

It's been another busy month for me all around the Mevagissey and St Austell Bay Division, with all sorts going on to keep me occupied, not to mention the many individual cases that I deal with on a day to day basis.

In Carlyon Parish Cormac have now provided an update on the flooding issues above Tregrehan Mills:

They say they have had some meetings recently with a representative of the landowner where the impeded culvert lies. They believe the meetings have been productive and the landowner has started some works to clear the open channel that runs adjacent to the highway (where the main flow went before the breach in 2012) to improve flow through this section whilst the land has been too wet to work on the main culvert issue. The landowner is hoping to enter into discussions longer term with the Environment Agency regarding reinstating some flow down this channel which is currently only taking the water from Charlestown leat, however this is not a simple solution and may not be feasible.

The owners are now going to move towards trying to alleviate the more immediate issue of the impeded 900mm culvert that the watercourse flow is struggling to get through. In the next week or so they will clear some vegetation from the area around the sink hole over the culvert to aid with the drying out of the soil and give access for a machine in the future. When the land has dried sufficiently work will begin to excavate down to the culvert at this location and assess the condition of the, assumed, collapsed culvert at this point. Once the culvert is exposed any materials within the culvert will be removed and flow will hopefully improve.

The aim is for this work to be undertaken as soon as safely possible so that there is time to investigate any other issues that may be found before the Autumn/Winter weather.

This is a positive step forward and I have asked to continue to be kept informed on these works as they progress.

On Monday it was great to join some Bishop Broneacombe pupils at Tregrehan Mills to help plant some trees. This is for the Parish Council's Forest School initiative that they have been working on with Cornwall Council's Forest for Cornwall team. Thanks to all involved for your work on this, it will be a brilliant use of this underutilised community space.

I am pleased to confirm that the Beryl-bike e-bike scheme is being rolled out across the St Austell by the first week of April. This will include a bike charging stand and bikes at Crinnis Beach Carpark in Carlyon Parish, as well as one at the Eden Project, and others around St Austell.

I am making enquiries about finding some funding to extend the improved cycle and footway infrastructure up Par Moor Road from Cypress Avenue up to Par Garden Centre.

I have set up a Facebook event for the Carlyon Parish Spring Clean on 2 April - this should be another great community event to tidy up the local area and love where we live.