

ST MEWAN PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019 EDITION

WELCOME to the first edition of the St Mewan Parish Council Community Newsletter. We are trying to improve communication across the Parish, ensure that all residents are aware of the activities of their parish council and assist other community groups.

The electorate in the Parish is approximately 2700 represented by 13 Parish Councillors who sit on Full Council. These are all voluntary roles and Councillors can also sit on our Committees: Playing Fields, Polgooth Playing Fields Trust, Planning and Rights of Way, Finance, Staffing, General Purposes and Audit Committee

We maintain four playing fields, three of which had new play equipment installed in 2017. Other areas of open space include Polgooth, Sticker and the allotments in Trewoon. We are also responsible for ground maintenance in the new cemetery area at St Mewan church with two annual trims in the old churchyard. There are over 40 footpaths in the Parish and several bus stops which are in our care.

During 2019 we are taking over services from Cornwall Council which is verge cutting on certain roads within the Parish and carrying out weed control in some areas.

We also have a number of priorities on which we are currently working and you can read more about these in future newsletters, they include; ensuring that development is appropriately managed, reducing speeding vehicles through our villages, communication across the Parish, digital mapping of our footpaths and maintaining our open spaces, play areas and parish enhancement.

Chairman Cllr John Kneller.



THREE ANNUAL PARISH COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS – TO SAY THANK YOU!

The Parish Council are appreciative of volunteers coming forward wanting to make a difference in a place where they live which ultimately creates a positive impact on the local community, therefore the council would like to recognise these peoples' contribution with an annual award starting now.

The awards will be presented at the Annual Parish Assembly in April and this forthcoming year The White Pyramid, The Hewas Inn and The Polgooth Inn are kindly sponsoring a meal voucher for each of the unsung heroes in Trewoon, Sticker with Hewaswater and Polgooth with Trelowth.

Over the course of the year the Parish Council will be gathering names of people who have made a contribution, however if you know of someone who has given their time and effort please email clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk.

A PROPOSED MEMORY CAFÉ FOR STICKER

Members of St Austell Soroptimists' Club with the support of people in Sticker, St Austell Lions' Club and St Mewan Parish Council are planning to hold the first meeting of a Memory Café at St Mark's Church Hall in Sticker later this year.

We aim to offer a friendly social setting in which folk suffering from memory loss can meet together and share their problems. Sessions will include mind stimulating games such as quizzes, word searches and craft activities.

We will invite people to entertain us with music, singing, gentle exercise etc. We are in the process of applying for a grant and when we've secured financial backing and will provide more detailed information. Fingers crossed it all works out. **Jean Oswald**



1ST STICKER SCOUT GROUP

Beavers 6-8 years meet on a Wednesday evening 6-7pm contact Lauren Maughan on 07800974663, or Chris Sargeant on 07815588059 for further information

Cubs 8-10 1/2 years meet on a Tuesday evening 6.30-8pm contact Nick Maughan on 07754165017 for further information

Scouts 10 1/2 - 14 years meet on a Friday evening 6.30-9pm contact John Sargeant on 01726-64519.

If you would like to volunteer as helpers, assistant leaders or leaders please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Group Scout Leader who will answer any questions you may have. Group Scout Leader details are John Sargeant on 01726-64519.

We look forward to seeing you.

STICKER WI

Sticker WI has been in the village for 67yrs and we meet on the first Friday of the month at 7.15pm in St Marks Church Hall in Sticker.

We held our Annual Meeting in March and the Officers are as follows:-

President Madge Mitchell – Tele 01726 64938

Secretary Jenny Padley – Tele 01726 75732

Treasurer Sue Quick

We have various guest speakers and demonstrations during the year.

In Carnival Week we will be holding the Bingo evening, Cake Stall at the Fete and enter the Carnival.

Meetings are as follows: -

7th June 19 - Sara Jeffery Police Chaplin.

All Ladies very welcome, please come and join us and see what we are about.

