

## **Cornwall Councillor Report – St Austell Bay Parish - April 2025**

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

My report for this month will be shorter than usual because of the pre-election period ahead of the local elections on 1 May. This in turn means officers are not providing updates to elected members, so I have been unable to get updates on some of the wider issues that I have been working towards for the parish.

However I continue to be very active in getting out and about around my division and helping people with individual matters that they raise with me.

I can report on a few areas where there has been progress in the last month:

- (i) I am delighted to have worked with the NHS and Cormac to get a new crossing in place on Porthpean Road at the entrance to the hospital site. This has included extending the pavement and putting in a drop-kerb on the hospital side, making safe pedestrian access into the whole site from the road. Cormac have also put in a drop kerb on the pavement side of the crossing to complete it.
- (ii) I am also pleased to see more work done on the Battery site at Charlestown. When I was first elected for this area in 2021, you couldn't even get up there as the coastpath had been closed for months previously due to cliff falls. I worked with Cornwall Council and the generous landowner to get the footpath rerouted and reopened, allowing access to and from Charlestown and beyond on the coastpath. And since then I have worked with the landowner, Charlestown History Group and Cormac to improve the site, removing dead trees to improve the view, clearing the walls and grounds, planting wildflower seeds, and as we have seen most recently, the installation of two splendid cannon!  
It's been great to work with the Charlestown History Group in particular, as dedicated community volunteers, and I have also been pleased to provide a donation to their flag pole project from my Community Chest budget, and work with Duchy Pro Solutions to get them a laptop to assist them in continuing their important work.
- (iii) I am also pleased to have given my support for additional Section 106 funds from the Nest Development to go towards the parish council's aspirations to manage the Regatta Field.
- (iv) Finally, I am pleased to see work continuing on the Duporth Road parking scheme and associated works, and hope to attend a site meeting with the parish council and Cormac on this next week.

I hope that business as usual should resume after 1<sup>st</sup> May, and I look forward to giving you a fuller report then!

As ever, should anyone require my support with any issues, please get in touch on 07885 277670 or at [cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.james.mustoe@cornwall.gov.uk) and I will do my best to help.