

Cornwall Councillor Report - St Austell Bay Parish – March 2023

Cormac have now circulated letters to affected residents about the upcoming night time closure of Porthpean Road and Cromwell Road from 20 to 31 March to correct the terrible surface on these busy routes. I have sent a copy to the Parish Council and hope these works will be completed as scheduled.

As requested, I asked for and had another meeting with Cormac and Parish Council representatives around the Charlestown and Duporth Community Network Area traffic improvements on 13 March. I felt this was a positive meeting and another step forward towards realising these plans.

There were a number of dodgy coastpath signs directing people in erroneous directions around Charlestown and Carlyon Bay that had gone up. These have now been corrected. The last sign from the recent upgrade works at the bottom of Coastguard Lane has now also been installed.

Speaking of that route, Cormac say they are imminently going to repair the step on the coastpath that has failed near Duporth.

It was also brilliant to see the flagpole installed on the Battery and the St Piran's Flag flying over St Piran Day weekend. My thanks again to the Charlestown History Group for their work in transforming this site, and I have been pleased to have worked with Cormac to assist and provide moneys from my Community Chest to help with the flagpole cost.

On 14 March it was good to attend a really positive public meeting at The Rashleigh to hear from the St Austell Brewery team about their plans for the Pier House.

They plan to reopen the Pier House bar and the Harbourside from 29th March at 5pm, with a limited food offer due to the limited kitchen.

At the same time they are drawing up plans to restore the damaged hotel side of the business. They will be closing again in October to and hope to carry out this work and reopen fully next Easter.

It was good to see the Pier House team and the fire service recognised for their sterling work in evacuating safely and getting the fire under control.

Thanks to all at St Austell Brewery for your continued commitment to restoring such an iconic building in the heart of Charlestown.

I have arranged a beach clean at Porthpean on 25 March as part of Keep Britain Tidy's Great British Spring Clean event. Please come along from 1000 if you want to take part. All equipment provided courtesy of me and Clean Cornwall.