USEFUL LINKS AND CONTACT DETAILS OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

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The **Parish Council Community Newsletter**

can be downloaded at:-

www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk under

toolbar 'Council' then dropdown to 'Newsletter'

Hard copies will also be available in Trewoon

Post Office, Sticker and Polgooth Stores.

**Cornwall Cllr Cherilyn Mackrory
for St Mewan Ward**

Email: cherilyn.stmewanward@gmail.com or

01726 842618

Report It **A-Z at Cornwall Council**. You can report many things to Cornwall Council online using the link:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-it/>

0300 1234 100

Devon and Cornwall Police

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/101>

St Mewan Church

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2474/>

01726 72679

St Mewan School

<https://www.st-mewan.cornwall.sch.uk/>

website

01726 74887

Methodist St Austell Circuit

<http://staustellmethodist.co.uk/>

Trewoon 01726 61314

Polgooth 01726 842853

Polgooth Post Office & Stores

01726 73816

Sticker Post Office & Stores

01726 73812

Trewoon Post Office & Stores

01726 73667

PARISH SPONSORS

A huge thank you to St Mewan Parish sponsors who continue to support the Parish Council in ways which have saved money to benefit the local taxpayer.

Here is a list of sponsors which can also be found at www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk with a link taking you directly to their website.

Andrew Toms Car Sales – 01726 882114

Hewas Inn – 01726 73497

Paul Bourton Funeral Service – 01726 65727

Polgooth Inn – 01726 74089

St Austell Printing Company – 01726 624900

White Pyramid – 01726 68047

Wisdom Signs – 01726 65522

Dave Bray Window Cleaning Guttering and

Fascia Cleaning Services – 07876 183720

VACANCY

A vacancy currently exists for a St Mewan Parish Councillor in the Trewoon Ward. The Parish Council is required, by law, to fill this vacancy by co-option.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor and want to make a difference in your community, please come along to a meeting and see what topics are discussed. please email: clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone: 07464 350837





COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Councillors from St Mewan have been instrumental in setting up a Community Speed Watch Scheme across St Austell during early 2018.

This scheme is tightly controlled by Devon & Cornwall Police and involves individuals becoming a Police Volunteer.

Then sites must be approved, and training attended. The group monitors speed and reports to the police all vehicles doing over the speed limit by 10% plus 2 mph, so in a 30 mph limit all vehicles over 35mph are reported. The Police follow this information up by writing to the vehicle's owner and advising that they should take care of their speed, if the vehicle is reported anywhere in the force area than a second, sterner letter is sent. On the third occasion a police officer will visit the vehicle owner.

The St Mewan team, Councillors Bill Harrison, Patsy Tarbox and John Kneller have spent many hours volunteering on this scheme, normally every week and can regularly be seen in Trewoon.

We are awaiting approval of other sites across the Parish from the Police.

Cllr Bill Harrison attended a Road Safety and Community Speed engagement event at County Hall in Truro on 14th May 2019 where he gave a talk as an experienced Community Speed Watch volunteer explaining about the background of the supportive St Austell Neighbourhood CSW team and exactly what the CSW volunteers do at the roadside. The CSW group are currently piloting a new online computer application which will improve the process, for example giving direct links to DVLA.

This pilot scheme is being reviewed on the 17th June 2019 prior to its eventual national rollout.

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW PUBLIC CONSULTATION

MONDAY 10TH JUNE FROM 4.00PM TO 7.00PM

at Sticker AFC, Burngullow Park, Burngullow Lane, Sticker, St. Austell, PL26 7EN

Cornwall Council have requested all town and parish councils to review their Parishes with a view to changing borders, wards or number of councillors.

