

ST MEWAN PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2024 EDITION

WELCOME

to the Summer 24 edition of the St Mewan Parish Council Newsletter

In May 2023 I attended The Goffin in Polgooth for the unveiling ceremony of a granite plaque to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III which was carried out by the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE who also planted an Apple tree. After the ceremony and judging of the children's events the Polgooth Garden and Community Group provided a buffet lunch at the Polgooth Inn. We were blessed with a hot sunny day, and everyone had an enjoyable time.

The Queen Elizabeth II Community Garden in Trewoon secured funding in the first round of the Good Growth Fund and was completed during the summer of 2023. The project had been in the early planning stages when the Covid lockdowns halted the process and the Parish Council had picnic benches ready to be put in place. In 2022 we purchased a bench to commemorate the Late Queen's platinum Jubilee, all this seating is placed to overlook the garden which boasts sensory planting (to attract pollinators) wildflowers, fruit trees and adult exercise equipment. The garden will be opened officially by Colonel Sir *Edward Bolitho* KCVO OBE Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall.

11 April 2024 with a granite plaque placed to mark the occasion.

The Parish Council continues to support community groups throughout the Parish, for example Polgooth Community and Garden Club and Three Bays Wildlife who together are working to enhance The Goffin, The Soroptomists who run the very successful Memory Cafe in Sticker and the many other groups and volunteers who work selflessly to help others. It facilitates volunteer awards every year, provides prizes of shopping vouchers for the Christmas decoration competition, and has a grant programme to assist charities and events in the Parish. The Council values the hard work of those who organise events which bring so much benefit and pleasure to so many people, long may they continue.

St Mewan Parish Council works hard to benefit the residents of the Parish, the most recent benefit being to grant permission for the fish and chip van to operate in Sticker car park once a week which appears to be a very popular decision. Although it recognises that it is not possible to please everyone all the time, it endeavours to do its best and it is worth noting that without a Parish Council none of these things would be possible.

The Parish Council are always 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 people through the Community Volunteer Award evening. Thank you to The White Pyramid, The Hewas Inn and The Polgooth Inn who continue to sponsor a meal voucher. The Parish Council also donates £25.00 to a chosen charity of their choice.

On Remembrance Sunday I was privileged to lay a wreath on behalf of St Mewan Parish Council at the service at St Mewan Parish Church. It was a very moving experience and as we stood in the rain listening to the names of those from the Parish who had given their lives in the course of two world wars, I reflected on the fact that because of them and many, many more I have been lucky to live the life I have had with the freedom to express myself, however now in the 21st century with the internet and social media platforms freely available it is deplorable that it is often used as a vehicle for bullying and hate, targeting all levels of society from members of parliament right down to schoolchildren.

After a long dry summer in 2023 with a hosepipe ban and dire warnings of water shortages, Mother Nature has responded by providing much more water than many of us wanted this winter. At the time of writing, it is raining hard yet again and although we needed the rain I think it is fair to say that most of us have had enough of it for now. I look forward to a warm and dry summer and the many wonderful events which are scheduled to take place throughout the Parish, and I hope that you will support and enjoy them all.

It takes a good team to achieve the objectives on a wish list and this council has a good team so my sincere thanks to our hard-working clerk Wendy Yelland, deputy clerk Amanda Kendall, Cornwall Councillor Michael Bunney, maintenance man Kevin and all my fellow parish councillors.



Chair of St Mewan
Parish Council
Mrs Patsy Tarbox

STICKER MEMORY CAFE

Meets in St Mark's Church Hall from 2pm to 4pm on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. These are the dates for the rest of this year.

August 20th
September 3rd and 17th
October 1st and 15th
November 5th and 19th
December 3rd and 17th

If you have any queries, please phone Jean Oswald on 07901147353

STICKER W.I.

Sticker WI has been in the village for over 70 years and we meet the first Friday of each month at 19.15pm in St Marks Church Hall in Sticker.

Officers are as follows:

President: Mrs Madge Mitchell
Tel 01726 64938

Secretary: Mrs Jenny Padley
Tel 01726 75732

Treasurer: Sheila Coote

We have various guest speaker and demonstrations during the year. All ladies are welcome, so 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.

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Report It **A-Z at Cornwall Council**. You can report many things to Cornwall Council online using the link: www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-it 0300 1234 100

Devon and Cornwall Police

www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/101

St Mewan Church

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2474

01726 72679

St Mewan School

www.st-mewan.cornwall.sch.uk

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Methodist St Austell Circuit

www.staustellmethodist.co.uk

Trewoon 01726 61314

Polgooth 01726 842853

Polgooth Post Office & Stores

01726 73816

Sticker Post Office & Stores

01726 73812

Trewoon Premier Stores

01726 65021

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

In2Build – Quality local builders in Sticker 07967 130823 / 07974 861102

VACANCY

A vacancy currently exists for a St Mewan Parish Councillor.

The Parish Council is required, by law, to fill this vacancy by co-option.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor and If you would like to help develop, improve and protect your local community for the future, please come along to a meeting and see what topics are discussed.

Please email: clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone: 07464 350837





Fully Refurbished Skate Ramp at Sticker Activity Park



New concrete path in The Goffin to make it accessible for all



New Gateway Planters



New Tarmac Path adjacent to Polgooth Playing Fields



Complete refurbishment of the mouth of the Tunnel Slide Sticker Activity Park



Repaired Pull up Ramp in Sticker Activity Park



New Spring Rocker Trewoon



New Spring Rocker Lower Sticker



New Bus Stop Trelowth



New Speed Activation Device St Stephens Rd, Sticker & Trelowth Rd, Polgooth

At no expense to parishoners on the precept as this was all funded from the Community Benefit Fund and Community Infrastructure Levy

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR STICKER CAR PARK PERMIT!

All the current parking permits expire at the end of October 2024 and with over 250 permits currently in use this is going to be a busy time!

PLEASE NOTE – DUE TO A CHANGE IN COUNCIL'S AUDITORS WE WILL NEED A FULL APPLICATION ACCOMPANIED WITH THE V5. WE CANNOT ISSUE A PERMIT WITHOUT THIS.

Application Forms are in a 'Word' document and can easily be downloaded from the council website at www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk where they are published on the front page and email the application to:

deputyclerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk

Payment of £1.00/annum remains the same and permit renewal will be from the 23rd of September 2024 and to guarantee we get a permit back to you by the 31st October 2024 please submit by the 10th October 2024.

Payment via BACs to:

St Mewan Parish Council

Sort Code: 60-83-01

Account No: 20384890

entering your registration number on the reference.

Please note anyone wanting to apply, who has not already applied, please visit the council website at

www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk

where the information is detailed on the front page.

Thank you



PLANNING

Planning Report by Chair Cllr Mrs Tarbox

The last year has been busy on the planning front. The Council worked with Cornwall Council to produce a Design Code which went out for public consultation towards the end of 2023, it is now progressing through its final stages. Design codes are part of the new planning regulations which are in the process of being introduced and there will also be one for the whole of Cornwall. Another new document which will become part of the planning process is a Neighbourhood Priority Statement, this will sit alongside our Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Council has applied to Cornwall Council to be part of a pilot scheme to become one of the first parish and town councils to work with Cornwall Council and produce a Neighbourhood Priority Statement for St Mewan. In due course residents of the Parish will be consulted on this document.

Planning applications continue to be submitted and The Council has its opportunity to comment on each one, taking into account planning rules, location and the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Most are straightforward but the occasional one is contentious raising a lot of public concern. Others do not comply with the plan and some developers try hard to obtain permission to build full market value houses on sites which should be either totally or predominantly reserved for affordable housing or on sites which are in open countryside and not compliant with the NPPF or the Cornwall Local Plan.

New developments are rather like 'marmite' but St Mewan Parish Council will always endeavour to ensure that they



comply with the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

One planning application which raised many local concerns was the application for The Paddock, St Stephens Road, Sticker for a gypsy site for six caravans, day rooms, touring caravans, plant room and other associated works. The objections covered the location of the site, harm to the landscape, access on the brow of a hill on a National speed limit road, noise, parking etc. Cornwall Council were minded to pass the application but St Mewan Parish Council decided that it should be called in to committee.

On Monday 8 April 24 the application went to the Central Planning Committee for a decision. There were three speakers against the application, John Kneller, former Chair of St Mewan PC, who spoke on behalf of the residents, Cllr John Vine who presented the objections for the Parish Council and last but by no means least, our Cornwall Councillor Michael Bunney. These three speakers presented the objections, clearly, concisely, and robustly and I am delighted to say that democracy and common sense prevailed, and the committee was unanimous in the decision to turn down the application. I am sure that I speak for the residents when I thank them for their time and effort in taking it to committee.

The Council is fully supported by our Cornwall Councillor, Michael Bunney, Clerk Wendy Yelland, Deputy Clerk Amanda Kendall and I thank them for their hard work.

PLAYING FIELDS

Cllr Johnathan Spencer, Chair of Playing Fields

The Parish playing fields have once again proven to be valuable assets to our communities over the past year; many of the green spaces formed venues for aspects of the King's Coronation Celebrations and other events.

Any group that wishes to use our amazing spaces for events should get in contact with the Parish Clerk.

During the year all the Parish play areas have had some equipment replaced, bringing them all up to a high standard.

In early Summer, Trewoon Playing Field took delivery of a new spring rocker as well as both junior and toddler swings. Unfortunately, delivery took longer than anticipated as the courier company went into administration with our equipment on board! Subsequently our contractor had to order new, as all the courier lorries were grounded.

As part of The Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Garden in Trewoon, adult gym equipment has been installed which is proving popular.

Lastly and at the request of residents, new football goals have been purchased however these are currently in storage as the maintenance team await drier weather before installing.

Lower Sticker has seen a new springer installed whilst the stationary roundabout has been removed. The area will now be made trip free, and a bench installed.

In an attempt to do away with muddy puddles, safety surfacing has been installed under the basket swing in Sticker Activity Park. The ever popular skate ramp and zip wire have both had a major overhaul and are looking so much better. The embankment slide has also been refurbished to such a high standard it now looks like a new slide! Lastly the climbing frame has had a coat of paint and is now a lovely patriotic gold and black.

Finally, in Polgooth the stationary roundabout has been removed, along with the cycle stand, as it had rotted. A new bike stand will be relocated at the other end of the pump track. Grant applications are now being applied for to allow replacement swings in this area.

I would like to thank the playing field committee and all members of the Parish Council for their support. I would also like to thank the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for their hard work and guidance over the last year.

ST MEWAN PARISH COUNCIL INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2024/2025

The Council formally approved the annual budget of £108572.00 for 2024/25 and has been set in accordance with statutory requirements as set out in sections 39 to 51 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Accounting and Audit Regulations 2015. The setting of the budget has taken any likely changes in costs and income associated with the running of the Parish Council into consideration and has been prepared in accordance with key principles of prudence and transparency, and the levels of balances, reserves and contingencies within the budget, are adequate. To parishioners this is an increase of 2.18% which equates to an additional cost of £1.82 per year on a Band D property from year 2023/24 as you will see indicated on your Council Tax Bill under Parish Precept.

The Parish Council has no valuable budget income other than very small streams coming in from the allotments and a grazing

licence. The service level agreements go towards verge and footpath cutting; however, the council are committed to continue delivering the essential services required to continue enhancing the surroundings and deliver new projects outlined in the Council's Action Plan some of which are eligible to be funded through the Community Benefit Fund.

Below is a snapshot of committed budget expenditure for 2024/2025. 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.

INCOME

£108,572.00

Precept, Allotments, Grazing License,
Service Level Agreements

Capital Expenditure

£16,458.00

Public Works Loan

EXPENDITURE

£67,390.00

Legal & Democratic function including Customer Services, Council & Committee Meeting, Administration, Corporate Communications, Parish Representation, Statutory Planning Consultee, Legal Compliance, IT, Insurance, Three Salaries -Pension, Audits, Training, Licenses -Room Hire, Legal, Subscriptions, Website, Email Hosting -Council Storage, Confidential Waste, Stationary, Computing, Travel

EXPENDITURE

£23,224.00

Maintenance and Grass Cutting of Playing Fields, Allotments, Open Spaces, Cemetery, Footpaths, Bridleways, Stiles, Waste Management, Public Benches, Bus Shelters, Play Inspections, Weed Control, Tree Management, Verge Management, Repairs and Renewals, Notice Boards

General Fund

The 2024/25 budget includes a contingency provision to provide adequate resources to protect against any unforeseen spending pressures or possible future funding cuts. The current level that was forecast as at the 31st March 2024 going into the new financial year was at minimum of 5 twelfths of the annual expenditure.

Ear Marked Reserves

are held for a specific purpose and as of 31st March 2024 stands at £39240.53 including an ear marked fund for additional services that may be devolved from Cornwall Council.

Ring Fenced Reserves

cannot be used for the purpose of budget/precepting and as of 31st March 2024 stands at £78493.00

We are working towards 'Quality Status Award' 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 tiered awards.

EXPENDITURE

£1,500.00

Grants

St Mewan Parish Council always welcomes comments, attendance to meetings held, which are open to the public. 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.

ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR 2023/2024 OUTSIDE OF THE BUDGET

Speed Activation Device on St Stephens Rd, Sticker and Trelowth Rd, New Bus Shelter on Trelowth Rd, Polgooth, part grant funded, New tarmac path adjacent to Polgooth Playing Fields, LED Lighting upgrade in Sticker, Major repairs to existing play equipment and Skate Ramp, New toddler and junior swings In Trewoon Play Area, Goals posts and nets in Trewoon Playing Fields, Engraved granite tablet in the Goffin to mark the Kings Coronation, Engraved granite tablet to mark the opening of Trewoon Community Garden, Wildflower planting in the Parish, Planters for the village gateway signs, Created a disabled access with a newly concreted path in The Goffin. Rails and gate in progress, New surface under Basket Swing

RIGHTS OF WAY

Rights of Way Annual Report by Cllr Vine 2023/2024

The Parish Council has resolved to commit to the Local Maintenance Partnership again this year 24/25 which means that we sign an agreement with Cornwall Council to undertake the devolved service to cut the majority of Gold Footpaths twice a year or some only once and Silver Footpaths at the council's discretion. This footpath cutting service is undertaken by the Parish Council contractor and the Parish Council receives a small grant which assists the Parish Council budget when setting the precept. We are responsible for cutting 12,649 metres of footpaths in addition to some identified stiles and gateways.

For most Parishes, the ideal time for a first cut would be at the beginning of the season during May/June. For many paths this would be sufficient. A second cut may be required later in August/September if vegetation growth starts to encroach on the path. Note that vegetation growing from the side and overhanging the path is legally the responsibility of the landowner and the Local Maintenance Partnership is a budget to be used for what it is meant for -footpath maintenance and cutting. If members of the public find this is an issue please report to <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/countryside/public-rights-of-way/>

The Parish Council are also part of the Enhanced Footpath Scheme which is an agreement with Cornwall Council that if a footpath/bridleway signpost is found to be rotten or missing and requires renewal, Cornwall Council will supply the signpost and the Parish Council will undertake the cost of the labour to install.

