



PENTEWAN VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL IMPROVING OUR PARISH FOR EVERYONE

Annual Report February 2025

Welcome to our newsletter

This is the annual newsletter from Pentewan Valley Parish Council, your parish council that represents the area that covers the villages of Pentewan, London Apprentice, Tregorrick and the surrounding countryside, as well as Trewhiddle Village and the new Higher Trewhiddle estate. This leaflet will give you an update on some of our work for you over the past twelve years, let you know how you can get involved or get in touch, and talk about some of our plans for the future.



ABOUT US

Pentewan Valley Parish Council is a fairly new parish council, created in June 2009 when Cornwall's local government structure was reorganised. It comprises of the wards of Tregorrick and Trewhiddle and Pentewan. Historically the area had no parish council, but with the creation of a unitary authority in Cornwall on 1 April 2009 resulting in the abolition of Restormel Borough Council, it was felt a parish council was essential in order for there to be "local" representation for residents.

The Parish Council has 9 members representing the wards, supported by a part time clerk. The Council meets each month to discuss and debate a wide variety of subjects which impact on the lives of people who live, work and visit the area. Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The Parish is also, unusually, represented by two Cornwall Councillors, currently James Mustoe for Pentewan Ward, and Michael Bunney for Tregorrick and Trewhiddle Wards.

Since its creation, our council has worked hard for local residents, working with Cornwall Council to take responsibility for a number of community assets, including public toilets in Pentewan, a free carpark near Tregorrick and a charging carpark at Pentewan. The income generated from this carpark has in turn been used to support numerous local initiatives across the Parish, as well as meaning we have not had to increase the parish precept, the amount local residents pay via their council tax by, as much as other local town and parish councils have done. (Anne – is this correct, or have you frozen or even reduced the precept in recent years

The council has also, with the support of its Cornwall Councillors, successfully seen off challenges from St Austell Town Council, which has tried on several occasions to take parts of the parish into its boundaries – particularly the Higher Trewhiddle Estate. We believe it is important to maintain our boundaries and ensure that everyone who lives in Pentewan Valley Parish is able to benefit from our work.

During 2024 Pentewan Valley Parish Council has worked towards achieving a number of important local projects and initiatives:

WHITE RIVER PROJECT

The White River Project was created due to feedback from Pentewan Valley Parish Council, local residents and wildlife groups about the river, before being adopted as a priority by the Cornwall South Community Area Partnership. We agreed to be the commissioning body for funding applications and Cllr Michael Bunney has led on the project from Cornwall Council.

The project area includes the whole catchment of the St Austell River, from source to sea, including the Gover Stream, Polgooth Stream and all the minor tributaries, and aims now to address a wide range of opportunities such as promoting wildlife, heritage, healthy living and economic activity alongside addressing pollution. Following a successful public consultation the final report is now being drafted which will identify a number of projects for the future.



NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

What is a neighbourhood development plan (NDP)?

A NDP is a document that sets out planning policies for the local area.

Giving local people a voice in how their parish is shaped for the future including future:

- ✦ Developments and housing
- ✦ Business and Employment
- ✦ Transport and infrastructure
- ✦ Environment and Cultural Heritage.

**Your Parish
Your Plan
Your Future!**

One of the most exciting aspects of a NDP is the ability to bring people together for the good of the community

To ensure that our NDP is truly represents our community vision it is vital that we who live and work in the parish get involved as much as possible.

Contact the clerk or visit our website for more information via the QR code



**COMING SOON OUR
PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

**Your Valley
Your Voice!**



- ✦ Maximise affordable housing.
- ✦ Introduce a no second home policy.
- ✦ Influence design of new housing.
- ✦ Protect biodiversity and wildlife.
- ✦ Protect our AONB.
- ✦ Define future for business, education, transport.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Neighbourhood Development Plans are important documents which give bespoke parish-level planning guidance for prospective developers in the area. They are decided by referendum. We have set up the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group, which has been working on the Pentewan Valley NDP since 2021. In 2024 they have endeavoured to contact everyone in the parish to seek their advice on various aspects of parish relating to the development and character of Pentewan Valley looking at issues including tourism, second homes, Design of future developments, Heritage and Areas of local landscape importance. The draft plan is ready for the next stage, and we hope to see it move closer to referendum and adoption in the coming months.

PENTEWAN VILLAGE HALL ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT

The Pentewan village hall trust in partnership with the Parish Council and with the support of Cllr James Mustoe applied for funding from Cornwall Council's Community Levelling Up funding to install a wheelchair lift to improve access to the village hall. This project has allowed the Village Hall Trust to expand what it currently offers to residents by allowing more activities to take place in the hall. The Parish Council can now also hold all of its council meetings at the hall as it is easily accessible, crucial for inviting the whole community and the wider local area.





LONDON APPRENTICE TREE PLANTING

Pentewan Parish Council applied for funding from Cornwall Council's Forest for Cornwall initiative and promoted the project through its Climate, Ecology and Environment Advisory Committee, with the permission of the landowner. This was accomplished with the help of over 30 volunteers who carried out preparation and planting of 220 trees and 400 hedging plants over 2 days. The field was mainly laid to grass and the trees, and hedging, once established will inhibit water run-off, increase wildlife diversity and will provide a link to existing areas of woodland adjacent to the Pentewan Road. A second tree planting project took place at Levalsa Meor in February 2025 with the help of 30 volunteers and funding from Forests for Cornwall 680 new trees were planted.



PENTEWAN FLOOD DEFENCES

The historic harbour wall at Pentewan was badly damaged during the storms of 2013/4 and has continued to deteriorate since. The threat of the village flooding from the sea was increasing year on year. Pentewan Parish Council with the assistance of the-then local MP Steve Double and Cllr James Mustoe initiated work to explore a solution. A partnership formed with a project funded by the Parish Council, Cornwall, Council, The Environment Agency, Pentewan Sands Ltd and the local community. Many years of planning resulted in this scheme, a flood prevention bund, being completed in April 2024. It is designed to protect up to 38 properties in the village from flooding over a lifetime of 50 years. It is also designed to be easily removed should a viable scheme to reopen the harbour be implemented.



HIGHER TREWHIDDLE

We have worked hard to ensure the Higher Trehiddle estate is properly included as part of Pentewan Valley Parish. This has included working with Cornwall Council, Cllr Michael Bunney and the landowner to support proposals for a community building at Higher Trehiddle, which could potentially be used as a venue for parish council meetings in the future.



We have also worked with the landowner to install a new parish sign at the entrance of the estate, welcoming the new residents to the area and promoting a sense of community. This is important because the parish council represents the interests of the local community and offers a very local level of government closest to the residents.

DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLATIONS

The Parish Council has used its funds to replace the old defibrillator at Pentewan Village and is looking to install a new one at Trehiddle Village and London Apprentice in 2025. We will continue to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of these critical devices in the future.



JOIN US!

Local elections are taking place on 1 May 2025, and we are always looking for new councillors. Please do get in touch with our Clerk Anne should you want to know more. Our regular meetings are held in public with the agendas published on parish noticeboards and our website usually on the third Wednesday of every month, at Pentewan Village Hall.



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