

ST MEWAN PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023 EDITION

WELCOME to the July edition of the St Mewan Parish Council Newsletter

In May we said goodbye to John Kneller who had decided to take a break from his role as parish councillor and Chair of the Council. John has been a very valued member of the Council and been at the forefront of many projects during his ten years as Chairman. Despite us all trying to persuade him to change his mind we had to accept defeat and wish him well. As the newly elected Chair I am very aware that I have a lot to live up to but will try hard to keep up the good work. We also said goodbye to Jenny Padley who has been on the Parish Council for 18 years and chaired Rights of Way, Planning and Full Council during her term. Enjoy your retirement Jenny, you deserve it!

Welcome to our new Maintenance Operative, Kevin Westaway, we are keeping him busy, and he is doing an excellent job.

In June 2022 the Country celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of the Late Queen and the villages held events which the Parish Council was pleased to be able to support financially. Sadly, the death of Queen Elizabeth II was announced in September 2022. Following this the Country has celebrated the coronation of King Charles III and again the villages have held events which have been supported financially by the Parish Council.

To mark the coronation of the new monarch the Polgooth Community and Garden Club together with the Parish Council planted a 'Cornish Gilliflower' apple tree in the Goffin and a granite memorial stone was unveiled by the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE, who also judged the children's crown competition and gave us a first hand account of the coronation at which he was present. This was followed by lunch at the Polgooth Inn where we were able to sit outside and enjoy the sunshine after a very successful and enjoyable morning.

We are delighted that The Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Garden for Trewoon has been awarded a grant of nearly £60,000 and work on this will start soon with the appointed contractor Glenn Humphries Landscaping. This funding has been allocated from Cornwall Council's Community Levelling Up Programme. The Community Levelling Up Programme is part of the Good Growth Programme, which is delivering the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. This community garden will provide a place to sit and enjoy the garden flowers, sensory garden and adult exercise equipment for those who are a little more active. CCTV will also be installed to cover the garden, play area and playing field..

The average speed cameras on the A3058 in Trewoon are now up and running and traffic warning signs are in place. Speeding

is something that has been high on the agenda since before I joined the Parish Council in 2011, now much to the delight of the residents it is noticeable how the traffic slows upon entering the village.

At the Annual Parish Assembly in April the St Mewan Parish Community Volunteer Awards were presented to:



The St Marks Winter Warmer Team in Sticker. The Team opened the doors to St Marks Church Hall through the winter months and have personally contributed to offering their culinary delights with a selection of 3 homemade soups, bread rolls, beverages, and biscuits all for £2.00! The purpose of this was in response to the energy crisis, to welcome individuals who may want a friendly chat in a warm and comfortable space through some cold winter months.

Nicola Bunney and Sandra Heyward who work, tirelessly together with other volunteers, to collect surplus food from partners and distribute it to the community via a weekly Community Larder. Not only does this help to reduce food waste but it helps those who are struggling during the difficult times in which we find ourselves.

The Polgooth Community and Gardening Club whose meetings are invaluable as they are not just about gardening but helping individuals overcome social isolation. They continue to build a strong based community spirit with all their planned events which included the Coronation event in the Goffin and have recently raised £500 to assist financially in the renewal of the new floor in Polgooth Village Hall.

Congratulations to all the winners and I would like to thank The Hewas Inn, Sticker, The Polgooth Inn and The White Pyramid in Trewoon for sponsoring a meal voucher in addition to the £25.00 donated by the Parish Council to the winner's chosen charity.

We know that there are many more volunteers in the Parish who give their time freely to help others and thank you to all of them.

At the time of writing this we are experiencing some very hot weather which I am sure many are enjoying but don't forget your sunscreen, stay hydrated and look out for elderly neighbours and pets.

Chair of St Mewan Parish Council
Mrs Patsy Tarbox





1ST STICKER SCOUT GROUP

Beavers 6-8 years meet on a Wednesday evening 6-7pm contact Jacqui Osborne on 07768 000389

Cubs 8-10 1/2 years meet on a Tuesday evening 6.30- 8pm contact Nick Maughan on 07754 165017 for further information

Scouts 10 1/2 -14 years meet on a Friday evening 7-9pm contact Vanessa Wymer on 07485 631183

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 James McIntyre on 07736 922232.

We look forward to seeing you.

STICKER W.I.

Sticker WI has been in the village for over 70 years 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
Tel 01726 64938

Secretary Jenny Padley
Tel 01726 75732

Treasurer Sheila Coote

We have various guest speakers and demonstrations during the year.

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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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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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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Trewoon 01726 61314

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Trewoon Premier Stores

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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





After the renewal of play equipment to the value of £150000 in the Play Areas 2017/2018, due to most of the equipment being uneconomical to repair, the Parish Council were very conscious that whilst it would have been lovely to



have renewed all the aged equipment left, to look aesthetically better against the new, it was just not financially possible. The Parish Council are still working towards renewing some of that old equipment and am pleased to inform you that the Junior and Infant Swings have now been renewed in Trewoon Play Area.

Also watch out for adult exercise equipment and goal posts which will be installed in Trewoon Recreational Ground in due course!

Trips to the park are still a treasured part of childhood and are free – unlike amusement parks and arcades. Across the UK safety concerns have made a lot of the old favourites a rare sight, however the Parish Council likes to consider saving some historic pieces if they are deemed safe but in need of a bit of a spruce up! So gone is the concrete surface,



and with the climbing frame recently painted by Kevin the Maintenance Man and not an easy task, is now named the Bumble Bee. The council are delighted it is still standing for kids to have fun, take risks and test the limits in Sticker Activity Park.

No more big puddles kids as a fabulous new mulch surface has been laid under the Basket Swing at Sticker Activity Park.

There are also two springers to go into Trewoon Play Area and Lower Sticker whilst they were on site renewing the swings, however the council's play equipment provider is having difficulties with deliveries due to one of the UK's major delivery company 'Tuffnells' who suddenly went into administration, so please be patient as it is out of everyone's control.

Next update will cover the future plans on equipment for Polgooth!

The Parish Council are delighted that these improvements have been part funded with a grant award of £10,000 from the National Lottery 'Awards for All'.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

All the current parking permits expire at the end of October 2023 and with 305 permits currently in use this is going to be a busy time!