St Mewan Parish Council has reviewed the parish and will not be recommending any changes to wards or councillor numbers, however the council are currently mindful to recommend to Cornwall Council several small boundary changes with the inclusion of some properties currently in other parishes. These are in the Tregongeeves Lane area of Polgooth, houses South of Hewas Water and Lower Sticker. We believe that these areas and the

communities living there identify with the local village which is in the Parish of St Mewan and also that potential planning applications in these areas have greater impact on the residents of the villages in St Mewan rather than the neighbouring parishes. St Austell Town Council are also recommending that the small area at Edgcombe Green be incorporated into St Austell Town Council.

Therefore, St Mewan PC wish to engage with residents who may be affected by their proposals and seek their views at this consultation which will give an opportunity for any question's residents may have.

For more detailed information on Community Governance Review please visit
<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/elections/community-governance-reviews/>

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP YOUR PARISH TIDY!



A big thanks to JAN COOPER from Sticker who brings the community together being instrumental in organising litter picks in various areas of the Parish. Thank you to everyone in this determined group who contribute. Well done!

Jan normally posts litter picking dates and times on Sticker Village Community Group and St Mewan Parish Council Facebook page so please keep checking in with a follow and a like.



CLEANER COMMUNITIES

Everyone deserves to live in a clean and healthy environment. Across the country, many people are concerned about environmental issues that affect the quality of their neighbourhoods. Some of the key issues include litter, fly tipping, fly posting, graffiti, dog fouling and noise.

DOG FOULING

The parish council are receiving ongoing complaints about dog fouling across the parish including sadly the playing fields where there is clear signage 'NO DOGS'.

We would like to remind dog owners they have a legal duty to clean up every time their dog messes in a public place. Dog mess is an eyesore and more importantly a health hazard. Remember, you are required to clean up after your dog has fouled, and properly dispose of it, when your dog fouls in any area which the public are entitled to have access to.

CC have introduced a Public Spaces Protection Order that covers all of Cornwall. This is to ensure all areas of Cornwall have the same levels of enforcement for dog fouling. This covers all land (with the exception of Forestry Commission Land) in the open air to which the public are entitled access (by payment or not).

Failing to clean up after your dog has fouled will result in a fixed penalty being issued. This is for £100 or prosecution where, if found guilty, you would face a maximum fine of £1000.

It is not an excuse in law that you were not aware of the fact that the dog had fouled. You can be held responsible even if you did not see the incident, or if it is witnessed whilst your dog is straying.

If you have evidence of dog fouling please report it to Cornwall Council on 0300 1234 212 or report online at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/animal-welfare/dog-welfare-and-enforcement-service/dog-fouling/report-dog-fouling/>

VOLUNTEERS

To help combat this problem of dog fouling the Parish Council can supply volunteers with a sticker who are willing to erect the sticker near to of any roads/areas that are suffering from dog fouling. This will highlight the issue so requests can be made to Cornwall Council for the area to be cleaned.

LOCAL BUSINESSES IN THE PARISH UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP!



Trewoon Garage was purchased in February of 2018 after being sadly closed after the passing of Phil Romain the (previous owner) and lay dormant for some time. Since then it has been refurbished by Paul and Tricia Evely with the help of son Ollie and brought up to date and ready for

business. The garage offers as before MOT testing with the addition of supply of new tyres fitting and balancing, puncture repairs, tracking, vehicle diagnostics.

We are independent family run garage that caters for all types of vehicles from classic cars which Paul has a passion for, to modern everyday cars which Ollie loves.

Paul has over 30 years of experience in the motor industry, starting out on his own as a mobile mechanic then moving onto a small workshop in Carclaze, then moving to bigger premises at Holmbush where we can cater for larger vehicles like Commercial Vans up to 3.5 tonnes, Camper vans and Motorhomes as well as Cars.

We like to think that no job is too small or too large for us to do, from checking tyre pressures, filling washer bottles, bulb replacements to engine repairs/rebuilds brake replacements cam belt kits and clutches. We welcome all customers old and new to the village garage, for a personal family service you can trust.

Trewoon Garage - 01726 72143

A warm welcome at the Hewas Inn in Sticker from Carl and the team who took over late 2018.

