourists an electric shuttle that runs all year long; and filling the lack of communication with a suggestion box for the residents' ideas or grievances. Moreover, they would very much like to be consulted before any communal projects are implemented in their Qr.

In the Aurasse Qr, the first one where the survey is now completed, several project seeds have sprouted this spring: the town hall has given its approval for three competent men from the valley, supervised by Davy Martinez (head of the Cordes technical service), to help rebuild the parapet of the bridge on the road to St Jean, which has partly fallen down, when the creek is dry this summer - report to follow in the next issue! For the spring of 2022, Adrian Chaldecott, relay person alongside his wife Hazel and Stephen Maslin, proposes to co-organize, under the guidance of various environmental delegations, a participatory clean-up of the creek and its banks, following the example of the spring clean-up undertaken collectively

on the banks of the Cerou last Saturday, March 20, at Les Cabannes. For the time being, he is planting a "phone tree" in the neighborhood, while Jean-Claude Ferrassou is completing the sketch of the first Qr bulletin board, awaited as much by the residents as by Bernard Andrieu and his team!

The door-to-door canvassing ends in the Bouisset, and will continue in Le Barri, La Bouteillerie and La Mazière with the welcome help of volunteer liaisons to whom we are very grateful. To learn more about the role of a liaison, to understand the use of the Qr bulletin board and the phone tree, you can send your email address to [culture@cordessurciel.fr](mailto:culture@cordessurciel.fr) to receive the monthly newsletter AND tune in to CFM Radio 94.7 every Friday at 12:35 or 9:00 pm and Saturday at 4:00 pm - you can also listen to these shows again at your leisure as a podcast!