

The South Hill Connection Newsletter

June 2024

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June 24th

Midsummer Bonfire/ Tansys Golowan
From 8pm The Summit of Kit Hill.
Traditional ceremony and lighting the
bonfire at 10pm. Organised by Callington
Old Cornwall Society.

Fun for EVERYONE

Saturday 29th June 2024

Opens 2pm

Medieval Summer Fayre

St. Sampson's Church South Hill



The CONNECTION Team

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

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

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ROAD WORKS DUE. ROAD CLOSED

1 – 3 days from **Golberdon crossroads to Kerney Bridge.**

Ref number UF 999E116-SD3

Road Closure and clearway parking
restriction, followed by temporary speed
restriction for Surface Dressing.

June 6th 9:30 – 11:30am

First Aid course for Home Educated
children at the Parish Hall Golberdon
[First Aid for Home Educated Children - Callington -
White Cross Training](#)

Remembering D-Day and the Battle of Normandy June 6th 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

The D-Day landings of 6 June 1944 was
the largest seaborne invasion in history.
Along with the associated airborne
operations, it marked the beginning of the
liberation of France and Western Europe.

Cheesewring Cricket Club at Golberdon Sundays 2:30pm start

June fixtures

2nd v Yelverton

9th v Plymouth Civil Service

23rd v Cornwall Over 50's

30th v Hillbillies

Cancellations will be posted on [FB](#)

General Election Thursday 4th July

Liskeard Show Saturday 13th July

Launceston Show Thursday 25th July



CELTIC QUIET PLACES

AGED
14 - 18 YEAR OLD?
THIS IS FOR YOU!

CELTIC YOUTH CAMP

TUESDAY, JULY 30 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

WARLEGGAN CHURCH

Enjoy bushcraft

Explore the moor, its wild life and forests

Learn some Cornish

Hear stories, poetry & legends of the moor

Explore Christian prayer, contemplation and mindfulness

Experience living simply, enjoying the excitement of the outdoors

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

South Hill Piecemakers

The presentation of the 20 plus quilts to **PROJECT LINUS UK** was postponed and will now be on **June 29th at 2pm** Do come and see these beautiful quilts and meet the talented ladies.

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.

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The Cornish Language . . .

. . . is one of the oldest languages of the British Isles - unique to the people of Cornwall and people around the world.

Cornish started fading from everyday use around the end of the 1700s, yet its presence has always remained and echoed down the intervening years e.g. via place names, family names, colloquial speech and sayings.

Henry Jenner started the language's revival in the late 1800's, and interest has grown steadily worldwide ever since. In 2002 Cornish was formally recognised by the UK Government, under Part 2 of the Council of Europe's Charter for Regional or Minority Languages - the culmination of years of hard work by passionate people, significantly boosting the language's overall profile, with increasing numbers of people wanting to learn the language ever since.



Today we have a translation of the Bible into Cornish, Cornwall Council's commitment to use Cornish names, and fresh vigour within communities to use this beautiful and unique language.

Pennseythen Gernewek [Cornish Language Weekend]

This year's annual Pennseythen Gernewek was hosted by Cornwall Council in County Hall [Lys Kernow] Truro, over the 3 days of Friday April 12th to Sunday 14th inclusive.

I've attended Callington [Kelliwik] Cornish evening classes for 4 years now, this was my second Pennseythen Gernewek, and the content of the weekend keeps going from strength to strength.

The weekend caters for all ages and all levels of ability. You can attend all 3 days, or if your diary won't allow - just choose 1 or 2. Attendance is completely inclusive e.g. discounts for low incomes, so nobody needs to miss out on the opportunity to get involved.

This year over 100 tickets were sold, and people came from near and far.

During the days, there were various different workshops - for families and for people with little or no Cornish; tea & coffee breaks with 'mix & mingle' sessions; and pre-ordered pasties in the lunch breaks [or self-cater if preferred].

Saturday afternoon hosted a guided walk {spoken in Cornish, with English translation} along the Newham Trail - a nearby disused railway line, finishing at Skinner's Brewery near the town centre .. so relax, quench your thirst, then retrace your steps or take the bus back to Lys Kernow.

Indoor alternatives were available back in Lys Kernow e.g. a youth club with games, chat & more.

