

## **Cornwall Councillor Report – St Austell Bay Parish Council - September 2023**

I hope you are all well and enjoyed the summer, changeable weather and all!

I did manage to take a couple of weeks off over August so haven't been as busy as usual.

Before I went on holiday it was good to volunteer at several of the Charlestown Regatta events during Regatta Week at the beginning of August and I wanted to put on record a massive thank you to the Regatta Committee and all who gave their time for running what was again an incredibly successful and well attended week of events for Charlestown.

I am currently awaiting an update from Cormac on the residents parking scheme. I have also spoken to new Cabinet Member for Transport Richard Pears and got his support for the scheme.

At Porthpean Beach, I have received complaints about the cleanliness of the toilets over the summer, which I have passed back to the operator Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre.

I am still waiting for updates from the planning department on the two long-outstanding planning applications in Charlestown, particularly given that there has been a change of personnel regarding the officer responsible for the applications.

I have had mostly positive feedback on the double yellow lines that have been put in on Porthpean Beach Road at the beginning of the summer holidays. There has been a request for some additional ones at a couple of points on the road, which I have fed back to our Community Link Officer for consideration under future rounds of funding.

With our area at the front of the shortly arriving changes to waste and recycling, Cornwall Council started putting leaflets out to all households at the beginning of the month giving information on the new arrangements.

To recap, Cornwall Council are introducing new weekly food waste and fortnightly recycling and rubbish collections in your area from mid January 2024.

Once the new service starts, you'll need to start separating your food waste from your rubbish ready to put out every week for us to collect in your new food waste caddy. If you're not already, you'll need to recycle your cardboard, glass, plastics, cans, paper and textiles.

This is because Cornwall Council will start collecting your rubbish fortnightly and, in line with most other councils, will only take rubbish put out in the bin we give you with the lid closed.

If you're separating your food waste and recycling, your rubbish should fit in your wheelie bin or sack – it holds about 3 to 4 black bags' worth. Cornwall Council will collect more rubbish from some households under certain circumstances which they will explain in the instruction leaflet when they deliver your green caddy.

They may need to change the day they collect your waste from you. Cornwall Council will send you a new collection calendar in December. It will tell you your new collection day, if yours is changing, and the date your new service starts.

People will get a silver kitchen caddy and a starter pack of liners for separating your food waste as well as a green outdoor collection caddy. Cornwall Council say they have assessed all properties and are giving most a 180 litre wheelie bin for their rubbish. A small number that are unable to store a bin, have too many steps or are serviced by a specialist vehicle will get a 180 litre reusable protective with a delivery window available to view online in October. When your bin or sack arrives, if you think they've assessed your property incorrectly and it won't work for your home, you can apply to review your assessment. Details will be provided in the instruction leaflet to be delivered inside your green caddy.