We have currently renewed:

- Bronze Footpath 419/11/1 off St Stephens Rd, Sticker
- Gold Footpath 419/16/1 end of Bosinver Lane
- Gold Footpath 419/39/1 off Ricketts Rd Polgooth - We are awaiting a location from the Countryside Access Team to reinstall this Gold Footpath signpost.

Monitoring of 419/34/1 which runs from the Scout Hut in Sticker to the road to the North of Glenleigh Park has been cleared and cut back, however there is an area at the bottom which still remains very boggy. This is being monitored by the Countryside Access Team at Cormac and we are hopeful this bridleway will form part of their future capital expenditure programme for remedial works.

Bronze Footpath 419/33/1, the footpath running from Hewas Water North across the bypass, is now incomplete and we are awaiting confirmation of an extinguishment of it as a complete path, as it cannot be accessed from start to finish because of a break where it crosses the bypass.

The Parish Council are delighted that capital re-surfacing works took place on Bridleway 419/14 off Trelowth Rd,

Polgooth. Thanks to Cornwall Cllr Michael Bunney for these well overdue resurfacing works.

There has been an issue with Bridleway 419/6 at Tyshute Lane where Cormac completed the work last year. Halfway up the lane there is a pipe that takes water from one side of the lane into a drainage ditch on the other side. The pipe was blocked which led to the water flowing down the lane causing it to erode. Clearance was undertaken in November 23. Unfortunately, it is continuing to block at times and Cornwall Cllr Michael Bunney has requested that the Countryside Access Team now investigates a preventative measure. I am sure Michael will keep us updated.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Public Footpaths – Only open to walkers.

Public Bridleway – Only open to walkers & horse riders.

Byway Open to All Traffic – Open to all the above, plus cyclists, horse-drawn vehicles and motorised vehicles.

Restricted Byways – Open to all the above EXCEPT motorised vehicles

If you experience a misuse of path, please report to:-

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/countryside/public-rights-of-way/>

or if you see a signpost that needs renewing, please email:

clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk

The work that the Parish Council undertake each year is invaluable in keeping the Public Rights of Way open for the public to enjoy. Access to nature through our countryside is an essential part of community health and wellbeing, and our efforts to help maintain that access is now an important part of Cornwall's Green Infrastructure Strategy. So please enjoy all of the 59 wonderful footpaths and bridleways St Mewan Parish has to offer.

Our 'Interactive Map' is fully up and running on our website at: www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk under 'Home' > Parish Footpaths, Bridleways and Stiles > GPS Interactive Map.



A BIG THANK YOU

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

A big thank you from St Mewan Parish Council to Jeremy Roberts Chair of Three Bays Wildlife Group and Sam Corfield 'The Hairy Horticulturist' from Heligan who kindly supported St Mewan Parish Council and Polgooth Community and Gardening Club Group in adding wildlife friendly homes to The Goffin with a selection of bird, owl and bat boxes and hedgehog houses.

Bat boxes were really never on the radar to purchase, and it

wasn't until the Parish Council learnt of our native bat species having suffered severe decline it was suggested we include some homes for bats. Bats struggle to find natural nesting sites so installing bat boxes can be a great way to attract bat species and provide them with a home. Additionally, bats are important pollinators and can control pest insects for you and their 'guano' (bat poo) is an excellent fertilizer for your plants. So having them around is great!



CITIZENS ADVICE

citizens
advice

Annual Report from Citizens Advice Cornwall

In this/these parish/es we helped

Clients	43
Issues all	218

Top Issues

Benefits & tax credits	57
Debt	51
Benefits Universal Credit	45
Financial services & capability	15
Housing	15

Top 5 benefit issues

21 Personal independence payment	28
01 Initial claim	12
04 Limited capability for work elements	10
19 Employment Support Allowance	9
28 General Benefit Entitlement	8

Top 5 debt issues

04 Fuel debts	8
09 Council tax arrears	7
60 Debt Assessment	7
08 Rent arrears - private landlords	4
16 Water supply & sewerage debts	4

Homelessness

02 Actual homelessness	2
03 Threatened homelessness	1

Clients seen (parishes)



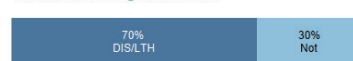
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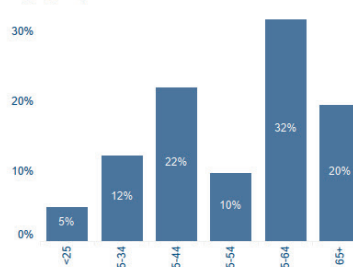
Ethnicity



Disabled or Long term health



Age group



The **Client** figure at the top left of the dashboard represents the total number of unique clients with one or more case notes in the period.

The number before the issue on the **Top benefit issues** chart, and **Top debt issues** chart, is the code for the issue and does not represent the number of issues.

GRANTS

St Mewan Parish Council operates an Open Grants Policy and can provide grants to external bodies.

Type of Grants:

- A Council Grant is funded, through the precept and has limited funds of £2000 available to assist community organisations for this type of grant. The council also makes small discretionary donations from this fund.
- Community Benefit Grant and Council Grant Awards in 2023/2024 totalled £7436.68
- A Community Benefit Fund Grant arises from the contributions for two wind turbines operating in the Parish at Higher Goonamarth and Blackpool. This grant can be considered for larger community projects.

Recipients of Grants and Donations were:

- **Cornwall Hospice Care**
- **Gover Community Larder**
- **Just Breathe Cornwall**

- **Merlin MS Centre**
- **Polgooth Methodist Church**
- **Polgooth Times**
- **Polgooth Village Hall**
- **Royal British Legion**
- **Sticker Memory Café**
- **1st Sticker Scouts**
- **St Marks Church**
- **St Mewan Church**
- **Sticker AFC**
- **Trewoon Village Hall**

The council welcomes and will consider all applications, however, please make sure you meet the criteria required before you apply.

If you have any questions, please email
clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk

or telephone 07464 350837

Both types of Grants Forms are available at
www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk



HIGHWAY CONSULTATIONS

The Highways Department on behalf of the Local Authority are responsible for regulations on the Highway.

A Statutory Consultee is where there is a requirement set out in law to consult a specific body ie Parish and Town Council.

The Parish Council is not a statutory consultee in consultations carried out by Cormac on behalf of Cornwall Council, which is the Highways Authority, but the Parish Council may be invited to feedback on Cormac's initial proposals that will be going to the public. The Parish Council can then consider a collective response at an Ordinary Council Meeting once the consultation is live, where their views maybe taken into consideration alongside members of the public responding.

It is up to individuals to respond to consultations carried out by Cormac. If anyone has a issue with the way the Local Authority consults, then please contact them direct at

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/>

Or phone 0300 1234 100

Please visit:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/consultations-on-traffic-and-roads/>

You can use the online consultation finder to find out about:

- current consultations - <https://www.engagespace.co.uk/cornwall/default.aspx>
- see the results of past consultations, or
- register your interest in future consultations

It's quick to view but you will need a website account with Cornwall Council to comment.



WELCOME TO TWO NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS 2024/2025

CLLR TRACEY YOUNG

Hello, my name is Tracy Young and I have lived in Trewoon for 16 years and have been very happy and settled here and have met some lovely people, made some great friends and have some fabulous neighbours.

I have worked in local government since 1998 (Restormel BC and then Cornwall Council when we went Unitary in 2009). The majority of my career has been spent working for the Local Planning Authority, starting out in administration and then working my way up to Senior Town Planner up until August 2023 at which point I decided to change career.