If all your details are the same as your previous application just email deputyclerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk stating which permit(s) numbers you wish to renew and confirm the name, address and registration number, as we already hold the V5 on record there is no need to resend. Payment of £1 per permit remains the same and payment by bacs into the same bank account as last year please.

We will start renewing permits from 1st September 2023 and to guarantee we get it back to you before 31st October 2023 please submit by 10th October 2023

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 to everyone, including all the groups and businesses who have supported and worked with the Parish Council to manage the Car Park more effectively and protect the Council's asset. Comments received have been appreciated.

Special thank you to volunteer Keith Donnithorne who worked tirelessly for many weeks clearing the heavy vegetation on the run up to the enhancement of the car park, to Graham Beer for supplying and erecting closure signs, and Mr Moore who assisted the Parish Council Maintenance Operative in erecting the new signage during the week before opening. Finally, a big thank you to the large group of volunteers who turned out on a Saturday morning for one final clear.



PLANNING

Planning Report by Chair Cllr Mrs Tarbox

St Mewan Parish Council continues to carefully consider every planning application in the Parish. That consideration is always based on the merits and need of the application and guided by all planning policy including the St Mewan Neighbourhood Development Plan which was produced with input from residents of the Parish and forms part of the Planning Policy.

Applications have included two retrospective applications relating to the siting of mobile units in the open countryside without permission which contravene all planning policies, housing development which relies on extremely poor access routes into the site and the erection of industrial units on agricultural land without any permission. In addition to these there are, of course, many straightforward applications which are agreed and passed by Cornwall Council without any problems.

Planning is a very emotive subject because it brings with it changes to the environment which many people find difficult to accept but it is nevertheless something which is inevitable to some degree. The Parish Council is working closely with Cornwall Council on a Design Criteria for the Parish in order to ensure that, in the future, new development whether it is for one dwelling, or several will adhere to certain rules and be practical and pleasing to the eye rather than standing out for all the wrong reasons. This will go to public consultation in due course but currently is in its very early stages.

Changes to planning regulations are coming. These changes reflect how we react to the climate emergency and will cover areas like renewable energy and green canopies.

We continue to work in the best interests of the residents of the Parish but understand that we cannot please everyone. However, as always, if we feel that if Cornwall Council makes a decision which goes against our Neighbourhood Development Plan we will defend it to the very best of our ability because that plan was developed by the residents of St Mewan Parish and its adoption voted for by them in a referendum.

I would like to express my thanks to those who work so hard to ensure that everything runs smoothly, Parish Clerk, Wendy Yelland and Deputy Clerk Amanda Kendall, our handyman Kevin Cornwall Councillor Michael Bunney and all members of the Parish Council. All these people help to make St Mewan a good parish in which to live.



DIG IN AND GROW YOUR OWN!

A great example of one of the Parish Council allotment gardens which has recently been cultivated by a new allotment holder this year. Well done!

There are two starter 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 address is clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk.
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PLAYING FIELDS

Cllr Johnathan Spencer, Chair of Playing Fields

The Parish playing fields have again proven to be valuable assets to our communities over the last year with lots of people using it for socializing and particularly the younger Parishioners exercising and playing! Many of the green spaces formed venues for aspects of the Queen's Jubilee 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 play equipment has received general maintenance and ad hoc repairs undertaken when necessary. The contract with the grass cutting contractor came to an end

and after putting the contract out to tender a new contractor has been employed with a saving to the Parish.

In other finance matters I am pleased to report that the Deputy Clerk secured substantial grant money for new equipment in all playing fields so look out for this in the coming year

As always if there are any Parishioners who would like to contribute feedback and ideas for future developments in our play areas and outdoor space then please do get in contact.

I would like to thank the playing field committee and all members of the Parish Council for their support and thank those volunteers who empty bins in the various playing fields. 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 2023/2024

The Council has formally approved the annual budget of £104603.00 for 2023/24, an increase of 1.88% 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 NO additional cost per month on a Band D property from year 2022/23 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, a grazing licence and service level agreements, however the

council is 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 which can be found on the website under Policies and Procedures.

Below is a snapshot of committed budget expenditure for 2023/2024. 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. The Parish Council's assets currently stand at £305,000.00.

INCOME

£104,603.00

Precept, Allotments, Grazing License, Service Level Agreements

Capital Expenditure Public Works Loan

£16,458.00

EXPENDITURE

£64,421.00

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

£22,224.00

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

EXPENDITURE

£1,500.00

Grants



General Fund

The 2023/24 budget includes a contingency provision to provide adequate resources to protect against any unforeseen spending pressures or possible future funding cuts. The current level is at minimum of 4.00 twelfths of the annual expenditure.

Ear Marked Reserves are held for a specific purpose and as of 31st March 2023 stands at £32603.23 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 2023 stands at £61375.28

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.

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.

Rights of Way Report by Chairman Councillor David Holman

Our paths are looking quite good at the moment but the season for growth has started and we will be committed to ensuring our major paths, called GOLD Paths, are strimmed and maintained ready for the influx of visitors during the summer season. We expect that our paths will have been well used over the Easter Weekend just gone.

If anyone has any concerns about any path overgrowth, obstructions or other problems, please contact me or clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk by email.

One of our Rights of Way (RoW) 419/34/1, which runs from the Scout Hut in Sticker to the road to the North of Glenleigh Park has for some time been overgrown and difficult to use due to soft ground.

The path has been cleared and with the advent of drier weather we will be able to see the actual state of the ground. Some remedial works are needed and a site meeting with Councillor Michael BUNNEY, our Cornwall Councillor, has taken place. At present, however, there is no funding for what is likely to be quite extensive remedial works.

It is heartening to note that some residents of Trewoon & Sticker have committed to walking all the paths in their area, to monitor them and raise any concerns. It is hoped that this can extend to the Polgooth area soon.

BRONZE Path 419/33/1, the footpath running from Hewas Water North across the bypass, is now incomplete and we are seeking 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.

A resident raised the issue of a path linking Carne Stents (from the vicinity of the two cottages) to the tarmac road that runs parallel to Blackpool Clay Pit. This is not designated as a Public Footpath on Ordnance Survey Maps but is shown as footpath on the 1881 map (albeit faintly), and on the 1840 St Mewan Tithe Map. It started out as a path used by local workmen. This path is constantly used by walkers and has been in use for 180 years or thereabouts. Rumour has it that an organisation has purchased or are renting this area of land from Imerys Minerals and intend to fence it off thus preventing access to the public. It is also rumoured that existing footpaths will be closed or moved. Closure of this track would be the

loss of an amenity to the community.

