

## **Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish Council – December 2023**

I hope you are all well as we head towards Christmas.

It has been great to be involved in some of the festive events locally.

Over the past month winter has definitely arrived and I have spent a lot of time reporting and dealing with issues around the heavy rain we have been experiencing on a seemingly daily basis, as well as the somewhat unexpected snow that we had on 30 November!

This included pushing Cormac to take emergency action to try to address flooding concerns at the Beach Road/Fairway junction, work which has now been completed, after years of nothing happening, thanks to my regular badgering of Cormac and the intervention of Transport Portfolio Holder Cllr Richard Pears.

Regarding the very cold weather, the gritters are now out and about when needed on the gritting routes around the county and will remain so until March.

The rollout of the new bins for the waste and recycling contract change in January is continuing, with Cornwall Council holding another engagement event in St Austell Library earlier in November.

I have been told of occasions where Cornwall Council's contractor has delivered new bins to properties that shouldn't be getting them, i.e. holiday lets that pay business rates, or even occasions where properties that have already had them delivered have had another set delivered. Anything like this should be reported to

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/new-food-waste-recycling-and-rubbish-service/about-your-new-bins/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/new-food-waste-recycling-and-rubbish-service/about-your-new-bins/)

Equally, if you have not had any new bins, please contact the same link and ask them to send you one.

The various maintenance things that Cormac's countryside team were doing on the paths around Charlestown and Carlyon Bay have all been completed now, and the chippings have all settled down nicely. A Godsend given the changeable weather we have been having recently!

Finally it is great to finally see a date for the Carlyon Neighbourhood Parish Plan Referendum, which is set for 18<sup>th</sup> January. I have been pleased to have worked with the NDP Steering Group, Parish Council and Cornwall Council to help unblock this initiative and move it forward. Well done to everyone who has got it this far, and I implore local residents to vote for it, come 18<sup>th</sup> January, as it will provide bespoke local planning guidance which is helpful to me as local Cornwall Councillor in making the case for or against developments in the parish.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank the Parish Council for all their hard work over the year. It has been a pleasure to continue working with you all and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful, happy and prosperous 2024.