I now work as a Key Worker within Cornwall Council Home Solutions where I oversee Occupational Therapist referrals for adaptations, for instance ramps; level access showers; bathroom extensions and wheelchair accessible kitchens etc. delivered through the Disabled Facilities Grant.

On a personal level, I have two dogs, a Golden Retriever and a Cairn/Westie and we spend a lot of time out walking in all weathers (rain or shine).

I have a passion for the environment and nature conservation. I did keep bees up to recently but unfortunately, they didn't like me.

I really enjoy gardening (I have actually won a couple of local gardening awards) but wish I had more room to grow my own vegetables.

I have two grand-children and we like to spend a week during the May school holidays staying on a farm in Devon and exploring the local countryside, villages and beaches. Something I used to do when I was little (1960's) when my family came down to Cornwall every year and stayed on a farm over near Mevagissey.

I have family who are third generation Mevagissey Fishermen and so my own family connections to Cornwall are intergenerational.

I am very much looking forward to becoming a Parish Councillor for St Mewan Parish, helping to represent and support the views of local people and encouraging residents to get involved and share their own views and ideas for the betterment of our community.

CLLR TIM RICHARDS

We moved to Polgooth from Nottingham in 2022. We always had family holidays in the area since I was a child and in April 2017, I walked the entire South West Coastal Path and got to experience the special beauty the entire Cornish Coastline has to offer.

I spent many years working and living in Holland and Germany and was living in Berlin when the wall came down, exciting times!

On returning to the UK, I trained as a solicitor but eventually

worked for a large IT company. I enjoyed the cut and thrust of business, completed an MBA and later, set up and subsequently sold two companies, a recruitment company and an office supplies company.

Our move to Cornwall has not disappointed and re-affirmed one of our main reasons for moving, that being a strong community spirit found in Cornwall which is sadly disappearing in other parts of the country.

I'm hoping that my commercial experience as well as my legal training will stand me in good stead in my role as a Parish Councillor.

**DEFINITELY
A GOLD FOR
THE BUS
STOP FAIRIES
IN STICKER!**



PLEASE HELP TO KEEP YOUR PARISH TIDY!



Continuing thanks to all the individuals that are still seen litter picking in the Parish. It really does make a difference!

Dog fouling is still increasing, and the Parish Council is now in the process of investigating routes for enforcement to tackle this. Thank you to residents who are reporting irresponsible dog owners with accompanied photographic evidence of those people.

STICKER OPEN SPACE (NAMELY THE DOG FIELD) WITH 3 DOG WASTE BINS!

The Parish Council resolved and gave permission for dogs to enter this open space, but it is also a space which can be used by children, so it is disappointing that regular reports come in about dog faeces not being picked up in this valuable open space. The Parish Council appreciates this area is also used by dog owners who don't live local and sadly may not value this space as much as residents

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Sensory delight: The Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall officially opens Community Garden in the Parish of St Mewan in memory of Queen Elizabeth's reign

The transformation of underused space was years in the making and the idea for this sensory garden came from the local community after public consultation.

The village of Trewoon is one of three in the parish, however due to a busy main road, a key transport route, it effectively cuts the village in two and therefore it consequently has an urbanized feel. Unlike the other two villages, Trewoon had no quiet areas, there was nowhere for the residents, including young people to sit and socialise, an important factor to help combat loneliness.

Richard Wallis, former councillor sketched out the garden's original design to take up a small piece of underused land, next to the play area.

The figure of eight resin path is both a symbol for Reiki healing and infinity – fitting for a garden designed as somewhere to connect and reflect. The pattern of the garden is also practical where young children can ride their bikes and scooters safely around it, while parents watch on, and part of the pattern to accommodate four pieces of permanent adult gym equipment to encourage physical activity.

The hurdle to its redevelopment after public consultation in 2021 was, of course, funding with the project estimated at around £70000. We had just a small amount of S106 to be used in the recreational land to go towards the project, so we were delighted when the Local Authority launched Cornwall's Good Growth Fund Round 1 in September 22.

It was certainly a challenge for Amanda, Deputy Clerk to submit the application and for us to meet the criteria initially required, to complete the project by March 23.

Wendy, Parish Clerk, "It was so worth it, and we successfully secured a generous grant award of £60,000 in March 23 and relieved with an extended deadline"

Three separate contractors were re-engaged, starting in July 23 and the garden was finally completed in September 23.

Seeing the garden brought to life from those early sketches makes all the effort worthwhile as we now have the most sensory delight with picnic benches to sit and admire the beautiful plants and selected herbs bordering the paths, fruit trees planted, and the Darley Oak will eventually stand proud edged with an abundance of wildflowers - all to calm the



senses and attract wildlife.

We felt privileged that the Lord Lieutenant accepted the parish council's invitation to officially open the garden on the 11th of April 24.



The Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Sir Edward Bolitho KCVO OBE expressed "One of the great strengths of Cornwall is this community spirit we have. That sense of community is embodied in this garden. Trewoon is well ahead of the curve in opening this Memorial Garden. Our late Queen's former private secretary, Lord Robin Janvrin, is heading a national memorial and legacy programme and looking for more initiatives exactly like this. I'm delighted to be here opening this garden and, in my own small way, helping foster that sense of community spirit."

The Parish Council are now working towards collaborating with The Cornwall Bicycle Project CIC – Community Cycling for everyone. Balance ability sessions are for small people starting out on their cycling journey from 2.5 to 5 years. To encourage grass gym groups and yoga sessions with instruction, and residents who may like to care take the garden.

Trewoon Community Garden as it progressed through the summer!

Photos attached: Start of Trewoon Garden, TCG 1, TG 3TCG10, TCG 9, Comm Garden 2 – young photographer Keziah Bray Comm Garden 3 young photographer Keziah Bray, TCG4, TCG7, TG6

Thank you to our contractors Glenn Humphries Landscaping, H.Cooper Tarmacadam and Arron Bond CCTV for all working together, to very tight deadlines for the funding, in making this a wonderful garden of space and seating which can be used by all ages.

Thank you to Alex Duff and Cllr Steven Rees- Webb for the photos

COMMENTS

I come to Trewoon Parish Hall once a week to attend a class and I drive 35 minutes to get there so I am not a parishioner.

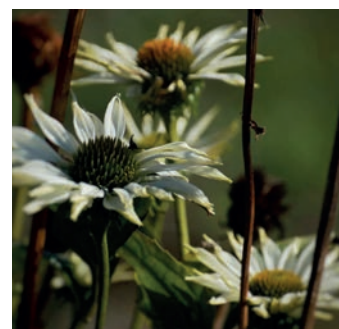
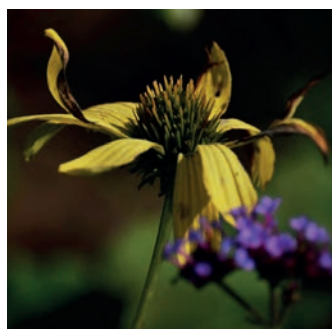
I would like to say how beautiful the garden next to the hall is. I pop in weekly to see how it is progressing since they landscaped it back in the autumn. I met a lady there one morning, a Parish Councillor, and she told me the Parish Council was responsible.

It really is quite stunning and different every week.

So thank you very much.

Best wishes,

The Community Garden is an amazing space that has been provided for our village. My sisters and I have enjoyed spending time on the fitness equipment and taking photographs of the flowers. I hope that everyone in the community can have the opportunity to come and see for themselves the wonderful space it is.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER GROUPS

IN THE PARISH TO BE PROUD OF!

Sticker Village Association held their annual week of celebrations during festival week from 15th-23rd of June.