Open 7 days a week from 11am-11pm Mon-Thurs
Fri & Sat 11am-12pm, Sunday 11am-11pm

Food served daily from 12 noon-2pm & 6pm-9pm.
Sunday 12 noon-3pm & 6pm-9pm.

Locally sourced ingredients and fresh home cooked food daily.

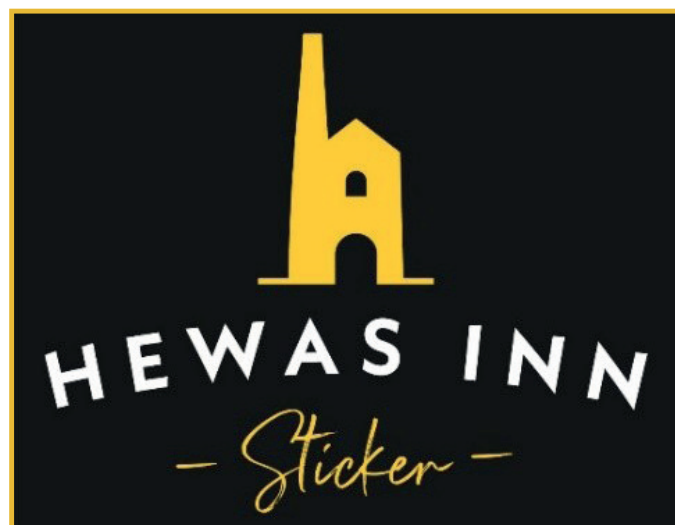
Well behaved dogs and their owners are welcome.

Quiz and meat draw every Sunday.

Regular live music.

Our website address is www.hewasinn.co.uk and follow us on Facebook

Telephone No: 01726 73497.



TREWOON VILLAGE STORE

(formerly Wellington Family Store)

Mark and Sam Butcher would like to welcome you to Trewoon Village Store.

We have now been in place at the shop for a few months and along with our great team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for making us feel so welcome in the Village.

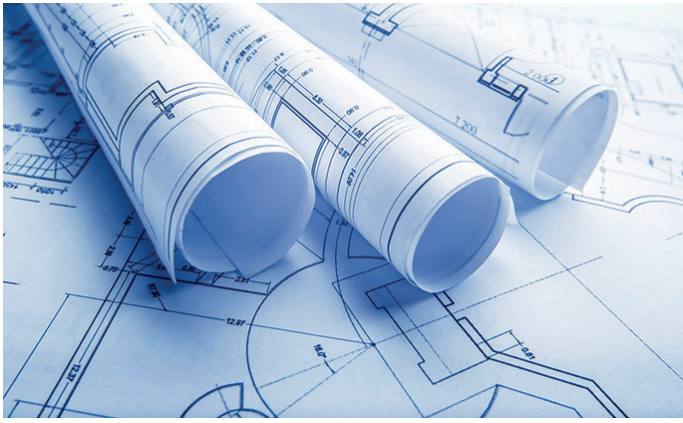
Pretty much it is "business as usual" and we are doing our best to stock most of the essential items, however please do let us know if there is anything in particular you would like us to stock, we'll do our very best!!

Summer opening times:

Monday to Saturday 7am to 9pm | Sunday 8am to 9pm

We welcome orders for pasties – just call to avoid disappointment! Telephone 01726 65021

PLANNING



In 2018 after more than four years of hard work by the Steering Committee, our Neighbourhood Development Plan was adopted. This plan now forms part of the Planning Policy for Cornwall Council together with the National Planning Policy Framework and the Cornwall Local Plan.

The Planning Committee of the Parish Council take their duties very seriously and consider each and every application against all these policies. Although we are only consultees in the planning process, we work hard to ensure that the Planning Department of Cornwall Council adhere to what is in that plan and we have no qualms about challenging their decisions if they do not comply. In December 2018 we did exactly that and after speaking at the Planning Committee meeting at County Hall, supported by our Cornwall Councillor, Cheryl Mackrory, the Committee

decided that we were right, and the application was refused.