For anyone motivated to delve more deeply into the language, its Celtic roots and history, there are four graded levels of voluntary study which can be undertaken ... and there's even a Cornish Language Board [Kesva - founded in 1967].

Early evening saw more opportunity to mix & mingle, with Cornish language versions of games like Cluedo, Yahtzee, Scrabble etc.

There was an open mic session on Saturday evening, with music performances to follow [Kernow King] and the Cornish film 'Mab Hudel' [Magical Son] to finish the evening.

Callington evening classes happen weekly, and there are various regular live or online conversation groups - all will welcome you with open arms. mpiercekernow@btinternet.com for any enquiries.

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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.

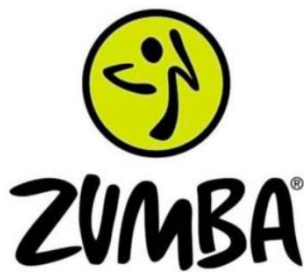
Group Travel
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Coach Excursions & Tours 2024

25th June	Bicton Park Botanical Gardens
10th July	Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site Cruise
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	Widecombe Fair
16th - 20th Sept	Carmarthen & South Wales
9th October	Goosey Fair, Tavistock
2nd November	Bridgwater Carnival
16th November	Longleat Festival of Light
22nd - 25th Nov	Turkey & Tinsel - Bournemouth

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St Sampson's Unlocked News from St Sampson's Church, South Hill

St Sampson's Celebration Day on May 7th saw 80 visitors through our doors. There was lots to talk with our experts from stained glass windows, our history and future plans.

All pleasantly fuelled by cream teas, cakes and a delicious serpent cake. We gave thanks for all the work and money raised so far (£300,000) including window restoration, emergency roof work, external pointing, the Hill monument. We are about halfway. We look forward to the next phase.

The architect has been working hard finalising and signing off plans, before getting tenders for the roof, Manaton chapel meeting room, kitchen and toilet. Exciting times are ahead.



St Sampson's represented South Hill at Callington Mayfest with our giant St Sampson slaying the multi coloured serpent! The story goes that he slayed a giant serpent whilst traveling across Cornwall on his way to South Hill. It was an awesome sight to see the giant moving down Fore Street. We can claim that we had the tallest giant in the procession. Well done and thanks to everyone who helped transport him from South Hill to Callington and back and our giant puppeteers who brought him to life in the procession.

We also had a stall run by a team of volunteers, selling plants, bric a brac and guessing the snakes in a jar. It was a great day and a superb team effort. Plants are on sale in Golberdon, opposite the parish hall entrance gates.

This year's summer Fayre is on Saturday 29th June at 2pm.

It will have a medieval flavour to it. As a special treat we have a **falconry display** for everyone to enjoy, whilst listening to **Launceston band** and savouring a **beer, or tea and cakes**. And another treat, we have our local **mini donkeys**, who doesn't love a mini donkey! And Freddie's Fibres making **felt snakes** (there have been a lot of snake related things recently).

Lots of stalls and games for everyone to enjoy and it's bound to be a lovely sunny day! Please come and enjoy yourselves and support your local church. Helpers are always needed, if you would like to run or help run a stall, please let me know.

Judith Ayers

Local Lay leader and Church Warden stsampsonssouthhill@gmail.com 01579 384617

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

This month South Hill WI have been busy with a very enjoyable guided tour of Bodmin jail followed by lunch.

The monthly meeting was a craft evening courtesy of Julia Squires from Freddie's Fibre Friends making felted wool necklaces. Lots of bubbles and hilarity with some excellent results in the end.



This was followed by the Moor to Moor cycle event for which the WI provided a refreshment pit stop for the participants. This was much appreciated by the cyclists who took full advantage of the drinks, homemade cakes and savouries on offer.



Editor added

Around 100 cyclists came through the village challenging themselves to a gruelling route and raising funds for SARCOMA UK <https://sarcoma.org.uk/>



EASY CHEESECAKE

(What's not to like 😊?!)



Ingredients

Base. 2ozs butter

2 tblspns golden syrup

10-12 ozs digestive biscuits**

Topping. Large tub of Philadelphia cream cheese

8 fl ozs double cream

6 dessert spoons icing sugar

Lemon juice

Method

For the base

Melt the butter and syrup. Crumble the biscuits. Mix the melted butter and syrup into the crumbled biscuits. Compact into a firm, even layer in a tin or loose-bottomed dish.