The week kicked off with the popular Party In The Park, a night of music with Spyder Monkey and Tregony Teachers, people enjoyed cocktails, tacos and Trehay Farm burgers.

Throughout the week, the village enjoyed a Pub Quiz, Bingo from the Women's Institute and St Dorothea's Flower Festival at St Mark's Church.

The sun shone for Sticker Fun day on Saturday 22nd June. A popular event for all ages enjoying a children's show, Screech Owl sanctuary, cream teas, local crafts and cakes and the Sticker Dog Show run by 4 Paws Pet Care.

The week ended on a high with the Hewas Inn's Tug of War and barbecue with a great turnout and lots of laughter.

"Fantastic to see so many of the community coming together"

Caroline Piper – Secretary to Sticker Village Association



THE POLGOOTH WHEELBARROW CARNIVAL

The Polgooth Wheelbarrow Carnival was resurrected from the original Polgooth Carnival in 2012 – a two year absence from Covid meant that this summer's carnival was our 10th Anniversary. In Polgooth we like to think we attract quality rather than quantity so although the number of entries was

small, the effort and originality was very much abundant. From Jeremy Clarkson to Darth Vader, the role call of famous faces was enviable. The carnival was once again ably led by St Austell Town Band; they really do add to the occasion and give those still inside their homes the reminder they need to dash out to see the show march by. The winning entry was from the reigning champions from Polyear Close – their entry "Clarkson's Farm" boasted no less than three wheelbarrows – each imaginatively transformed – whilst the Polyear gang made sure the whole Diddy Squat team were represented. Second place went to the Porter family who after making a shout out on Facebook for cardboard managed to score the box someone's new sofa arrived in which they transformed into an impressive Viking Ship! After the parade music and a BBQ was enjoyed in the Playing Field – adults chatted whilst the children played and as the saying goes "a good time was had by all". Many thanks to Cllr Michael Bunney for the contribution from his Community Fund, this enables us to invite the Band to take part and also ensures that no entry fee is charged. Thanks also goes to Polgooth Church who allow us use of their loo as well as supplying power. Thanks to the very small organising team – Kate, Emma, Stuart and Jon but mostly thank you to all those that enter and to everyone that says "next year I'll do an entry" get thinking!



ST DOROTHEA FLOWER CLUB

Just a little bit about our Flower Club here in Sticker, St Dorothea formed in 1964 and proudly celebrating our 60th Diamond Anniversary this year. We recently held our Flower Festival in June opened by Councillor Michael Bunney at St Marks Church.

We meet on 3rd Wednesday in St Marks Church Hall at 2.30pm our programme for the rest of the year is as follows: -

August 21st Demonstration by Pat Whitehouse
"Rhapsody in Bloom" - Visitors £5

September 18th Practice Afternoon

October 16th Demonstration by Angela Hyland
"Trailblazing Women" - Visitors £5

November 20th Demonstration by Karen Smith
"Village Life"- Visitors £5

December 18th Demonstration by The Fab Four
"Carols depicted in Flowers" Visitors £5

The flower demonstrators each month are fabulous to watch with great skill in showing how to create a huge impact with a few flowers and mainly garden foliage, each session is normally around 2 hours and the 5 arrangements demonstrated are raffled to the attendees. There is a great chance of walking away with a wonderful colourful prize of a beautiful flower arrangement if you are a lucky raffle winner. Tea & biscuits are also served. We are a small friendly bunch and anyone with a love of flowers and gardening would be more than welcome to join us and see what we are all about. Membership details are available by contacting Debbie Donnithorne on 07766741284 or 01726 74020. You could join us as a member or come as a visitor, we would love to see you.

We would like to thank St Mewan Parish Council for the sponsorship received in supporting our flower festival.

Debbie Donnithorne – Secretary



ST MARKS CHURCH HALL IN STICKER

St Mark's Church had a busy summer with a well-supported Flower Festival in June in conjunction with St Dorothea's Flower Club with craft stalls and refreshments in the Church Hall, a successful stall at the Sticker Fun Day, and a wonderful Concert and Cream Tea event performed by Imerys Singers and Songsters in July.

Our Winter Warmer Programme of soup lunches commences on Tuesday 8th October 12 noon to 2 pm and then fortnightly onward through the winter with a break over the Christmas

period. Friendly lunch gatherings for a modest £3 a head.

St Mark's would like to express our thanks to St Mewan Parish Council for its generous grant support to assist with the cutting and management of trees affected by ash die back in the Church grounds, the current phase of works is now complete, and all is tidy again. Thanks to Shaun Rundle and Westwood Tree Services for their care and attention. We would also like to thank Councillor Michael Bunney for approving a £200 grant from the Community Chest Fund to support the provision of a hot water unit in St Mark's Hall. Capable of delivering 200 cups of tea an hour - this should keep the Memory Cafe and other Hall Users well supplied! The installation is scheduled to take place in the very near future.

COMMUNITY UNITES FOR STICKER'S VINTAGE RALLY & COUNTRY FAYRE DRAWING HUGE TURNOUT

The annual Vintage Rally has once again attracted an impressive turnout, with organisers optimistic that this year's event may set a new attendance record. The event's growing success is a testament to the support of dedicated volunteers from across the community.

This year's rally was more than just an impressive display of vintage tractors, cars, and motorbikes - it was a true celebration of Cornish heritage. From showcasing the region's finest food and farming to spotlighting the talents of local crafters and entertainers, the event offered something for everyone.

The three-day affair featured highlights ranging from sheepdog trials to a fun dog show, where the county's cutest canines took centre stage. "The event was bookended by live performances. Cornwall's much-loved comedian Johnny Cowling, along with Jailhouse, opened the show on Friday night. A local ukulele group wrapped up the entertainment on Sunday afternoon with a lively set that included Beach Boys covers.

Meanwhile, one of the rally's rarest vehicles, a 1968 British-manufactured Austin Mini Moke, turned heads as it paraded around the main ring.

"It's one of only 11 left worldwide," said Peter Bradford of Trewoon, the car's owner. Peter, who acquired the vehicle in poor condition in 2021, has been gradually restoring it to its former glory.

The Mini Moke was a hit with celebrities like Twiggy, Lulu, and The Beatles, and appeared in numerous films, but it fell out of favour when people realised how wet and cold the model is.

While the rally delivered a weekend full of excitement, its impact will extend far beyond the event itself, with proceeds benefiting three local charities; Children's Hospice South West, Cornwall's Blood Bikes and



Cornwall Air Ambulance's Heli2 appeal. The Rally Committee also plan to support some of the organisations in the Parish.



Kiley Pearce, Events Fundraiser attending the event for Children's Hospice South West, expressed her gratitude: "We're incredibly fortunate to be a beneficiary of this year's rally. We need to raise £12 million annually to operate our three hospices, including Little Harbour in Porthpean, and with only 10% government funding, the support of the local community is essential."

The organising committee would like to express their thanks to St Mewan Parish Council for its generous grant support which helped towards the provision of first aid and welfare facilities amongst other essentials. In addition, support from Cornwall Cllr Michael Bunney, who approved a grant from the Community Chest Fund, was greatly appreciated.

There will be a presentation evening for the beneficiaries at Sticker Football Club in October. Plans are already underway for our 2025 event which will take place over the first weekend in August. Please keep an eye on village notices and the Sticker Vintage Rally & Country Fayre Facebook page for updates.

PARTY IN THE PARK

Team Trewoon Community Fundraisers would like to thank everyone who attended our Party in the Park in May.

