

Cornwall Councillor Report – Carlyon Parish - July 2025

I hope you are all well as we go through July, which at the time of writing, has been a lovely sunny month.

I recently met in Charlestown with new PCSO for the Mevagissey area Laura, and veteran PCSO Steve.

I always like to meet officers when they come into the area, so I can discuss issues of concern, and areas of potential concern across my patch.

We had a wide ranging discussion about local issues, including seasonal asb, noisy motorbikes, e-scooters, speeding traffic, obstructive parking and lawn mower thefts.

After 12 weeks of mentoring, new PCSOs Laura, Cameron and James have been signed off for independent patrol. They will be the PCSO's for the communities in the following areas;

Cameron - Lostwithiel, Lanlivery, Luxulyan and Tywardreath

Laura - Mevagissey, Gorran, Grampound , St Stephen and St Mewan

James - Bethel, Boscoppa and Holmbush areas of St Austell, Charlestown, Carlyon Bay and Pentewan Valley area

They will be out and about getting to know their communities so feel free to say hello to them!

Their addition to the team's current complement of 4 PCSO's means that each of the parishes in St Austell and the St Blazey policing area has an allocated PCSO. They are assisted by 5 police officers in their role as Neighbourhood Beat Officers.

Following the last Parish Council meeting, I asked Cormac to look at doing some hedge cutting along the A390 between Holmbush and the Brit roundabout. They have said they will look into this.

I have also raised concerns again about the numbers of people parking on the road, often on double yellow lines, around Charlestown School, at pick up and drop off times, although it was also particularly bad at the school sports day recently.

Cornwall Council is currently piloting Parking Buddies; these are child-shaped signs designed to discourage unsafe parking near school entrances.

Funded by Vision Zero South West, the idea is to help improve safety and reduce congestion at participating schools.

The intention is that Parking Buddies can be loaned from the Council for one school term. The School must only place the Buddies on the highway during drop off and collection times; they will need to be continually monitored whilst in place, and must be stored away safely at the School outside of school drop off and collection times.

A request has recently been made to Charlestown School to obtain their interest in use of the Buddies.

There was a bit of an issue when Cormac had to close the SWCP briefly at Par Docks to do some repairs on the footbridge, this necessitated a bonkers diversion across the A390. Luckily Cormac acted very quickly and put a temporary repair on the bridge and it reopened 48 hours after it was closed.

I've been delighted to have been elected unopposed and unanimously as Vice Chair of the new Community Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Cornwall Council.

The committee serves as a critical friend to the council in relation to many of the council's front line services, including: community networks and localism; libraries; leisure; registration; fire and rescue; community safety and emergency management, and waste.

The Committee also fulfils the Council's statutory scrutiny responsibility relating to crime and disorder.

I look forward to continuing my service in this new and exciting role with old and new colleagues alike, for the good of the people of Cornwall.

After the successful revival of the Mevagissey Parish Beating the Bounds over the last couple of years, I've been looking at expanding this to the parishes in my division, as well as (gulp) the entire boundary of the division.

Next up is Carlyon Parish, and I've booked this for Sunday 20th July, starting and finishing at Crinnis Beach at 9am.

The route will take in the coastpath, there's clay trails and a number of public rights of way, as well as some pavement and road side walking, with a climb from up to the Eden Project in the middle, but then it's pretty much all downhill from there. By my scientific calculations it's only about 9 miles

As with the Mevagissey walk, anyone is welcome to join for as much or as little of the walk as possible!

As ever, should people require my assistance on any matter, please get in touch on 07885 277670 or at cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk