

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

I hope you are all well as we go through July, which at the time of writing, has been a lovely sunny month.

I recently met in Charlestown with new PCSO for the Mevagissey area Laura, and veteran PCSO Steve.

I always like to meet officers when they come into the area, so I can discuss issues of concern, and areas of potential concern across my patch.

We had a wide ranging discussion about local issues, including seasonal asb, noisy motorbikes, e-scooters, speeding traffic, obstructive parking and lawn mower thefts.

After 12 weeks of mentoring, new PCSOs Laura, Cameron and James have been signed off for independent patrol. They will be the PCSO's for the communities in the following areas;

Cameron - Lostwithiel, Lanlivery, Luxulyan and Tywardreath

Laura - Mevagissey, Gorran, Grampound , St Stephen and St Mewan

James - Bethel, Boscoppa and Holmbush areas of St Austell, Charlestown, Carlyon Bay and Pentewan Valley area

They will be out and about getting to know their communities so feel free to say hello to them!

Their addition to the team's current complement of 4 PCSO's means that each of the parishes in St Austell and the St Blazey policing area has an allocated PCSO. They are assisted by 5 police officers in their role as Neighbourhood Beat Officers.

I have been made aware of significant disruptions that will be likely due to utilities work carried out by Wales and West Gas company later this year.

The works will be carried out in two phases; Traffic Management for Phase One will consist of multiway lights on the junction of Cromwell Road, Porthpean Road and Polmear Road. They will be there for roughly 6 weeks. Traffic Management for Phase Two will consist of multiway lights on the roundabout of Polmear Road, Charlestown Road, Mount Charles Road and Holmbush Road. Again, this Phase will take roughly 6 weeks. They will be working for approximately 12 weeks in total and propose to start early October, taking us up to Christmas.

I have raised concerns with Cormac and back to the utility provider around potential issues at school pick up and drop off times as well as with overloads of traffic around Charlestown etc, as well potentially if the lights fail, which has been a problem on occasion with other similar projects. I have been a direct contact for the contractor 24/7 should it be needed.

I have also raised concerns again about the numbers of people parking on the road, often on double yellow lines, around Charlestown School, at pick up and drop off times, although it was also particularly bad at the school sports day recently.

Cornwall Council is currently piloting Parking Buddies; these are child-shaped signs designed to discourage unsafe parking near school entrances.

Funded by Vision Zero South West, the idea is to help improve safety and reduce congestion at participating schools.

The intention is that Parking Buddies can be loaned from the Council for one school term. The School must only place the Buddies on the highway during drop off and collection times; they will need to be continually monitored whilst in place, and must be stored away safely at the School outside of school drop off and collection times.

A request has recently been made to Charlestown School to obtain their interest in use of the Buddies.

I was pleased to organise and run a community litter pick on 5<sup>th</sup> July, that with my friends from St Austell Tidy Up Team

We picked up a dozen sacks of litter from Porthpean Road, Tregorrack Road and Gypsy Lane in the mizzle in a little over an hour. Thanks to everyone who came out!

I've been delighted to have been elected unopposed and unanimously as Vice Chair of the new Community Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Cornwall Council.

The committee serves as a critical friend to the council in relation to many of the council's front line services, including: community networks and localism; libraries; leisure; registration; fire and rescue; community safety and emergency management, and waste.

The Committee also fulfils the Council's statutory scrutiny responsibility relating to crime and disorder.

I look forward to continuing my service in this new and exciting role with old and new colleagues alike, for the good of the people of Cornwall.

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