

## **Chairmans report Sept. 2025**

I hope every body has enjoyed a good Summer

On July 30<sup>th</sup>.I attended a meeting with our MP at the Bridge sewage pumping works to speak with SWWA representatives about the process that is carried out there and the challenges they faced. A figure was given (which I cannot remember) of the incredible amount they had dealt with of non degradable materials being found in the sewage systems, such as sanitary products, wet wipes and even footballs. One interesting fact was that the sewage treated there was only from Portreath itself and a part of Illogan. It did not deal with sewage from Redruth or wider area. We were told of the ongoing works to repair faulty pipework that is planned to reduce the number of sewage overflow incidents. It was described that when the flow exceeded the capacity of the pumps, it overflows initially into a tank under the school playing field. There it passes through three levels of strainers before then overflowing back into the tunnel.

The following day, I was invited by our MP to a meeting in Perranporth with the DEFRA minister Steve Reed. The subject of the meeting was about the concerns we all have about the water pollution and general dissatisfaction with the performance of SWWA and was attended by various local organisations. The minister understood the concerns raised and laid out the plans that the government had already put in place and what more was intended to hold water companies to account.