

## **Cornwall Councillor Report – St Austell Bay Parish – March 2025**

As I write this the mornings and evenings are finally beginning to draw out again and it looks like we may be approaching Springtime!

It's come to that time of the council cycle when we have local elections again. As such we are in the pre-election period and I am limited as to the answers and updates I can get from Cornwall Council until after the election on 1 May.

In response to concerns raised by local residents and users of the hospital site, particularly with the recent opening of the elective surgical hub and increased busy-ness of this area, I have been working with Cormac and the NHS to improve access for pedestrians, as well as potential plans to make the road safer in the future.

The first step of these works is now confirmed, and the NHS has been working over the past week to extend the pavement and put in a drop-kerb. This will better support pedestrians accessing the site and improve safety.

They have also already put an additional sign on their verge that hopefully will improve visibility of the approaching junction for drivers as they come up the hill.

The work started on Monday 10 March and concluded on 18 March.

Next, Cormac will be dropping the kerb on the other side of road, to make crossing easier.

And if I'm still around after the elections, I will be working towards getting the national speed limit is pushed away from the hospital entrance, where it currently is, and out past the Porthpean Beach Road junction, further up the road. I hope this can be considered as part of the next round of community highway schemes.

This should also improve safety for drivers and pedestrians alike on this busy stretch of road.

I have also been in discussion with Porthpean Sailing Club and Cormac following a cliff fall at Porthpean Beach adjacent to the SWCP and access lane to the sailing club boat storage. Currently the lane is not suitable for cars, and so it will be closed until works are done to stabilise the cliff. I will do all I can to ensure the cliff is stabilised and lane made safe for vehicular access in order to allow the sailing club full access to their site.

I recently secured some more plants from Cormac, which I donate to local schools and community groups in my patch. It was great to visit Charlestown School and meet with headteacher Mrs McGovern while donating these plants to them and I look forward to visiting again later in the year to see how they've grown. Spring is truly sprung!

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