At the time of writing this, there are proposed schemes for affordable housing on the edges of the settlements of Trewoon (2), Hewaswater and possibly Polgooth. These have not yet got to the stage of submitting planning applications and the developers will need to engage with the public to assess their reaction to the proposals. Affordable homes include rented, shared ownership and discounted sale homes.

The Planning Committee are also very keen to ensure that there is a real need for these developments before any permission is granted. Those who would like to have an affordable home in St Mewan Parish must prove a link to the Parish. These links include living in the Parish for the last three years or more, having close family (parents or siblings) in the Parish who have lived here for at least five years or working in the Parish. You must also have an income which is low enough to prevent you from affording to rent or buy at open market values.

Members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings, details of which can be found on the Parish Council notice boards and on our website at www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk. All applications, plans and other documents can be viewed through the online planning register on Cornwall Council website at: <http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications>

Patsy Tarbox – Chairman of Planning Committee

PLAYING FIELDS

I hope you agree that the new equipment in the parish's playing fields mean that they are all seeing a lot more of our young people visiting and making use of the facilities. I know when I visit Polgooth Playing Field with my sons rarely are we on our own with families either on the play equipment or using the bike track.

Now the equipment has settled in and any snagging dealt with, a fortnightly check by an independent party will bring to attention any safety aspects that the parish council will need to attend to.

We are currently carrying out a refurbishment schedule on the older play equipment with re-staining the timber and painting the swing frames and already the timber equipment is looking like new.

Council are investing in three new quality picnic tables and benches for the playing fields which we fully appreciate is needed and are currently looking at several designs ensuring suitability for all needs.

I welcome feedback from anyone using the facilities – positive, negative or even ideas for the future.

Johnathan Spencer - Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee

CARNIVAL WEEK STARTING 15TH JUNE

Sticker Village Association's main upcoming function is our carnival week, starting with our Fete on Saturday 15 June, with our Party in the Park in the evening, and finishes with our Carnival Procession on Sunday 23 June at 16:30. Lots more going on, all the info will be in our programmes coming through your letterbox soon. We would be very grateful for anyone who can help out, either on the day at the fete, perhaps spending an hour on a stall; or we will need

volunteers when we put the marquees up. Please contact us via the Facebook page or email: stickervillagestuff@gmail.com to let us know, thank you.

Lots of information and events are posted onto our Sticker Village Community Group Facebook page, but we are aware that not everyone is on Facebook. We would love to have our own web page, so if there's any budding web designers out there who would like to make us one, please get in touch. Don't worry, if it's nice and easy, we will be able to keep it updated!

RIGHTS OF WAY REPORT Full report can be downloaded at www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk



I took over as the chair of the Rights of Way (RoW) Committee in June 2018 and I would like to thank Councillor Mrs Jenny Padley for all her hard work as the previous Chairman.

We are not the busiest of our committees, but our work is a mixture of receiving of reports, walking and monitoring our paths. We have tasked contractors to trim certain areas of our paths network where full cutting is not routinely carried out.

We receive reports of issues surrounding our paths network and below I would like to take the opportunity of explaining the different types of paths.

Our paths will usually have a Fingerpost Sign similar to the ones shown above.

In addition to these signs, many paths are marked by a Waymark, this is a small logo, that indicates the type of path and is usually mounted on a post.

These are more fully explained in the Countryside Code Leaflet that can be found on our website.

The Countryside Code applies to all users of our countryside and whilst some of our paths are within our villages, many of them cross open country and we should respect these open areas of our parish. The Government Site that explains the Countryside Code is at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/the-countryside-code>

As part of our commitment to our parishioners we are embracing new technology to manage, plan and inform people of our Rights of Way.

