

Love Portreath Report - 30/09/2025

1) SEPTEMBER LITTER PICK

Weather wasn't the best, but was good to see some new faces as well as regulars. When out and about, it was discovered that there had been fly tipping on Lighthouse Hill. A letter was sent to PPC, which was then forwarded to Councillor Cliff Crawford with the result that within a week the rubbish was removed. Although there is still some litter remaining, this is a brilliant result and thanks to all involved.

2) MEETING WITH PERRAN MOON AT HIS PORTREATH SURGERY 11TH OCTOBER.

Love Portreath, although supporting the need for increased flood resilience for Portreath, believe that the current EA scheme does not deliver this for the village as a whole, and has significant negative impacts. A synopsis of our concerns, which we have forwarded to Perran, is below.

3) OCTOBER LITTER PICK

An apple press has been booked and toffee apples are on the Menu. We are trying to encourage more children and families from Portreath School to come along. The Headteacher has agreed to include details in the school newsletter. As usual Refreshments are kindly provided by Portreath Arms.

SYNOPSIS OF CONCERNS REGARDING EA'S FLOOD RESILIENCE SCHEME SENT TO PERRAN MOON.

The current Portreath Flood Defence has one of the biggest maintenance budget spends for the EA in Cornwall. The proposed EA Flood Resilience Scheme which has been presented to parishioners, aims to alleviate flooding in the village. The proposed scheme increases the flow of water through Portreath and on to the beach. To accommodate the increased flow over a significant length the current stream needs to be widened and walls built up to contain the water.

The concerns are as follows :-

- 1) Possibility of sewage flowing through the village
- 2) Risk of flooding to properties previously considered low risk
- 3) Removal of habitats and wildlife.
- 4) Overall visual change to the village.
- 5) Lower water quality due to contaminated water flowing down the valley from the mines and farm runoff.

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6) No account for changing sea levels, changing beach level (that could block storm outlet) or high / spring tides in model used.

The proposed scheme is designed for a 1 in 20 year storm event. The scale of the project (11 million), negative impacts and risks involved requires serious reconsideration. Further, the increase in the change in land use due to housing development within the drainage catchment area (Redruth, Carn Brae, Camborne) will increase the risk of flooding even if best practice is followed. When a major storm event occurs the effects will be compounded down stream in Portreath.

We are unable to gain any assurances that SWW will not discharge sewage, they have a very bad track record in Portreath.

The Portreath Flood Resilience Scheme is an important initiative for Portreath. It should provide :-

- 1) Enhanced water quality
- 2) Lower flood risk for all properties
- 3) Improved areas for wildlife.
- 4) Enhanced beaches
- 5) Enhanced health and safety
- 6) Be in keeping with our heritage
- 7) Improvement to the whole village in line with our NDP.