Topping

Whisk all the topping ingredients together, and spread over the base. Leave to set in the fridge.

To serve, pour a flavoured topping, fruit compôte, or fresh fruit on top. 🍓🍓🍓🍓🍓🍓🍓🍓

** Vary the base by using chocolate digestive biscuits, or make this cheesecake gluten free by using gluten free biscuits.

The next meeting of South Hill WI will be on Wednesday, 5th June in the Parish Hall, Golberdon at 7.00 pm. The speaker will be

Dave Groves from the Cornwall Mammal Group

This is a return visit by Dave, who gave a fascinating and educational talk last year on small mammals, and this time is going to talk about larger mammals found in Cornwall.

Prospective members are always welcome to come along to a couple of meetings with no commitment. For more information, please contact Jane at southhillwi@gmail.com



Are your boots made
for walking?

Walks & Talks Festival

Come and discover the stories of our landscape, four walks showcasing the moor, a village and a hamlet within Linkinhorne. All walks are free but donations towards local causes will be appreciated

Stowes Hill

Join us on a fact finding mission with Iain Rowe who will lead a wonderful circular walk over the moor unravelling the captivating history and folklore this area holds.

Fact or fiction the men on the moor were turned to stone? Was gold really found on the hill? Just how did Cheesewring appear? Who were the first miners making a living from this moor? Come and join us unraveling the moors heritage.

Sunday 2nd June 2024
Length: 2-3 miles
Terrain: Undulating
Meeting Venue: Hurlers Car Park
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Gonamena

Come and be enraptured by the stories of times gone by when this moor was alive with 4000 people toiling within the mines.

Gonamena holds a fascinating history which will be relayed to us by Simon Parker revealing the historical stories that lay behind the boom and bust years of mining on this moor.

Sunday 9th June 2024
Length: 3 miles
Terrain: uneven
Meeting venue: Hurlers Car Park
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Upton Cross

A leisurely stroll at Upton Cross taking in the key features of this moorland village where village friends will guide us through more modern times of ecclesiastical, education and entertainment.

Did you know a prominent architect designed the school, church and school room.

Do your family hold school or wartime memories?

A new resurrection will take place of Sterts Theatre this year but how and when did it all begin?

Come and join in our discovery.

Sunday 16th June 2024
Length: 1/2 mile
Terrain: even
Meeting venue: Upton Cross
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Plusha Bridge

Come and be amazed at how much history one tiny hamlet can possess!

Join Colin and Elaine Humphries and Sally Ellicott as they bring to life some of the social history tales of the people to be found in 1850s Plussia such as Eliza Harris and Francis Bartlett. Plusha Bridge wasn't always the quiet little hamlet hidden way down in the valley.

We will meander from Browda to Addiccroft where a cream tea will await.

Parking may be challenging, Plusha Bridge being the best option.

Sunday 23rd June 2024
Length: 1 mile
Terrain: even
Meeting venue: Browda
Time: 2:00 p.m.



South Hill Parish Hall Updates

The **Hall AGM** took place on **Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 7.30pm** in the main hall.

Chris Beckett, Chair
Hilary Hogg, Secretary
Paula Hartley, Bookings
Graham Hartley, Treasurer, Web site
Dennis Hicks, Outside maintenance
Ali Humphreys, Inside maintenance
Kim Howat, Extension Lead
Richard Squires, Safeguarding and Health & Safety

There is room for others to join the committee plus volunteers to help with events. **Currently there is no coordinator for the monthly charity quiz evening.** Could this be you?

The recent survey and events showed there is an appetite for entertainment... the committee are already planning a Comedy Night, Classic Car show, Live Music ... **The Harvest Supper, Sept. 14th** and will be seeking extra helpers.

Also suggested: a film night, dancing, badminton, skittles, chess club, gardening club, craft workshops DIY club, cookery club, art group, computer group, guitar lessons. If you know who can setup any of these, we'll help promote to see what interest there is from others.

shphchair@gmail.com / 01579 683351
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Hall extension

This is at an early stage and any proposal that emerges will depend on funding.