We had a few hiccups to contend with:

- 1) The weather! We made the decision to have the magician inside the Village Hall as the showers were quite heavy late morning.
- 2) After the successful erection of 2 gazebos in the morning, just before we kicked off proceedings a huge gust of wind sent them skywards which meant everyone had to then retrieve and dismantle them! Credit to Restormel Concert Band for starting their performance on time whilst all that was going on - fortunately they were in the marquee.
- 3) The Stuns'ls had sent a message during the morning to say that their group had been struck with Covid and were very unwell, therefore couldn't attend, but because EE were down all day, we didn't get the message. A hasty phone call at 2:45 to them asking where they were (by someone not on EE) confirmed their absence.

- 4) The card payment machine was working intermittently - again due to the EE network being down.

Despite these hiccups everyone seemed to have a good time and the sun finally came out for the brilliant Tregony Teachers.

Huge thank you to every single person who helped on the day and on the days leading up to it, we really, really appreciate it and it absolutely wouldn't have happened without you.

Also thanks to Howdens Insurance who kindly gave us some sponsorship to help us on our way.



POLGOOTH COMMUNITY & GARDEN CLUB

Our local gardening club called Polgooth Community and Garden Club meet every third Wednesday of the month and during the summer months the meetings are less formal and become more of a social get together. The Polgooth park, locally known as the Goffin, has become a great summer destination for the group to meet for picnics, plant sales, raffles, general chit chat.

As lovers of all types of flora, the wildflower patch around the coronation Gilliflower apple tree (donated by the club) has become of great interest to the club members. During the spring they grew lots of wildflowers at home and the members planted these little plants around the immediate vicinity of the apple tree. And they were delighted with the spectacular floral results.

In June this year, St Mewan Parish Council agreed that the club could continue to maintain the 'The Goffin Patch'. Subsequently members were delighted with the news, they could 'really' make this little patch a beautiful wildlife haven for everyone to enjoy. So, they set to work.

It's early days, and there's a long way to go before 'The Goffin Patch' reaches the high standards its members expect. Lots of weeding, planting and cutting back has taken place, and it's looking much better already. Pop along and see for yourself.

If You fancy joining them, contact Chris Sullivan or Di Thompson.

Thanks to Polgooth Community and Garden Club for making this little patch a more beautiful place.

THE GOFFIN, POLGOOTH

The Parish Council were delighted that the Polgooth Community & Gardening Club, who are a hardworking and enthusiastic group wanted to volunteer and caretake the wildflowers but also wanted to enhance The Goffin with maybe more planting and seating. The group fully appreciated that the Parish Council owns the land, therefore they initiated the public consultation enabling the residents to feedback any ideas before coming back to the Parish Council.

Asking for ideas was stapled in the centre of the Polgooth Times and delivered to every household in Polgooth. Residents

could either place their ideas in boxes which were placed in businesses throughout the Village or email the Parish Council direct.

43 households responded to the consultation with their ideas.

Top items:

Additional seating- 18, this is for more inclusive seating, so not restricted to picnic benches.

Paths- 14, Village Hall -12

Parking-11

Additional planting – this was subdivided as follows:

Trees- 7 Flowers- 10

Bee friendly- 3 Sensory- 2

The overall feeling from the responses were that residents agreed the area could be better utilised. There seems to be an overriding desire to have an area that not only incorporates a new Village Hall and parking but also helps nature and explains the history of Polgooth with trails and insect friendly planting. 4 responders required public toilets, a community shed was mentioned along with re-instating bbq area, sheltered seating was requested by 3 responders. 8 responders felt dogs should be permitted, this will be looked at again after any alterations have taken place.

Due to the 'overriding desire' for a new village hall, it was necessary that the parish council representatives shared those responses also with Polgooth Village Hall Trustees and Committee – termed in the deed 'The Management Committee of the Village Hall'.

They attended the July meeting of Polgooth Village Hall, to share the responses, and to find out whether the Management Committee of the Village Hall would be keen to move the Village Hall from its current location to The Goffin. The Parish Council representatives advised them that the Parish Council are only the 'key holder' and are unable to become involved in the management of the hall and that they would need to consult the wider community and then feedback to the Parish Council as the owners of the land. The Trustees and Committee who are all volunteers, felt that the move of a re-location seriously needed further investigation to ensure long-term financial sustainability and to make the hall accessible for everyone.

THANK YOU TO CHLOE NILE

FOR SENDING SOME PHOTOS OF THE WILDFLOWERS ON TRURO RD, STICKER!



TREWOON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

For over 50 years, Trewoon Village Hall has been the centre of its community providing activities and entertainment including a pantomime group, a weekly bingo, an over 50s group, regular choir concerts, fitness groups, slimming world to name a few things that are currently going on. However, we want to do more!

Building an extension to the hall will enable us to expand what we are already doing whilst also allowing greater access and inclusivity to the entire parish of St Mewan.

Our vision is to enable Trewoon Village Hall to become a community hub, creating a positive impact for the community. In order for this to happen, we are planning, and hoping to extend the already existing facility. This will enable a larger array of groups and activities to not only meet the needs of the village, but also build capacity for the current groups and volunteers. This will in turn give them the tools to make a real, positive change in Trewoon and the surrounding Parish of St Mewan.

We hope, by extending the hall this will allow us to expand our provision for activities for children and young people by offering additionality to the already existing activities such as Karate and children's seasonal discos (Halloween and Christmas) and allow for new activities to follow such as youth clubs, youth choirs and other creative arts themed activities. Not only this, but it would offer provision for mother and toddler groups, holiday clubs or NCT classes to support parents themselves.

Trewoon Village Hall will not only be a social hub but also act as an extension for crucial services to help support our local community who may currently be disadvantaged through ability to travel.

The extension will offer more space for agencies to offer drop-in advice / surgeries on cost-of-living, food and energy poverty – genuine challenges facing people today.

The extension will enable much needed expansion of local mental health provision, with the potential of inviting and welcoming local mental health groups to use the hall as well as working with such projects such as the Duchy Rural Health Partnership to help individuals realise their potential and goals.

Trewoon Village Hall would like to thank St Mewan Parish Council for the grant funding which assisted in the cost of the planning application. Planning permission has already been approved and the plans are drawn up. We are now we are in the midst of fundraising for this amazing opportunity which will benefit the entire parish. So how can you help?

Your support at our fundraising events, which are held throughout the year will directly benefit the build. To keep up to date with what's going on both in terms of the build and upcoming events check us out on our Facebook page. Trewoon Village Hall.

Thank you for taking the time to read our vision and if you have any ideas, questions or would like to donate, then please contact us via the facebook page or email us at trewoonvillagehall@gmail.com.

Please note photographs and text supplied by the Community Groups

BOOK DEAL SEES LOCAL AUTHOR BRING ST AUSTELL TO LIFE IN COZY CRIME!

At 77, Sticker resident and burgeoning author Christine McHaines has achieved a milestone many aspiring writers dream of - a five-book publishing contract for her cozy crime series.

Christine's journey to becoming a novelist began in earnest after her retirement. Despite facing many rejections from publishers, her determination and passion for storytelling remained steadfast.

Reflecting on the moment she received her publishing news, Christine said, "I was returning from an appointment at Treliske with my husband when the email came in on my mobile. I was so shocked; I didn't say a word to him all the way home. I wanted to read it on a larger screen to confirm I was seeing it right first."

But Christine had indeed read the news right and the publisher not only wanted her initial manuscript, but the others she'd also written in her 'Quentin Cadbury Investigations' series. The latest to be published is set amid Cornwall's stunning scenery.

"I've always been inspired by Cornwall's natural beauty," Christine said. "Setting one of my books here was a given. Over the years, I've gathered notes and photos of places that sparked ideas. I've set some key scenes in the St Austell bay area. There's the Eden Project and Charlestown, but there are some less-iconic places too, like St Austell's leisure centre. I was keen to include some of those less famous places from where I live."

