

The South Hill Connection Newsletter

May 2024

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May events

1st W.I meeting 7:15pm with Julia Squires on felting techniques.

11th Callington Mayfest activities

MayFest

Sunday 12th Launceston VELO Bike Challenge, are stopping to refuel at the hall in the morning. CRICKET new season starts 2:30pm

14th Parish Council Annual Meeting for all to attend 7:30pm start.

21st Parish Council regular meeting 7:30pm. [Agenda here](#)

22nd Baroque concert with string quartet Aderyn, St Sampsons church

25th QUIZ 7:30pm start at the hall

28th Parish Hall AGM for all to attend 7.30pm at the hall

The CONNECTION Team

look forward to hearing from you at editor@south-hill.co.uk

For the June newsletter please send your articles, by MAY 15th Thank You.

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South Hill Piecemakers patchwork and quilting group have been making quilts for **PROJECT LINUS UK**, for children, who are sick, disabled, disadvantaged or distressed. Volunteer knitters and quilters across the UK have been donating quilts and blankets.

On **MAY 18th at 2pm** S.H Piecemakers will present the **20 plus quilts** they have made to the Project Linus representative at their regular Saturday meeting. You are invited to come along and see the quilts and speak to the group.



Pictured on left Sue SHPM Chair and on the right returning to the village after 50 years

Bill Ball's Great Granddaughter is a new member, displaying her BLOCK OF THE MONTH work.

Bill Ball was the local milk man, bottling and delivering from Park House, opposite the square in Golberdon.



On 13th April the hall was filled as 70 people sat down for a bangers and mash supper followed by entertainment from Plymouth comedian David Arnold (Welsh Dave). It was a fun evening with everyone enjoying the meal, the bar and comedy act which included an impressive tribute to Tommy Cooper with the hats sketch. Many thanks for the hard work from the great team of volunteers who brought everything together (despite a last minute failure of the hob!) to make such a successful event.

Congrats to **Callington Youth Project** for transforming the old Callington LLOYDS BANK into THE VAULT Youth Club for all area youth aged 13 – 21 Open Wednesdays from 4pm
[Callington Youth Project | Facebook](#)
info@callingtonypg.org

May 11- 12th Inflatables at Callington Cricket ground



Moor 2 Moor BIKE RIDE. This year's event will be on Sunday 12th May

"The Big One" is the classic 124 miles (200km) Moor2Moor Challenge taking in the scenery of both Bodmin Moor and Dartmoor with a leg sapping 11,500ft (3,500m) of climbing

"Just One Moor" 62 miles (100Km) Bodmin Moor Ride, following the M2M ride to Kelly Bray and then heading back to Launceston via Stoke Climsland, with 5,800ft (1700m) of climbing.

Both rides start and finish in Launceston at the iconic Town Square and Castle.



South Hill Piecemakers cont...



Block of the month examples.

New members are always made welcome whether you are a beginner or a more experienced sewer. Bring along your own projects or join in with the group on whatever days suit you.

Meeting days are

1st & 3rd Mondays 19:30 – 22:00 and
 2nd & 4th Thursdays 13:30 – 16:30 just
 changed from Tuesdays and
 one Saturday a month.

Contact Elaine 07360 616627

elaineruthbrewer@hotmail.co.uk

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Springtime in the Community Orchard

The wassail appears to have worked, so now the fruit trees are blossoming.

Do drop by the Orchard to admire the trees.

Also, the trees planted to form the new hedge are out in leaf. It would be really beneficial to check the tree guards and remove some of the grass growing around them. **A few volunteers could easily get this done in a couple of hours.**

If you are able to help, no particular skill needed, please email SHARE@south-hill.co.uk giving an idea of your availability, and we'll let you know a date and time.



Firewood

Our firewood project has had another successful season. Hopefully spring has arrived now and there won't be a need for firewood. There is plenty of firewood in stock for next winter.



Looking further ahead, we need to identify timber now which can be collected and seasoned for the following winter. Now that our proposal of a land purchase has been rejected, we need an alternative source of timber.

If you have an area of woodland, a wooded hedge or a surplus tree in your garden which could provide timber for firewood, we will remove it for you to sell locally at reasonable rates. Please email

SHARE@south-hill.co.uk or phone David Skelton 07776 386828.

Recycling Project

Those of you who follow Recycling for Charity will know by now that we collected an amazing 163kg of sweetie tubs (that's 3 large dumpy bags from Golberdon alone) after Christmas! [Devon Contract Waste](#), who recycle the plastics, awarded us a recycled plastic bench which we will donate to a local school. Also we have a 15% discount on any purchase from their website.

Congratulations and thank you to all our collectors and helpers.



Church Park Solar PV

Our 40kW array of solar panels on the agricultural building at Church Park was installed in 2016, financed by investments from our members. Next month we will be making the final capital and interest repayments after only 8 years, because the system has performed better than forecast. Thank you to all who invested and believed in our project.

To join SHARE costs £2 for those living, working or owning property in the parish and allows you to vote and other benefits. If you don't fall into that category but still want to join you can, membership as an Associate member costs just £1 and your support and input is also most welcome.

Email SHARE@south-hill.co.uk or phone our secretary Astrid Fischer (01579) 383620 and check our [web page](#) for more information.

South Hill Parish Hall Updates

Once again thanks to those who completed the recent hall survey. Your comments have been reviewed by the committee and feedback is shared below. Also please note that the **Hall AGM** is on **Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 7.30pm** in the main hall, all are welcome to attend.

Survey feedback

A lot of comments were received regarding the new lock so further explanation is warranted. The previous arrangement could not continue as our insurers required the key code to be changed after every use which was impractical. Consequently we took advice on appropriate alternatives before installing the new lock. The options were also constrained by new safety regulations which require that both: (a) anyone inside the hall can always exit without using a key, and (b) anyone outside with a key can always enter (so a lockable latch isn't allowed). A plug-in doorbell has been provided to allow non-keyholders to request entry, this can be turned on/off by simply switching the socket on/off. Please keep the door closed to help conserve heat in the hall.

New groups/events

The survey also provided a wide range of suggestions for new groups or events that could be run in the parish hall: dinners, concerts, film night, fitness night, fund raising, classic car show, ballroom dancing, badminton, skittles, barn dances, chess club, gardening club, DIY club, cookery club, art group, computer group, photography group, dance lessons, guitar lessons, craft workshops.

There are many great ideas in there and the committee would be delighted to hear from anyone wishing to set up a new group/club, or organise a one-off event, to complement the existing options. Please contact me or any of the trustees if you are interested in organising something and want to discuss it, or just go ahead and request a booking (email:

bookings@southhillparishhall.org.uk)

Hall availability

Whilst the hall is well utilised the committee are keen to encourage further use both to widen choice, supporting our objective to improve the conditions of life for local residents, and also to generate revenue to help cover the costs of the hall. In support of this, hall bookings now have flexible start times with sessions of 2-6 hours (subject to availability). The booking calendar can be viewed here: <https://www.southhillparishhall.org.uk/whats-on/> You can click on "Week" at the top right to look for available slots. At the time of writing there are a number of potential regular slots: 2nd Mon evening in the month, Tues evening (after 1930, but not 3rd), Tue/Thu/Fri mornings and Mon-Fri afternoons (except 2nd / 4th Thu).

Hall extension

A variety of comments were received regarding the possible extension of the hall to provide additional capacity and facilities. The committee is investigating, but this is at an early stage and any proposal that emerges will depend on funding.

Notice of AGM

All South Hill residents are warmly invited to attend the AGM of the Parish Hall which will be held in the hall on Tuesday 28th May at 7.30pm. Those over age 18 are entitled to vote at the meeting to elect up to five trustees for the 2024-25 committee, in addition to those nominated by organisations.

South Hill Parish Hall is a registered charity, run by unpaid trustees and members of the community. Your support for the continued success of the hall will be valued, whether by simply attending the meeting, by joining as a trustee or by volunteering in other ways. If you think you may be able to help and have any questions then please feel free to contact me, or any of the trustees, for an informal chat or just come along to the meeting.

Chris Beckett, Hall Chair – shphchair@gmail.com / 01579 683351

The 2023-24 trustees are: Chris Beckett, Christine Fazackerley, Jim Fazackerley, Paula Hartley, Dennis Hicks, Hilary Hogg*, Kim Howat, Ali Humphreys, Dan Smith* and Richard Squires*.*

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Thomas Robbins from Golberdon is offering weekend help in your garden or allotment. I will be happy to weed, cut grass, dig any area over, trim hedges etc. I can provide some tools, but not a lawnmower. Because I'm 17 and just helping others for small remuneration, I have not looked into insurance. My area is within a five mile radius of Golberdon. Phone **07934 749 210** Thank you. Thomas.

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St Sampson Rises – a Celebration

St Sampson's Church, South Hill, is halfway to raising the £600K needed for its Herculean restoration project to make the church sustainable for the 21st century and beyond by restoring the unique heritage, increasing community use and growing the congregation.

Our celebration day, on Sunday 7th April started with a thanksgiving service at 11.15am lead by Archdeacon Kelly Betteridge, followed by lunch and an open afternoon at 1.30pm, with tours, talks and exhibits, highlighting the completed works. The day was a huge success. Nearly 80 people attended it was an awesome day, with conversations bouncing off the walls about all that had been achieved: the restoration of the stained glass windows; installation of mains water; a composting toilet in the churchyard; restoration of the Michael Hill monument; the removal of the bells for restoration; masonry repairs and door restoration.

We enjoyed delicious cream teas, and a celebration serpent cake symbolising St Sampson slaying the giant serpent, and a glass of bubbly.

Rt. Rev. Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Winchester (former Bishop of Truro until Sept 2023) said

'I am delighted by what you've done at St Sampson's and am inspired by your energy, commitment and passion – it stands as such a wonderful example to others of just what is possible'.

The parishioners and community are determined that St Sampson's Church will be here for the next few hundred years.

May I say how impressive your commitment to transforming your church building is and I am glad to see that more is yet to come. It is always a pleasure to see the continued efforts and care put into church buildings and their continuing use as a space of worship. National Churches Trust

The St Sampson's Unlocked project started in 2019, with a big vision and a long list! Step by step the project is progressing and despite various setbacks the team continue with enthusiasm to keep moving forwards.

The Parochial Church Council recently received Church of England Faculty approval for the next phase of the project which includes: repairing the roof and ceiling, installing a kitchen and indoor WC facilities and creating a cosy meeting room with underfloor heating.


If you value Cornish heritage and would like to donate to this inspiring place, please visit.



<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/StSampsons-Church-SouthHill-Cornwall>



or follow us on Face book St Sampsons Unlocked.

Aderyn String Quartet





BY CANDLELIGHT
ST SAMPSON'S CHURCH, SOUTH HILL
WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY
DOORS OPEN 7PM

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ST SAMPSON'S UNLOCKED RESTORATION PROJECT.
BOOK A SPOT VIA EVENTBRITE

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/baroque-evening-with-the-aderyn-string-quartet-tickets-847182695247>


May 22nd Baroque concert with string quartet Aderyn. Book through this link :
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/baroque-evening-with-the-aderyn-string-quartet-tickets-847182695247>

Saturday June 29th Medieval Summer Fayre. We want to have a falconer for everyone to enjoy at the fayre. Help with funding is needed. Any donation towards this would be gratefully received.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/judith-ayers-1?utm_term=vPjGeEBdW

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Judithayers@yahoo.co.uk
01579384617

WWW.callingtoncluster.org
[Facebook](#) St Sampson's Unlocked



Celebrate Great British Beef Week

24th – 31st April

Support our farmers and buy local this week and every week.

ONE-POT BEEF AND MOZZARELLA MEATBALLS WITH SPINACH AND TOMATO ORZO

Ingredients - Serves 4

For the meatballs

- 450g minced beef
- 60g breadcrumbs
- 25g Parmesan, grated
- 1 egg
- 2 cloves garlic, grated
- 1tbspn fresh oregano
- 125g mozzarella, torn into 24 pieces

- 200g baby spinach
- Fresh basil and parmesan to serve

For the orzo

- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, grated
- 200g orzo
- 1 x 400g can tomatoes
- 100ml red wine
- 500ml beef stock
- 2 sprigs rosemary and 3 sprigs thyme, both to be removed before serving
- 1 tspn smoked paprika

Method

Preheat oven to 180°C fan/200°C/gas mark 6.

In a large bowl, mix together the minced beef, breadcrumbs, Parmesan, egg, garlic, oregano and seasoning. Take enough to form a golf ball-sized ball, flatten it in your hand, add a small piece of mozzarella and enclose it within the minced beef. Repeat until all the mixture is used. You will get about 20-24 meatballs.

Add a splash of olive oil to a large oven-based ovenproof pan that has a lid, sear the meatballs all over to brown them, and then set them aside.

To the same pan, add the chopped onion, adding more olive oil if needed, and cook until translucent. Add the garlic, cook for a minute, and then pour in the orzo. Toast the orzo for a couple of minutes and then add the tomatoes, red wine and beef stock, herbs, paprika and seasoning. Return the meatballs to the pan, nestling them in the orzo, and then cover. Place in the preheated oven for about 30 minutes or until the orzo is cooked. Remove the lid, add the fresh spinach and replace the lid - the residual heat will wilt the spinach.

Stir the spinach through and serve with basil leaves and grated Parmesan.

(Taken from Kitchen Garden Cook - by Melanie Johnson)

The next meeting of South Hill WI will be on Wednesday, 1st May 2024 in the Parish Hall, Golberdon at 7.00 pm. There is a change to the scheduled speaker this month, as South West Hospice Care have had to postpone their talk. We shall instead be welcoming Julia Squires who is going to guide us through making our own felted wool necklaces - maybe something like this??!!



As always, prospective members are very welcome to come along to a couple of meetings with no commitment.

For more information, please contact Jane at southhillwi@gmail.com

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Coads Green Summer Fete

SATURDAY 29TH JUNE
2PM TO 5PM

FREE ENTRY

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First Aid course for Home Educated children
[First Aid for Home Educated Children - Callington - White Cross Training](#)

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30th July	Meaders Lavender Farm & Cream Tea
17th - 21st July	Visit Eastbourne
13th Aug	Pecorama & picturesque Beer Village
6th - 8th Sept	Burghley Horse Trials
10th Sept	Widcombe Fair
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Callington MAYFEST activities all day info online [2024 Programme - MayFest](#)

TIME	SAMWORTH STAGE	NEW ROAD STAGE	CALLINGTON TOWN HALL	ST MARY'S CHURCH	METHODIST CHURCH FIELD	THE CORNISH ANCESTOR	BULL'S HEAD PUBLIC HOUSE	SOCIAL CLUB
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All move to Assembly Point in Saltash Road Car Park

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EVENING KARAOKE

MUSIC BINGO
4.30pm - 6.30pm
9.30pm - Midnight
THE JACK
METAL FATIGUE

Celtic Quiet Places Summer Camp Tuesday 30 July - Friday 2 August 2024

Please apply before Friday 31 May.

If you are aged between 14-18 you are invited to attend a Celtic Summer Camp this summer at Warleggan Church in the middle of Bodmin Moor from Tuesday 30 July to Friday 2 August . This is an exciting opportunity to explore the Celtic tradition of Spirituality in Cornwall, to enjoy the outdoors in a beautiful setting, learn some practical skills and to make new friends. The Celtic Quiet Places (and St Sampson's Church at South Hill is one of them) in the Diocese of Truro are hosting the event. Do have a look at the attached posters for more details.

If you would like to attend this event the PCC of St Sampson's Church in South Hill is offering sponsorship in order to help with the cost. Depending on the number of applicants your place could be fully funded or partially funded. Priority will be given to residents of South Hill parish but you may also apply if you live in the benefice of the Callington Cluster (Callington, Linkinhorne, Upton Cross or Stoke Climsland).

Please apply in 500 words or less with your name, age, address and stating why you would like to go to stsampsonssouthhill@gmail.com. If you would like to find out more before you apply, you may do so using the same email address.



The Celtic Quiet Places in the Diocese of Truro are delighted to be hosting a three night **CELTIC YOUTH CAMP** this summer, for young people between 14-18 years old, at Warleggan Church in the heart of Bodmin Moor.

Tues 30th July - Friday 2nd Aug 2024

The Christian message was brought to Cornwall by young missionaries, As they travelled they lived close to nature and came to recognise our human place within the natural world. They learned to listen to the voice of God in all the beauty of the world around them and their worship became embodied in the cycle of the days and seasons.

We will:

Pray and worship within the Celtic tradition.

Listen to inspiring teachers and learn about our Celtic heritage and spirituality, and our stewardship of God's creation.

Enjoy practical activities, including bushcraft and exploring the moor with its wild life and its cool temperate forests.

Learn some of the Cornish language. Hear some of the stories, poetry and legends of the moor.

Explore Christian prayer, contemplation and mindfulness.

Have an opportunity to experience living simply, enjoying the excitement of the outdoors and making new friends.

Church and Youth groups are invited to bring groups of young people and individual young people can book independently and are especially welcome.

When booking please indicate if you will be bringing your own tents or whether you would like to share with others in one of our new 5/6 person bell tents.

The cost is £100 per person and a £30 deposit will be required when booking.

TO BOOK

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Phone 01726 882366 or mob 07867577416 (evenings between 6.30-10.00pm)
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To church members and PCCs If you are interested in sponsoring a young person to attend this camp please get in touch.



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For Green Meadows & most of Golberdon Wednesday

May 1st put out your Rubbish & Food waste

May 8th put out your Recycling & Food waste

May 15th put out your Rubbish & Food waste

May 22nd put out your Recycling & Food waste

May 29th put out your Rubbish & Food waste

For Trewoodloe, South Hill.... it's Thursday



The Launceston HWRC recycling centre at Pennygillam continues to run a reduced service due to adjacent construction works.

Paper, cans and plastic will not be accepted during this time, please use the kerbside recycling service.

CHURCH MATTERS

Last month in "Church Matters" Roy Cooper asked whether the church really matters today. He concluded that "the church is central to the purposes of God and is of benefit to the world around us"

That set me thinking about what that means in a practical, every day sense for the communities around the churches in our area – especially to those who do not attend church. Do our churches matter to anyone other than those of us who attend them or love them as heritage buildings? Do we follow St Paul's request to share with those who are in need and practise hospitality¹?

If you have visited the Eden Project you will probably remember the "Plant Takeaway" exhibit at the entrance, where everything which relies on plants disappears, one by one. (Children usually call it the "dead cat exhibition"). I remembered the Plant Takeaway when I began thinking about what our churches do in the local community and in the wider world. Are there things which matter to our communities and what would happen if they disappeared?

There are many things run by volunteers from the Callington cluster churches, such as Toddler Groups, 'Drop In' cafes, 'Warm Spaces', Soup Lunches, the Food Bank, etc. Do they matter? I am sure they do.

For example, toddler groups, are not "just" toddler groups – they provide a lifeline for new parents who may be struggling in a world where health visitors can no longer visit regularly, and they play a vital part in preparing children for independence and school. In the words of a recent report "Beneath the surface of our noisy, messy, and chaotic sessions there is all sorts of hidden treasure. Children are learning how to interact with others, developing communication skills, gaining resilience, growing in curiosity and much more" <https://notjustaparentandtoddler.group/>

And all the toddler groups run by our churches are free.

The Foodbanks run by local churches in Callington are also completely free of charge to those who need them. They provide vital food and other supplies for desperate people, as well as a chance to chat with sympathetic listeners.



There are apparently more foodbanks in the UK than there are McDonaldsⁱⁱ and almost every single one was set up by, linked to or run by, a church and its volunteers.



A report by the National Churches Trust, who provide funding to maintain and improve church buildings, has quantified the economic and social value to the UK linked to church buildings of all denominations. They found that, in 2021, the yearly value of the activities undertaken by volunteers from the nation's churches is around £55 billion That is roughly twice as much as the total spend on adult social care by local authorities.

I am not suggesting that things which matter are only organised by churches but many of them are. It would certainly matter to people if they were not there. From Food Banks to Toddler Groups, churches provide vital services to their local communities. Churches matter.

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¹ Romans 12:13

¹ <https://fullfact.org/electionlive/2019/dec/9/food-banks-more-mcdonalds/>

South Hill Parish Council meeting

Details of the meeting held on 16 April 2024 include the following topics:

SOUTH HILL PARISH HALL: A special pre-meeting was held in the hall to update council members about the planned hall extensions. Details were given of the main aims of the improvements: to provide Changing Room facilities, additional storage space, an additional meeting room, additional car parking, roof renovation and a lounge/social area. Monies will be sought to allow an architect to propose solutions.

PLANNING APPLICATION PA24/01132: Tregonnett Farm – Creation of a reservoir lake. Around a dozen Parish members attended the meeting to make representations regarding this application. Of particular concern was the significant lorry activity associated with an earlier application made by the farm. It was stressed that the council could only comment on the details of this application and that the strength of opposition to any application should be expressed by public comments on the Cornwall Council Planning Portal. To this purpose those attending were advised to comment using the online method. It was also stated that the current work at Tregonnett Farm had caused considerable pollution in the Lynher causing concern for the Salmon hatchery downstream. The council in its comments to Cornwall Council will stress this concern.

LEGAL STANDING OF THE PARISH HALL: Mr Chris Beckett updated the parish council on plans to convert the Legal standing of the Parish Hall into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The Hall committee has been advised that this can be achieved by a one step process which will allow the Hall to act as a company but without some of the legal burdens. The transfer application was sent to the Charity Commission in January but response is not expected until May.

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN: The Action Plan was reviewed and responsibility for initial actions in all the major areas of concern was allocated.

FOOTPATHS: A letter has been received by the Council from the owner of the Woodland House correcting an earlier impression that an agreement had been reached with Cornwall Council regarding placing of a gate and fence to allow access along Public Footpath 638/20/1 through Woodland House land. The Parish Council will continue to work with the Highways Department of Cornwall Council to allow access along this path.
(EDITOR UPDATE: Good to see the Footpath sign on the road at Woodlands)

ALLOTMENTS: 3 allotments are available. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Clerk Telephone 07810 234417 or email southhillpcclerk@gmail.com

AGM and ANNUAL PARISH MEETINGS: The AGM of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 21 May 2024 with the **Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 14 May 2024, 7:30pm will include an update on the housing report ... all welcome.**

UPDATE FROM: Cllr Pete Tunnicliffe (for fully accurate information as to council meetings readers should consult the minutes of council meetings at www.south-hill-pc.gov.uk)

All communication should be directed to Jenny Hoskin (Parish Clerk) Telephone 07810 234417, email southhillpcclerk@gmail.com or write to Branston Farm, Bodmin Road, Bodmin PL30 4BB

INTERNET your comments please.

Following the loss of internet for most people in Golberdon when the lines were accidentally cut, in February, in the last months newsletter I asked the question.

Do you stand by your internet provider ?

Is there a better provider than another ?

Some pay extra for a business account.. is it worth it?

What's the best deal/package ?



Email us your comments and we'll post in the next newsletter. I had one reply

Dear Editor

Like many others, we lost our internet last month when this accident happened. Apparently the cable which got cut wasn't properly secured to the pole. You can report damaged equipment to Openreach [here](#) but generally they aren't interested unless it is dangerous. Openreach have a policy of reactive maintenance so things get fixed after the problem has occurred whereas most of us would choose to prevent a problem before something goes wrong. We were a bit slow reporting our loss of internet to our Internet Service Provider. We assumed that because others had already reported the fault, ours would get fixed too. We would have got our service restored quicker if we had reported it sooner. From the moment we reported it, our Internet Service Provider, Zen Internet were on the case. They immediately accessed the Openreach information about the fault. For the next few days, they phoned us to keep us updated on the progress of the repair. They also booked an Openreach engineer to visit our home to change the ONT box which had expired. The final call from Zen was after it was fixed in order to check that everything was working properly and that we were satisfied.

We did get some compensation. I don't know if that is a standard payment or is set differently by each ISP. We were not offered an alternative way of connecting to the internet so made do with our phones. It made us realise how dependent we have become on our computers and good, reliable internet access. If we were renewing our broadband contract we would ask about back up systems. As things stand, we are satisfied with Zen, their customer service and value for money.

David and Sue Skelton

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Fibre Broadband arrives in Berrio, Egypt and Trewoodloe and Tregonnett.

Meanwhile, elsewhere in the parish lots of homes have recently got fibre broadband for the first time. It's so easy to take a good, fast and reliable internet connection for granted, when you have it but some parts of South Hill parish have had to put up with a poor internet service via their copper telephone wires until this year. This part of the parish and some homes on the other side of the Lynher are served by cables from the telephone exchange at the top of Longridge Road. Openreach have had it in mind to get this done for years but then found no end of reasons for not doing it. That was until Ivan Callanan got involved!

Ivan soon found out how to get Openreach to take some action, then became Project Leader for an Ultrafast Fibre Community Project. This was fully funded by the Government's Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme. That's involved everyone who has now benefitted, working together, committing to the project and then applying for the vouchers. Superfast Cornwall (part of Cornwall Council) helped too by committing to fund the project if there was a shortfall. They also helped by getting our project over the line when the Voucher Scheme ended part way through the project. Thank you Julian if you happen to read this!.

Most people are either just using a mobile phone and not bothering with a telephone land line or have switched to a VOIP service (Voice Over Internet Protocol) Everyone has been able to keep their old 01579 number despite being told by some providers that this was impossible. The project should have been completed at the end of January but due to some unnecessary delays, the final couple of homes were connected just a few days ago. Thanks to everyone involved for the part they played in getting this project funded and completed. Thank you in particular to Ivan for his sheer dogged determination to see this project through.

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