Many residents would not wish for this track to be closed. The Parish Council is pursuing this to see what the actual situation is within the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000.

There is an existing RoW, 419/27/1 at right angles to this path and an area of land designated as 'Right to Roam' to the West of the tarmac road, in the area North of St Mewan Beacon.

Some of our paths have a poor surface beneath them, and this is particularly noticeable during the wetter winter months. We have addressed the worst of these, but we must ask you not to take action to resolve this problem yourselves.

Litter is not a major problem for us, but it does exist and if you can help by safely removing any you find, it would be appreciated.

All public RoW are broken down into 4 types:

- 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.

We mainly have paths in the first two categories, and we are pleased that by-and-large these are respected.

If you experience misuse of a path, again please let me know.

Unfortunately, there are paths in the parish that are not actually 'Rights of Way' and they are not the responsibility of the Parish Council, we do get reports of problems with these paths, but we are usually unable to help.

Our 'Interactive Map' is fully up and running on our website at: www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk under St Mewan Info or https://mapping.peartechtechnology.co.uk/prow/getmap?name=st_mewan

It is now displaying on mobile phones, and this allows you to mark a place and use that mark to report any issues at the exact spot.

I hope that many of you are enjoying our paths network as it is an important part of our parish life and is a definite highlight for those of us who wish to exercise our dogs.

UPDATE ON BRIDLEWAYS

BRIDLEWAY 34/1 Part of this Bridleway which runs adjacent from the Scout Hall coming out onto the tarmac path to Glenleigh has now been cleared by Cormac and the Parish Council Maintenance Operative will be strimming back on a regular basis.

A site meeting was held with Cormac Countryside Access Team where we highlighted concerns about the boggy condition at the bottom of the bridleway. Whilst it was acknowledged that remedial works need to be carried out where the bridleway dips at the bottom the works have been pushed back due to finances.

BRIDLEWAY 14/2 This Bridleway runs from the top of Trelowth by Sunday School Cottage and unable to patch this bridleway as

it requires re-surfacing. The Parish Council and Cormac are very much in the hands of Cornwall Council as Capital Funding has been reduced considerably. Representation for works will be made again.

BRIDLEWAY 41/1 Some good news! This bridleway runs from Lukes Barn to Tyshute Lane, Polgooth, reports that the French drain at the top to catch water running from the field gateway didn't have the capacity to cope and had started to scour out the new surface. Recent improvements to the drainage system were carried out, which have been checked during some of the recent heavy rain, and it has been working.

THE QUEENS GREEN CANOPY

THE GOFFIN AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION



Climate change, wildlife decline, whatever you call it, it is affecting every one of us!

Members of Polgooth Community and Garden Club are a very passionate group of likeminded gardeners who want to do their bit to help.

In honour of our late Queen Elizabeth, over three million trees have been planted in the UK, the project is called 'The Queens Green Canopy'.

With support from St Mewan Parish Council, they became part of the Queens Green Canopy and added a Cornish Gillyflower Apple tree. It was donated by the club and planted in our local Polgooth park (locally called 'The Goffin'). This was to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III.

The Goffin is a lovely park, but could benefit from more diversity of plants, (this is called a biodiversity). When an area lacks biodiversity it also lacks wildlife.

St Mewan Parish Council have agreed to include enhancement of The Goffin in their Action Plan.

These will include various bird boxes, and possibly in time other wildlife homes. etc. Jeremy Roberts from Three Bays Wildlife group is now involved, and will join the Working Party Group, he will report on his findings.

St Mewan Parish Council are taking climate change seriously and this can only benefit future generations.

This is just one small positive step of many items on the possible way forward for the Goffin.

Planting beautiful wildlife friendly plants and many other things can follow. It's an ongoing project that will include and involve the community.

Work on the Goffin can only enhance this beautiful place where our local community will want to visit, and our wildlife will want to call it **HOME**.

CLlr David Holman Lead Councillor for Climate Change

PARISH WILDFLOWERS & OTHER PLANTING IT'S TOUGH TO BE A PLANT WHEN THERE IS NO WATER!

Some wildflower highway areas in the Parish have not been re-cultivated this year due to some concerns on visibility. The other newly planted areas are doing reasonably well now and are picking up, however the lack of rainfall in the early stages of planting certainly didn't help and we can see small areas that suffered stress through lack of water.

The hydrangeas planted on the A3058 in Trewoon are also looking a bit healthier and we are maintaining as best we can to ensure they are given every opportunity to aid growth.



It does appear at times that our seasons maybe 'blurring'? The typical climate of a season in the UK could be described in a certain way with a certain average temperature and a certain amount of rainfall. Now, 30-40 years on, the climate of that season has changed somewhat. So, if anyone is measuring rainfall or would like to measure rainfall throughout the year with a simple rain gauge, we would be interested to hear from you please.

The display of wildflowers which were scattered in May in The Goffin at Polooth is beautiful. The children that took part must have 'green fingers' eh. Thank you and well done!

CITIZENS ADVICE

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advice**

Annual Report from Citizens Advice Cornwall with Guest Speaker Gill Pipkin who attended the Annual Parish Assembly

Ms Pipkin explained that the Citizens Advice is a Cornish based charity supporting people across Cornwall. Demand in the last 4 months has increased by 60%. They have helped 28 residents with 136 issues, gaining them collectively £21,680 via benefits. The key item in the Parish is benefits, PIP, Pension Credit etc. and once claimed can open up other benefits, which in turn helps health and wellbeing.

Citizens Advice is reliant on donations, there is no funding available, therefore donations from Town & Parish Councils are an important source of income.

It takes 10 months to train a volunteer advisor and they are expected to work at least 2 days a week.

The Citizens Advice pre-pandemic expected residents to attend one of their 9 offices, but more recently they have been trying to get out into the Communities, joining another Agency, as there is no money for room hire, this way they can attend at no cost to the Charity.

Initial contact is either via the Website or phoning one of the offices (numbers available on their Website).

