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Happy New Year all. Bledhen Nowyth Da. Following your requests, I have continued with the punchier, more concise reports. Please feel free to ask me any questions.

Community events.

I chaired the White River Community Project this Week 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 contacted the Lord Lieutenant, who has agreed to join us to open Trewoon Queen Elizabeth 11 garden on 11th April

It was great to speak at Polgooth Gardening club, we raised £150 for St.Austell food Bank.

Grampond celebrated the centenary of the Village Hall and the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and I opened it.

The Merlin Centre Carol Concert was brilliant, I was delighted to read the lessons

It was lovely to speak at Grampond WI on Cornish women this week and this winter I am speaking at Sticker WI & Polgooth Ladies Group

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.

On Friday I am going to St.Mewan School to run their assemblies and will taking to the children about local history

Roads, drains etc

I received many reports from residents about road problems and flooding and reported these to Highways. I have submitted requests for gritting in Polgooth every day this week

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.

Polgooth to London Apprentice resurfacing is happening now and will be complete by Friday. I have checked this, and it seems to be progressing well.

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

Higher Trewhiddle pedestrian crossing. I applied for this scheme, and it is being consulted on now. It is budgeted for and will help walking to St.Mewan School. The Town Council support a crossing but have objected to the design and want a higher level one. I will now work with Highways to try to get an improved crossing.

Highways are assessing all the new Highways expressions of interest forms and there will be a community area partnership meeting next year to agree which schemes can move forward, with very tight budget restrictions.

New highways schemes will need to be submitted after May 2025 now

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 clear view on which areas, you would like added 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 and will continue to work closely with the parish council on planning applications. I will always support your decisions and think it is important applications are in line with your neighbourhood development plan, especially larger developments.

I continue to work hard as your Cornwall Councillor and have met many residents to help with case work. I continue to volunteer at Grampound Community Shop and present my Cornish history talks; I donate all proceeds from these to local charities.

Oll an gwella. (All the best in Cornish)

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