We have recently taken delivery of software that allows us to map and plot our Rights of Way. This software will allow paths to be displayed on our website thus allowing the public to see details of our paths and include photographs.

The aim is to make available a facility whereby reports on problems with our paths can be reported by clicking on a point on the map and where possible submit a photograph of the cause of the problem.

Finally, I plan to highlight one of our paths in each Newsletter

This time it is: PATH 419/1/1

This is a short byway along Stoney Lane that links Tregongeeves Lane to Trelowth Road.

It is an example of one of our smaller paths that provides a shortcut for those on foot to avoid having to negotiate our paved road.

I intend to use our Newsletter to communicate RoW information to you and highlight some of our paths.

Please also visit the website to see how our technology helps us involve you in what we are doing.

Councillor David HOLMAN – *Chairman of ROW Committee*

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FINANCE

St Mewan Parish Council Income & Expenditure 2019/2020 –

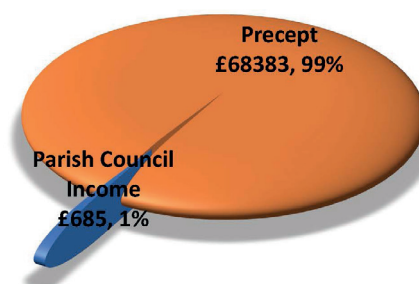
Full report can be downloaded at www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The council have formally approved the annual budget for 2019/20, a year poised to see the parish council continue to deliver and enhance the local surroundings of St Mewan Parish through support of the Precept, Community Benefit Fund; an income generated from Clean Earth Energy and the Trewoon Support Fund; bequeathed money.

We are continuing to confront declining support in the form of reduced support services, however committed to ongoing reviews of expenditure to ensure efficiency across all services and aim to look at possible income generating streams to reduce pressure on local taxpayers as much as possible.

The parish council has no valuable budget income other than very small streams coming in from the allotments, a grazing licence and a rent. With the reduction of 2.4% of the Council Tax Support Grant 2018/19 against the precept 2019/20 and second tier government not providing any substantial grants to enable parish and town councils to achieve a council tax freeze, this has resulted in the need for the parish precept to increase from £47.95 to £59.78 for a Band D property to ensure we can maintain a good standard of service. This represents a rise of £11.83 per year or just over 22p per week.

Annual Income 2019/2020



Below is a snapshot of committed budget expenditure for 2019/2020. Apart from the management of the parish, grants and Public Works Loan we maintain everything highlighted in the orange bar below, appointing contractors who are qualified, certificated and have the required public liability in each specialist service area of the parish. This ultimately saves the council having to budget and purchase high end equipment with the added costs of associated expenditure all of which reflects in the parish proportion of your council tax bill.

Legal & democratic function including:
customer services -
council & committee meeting
administration -
corporate communications -
parish representation
- statutory planning
consultee - legal
compliance - IT -
insurance - salaries -
audits - training -
licenses - room hire
- legal - subscriptions -
website etc

Maintenance of playing fields
- allotments -
open spaces -
cemetery - footpaths,
bridleways, stiles - bins
- trees - public benches -
bus shelters -
play inspections -
weed control and
verge management -
repairs and renewals

**New play equipment
in 3 playing fields
(excluding pump track)**

Grants



We pride ourselves on the standard of our performance and are working towards **'Quality Council Status'** and will seek to reconfirm to residents that we operate at the forefront of best practice, in governance, community leadership and council development, through aspiring to achieve in the first instance the **'Foundation Award'**.

St Mewan Parish Council always welcomes comments and if you require any further information please email the Parish Clerk at clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk

Thank you - **Mrs Wendy Yelland Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer** to St Mewan Parish Council.

The copy deadline for the next issue is 12 noon on Thursday 1st August 2019 (We will be working on a strict 'first come first served' basis, so get your articles in as soon as possible!) Editorial copy can be emailed to clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk and photos must be sent separately in jpeg. Advertising space needs booking in advance.