

## **Cornwall Councillor Report February 2024 – Carlyon Parish**

I hope you are all well as we go through February.

I have spent a lot of time in Carlyon Bay over the past month delivering Steve Double's annual update and knocking on doors. Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to stop to speak to me about local issues.

One of my new year resolutions for 2024 was to do more litter picking and I have been out nearly every weekend so far this year with the St Austell Tidy Up Team, a group I run with Action Nan Pat Smith, doing community litter picks.

Of note to Carlyon Parish nearly all of these litter picks have been near or on the border of the parish. In particular we have removed nearly 20 bags of rubbish from the A390 between the Holmbush Inn and the Brit over 2 days, and last weekend went up and down the distributor road from Bishop Bronescombe School and removed another 10 bags. With the Spring Clean on the agenda for this month's meeting, I was hoping we could join in and pick up some more rubbish with the parish council for that event!

I was delighted to represent Cornwall Council at the ground breaking ceremony for the new elective surgical hub at Penrice Hospital.

Having lived and worked in Mevagissey and St Austell all my life, Penrice Hospital has been a key part of my family and so many other local residents lives.

Both our children were born there, my Grandma spent time there towards the end of her life, and we have all had cause to visit the Minor Injuries Unit at various times.

Community Hospitals such as Penrice are critical parts of the local health infrastructure, and it is fantastic that the NHS has chosen to invest in the Penrice site with an elective surgical hub.

The elective surgical hub will take the pressure off other local NHS services, help clear the backlog and bring in extra jobs to the area, and I hope it will become operational as soon as possible.

I have written supporting the planning application that has gone in and hope it will be put through shortly.

Last week I was made aware that the King Charles III Charitable Fund's Small Grants opened has now opened, with grants of up to £5,000 will be awarded across 6 funding themes: environment, countryside, social inclusion, health and wellbeing, heritage and conservation and education

Community-based organisations, including charities, community interest companies, and parish councils can apply.

The fund aims to support small-scale projects that have the potential to create substantial impacts within their communities, especially those that typically face challenges in accessing larger funding sources. They expect to award about 100 grants per year.

The deadline is the 22nd February 2024 and you can see the application process via the link below:

<https://www.kccf.org.uk/small-grants/>

As ever, should people need assistance with any matter, please get in touch with me at [cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk) or on 07885 277670 and I will be happy to help.