

Cornwall Councillor Report – August 2026 – St Austell Bay Parish

Although I am not at your August meeting due to being away, I thought I would provide a short report anyway due to a couple of things that have come up.

Cormac have now repainted all of the lines on Duporth Hill following my urging them to do so before the summer holidays started. The only thing that remains outstanding is the redoing of the red virtual pavement at the bottom of the hill and I am continuing to chase them to do this.

I met with an enforcement officer who says they are regularly patrolling around Charlestown and Duporth now and in particular are ticketing the residents parking bay on Duporth Hill. I have also asked for more visits to Porthpean, which is getting very congested with illegally parked vehicles, particularly during the evening.

I also got the verge cut back at the top of Duporth Hill as you turn right onto Porthpean Road, as it was causing visibility issues.

I am pleased to see that the massive pressure put on the decision-makers at Westminster has now resulted in a pause and further consultations on the MCA's plans to change terms and conditions of our Coastguards.

Thanks to all the Coastguards locally who contacted me and made the convincing and obvious case for not changing the current model, and I am pleased to have worked with the Leader of Cornwall Council to ensure Cornwall Council's opposition to these plans was heard loud and clear!

We now have to continue making this case to ensure the eventual outcome is the right one for this vital service.

I had loads of fun helping out with Regatta Week over the past week, with serving in the beer tent and judging the carnival being as ever, my personal highlight.

Thanks to all on the Regatta Committee for all the hard work put in, all year round, to make sure this happens!

After our successful first go last year, I am arranging another beating the bounds of St Austell Bay Parish for Saturday 22nd August.

Starting from the Pierhouse in Charlestown at 9am, then proceeding down the coastpath past the Battery, Duporth, Porthpean, then the ghastly rollercoaster stretch to Trenarren, out to Black Head, down to Hallane, and then back up a public right of way to the back road near Innovation Nursery, then back up that road to St Austell, turning along Mill Lane and then following paths through the housing estate on Foundary Park, then up to Sea Road, and back down the coast path to Charlestown to finish with a beer! (About 9 miles all in all)

Join for as much or as little as you want!