Christine's publisher, Erik Empson of The Book Folks, lauds her storytelling talent. "Christine's quirky characters and engaging writing style make these books easy reading and she wonderfully captures the essence of Cornwall in her latest novel."

The newest instalment, *The Mystery on the Cornish Coast*, follows young detective Quentin Cadbury and his partner, Wanda

Merrydrew, as they navigate danger after a criminal they once caught escapes and forces them to embark on a dangerous adventure along the Cornish coast. It's available on Kindle, paperback and hardback on Amazon but signed paperback copies are also available at the independent bookshop, Hurley Books, in Mevagissey.

Christine admits achieving publication for her Quentin Cadbury Investigations series is a dream come true for her and she offers this advice to anyone else in the parish who is pursuing their own dream:

"Don't give up. I always wanted to be published so others could enjoy my stories. More importantly, I love to write, and that's what kept me writing for so long. My advice is to follow your dream and never give up."



GUEST SPEAKER MR BARRY WEST WHO ATTENDED THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Mr West explained he is an historian and tries to bring history alive.

He found the grave of Marley in Cornwall after 10 years of research and is currently researching George Fox, who came to this Parish, the founder of Quakers.

Mr West is creating a memorial at Tregongeeves along with Loveday Hambly. He feels due to the Quaker movement we have a lot to be thankful.

Back in 1650 women did not have a voice but the Quakers believed everyone was equal. In July it will be the 400-year anniversary of George Fox's birth and he will be looking for funding, as presently he funds everything himself.

Mr West has the slate which is approx. 6 feet tall, it will have a Q at the top and the names of Loveday Hambly and George Fox.

The Chairman stated she felt it was a lovely idea and hoped that a lay-by could be incorporated on the site. This will be placed on a future agenda for Parish Council grant funding.

The unveiling took place on the 13th of July 2024.

"We were fortunate to be blessed with a lovely sunny morning and to be able to meet a direct descendant of Loveday Hambly who was also called 'Loveday Hambly' expressed Cllr Debbie Watts, parish council representative. Cllr Mrs Sandra Heyward was also in attendance.



VILLAGE HALLS ARE THE FABRIC OF THE COMMUNITY!

Responsibilities of Committees and Trustees on Polgooth, Sticker and Trewoon Village Hall Committees in conjunction with the Parish Council and registered under the Charity Commission.

Registered properties as at the time of writing are as follows:

Polgooth 560, Trewoon 542, and Sticker 504.

Village Halls are the heart of rural villages and provide a lifeline for the local community. They are non-profit making but they can act as community hubs, organising fetes/events and they serve as meeting places where friendships are formed and strengthened, therefore the Parish Council will always endeavour to try and support Village Halls through grant funding for events or projects, which ultimately benefits the residents. They are unable to fund annual running costs, ie heating, insurance, roofs, windows, general repairs and renewals– the list can be endless!

The committee and trustees are responsible for agreeing the overall strategy and direction of the organisation and all give their time for free to support the Village Halls. The trustees are also responsible for controlling the work, management and administration of the charity on behalf of its beneficiaries. They are responsible for the financial management to ensure long term sustainability.

St Mewan Parish Council are only custodian trustees of the village halls which means the assets are vested in the custodian trustee and although the role of a custodian trustee holds the title to all the property of the trust, it is not involved nor can it be, in the day-to-day management of the trust as per the deeds laid out in statute, however the deed encompasses Parish Council

representatives to attend meetings. If there is no Village Hall Committee the keys come back to the Parish Council, as they can only be the 'key holder'.

The powers and duties of a custodian trustee are set out in section 4 of the Public Trustee Act 1906 – "The public trustee shall not accept any trust which involves the management or carrying on of any business, except in the cases in which he may be authorised to do so by rules made under this Act, nor any trust under a deed of arrangement for the benefit of creditors, nor the administration of any estate known or believed by him to be insolvent"

The trustees, committee and volunteers come from all walks of life and they all volunteer for the good of the halls and the Community they live in, so if you want to join a Village Hall Committee and give your time for free and get involved contact:

Sharon Kendall Sec of Polgooth Village Hall.
Email sharon.kendall@btinternet.com

Caroline Piper Sec of Sticker Village Association.
Email cazzy-p@hotmail.co.uk

Ian Collier Chair of Trewoon Village Hall.
Email ihc.125@outlook.com



ST MEWAN CHURCH NEWS!

Following the retirement of Rector Marion Barret last September 2023 and a challenging transition period for the Parish, the newly created Benefice of St Stephen-in-Brannel Parish with St Mewan Parish and including the little mission church of St Mark's are delighted that there is now a new incumbent appointed in the person of Paul Salaman. Paul has most recently served locally as Curate at Probus and will take up his duties after being Licenced on 25th September at St Stephen-in-Brannel Church

DIG IN AND GROW YOUR OWN!

There are Allotment plots available in Trewoon so if any resident in the Parish would like to express an interest in taking a plot, please email the Parish Council.



Email: clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk.

LOCAL PEOPLE – LOCAL DECISION – BETTER LIVES



Could you be a Parish Councillor in May 2025 to take a lead in providing services in your community?

A Parish Councillor who me?

Councillors play a vital role in shaping and directing the effectiveness of local services for the benefit of local people. They work with public, private and charitable bodies to improve their community. The role of Councillor is vital in the local community. Your council is the voice and champion of the parish.

What's involved in being a Councillor?

The role of a Councillor can be varied at the best of times. Perhaps the three main areas of responsibility are

- Representing the people in your area
- Community leadership
- Supporting projects in your parish

What would my time commitment be?

- It will depend on the extent of your involvement and what role you choose take in the work of the Council
- Most local Councils meet once or twice a month
- The average length of a meeting is 2 hours

Can I afford it?

- Parish Councillors are volunteers, but costs for approved

travel and subsistence outside of the parish can be reimbursed.

What initial help will be given?

- Each Council is supported by a Clerk who is knowledgeable in Council procedures. The Clerk is always ready to advise new councillors.

Will I receive any form of training?

- Training, seminars and courses for Councillors is organised throughout the year across the county. Training covers the basic functions of local councils, and the skills needed to make decisions on behalf of your community.

Will I receive any other support?

- Parish and Town Councils are supported by the National Association of Local Councils, through the County Association. The Association is there to offer legal advice, training and general support to all its members.

To find out more email clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone 07464 350837

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

MICHAEL BUNNEY

Cornwall Councillor for St.Mewan, Grampound, St.Ewe, Pentewan Valley

I hope everyone has survived the terrible winter. I have reported many flooding issues and pot holes. Some have been resolved and other sections we are still pressing for work on

I have been very busy with planning issues and am pleased to report we have had a recent success in persuading the central planning committee to unanimously refuse the St.Stephens Rd application. Well done to the parish council and local residents for speaking so persuasively.

Community events/ projects

I continue to attend as many community events as I can and was delighted to speak at Polgooth Ladies Group last week on the history of Cornish women. I also attended Sticker Memory Café to say a few words and support them following the community chest grant I gave them. I also helped open Trewoon Community Hub this month and delighted we have so many strong community groups. I do all I can to support our community activities and here is a quick overview of other events I have supported.

St.Pirans Day was on the 5th March and I am helped organise the St.Austell Festival on Saturday 2nd March, with events across the town centre and the parade at 1.30pm. We also organised traditional Cornish singing on Gorran Haven Beach and a Cornish breakfast in the village hall afterwards. It was lovely to see some St.Mewan and St.Ewe residents join us. Gool Perran Lowen!.