If you have debt issues text the words ADVICE DEBT to 78866 and we'll respond to you within 5 working days

Visit the website <https://citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk/>

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 Award Grant Awards in 2022/2023 totalled £10807.
- 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:

- **Citizens Advice Cornwall**
- **Kindness in a Cup**
- **Polgooth Times**

- **Polgooth Village Hall**
- **Royal British Legion**
- **St Marks Church Hall**
- **Sticker Memory Café**
- **Sticker Village Association**
- **Sticker Vintage Rally and Country Fayre**
- **Team Trewoon Community Fundraisers**

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



WELCOME TO TWO NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS 2023/2024

CLLR MRS AMY IRELAND

I am from a rich Cornish heritage, with my Cornish line dating back to the early 1500s - as far as we have been able to discover so far - so I have a huge deal of interest and investment in the protection of our Cornish countryside and culture.

I was born near Truro and grew up in Chacewater Parish, along with three generations of my family. My mother was actively involved in Chacewater Parish when I was younger, and now that my husband and I have been living in St Mewan Parish for almost nine years, I feel I could contribute to the development and the sustainability of the parish with fresh new ideas. We feel so lucky to be able to bring our two children up in such a safe, friendly community, whilst working on the outskirts of the St Austell area. I am a teacher of English in a local secondary school which is so rewarding, and I see how important protecting our beautiful county is for our young people. Trewoon, and the surrounding villages, already have so much to offer, and I believe there is even more potential to bring people together and celebrate the power of a Cornish community, which has sadly been lost in so many other areas around Cornwall.

I am really looking forward to seeing where my position on the Parish Council takes me and what I can hopefully offer to our wonderful piece of Kernow!

CLLR DEBBIE WATTS

I moved to Cornwall back in December 2020. It was always in my plan to move here, as my mum was born in Newlyn and always wanted to come "home". We did, but sadly I lost her in December. I feel by becoming a Councillor I would be a step nearer to firmly planting my feet on solid ground and would love to be a small part in making a difference to the area I have made my home.

I haven't held a position like this before and feel it will be a great way to become more involved.

My working life has been spent in front of the public. I started in a solicitors office, then went to work at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth in the Box Office, working there for 8 years. Then in 1989 I joined British Airways as Cabin Crew. I spent 28 1/2 years flying the world - seeing both the highs & lows the countries offer. Hence my feeling to plant my feet firmly on the ground! I am now working part time at Cornwall Airport Newquay - so still involved with people and planes!

Being involved in the Parish Council I feel I could offer an insight of my world experience and learning from that for the betterment of our area and truly make Cornwall my forever home!

KING'S CORONATION VILLAGE EVENTS

FROM SMALL THINGS GROW GREAT THINGS!

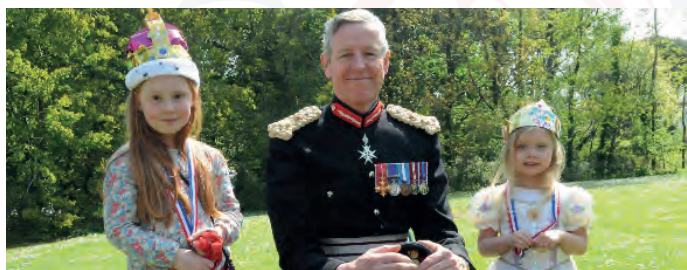
What started as a seed of an idea to mark the King's Coronation by Polgooth's Community and Garden Club took root and flourished into a glorious commemorative event, attended by the King's official representative for Cornwall, Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE. Chris Sullivan, who founded the village's Community & Garden Club, which now boasts some 180 green-fingered members, wanted to do something to mark the historic occasion for the community's children. What began as a simple idea for youngsters to plant bulbs, quickly blossomed into the planting of a Cornish apple tree and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque officiated by Sir Edward, the Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall. Major David Holman, ACF (THE RIFLES), a representative of St Mewan Parish Council, which donated funds to the Polgooth Community and Garden Club to buy the Cornish stone plaque for the unveiling, officially welcomed Sir Edward to the Goffin park in Polgooth.



During the ceremony, Sir Edward shared with the swelling crowd how he had the privilege to march up the aisle at Westminster Abbey for the coronation to the choir's magnificent singing, and how proud he was to know seven girls from the Truro Cathedral choir were among them. Asked why he accepted the invitation to be a part of Polgooth's commemorative event, Sir Edward said: "One of the great strengths of Cornwall is this community spirit we have. That sense of community is so important because it can make or break people's lives. That's what I see here and it's what I'm trying, in my own small way, to foster by supporting an event like this."

CROWNING GLORY

Local children also brought and donned homemade crowns, with judges crowning Hazel (age 4) and Harriet (age 6) the competition's winners. Both then scattered wildflower seeds around the apple tree and commemorative plaque.



Please note photographs and copy were supplied by event organisers

POLGOOTH VILLAGE HALL

Polgooth was delighted to receive funding from the Parish Council to fund our Coronation celebrations in the village. On the Coronation Day itself Garry and Nigel Hitchens provided technical support to enable the screening of the service from Westminster Abbey to be shown in the village hall whilst Tanya Williams and Stephen Weall organised a delicious cream tea for the villagers watching.



Polgooth Chapel held a celebration service on Sunday where Tony Warren led the prayers for King Charles III and reflected on the role of service in all our lives.

On the Sunday afternoon village family and friends gathered in the Playing Fields for a Coronation Picnic in the Park. To jovial background music provided by DJ Poser there were fun and games for young and old. Picnics were enjoyed along with the odd celebration tippie. Wonderful, bespoke Coronation mugs organised by Emma Thomas were then presented to the village children by Pam Hitchens along with a beautifully handmade medal, made by Beth Warren and presented to the children by Tony Warren.

On behalf of the village thank you to St Mewan Parish Council for providing support for our celebrations and thank you to all the villagers that helped with the organisation and those that came to celebrate. God save the King!

STICKER VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

A wonderful day was had by all in Sticker Village to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. Everyone was served with a cream tea and refreshments whilst being entertained by The Garker Street Band.