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STOKECLIMSLAND REPAIR CAFÉ Saturday June 15th 9 – 12noon,
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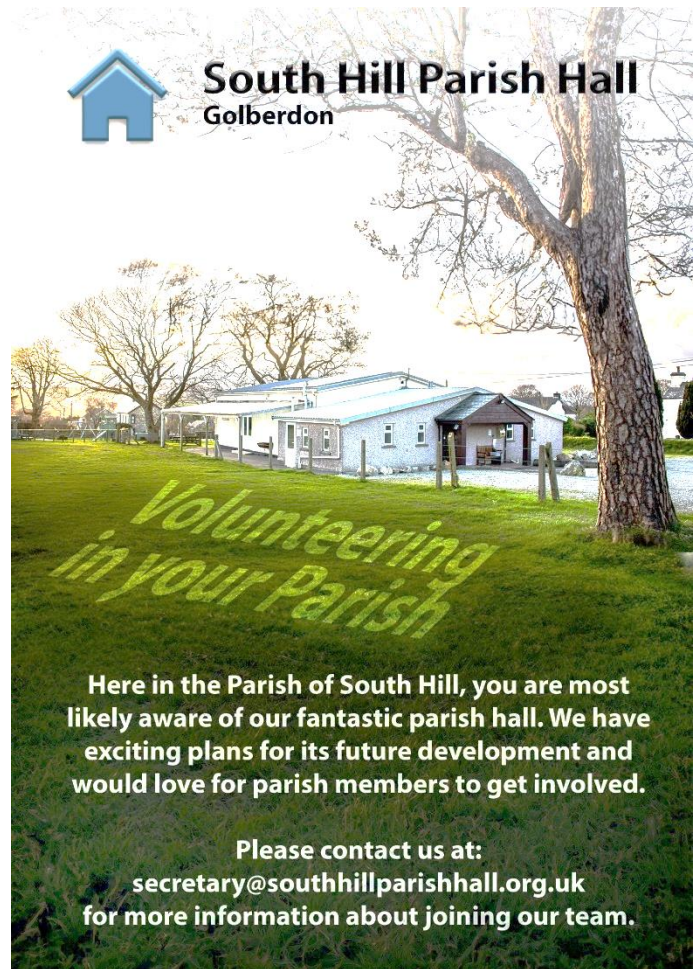
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Here's the list ... **ACCEPTED LIST** **Questions?** ask Ali 07305 044049



Cornwall Council kerbside collection

If you want to check which week you're on
Go to <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/my-area/>
put in your post code, find your property and see all details.

Collections... week of June

5th Recycling & Food waste 19th Recycling & Food waste
12th Rubbish & Food waste 26th Rubbish & Food waste



Household Waste Recycling Centre HWRC

Connon Bridge East Taphouse and Pennygillam Launceston HWRC no longer accept **asbestos, plasterboard, soil, tyres, rubble, and sanitary ware.**

In our area this leaves Saltash HWRC, which will accept up to 8 bags of soil or rubble or 4 sheets of plasterboard/asbestos per week without charge. **No mention of tyres or sanitary ware.** It's been reported that SALTASH HWRC refused an old sink and toilet (after the person had queued to enter the site). They took the items home, not knowing what to do next, but how many would have thought about fly-tipping! They smashed the items up, bagged them and returned as rubble. **Should we expect more from our HWRC's, run by SUEZ?**

The [Launceston HWRC](#) still refuses paper, cans & plastic which should go in kerbside recycling.

SURVEY

Cornwall Council want to hear your thoughts about the rubbish and recycling collections and street and public open space cleaning services provided by our contractor Biffa.

The survey only takes 10 minutes to complete and will close on June 18 2024.

Take the survey here <https://orlo.uk/Waste and Recycling Survey i8OPo>

CAT OWNERS



All owners must have their cat microchipped by 10 June 2024

...and owners found not to have microchipped their cat will have 21 days to have one implanted, or may face a fine of up to £500. Cats must be implanted with a microchip before they reach the age of 20 weeks and their contact details stored and kept up to date in a pet microchipping database.