I met with local historian Barry West, who is leading a memorial project on the Quaker Cemetery at Tregongeeves and the life of Loveday Hambly. We are aiming to erect a memorial and wild flower garden to mark this important historic site. I am delighted Barry is coming today to speak to you.

I have contacted the Lord Lieutenant, who has agreed to join us to open Trewoon Queen Elizabeth 11 garden on 11th April

I spoke to Grampound WI for the Centenary and Sticker WI joined us.

I donate all funds from these talks to local charities and will be handing all donations to St.Austell and Truro food banks over the winter.

It was lovely to run assemblies on Cornish history for St.Mewan School. The children were brilliant (as were the staff) and knew lots about local history. I also speak regularly at Gorran School on local history

I am also opening the St.Marks Flower Festival in Sticker in June.

Applications for my community chest will hopefully reopen at the end of April (depending on council budgets), so please encourage any groups to contact me to apply for a small grant, around £200.

I chair the White River Community Project and we have drawn up plans for nature recovery, flood mitigation and community environmental protection. We are working towards £40k of funding and have secured a commitment to provide £20k already.

I have written to Cornwall Community Land Trust to ask them for a speaker to come to speak to the parish council about land trusts. I am waiting for them to reply.

Roads, drains etc

I received many reports from residents about road problems and flooding and reported these to Highways.

We have secured agreement for a pedestrian crossing over the A390 to make it easier to cross between Higher Trehiddle and St.Mewan. I submitted this application to Highways and we pressed for better lighting and signage.

It will be constructed by March 2025

At St.Mewan School, the line repainting and additional small section of waiting restrictions has been agreed as a possible community network highways scheme and will go out for consultation later this year. This has been requested by the school for many years to improve traffic flow and I submitted an application for it.

The community highways budget has no money left now. Highways have assessed all the schemes, including the ones the parish councils submitted and have them on a waiting list. But, all highways schemes will need to be resubmitted after May 2025 now, if a budget is agreed after then.

Polgooth to London Apprentice patching has been done and is a lot better. Cormac has confirmed the road will be closed in June for surface dressing to be applied to seal the road surface. They do this in the April to Oct months usually, to allow the dressing to fix properly.

Following requests from Trewoon residents I contacted the transport team and got the bus stop moved in Trewoon next to the bus shelter, which obviously makes sense. This was appreciated and folk can now stay dry whilst waiting for the bus.

Resurfacing of the Trelowth bridleway has been completed and this is a major improvement. I have received many messages of thanks from residents. We have been pressing this for the last 2 years and residents have tried to get this done over the last 60 years.

I have met the area steward to look at flooding on Cooperage rd, Trewoon and he is submitting a work request for next financial year

The next 20mph meeting is on 10th June and the parish councils will be invited to consider further areas for the next phase of the 20mph zones. This will be the beginning of the consultation, but it would be helpful if the parish council could have a view on which areas you would like to be considered e.g. Sticker, Trewoon etc

Please do report any highways, drains, floods concerns via the website “report something Cornwall” www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something or the emergency tel 03001234222

Planning.

I am involved with many planning enforcement cases, especially at Meadow Lakes, Hewas Water and will continue to work closely with the parish council on planning applications. I called the St.Stephens Rd, Sticker application to committee in April and we won a unanimous refusal. The certificate of lawfulness at Meadow Lakes has also been refused this month. I will always back up the parish's view. I will always support your decisions and think it is important applications are in line with your neighbourhood development plan. I always stress this to developers who contact me and advise them to meet with the parish council and me if they are considering applications. I am very happy to support you and take any major applications that you are concerned about to planning committee

I continue to work hard as your Cornwall Councillor and have met many residents to help.

Oll an gwella. (All the best in Cornish)

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INFORMATION AND ADVICE

You can call the advice line on **0800 055 6112**.

We're open 8am to 7pm, every day of the year.

We know that growing older doesn't come with a manual. That's why we provide free information and advice to help you on topics as diverse as claiming benefits to care homes.

- Money and legal
- Benefits and entitlements, Debt and savings, Legal issues, Pensions advice, Scams and fraud
- Health and wellbeing
- Conditions and illnesses, Health services, Loneliness, Relationships and family, If you're worried about someone

- Care and support
- How to arrange care, Paying for care, Housing options, Help for carers, Home safety
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POLICE REPORT

Annual Police Report 2023/2024



The past year has been incredibly busy for St Austell Police, with major incidents, significant events and high-profile VIP and Royal visits to contend with.

Staffing wise, Inspector Ian Jolliff has moved on to a new Detective Inspector role and has been replaced by Inspector Matt Trevivian. Matt may be a familiar name to some of you as he was a previous Neighbourhood Sergeant at St Austell, so has a good working knowledge of the area.

The neighbourhood team has been strengthened by the addition of 2 new Police Officers, taking our team total to 1 Sergeant, 9 PC's, 7 PCSO's and 3 Tri-Service Safety Officers. The team is split into 3 sub teams to ensure continuity and to enable the officers to form relationships with the people within their communities.

The officers covering the St Mewan parish and wider area are:

PC Steph TANN

PC Dom HUSBAND

PCSO Ally RELF

PCSO Steve TIBBLES

The response teams are also seeing an increase in officers with 8 new constables due to start at St Austell before the end of May.

In regard to crime stats, I have looked at the previous year, in which there were 73 recorded crimes for the St Mewan Parish for 2022.

This was a 24% reduction from 2021.

For 2023, there have to date been 14 recorded crimes for the area, which is positive news in that if the same rate of crime continues, there will be another drop in recorded crime from 2022.

There are no particularly worrying crime trends to make you aware of, with the majority of offences being low level.

The neighbourhood team was involved in investigating a mini series of shed breaks in Trewoon last year which unfortunately did not result in any positive action due to a lack of evidence when it came to proving the involvement of the main suspect.

Anti-Social Behaviour reporting for the area also saw a drop of 13% for 2022. The team have been working hard to engage with partner agencies and other professionals to tackle ASB at the source and this has seen some positive results including deterring a group of young people away from crime.

The team would encourage all ASB to be reported via the usual 999/101 system, or alternatively via email if the incident is not serious or ongoing by contacting us via the Devon and Cornwall Police website or Crimestoppers which is anonymous.

All in all, the Parish of St Mewan remains one of the safest in the sector, although we would still encourage residents and partners to remain vigilant and report anything concerning to Police.

Many Thanks

Ian

IMPERSONATION SCAMS/ COURIER FRAUD

We ask for residents to continue to be vigilant of the scam in which residents are contacted by unexpected telephone calls from bogus callers claiming to be a police officer, bank or fraud department, as we have received a number of recent reports in Devon & Cornwall.

The fraudster may be able to confirm some basic details such as name and address and creates a sense of urgency and fear and tells the victim that their account has been subject to fraudulent activity, or similar, and will apply pressure to convince the victim to hand over their bank details, bank cards or withdraw cash, which may be then collected by a person/courier or asked to send the items to an address.

- **Any police, bank or fraud department will never ask for your PIN or to transfer or withdraw money - If you receive a call like this it is a scam, please hang up and do not give any information.**

- **If you need to contact your bank, please wait at least 5-10 minutes for the line to clear before making a call, or clear the line by phoning a friend/family member, or make the call on a different phone to the one you were contacted on.**
- **If you have already given your bank details over the phone or handed your card details to a courier, call your bank straight away - phone 159 to reach your bank's fraud department directly.**

Please then also report to Action Fraud at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040 and contact Devon & Cornwall Police on 101 or via the website.

Please pass this information on and consider displaying this information on noticeboards etc.