TREWOON VILLAGE HALL

The King's Coronation celebrations were planned by the Village Hall committee. Although the weather meant the Children's Sports were cancelled, it did not deter people coming to enjoy a Celebration Tea. A grant was funded by St Mewan Parish Council, almost a hundred people sat down and enjoyed a free buffet. The grant also ensured the hall was decorated with Coronation bunting and the tables laid with Union Jack tablecloths and napkins. Naturally, no Cornish tea would have been complete without jam and cream of which there was plenty. A celebratory tea fit for a King! A fun quiz followed, with Charles III medals given to the winning team.

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP YOUR PARISH TIDY!



Paul: I really enjoy litter picking in the community where I live and think it is important that we all try and do our bit to keep it clean.



Paul Norman continues to carry out his weekly litter pick from Trelowth to Sticker

A really big thank you to Eva from Sticker! This young lady gave up an hour of her time on a weekly basis to help clean up the Parish. After the pick came the relentless task of sorting out the rubbish for recycling, so well done! Eva is working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award, the world's leading youth achievement award and chose Litter Picking as one her modules, therefore the Parish Council would also like to take this opportunity to wish her all the very best to attain this prestigious award.

VOLUNTEERS-ONGOING INITIATIVE!

To help combat this problem of dog fouling the Parish Council can supply volunteers with a 'We're Watching You' glow in the dark poster. Please contact the Parish Council if you are willing to erect a poster near to or of any roads/areas that are suffering from dog fouling. This will highlight the issues so requests can be made to Cornwall Council for the area to be cleaned.

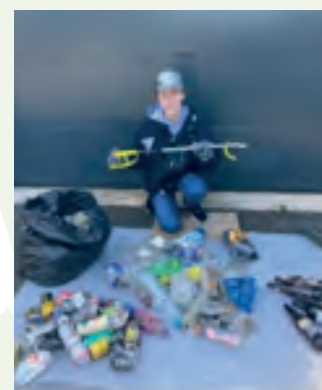
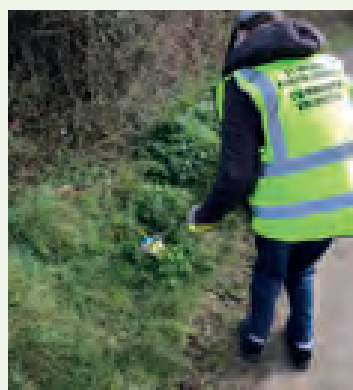
DOG FOULING IS INCREASING

The Parish Council are still receiving ongoing complaints about dog fouling across the parish including Trewoon Play Area which is one of the worst areas at present where dog excrement is not even being picked up in this play area. There is clear signage 'NO DOGS' to areas where dogs are not allowed and this needs to be adhered to please.

Residential areas are also suffering with the same problem and one elderly resident who has partial sight slipped due to an irresponsible dog owner not picking up outside the entrance to her drive.

We would like to remind dog owners they have a legal duty to clean up every time their dog messes in a public place.

A big thanks to all the individuals that are often seen litter picking in the Parish. It really shows that people do care and take pride in their community. Well done to Mrs Packer and Mrs Blackie from Sticker. These ladies are residents who I have seen litter picking but am sure there are others, so don't be shy make yourself known.



Littering is a serious problem that affects the environment in many ways. Not only does littering create an eyesore, but it also causes damage to ecosystems, harms wildlife, and pollutes our waterways.

Many people find that getting outside and picking up litter can be a great way to take a walk in nature to destress, keep fit and healthy and remind themselves how beautiful nature is and why we preserve it. It can also be a great way to meet new people and make friends who share a common interest in protecting the environment. If anyone thinks that they may be able to invest some time to litter pick whilst they are out for a walk please contact the Parish Council for a litter picker, hi vis vest and some bags.

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.

Please note if this issue continues the Parish Council will be investigating routes for enforcement to tackle owners who regularly allow their dogs to foul in public places under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. However, this would be a last resort as it would be at the expense of all residents as a taxpayer.

MICHAEL BUNNEY

Cornwall Councillor for St. Mewan

I am confident we have achieved a lot, by working together and staying positive, even during challenging times. I want to thank the parish council, especially John and Wendy for all your hard work. You are an amazing group of people, who are simply trying to help. People forget that parish councillors are volunteers and I especially appreciate all your commitment. I will always do all I can to support the local community and parish council and believe we can deliver for our villages by working together.

HIGHWAYS Lots of my work is focused on roads and drains. We have got the drains in Lower Sticker cleared and the pot hole by Polgooth Chapel filled. I have stated to Highways that the number one priority for proper resurfacing in my area should be the Polgooth to London Apprentice road. I have been assured it will be done by Autumn and am pressing for this to happen sooner and for remedial work to be done in the meantime. Please do report the pot holes to Cornwall Council online, as all reports add evidence and will help get it up the priority list. It shows weight of local concern too.

AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS I campaigned hard for Trewoon Average Speed Cameras, and they are all working and making a big difference to the quality of life for residents and safety for all drivers.

20'S PLENTY I am also applying for traffic calming in St.Mewan Lane, as this is a main walk to school route and the safety of children is crucial. The 20mph zones in all our villages are being rolled out over the next 18 months and I support these. I am pleased we were successful in getting Polgooth in the first phase. I have also put forward Sticker, Tregorrick, Grampound and Trewoon as areas for consideration. I have applied for Stony Lane to be upgraded and for Trelowth bridleway to be resurfaced. Trelowth has been confirmed for this year's capital projects and I am sorry residents have had to wait so long for the bridleway/ lane to be done. St.Mewan Parish Council has purchased the

speed sensor for Trelowth Road and this should be in soon.

CORNWALL COUNCIL I work hard at Cornwall Council and spoke in favour of doubling council tax for second homes. I am delighted this has been agreed and second homeowners will now contribute fairly to Cornish local services. I have also spoken against a Mayor for Cornwall and am pleased this has been abandoned, following strong opposition. We now need to focus on improving Cornish public services and winning fair funding for Cornwall and a proper devolution deal. I also spoke at the constitution committee, to protect Pentewan Valley parish and keep it whole. I am delighted the committee agreed to this and this has been endorsed by the Full Council. This means Higher Trehiddle will remain in Pentewan Valley parish. It is important to protect rural parishes and keeping key areas in rural areas keeps them alive.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT I have helped many local residents, with problems ranging from homelessness, the energy support scheme for park homes, working closely with the food banks and Cornwall Poverty Forum. I deliver donations every week to Truro or St.Austell Food bank and I am always happy to pass on donations from residents. Cornwall Community Foundation also offers crisis grants of £250- 1000 and be contacted on tel 01566779333 or online at www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com and click on grants to apply.

