

Youth Consultations

Overall, the Youth Working Group believe that the Youth Consultations have been a success. We had 20 young people attend in January and we had 32 young people attending in February. Altogether, we reached **39 individual young people**. These numbers show that there is a need for youth provision, within the parish.

The second consultation was held over 2 sessions in the Tideline Café and Linda, kindly made Hot Chocs for everyone. The Real Pizza Company, who gave discount, delivered pizza for the young people and it was devoured! The first session was by far the busiest. With only 5 young people attending the second session and a further 2 who completed the on-line survey but didn't stay for the session.

The main aim was to find out from the young people, any new ideas and to prioritise the ideas that came out of January's session.

The main priorities identified, were:

- Weekly youth club
- Book/games exchange @ youth club
- Monthly sport/activity events (if you chose to work with Action for Children, we can help with this)
- A notice board in the square dedicated to the young people (PRINCIPLE AGREED)
- Sports equipment that can be accessed to use (frisbees, balls, bats etc)
- Youth voice group – this can be arranged within the youth club

On this project the Parish Council and PIC have been working together. After the second event in February, the Youth Working Group, met again to review what was prioritised, what new ideas there were and look at what happens next.

It is fantastic news that WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE ALL of the young people's priorities! This is down the collaboration and partnership working of these organisations.

Final Celebration EVENT – 9 March 2023

The final event will be held at Gwel an Mor on Thursday 9th March 2023 from 6pm -9pm. Gwel an Mor are providing all the food (buffet) and entertainment – Clip n Climb! They will also be adding music and smoke machine into the mix so it should be a good night for the young people!

At the event, we will have a display board up, which will show what they have said and what we can do. This is to demonstrate, that they have been listened to and heard and that their voices, can make a difference.

What happens next?

Action for Children are now able to offer 4 hours a week (Wednesday OR Thursday), from June/July (depending on recruitment) onwards, free of charge, as part of their contact for Cornwall Council. This would be for children aged 11+. This would run until the end of their contract, which has a further 3.5 years left!

This is a HUGE SUCCESS for the young people!

The PIC are happy for the Jubilee Room to be used for the Youth Nights.

This agreement with Action for Children, ensures that neither the PPC or PIC will be responsible for the running of this evening. We will of course need to keep in touch with the youth workers and pop in now and again.

Dog Fouling Campaign

On Friday 10th February, the winner of the poster competition, was announced – Viola, Aged 10. Viola was awarded a framed copy of her poster, a certificate and was shown the 2 signs that were being placed in our hot spot areas (On Penberthy Road and the triangle of grass by the harbour).



Ian, has been counting the dog mess in the Hot Spot areas, two weeks prior to the signs being erected and then 2 weeks after, to see if the awesome signs have made a difference. The results are in and show, that overall, **the signs have made a difference!**

Before Poster			After Poster		
Date:	Garage Poo Counts	Harbour Poo Counts	Date:	Garage Poo Counts	Harbour Poo Counts
28/01/2023	4	10	12/02/2023	0	0
30/01/2023	0	7	13/02/2023	0	0
31/01/2023	0	6	14/02/2023	1	1
01/02/2023	3	7	15/02/2023	0	0
02/02/2023	3	1	16/02/2023	1	2
03/02/2023	2	2	17/02/2023	0	0
04/02/2023	1	1	18/02/2023	1	0
05/02/2023	2	0	19/02/2023	0	0
06/02/2023	0	0	20/02/2023	0	0
07/02/2023	0	1	21/02/2023	0	0
08/02/2023	0	0	22/02/2023	1	1
09/02/2023	0	2	23/02/2023	0	0
10/02/2023	1	0	24/02/2023	0	0
11/02/2023	0	0	25/02/2023	0	0
Total	12	27	Total	4	4

Overall, the dog fouling was reduced dramatically, with the biggest reduction seen at the Harbour!

Garage Reduced by: 67%

Harbour Reduced by: 85%

This is a great success and I'm sure that Viola and the children at Portreath Primary School, will be very happy to hear this!

Critical Eye: A positive start, but more data is required, to see if we can keep the numbers consistently low. The first week showed a very high number of poo, compared to the second week, before the signs were erected.

Local Business: At the last council meeting, owners of Portreath Arms requested that the poster was sent to local businesses, so that they can also take an active part in the campaign. This downloadable poster was sent to all the local businesses, and we hope to see them displayed.

Cornwall Council Help: Cllr Dave Crabtree has been in contact with regards to dog fouling in the Parish. Dave has been in contact with Public Health and has been sent our map of the hot spot areas, to send onto them. Dave hopes that now this has been highlighted, more Dog Fouling signs will be put up in and around the village and a request has been made, that a Dog Warden starts to visit the village, to hand out fines to anyone seen not picking up after their dog/s. Dave advised that Parking Enforcement are also trained to hand out fines for anyone seen to not pick up after their dog/s.

Impact of the Campaign:

Overall, this initial campaign, has raised awareness of this issue, with our young children. We hope that the message will get home and that they will encourage their adults to pick up after their dogs (and pick it up themselves).

The campaign has worked in partnership with the local primary school, Gwel an Mor and now supported by local businesses. These relationships are crucial, for the parish council to make a difference, in the local community.

This short campaign has also been highlighted to Public Health, and in turn we hope that a dog warden/parking enforcement, will visit more regularly and more fine signage will be put up.

Next Campaign?

We will look to run the next campaign in April, using signs provided by Cornwall Council. These will be put up in different Hot Spot areas.

We have permission of the children, to use the other posters in future campaigns too. This will hopefully stop sign blindness. As we change our posters, we will send new ones to local businesses, to update theirs too.

Warm Welcome Portreath

The warm welcome continues to take place, every Thursday 10am – 12noon at St Marys Church. Over February, we have had a slight decline in attendance. Since January, we have an average of 11 people regularly attending each week.

This project is due to end on the 31 March. However, we have started to ask the people who attend the group, if they would like for this to continue. This group is about companionship, building friendships in a warm and safe space, with activities provided, should they wish to do take part. Currently, the group would like for it to continue, however the PPC needs to consider manning the group and budget. If it continues, the group would stop over the summer for a 6 week period.

During February, we have had cake and chat, flower arranging, Cornwall Energy Plus came to speak about energy and raise awareness on grants available, then we had our monthly BINGO, which is always very popular.





The beautiful flower arranging in February!

Warm Welcome Voucher Scheme

The Parish Council will be taking a new strategy and will be offering these vouchers to the whole of Portreath Parish. The only thing required, is that you live in the Parish.

Lucy – to give a further update on the uptake of these at the meeting.