

Cornwall Councillor Report October 2025 – Carlyon Parish Council

I hope you are all well as we move forward through October.

At the time of writing (10th October), my inbox has been dominated by issues relating to the roadworks which have seemingly sprung up around the edge of the Parish, causing a lot of annoyance and delays with traffic.

The issue with roadworks is that Cornwall has a seasonal embargo on them over the summer months. This in turn leads to the utility companies who are responsible for a lot of the roadworks, and Cormac, who are responsible for resurfacing and the general maintenance of the highway network, to seemingly cram everything in as soon as the tourists go home.

The roadworks along Cromwell Road in particular, which are forecast to run 12 weeks from October to December and are the responsibility of Wales and West Utilities, are a real headache for commuters and for Penrice School in particular.

On the positive side, highways inspectors have been very quick to come out and read the riot act to culprits when I report that roadworks are being poorly managed and have committed to regular visits to ensure they comply going forward.

Last week I was delighted to meet with Mrs Lee Elkins at Charlestown School for a tour of the school prior to my start as a governor.

I've always worked closely with the schools in my patch and have been impressed by the warm and nurturing environment at Charlestown School in my visits since I became councillor for the area in 2021.

I particularly love their focus on reading, having grown up living above a bookshop, and this was very much in evidence during my visit today. One of the best things we can do for our young people is instil a life-long love of reading!

I look forward to continuing to work with all at Charlestown School into the future.

At the most recent Full Council I was pleased to see my motion called 'Keep Cornwall Clean!' voted on and passed almost unanimously by my fellow councillors.

My plan is to work with the council and partners to better promote and highlight the resources available for community litter picking and beach cleaning, in order to establish a joined up network of groups, such as the ones I already work with in my division, across Cornwall.

Now the real hard work starts and I look forward to working with all concerned to put these plans into action!

You can see the full text and detail of the motion via the link [here](#)

Finally, although it isn't in the Mevagissey and St Austell Bay division, the Pentewan Roundabout in St Austell is a very important piece of transport infrastructure that I am regularly asked about.

My own view is that the whole area needs to be completely upgraded as the double roundabout and associated infrastructure that we have there is no longer fit for purpose and has not been since at least 2015. However this will need a significant multi-million pound investment, which I know from previous work would have to be secured from the Department for Transport.

However, any improvements to this dangerous bit of road are a good thing, and I am pleased to see Cornwall Council coming forward with these proposals, which are being consulted on from today under the scheme name 'A390 Penwinnick Local Safety Improvements Scheme'.

I encourage anyone who is interested to have your say. Full details of the proposals can be seen on the LetsTalk website, which is available via the following link:

<https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/hub-page/transport>

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