I continue to work full-time as your Cornwall Councillor and have met many residents to help with case work and run regular surgeries and arrange these now when people contact me. Due to safety concerns, we have been advised not to advertise open surgeries without security, due to threats against councillors, but I will always organise appointments for people who make contact. I continue to volunteer at Grampound Community Shop, present my Cornish history talks and involved with any St Piran events. Please do report any issues to Cornwall Council, online is easiest at www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something or you can report any emergencies 24hrs on 03001234222.

Please never hesitate to get in touch if I can help with anything.

Oll an gwella. (All the best in Cornish)

POLICE REPORT

Annual Police Report 2022/2023



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 onto 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 at <http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/>

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER GROUPS

IN THE PARISH TO BE PROUD OF!

ST MARKS CHURCH HALL, STICKER

Following the success of our Winter Warmer Soups and to offer a friendly welcoming space to people in our community through the summer months, we at St Mark's have started Summer Teas once a month from May to September. Folk are welcome to join us in St Mark's Church Hall between 2 and 4 pm for a cuppa and cake or scone, jam and cream or a cheese scone and butter. Only £3 per head. Bring a friend or meet new ones!

FRIENDLY AND WELCOMING SUMMER TEAS FOR 2023

Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm

Started 23rd May

27th June

25th July

22nd August

26th September

Come and join us for tea, coffee, scones and cake.

Vegan and gluten free on request telephone Sybilla 63394

£3 per person to cover costs.

Note: Winter Warmers will start again in October and through the winter - dates to be decided and confirmed.



POLGOOTH COMMUNITY & GARDEN CLUB

The Polgooth Garden club all started 6 years ago. A few of us like minded gardeners decided it would be fun to start a garden club in Polgooth, and that's just what we did. Our first meeting consisted of just 7 founder members. Hilarious when I think back to that day. We met in the Polgooth Inn, and after a few pints things got very 'lively', and we agreed it would be good to meet every month, and definitely in the pub!!

Well things certainly have changed since then. We now have 170 plus members, not all from Polgooth, because anyone can join no matter where they live. We even have a member in Australia who recently emigrated. Over the years we've become more and more involved in many local community events.

Our members have raised lots of money for the community, Our last money raising event 'Polgooth In Bloom Pop up', raised £500 towards the new Polgooth Village hall floor. Local businesses have also been involved, generously donating to our events which have been thoroughly enjoyed by the locals.

We also have a group of volunteer gardeners who created beautiful gardens in Merlin at, Hewas Water. Of course Merlin are delighted with the support and the floral results achieved.

The club were so pleased to have won a Community Volunteer Award for 2022/23 for Polgooth and Trelowth, presented by St Mewen Parish Councilors, we thank everyone for the award. Winning this award prompted us to change our name to include the very poignant word 'Community' to our name, and now we are called Polgooth Community and Garden Club.

Our clubs members are not expert gardeners, we are your average everyday person, who have lots to learn, but we have one thing in common, we love gardens and plants. Many members are widows or living by themselves who feel isolated. Many have made long lasting friendships. Meeting up with others every third Wednesday of the month in The Polgooth Inn at 10.30 has created a bond between our members. If you would like to join our friendly group everyone is invited. And if you can't make it, we have a Facebook page that you can join. There is no subscription, all we ask for is £1 contribution when you come along. This is used for admin, raffles, speakers and our Christmas party raffle. Don't feel isolated, come along, bring a friend.



For more information about our meetings you can either :

Contact Chris Sullivan 01726 63437

Send a text to Jenny Pope on 07798847351

Join our Facebook group Polgooth Community and Garden Club

Or send your email details to

polgoothgardenclub@btinternet.com

STICKER MEMORY CAFÉ



We held our 4th Annual General Meeting on 16th May and it doesn't seem possible that it's almost 4 years since we opened STICKER MEMORY CAFE on 5th November 2019!

5 of our original members still attend regularly. Back then our numbers were low, but I'm delighted to report that we now have over 20 couples on our data base with on average 15 people with a diagnosis of dementia at every session. It is so gratifying to hear a carer comment 'It's the highlight of my husband's week'.

We continue to provide lots of musical entertainment at our sessions as well as exercise and craft afternoons. During the past year a solicitor kindly joined us and talked to our carers about the importance of making wills, inheritance tax, power of attorney etc. A Carers' Well Being Practitioner also came along to advise our carers about the help they can get. Of course, this is a contentious issue as there aren't enough paid carers in the county to meet the ever-increasing demand. There is a greater awareness of dementia, and the government has pledged more money but as yet nothing much has changed.

We are fortunate to have St Mark's Church Hall for our sessions. Sybilla and Chris Davis who manage the hall couldn't be more helpful. The facilities are always clean, and Chris kindly helps us set up the tables etc ready for our members to arrive.

Last summer we were delighted to be one of the charities

chosen to benefit from the proceeds of Sticker Tractor Rally and gratefully accepted a cheque for £1000.

We are also very lucky that St Mewan Parish Council has funded many of our entertainers during the past year. Part of the grant was spent on an outing to Porthpean Golf Club for a cream tea. The view along the coast from the club house is amazing and the husband of one of the soroptimists, Keith Wakeford, kindly provided background music on his key board.

Sadly one of our original members died in November and her husband kindly gave the donations at her funeral to STICKER MEMORY CAFE. We wanted to spend it on something special and having enquired at various venues we decided to go to Heligan.

My contact was Louise Eade who couldn't have been more helpful. She provided an excellent lunch for £15 a head and gave all 42 of us free passes to the gardens. A wonderful time was had by all!

Of course I am extremely lucky to have an excellent committee and a brilliant group of volunteers made up of Soroptimists, Lions and the residents of Sticker. Some greet our members in the car park and help them safely across the road, others put out the pencil and paper activities ready for our members as they arrive, and the tea ladies provide a welcome drink and tea or coffee and homemade cake halfway through the afternoon.

Talking with our carers and their loved ones is probably the most important aspect of our sessions. Often a listening ear is all that is needed but professionals in the field of dementia regularly join us, and they are in a position to arrange assessments, obtain physical aids etc. Having a special seat that his wife could be left in safely made a tremendous difference to one of our carers.

By the time we clear up at 4 o'clock we're usually exhausted but agree unanimously that it's all been so worthwhile.

STICKER MEMORY CAFE meets from 2 to 4 pm on the first and third Tuesdays of every month in St Mark's Church Hall in the village. For further information please contact

Catherine on 07717 333713 or Jean on 01726 75964 or email us at stickermemorycafe@gmail.com

STICKER VILLAGE ASSOCIATION



Sticker Festival week kicked off with Party in the Park, a fantastic turnout, even though it rained everyone continued to enjoy themselves.

Next came Tug of War, unfortunately Sticker Pub Team lost the winner's cup to Team Trojan. There were two teams of young children taking part in a mini tug of war.

The Sticker WI put on a very enjoyable Bingo night with Madge Mitchell calling the numbers and each game having superb prizes.

Friday 23rd June was the Auction night we had the best Auctioneer in Andy Stephens, a good total of auction prizes and very generous people donating and buying.

Finally, our Festival week ended with the Fun Fest Day, there were

bands, stalls, plenty of food and drinks, a brilliant exhibition of juggling on a unicycle, fire breathing display and an excellent dog show. There were some great Scarecrows in the competition and the winner was the Razzell family. The fancy dress competition saw some lovely outfits walking around however the winner was Chris Best with the greatest Tropicana themed outfit.

Sticker Village Association would like to thank everyone who donated, helped or attended our events, we live in the best Community with very generous people.

TEAM TREWOON COMMUNITY FUND RAISERS

A beautiful sunny day saw a well-attended Community Event in the Recreation Ground. Funded by a National Lottery Grant enabling free entry. An estimated three hundred people enjoyed Magic Matt, the combined choirs of Roseland and Indian Queens and the spectacular ABBA Tribute Band. Organised by Team Trewoon Community Fundraisers it has become an annual event and preparations are already in hand for 2024. TTCF are forging ahead with plans for a Community Hub which we hope will help in abating loneliness and isolation as one of its priorities.

TREWOON VILLAGE HALL

The Annual General Meeting of Trewoon Village Hall on the 3rd May, saw a few changes. After many years of dedicated service, Jeff Blake stepped down as Chairman but agreed to stay on as Vice Chairman and oversee the maintenance of the hall. Sally Bourton, on behalf of the committee, thanked Jeff for all his hard work and presented him with a Kingswood Restaurant voucher as a thank you gift. Jeff proposed that Ian Collier take over as Chairman and this was unanimously agreed. Ian's previous experience in management will prove invaluable and working with Jeff, they will prove a formidable team!

Exciting plans for an extension to the Village Hall have been drawn up. It is the brainwave of Melissa Bunt and Nicola Broom, committee members. They are both very involved with the annual pantomime and encouraging young people in drama music and dance. Space is at a premium at present and an extension would include more storage but most importantly, extra room to accommodate the ever-increasing numbers wanting to be involved in amateur theatre. It would also make the hall more viable to hire for theatrical productions. We have had several fund-raising events with more planned this year. It includes a Variety Show showcasing the myriad talents of young people, which will be held in July. Rehearsals are well under way and if anything like the previous show will be another complete sell out. New talent is always made very welcome. The hall remains a hive of activity with Trewoon Village Players, Byrne Black Belt Academy, Karen Lane Dance, Slimming World, Restormel Childminders, Bingo, Over 50's Club and Yarn Bombers meeting regularly. The hall is also a popular venue to hire subject to availability. Anyone wishing to hire the hall can contact Nicola on 07817279547

Please note photographs and text supplied by the Community Groups



GENERAL INFO

One of roles of a Parish Clerk is to receive correspondence and documents on behalf of the Parish Council and to deal with this correspondence or documents or bring such items to the attention of Council. Also, to issue correspondence as a result of instructions of, or the known policy of the Council.

Residents who wish to raise local issues or may just simply want to ask a question, regarding Planning, Rights of Way, Playing Fields, Open Spaces, Footpaths, Grass Cutting etc. etc is recommended to make direct contact with the Parish Clerk and/or members of the council by emailing or telephone. All emails and phone calls received are dealt with confidentially.

Email: clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone 07464 350837

Social media sites are not monitored 24/7 and we will not always be able to reply individually to all messages or comments received. However, we will endeavour to ensure that any emerging themes or helpful suggestions are passed to the relevant people or authorities.

Please note that sending a message on a standalone comment post or tagging St Mewan Parish Council in that post in via Facebook will not be considered as contacting the Council for official purposes and we will not be obliged to monitor or respond to requests for information through these channels.

You can find the Parish Council's Social Media and Electronic Communication Policy on the website at www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk under the Council toolbar and click on Policies and Procedures.

Please note to find out more about the council's business that has been or will be transacted on scheduled meetings please visit the website at www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk, click on the Council toolbar and on the drop down menu click on Meetings, Agendas and Minutes. It can be useful and accurate information to residents on topics debated and further resolved for action.

Thank you.

SCAM ALERT

REMINDER ON SCAMS

This list is not exhaustive so please if you are in any doubt, please call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. Remember if it sounds too good to be true it probably is!

PARCEL DELIVERY FRAUD

This is the most common type of scam in the UK this year, accounting for 49 per cent of all scams, according to Citizens Advice research. Almost half of those targeted by scammers were involved in a malicious parcel delivery scam, with fraudsters seeking personal information or bank details.

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If you're expecting a delivery and you receive a 'missed parcel' message:

1. Do not click the link and never give out personal bank details.
2. Use the official websites of delivery companies to track your parcel.
3. Forward the message to 7726, a free spam-reporting service provided by phone operators. If you are not sure how to forward a text message from your particular device, search online for instructions.
4. Delete the message.

FACEBOOK MARKETPLACE

Criminals are exploiting sellers by arranging delivery via a courier service.

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE LOTTERY

Watch out for fake letters which claim that recipients have won thousands on the People's Postcode Lottery. This scam letter

includes the People's Postcode Lottery logo and branding. It claims that your postcode has been randomly selected from the electoral roll database and says your 'win' is part of a programme to award money from previously unclaimed prizes. The letter asks you to call a number to claim your prize. At this point the criminal will ask you to provide personal information, which will likely include your bank account details. The advice is to always contact the People's Postcode Lottery directly via a verified phone number (08081 098765), e-mail address or postal address if you genuinely believe that you may have won a prize.

MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEMS SCAMS

People are phoned up and told they they might be entitled to a free medical alert button from Medical Alert Systems. The caller knows the name of the person and says that the offer is for vulnerable adults who are at risk of falls. This is a potential scam. Never give out personal details whether on the phone, or email, or text.

MOBILE MESSAGING SCAM

A message is sent to mobiles, often via WhatsApp, by someone pretending to be their son or daughter and claiming they've lost their phone. Once the new number is saved, scammers then say they need money after an incident, hoping that the victim will trustingly hand over thousands of pounds and their financial details.

- Age UK has produced an excellent 40-page guide called 'Avoiding scams'
- Action Fraud has a range of printable fact sheets, leaflets and posters on different types of scams.
- Now on its fourth edition, the Little Book of Big Scams is a 46-page booklet highlighting the most common frauds and how to reduce your chances of becoming a victim.
- Consumers' group Which? Has produced a guide to help people spot whether something is a scam.

Outgoing Chairman's Annual Summary for 2022/2023

Firstly a huge well done and thank you to the Award Winners this year, what great community spirit we continue to have across the Parish.

I would like to thank all the St Mewan Parish Councillors who continue to give their time on a voluntary basis for the benefit of the communities within the Parish.

I would particularly like to thank Cllr Mrs Tarbox for her dedication and support in the position of Vice Chair whilst also chairing our busy Planning Committee.

Thankyou also to all of the Cllrs who have chaired a committee during the year and for their reports earlier this evening.

Also, thanks to our Cornwall Councillor Michael Bunney for his ongoing support and of course to all of our contractors and suppliers.

Its now 7 years since we welcomed clerk Wendy Yelland to the Parish I am also delighted that our Deputy Parish Clerk – Amanda Kendall has now completed her first full year with the Parish, and we can also welcome our newest member of the team our Maintenance Operative Kevin Westaway.

I would like to thank them all for their commitment, continued hard work, community spirit and support to the whole Council and our communities.

We continue to maintain the Parish assets and services that local people value, this is a constant challenge given reducing services and support from Cornwall Council.

We have heard how our playing fields and footpaths are all in good stead and getting well used with some more updates and improvements to come this year. Coupled with our allotments this gives good opportunities for local residents to get out in the fresh air and take some exercise bringing the associated health and wellbeing benefits.

We continue to work on potential plans for more Community Gardening space in our villages and have some grant applications pending to begin to enable these plans to come into fruition.

During the previous year there have been many highlights, to many to mention but I would like to pick out some of particular for to me.

Attending the opening of the Ocean Housing affordable scheme in Trewoon was particularly moving given the stories from local people who now have somewhere to live close to family and friends. Behind every front door was a story of challenge and personal happiness.

It was a huge privilege to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on behalf of the Parish in recognition for the work we all did supporting our communities through the pandemic.

Then, following some great community events in the Parish celebrating the late Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee it was very sad for us all on the occasion of the passing of our late Queen.

And now, with the passage of time, we will soon be celebrating the Coronation of our new King, King Charles III, with community

events being planned and supported across the Parish in early May.

I also represented the Parish Council again in November at the Annual Remembrance Day Service at St Mewan Church and laid a wreath of remembrance on behalf of the parish. The remembrance bench continues to both look good and provide some seating for quiet reflection.

This year we are refreshing the wildflower planting on roadside verges, having declared a Climate Emergency we are taking increasing actions to improve our natural environment with our open spaces and trees.

We continue to manage and build our Community Benefit funds from the wind turbines up above Trewoon at Blackpool, this has allowed several smaller grants and projects to be supported already.

We are working with Cornwall Council to produce a St Mewan Parish Design Code to enhance our Neighbourhood Plan and help to ensure all development in the Parish is in keeping with its surroundings. This is likely to be the first such design Code in Cornwall.

Across the Parish we have managed a very prudent financial position as always and this year have not increased the Parish Precept recognising the pressure our communities are under with rising costs especially food inflation.

It has now been a decade since I joined the Parish Council, alongside all of the "business as usual" activities we perform all the time we have achieved a lot of projects over the years and seen many changes. I would like to take this opportunity to outline some of these:

- Modernising and professionalising the Council with all sorts of initiatives such as a website & social media platforms.
- Solar panels on our 3 village halls.
- New notice boards across the Parish.
- Our Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- New equipment for our playing fields in Sticker, Trewoon and Polgooth, funded by a Public Works Loan.
- A pump track in Polgooth.
- Paperless planning meetings.
- Community Speedwatch team.
- Community Benefit Finance Schemes from wind turbines.
- Sponsorship Schemes for notice boards etc.
- Wild flower planting.
- Using ZOOM for meetings.
- Sticker Car Park re-vamp.
- Community Awards Scheme.
- Local Council Foundation Award.
- Average speed cameras in Trewoon.
- Growing our team now including our Clerk, Deputy Clerk and a Maintenance Operative.

And I'm confident that St Mewan Parish Council will continue to deliver projects and services for the benefit of all of our local communities for the next decade.

Thank You
John Kneller

QUICK QUESTIONS PLEASE FOR THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II MEMORIAL GARDEN IN TREWOON RECREATIONAL LAND!

With this project commenced the Parish Council would like you to spare 5 mins and answer the following questions.

Please return your reply to the questions by either tearing off and depositing your replies in the **ORANGE BOX** provided situated in Polgooth Premier Store, Sticker Londis Store and Trewoon Premier Store or email to: clerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk or deputyclerk@stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk

Questions are published on the council's website www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk under the 'Consultation' tool bar.

The closing date is the 31st of August 2023. Thank you for taking interest and time.

Please note that replies in the form of comments on social media will not be accepted.

Privacy Notice on how the council uses your data can be found at www.stmewanparishcouncil.gov.uk under Policies and Procedures.



1. How often did you visit or use Trewoon Recreational Land (Not the fenced Childrens Play Equipment Area) please circle one of the following?

Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Yearly ☐ Never ☐

2. Do you think enhancement on part of Trewoon Recreational Land is important? please circle one of the following?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

3. Do you think you will visit Trewoon Recreational Land once enhancement has taken place? please circle one of the following?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐

Name:

Address:.....

Postcode:.....