

PORTREATH NOVEMBER 2024

Its good to be back with you after missing last month because of the World Heritage Conference and the weather is certainly better than it was then when after the visit to Geevor and Levant with 75 delegates I was still soaked at 10.30 on the Monday evening when I got home and my coat took until Thursday to dry out.

You may have received the first leaflet regarding the new waste scheme and the weekly food collections that will be starting in March, therefore may I suggest that if you require additional recycling bags, or indeed if you haven't recycled before and require bags or boxes, order them now and beat the rush. They will be delivered to your home within 14 days.

The wheelie bins will only be delivered to properties that pay Council Tax therefore I am expecting a busy period when those that should have paid for collections before because of using them as holiday lets etc find that their waste will no longer be collected.

There is a proposal to close Tregea Hill in January, but I have not had confirmation of the dates yet to carry out further works, which I assume is the resurfacing of the section where vehicles were parked when the works were done last year.

Tomorrow I have got a meeting with Highways to discuss the two highway improvement schemes in my Division that are due to be completed by the end of March next year, the alterations to a junction in Park Bottom and the build out by the toilets in Portreath.

The Parish Council contact me regarding a compost bin that had appeared under the steps by the little beach due to the complaints about dog waste getting dumped there and residents complaining. This area comes under the remit of the Maritime Manager and he was already aware of this and had asked for the remove of this. A similar facility on Forth Vein is on unregistered land.

Later this month, the Traffic Regulation Order will be in place for the 20mph zones throughout the Camborne, Pool, Portreath, Illogan and Redruth area and the Police will be enforcing these along with Vision Zero and Speed Watch during Road Safety Week.

Last Thursday I was in a seven hour meeting discussing the Cornwall Council Budget for 2025/26 and trying to balance the books to keep the Council Tax increase to as low as possible, which is a challenge, especially as we are waiting for confirmation of the implications of the Autumn Statement on Wednesday regarding the National Insurance Contributions increase and as to whether as suggested the Public Sector employers will not have to pay the increase.

There is still some money left in my Community Chest and priority will be given to organisations that have not received any funding in the last three years. Please contact myself or Lucy if you are requiring funds for anything, however it is only the low hundreds and not thousands of pounds.