“Cats Protection is delighted that pet cats in England will be given the same protection as dogs when it comes to microchipping. The charity regularly reunites owners with their much-loved cats, and in most cases this is only possible thanks to microchips. No matter how far from home they are found, or how long they have been missing, if a cat has a microchip there is a good chance that a lost cat will be swiftly returned home.”

The process of microchipping involves the insertion of a chip, generally around the size of a grain of rice, under the skin of a pet. The microchip has a unique serial number that the keeper needs to register on a database. When an animal is found, the microchip can be read with a scanner and the registered keeper identified on a database so the pet can quickly be reunited with them.

It will not be compulsory for free living cats that live with little or no human interaction or dependency, such as farm, feral or community cats.

Owners with cats that are already microchipped should ensure their details are up to date.

The commitment to microchipping is part of a wider Government effort to build on our existing world-leading standards. Since publishing the [Action Plan for Animal Welfare](#) in 2021: we have brought in new laws to recognise animals sentience, introduced tougher penalties for animal cruelty offences and brought forward a ban on glue traps.

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

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. **Deadline is Friday 21 June 2024.**

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

Please contact Canon Pat Robson, Mill Cottage, Mill Lane, Grampound, Truro TR2 4RU
Phone 01726 882366 or mob 07867577416 (evenings between 6.30-10.00pm)
or email intercelt@aol.com

South Hill Parish Council meeting

Details of the meeting and AGM held on 21 May 2024 include the following topics:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The meeting failed to elect a Chairman, this will be held over until the start of the June Council meeting. Cllr Geoff Hardman was elected Vice Chairman. All other representatives remain unchanged: Community Area Partnership (CAP): Cllr David Skelton, Parish Hall Committee: Cllr Dennis Hicks, Connection Reporter Cllr Peter Tunnicliffe.

CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN:

Actions and Policies were reviewed. A Policy Document detailing the Prohibition of Chemical use on Parish Council Owned Land was presented. Details for Communication of Climate Change Actions reviewed. It was decided to refer the Climate Change Action Plan back to the working group for implementation.

WALK TO SCHOOL ROUTE THROUGH MADERS:

Still no response from Cornwall Council has been received, however it was noted that traffic monitoring has been taking place recently in Maders.

RECREATION FIELD AND PLAY AREA:

The biannual tree survey needs to be done soon with some work expected in specific areas. The annual Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) survey of play equipment identified no serious problems with equipment.

FOOTPATHS:

Work continues to implement path cutting this summer, paid for through the Local Maintenance Partnership with Cornwall Council. The same contractor as last year is willing to do the work. A replacement footpath sign has been erected at the start of Public Footpath 638/20/1 through Woodland House land.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING, LOWER MOORLAND VIEW:

The council reviewed the position regarding prospects in the Parish. The Housing Survey being completed, with discussions establishing that there are no possibilities for Cornwall Council Affordable Housing led development. It was decided that the Parish Council did not hold the resources needed to move ahead with any independently led proposals.

B3257 JUNCTION WITH THE A30 at PLUSHA:

The Community Area Partnership (CAP) Meeting on 13 June will be discussing safety at the junction in the light of a recent fatality. Any comments or observations on this matter should be sent to Councillor David Skelton 01579 382397

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

NEWS from The RECREATION GROUND at Golberdon May 2024

It may have been noticed by some parishioners that over the past eighteen months or so there have been some minor changes to the management of the Recreation Ground alongside the parish hall. These small changes have been instigated in response to the first point of Policy No 5 of the South Hill Climate Change Action Plan (published in full on the SHPC website *Editor notes this has not been posted yet* [Climate Action \(south-hill-pc.gov.uk\)](https://south-hill-pc.gov.uk)), namely The Parish Council **“will formulate a management plan for the recreation field and play area to promote biodiversity and maximise carbon sequestration”**.

Grass areas: Apart from the cricket square and football pitch, it is intended the grass is going to be mown slightly less frequently or tightly this year to allow smaller flowering plants (daisies being a common example) to establish and flower. An approximately 1 metre strip out from the hedges is being allowed to grow longer to provide cover for small mammals and hedgerow plants, and this will be cut back and kept to 1 metre in width each year. In addition there are now two areas of grass which will be mown only once a year, in the autumn. One is at the allotment end of the recreation field, where yellow rattle has been introduced to reduce the fertility, which should help the establishment of flowering plants such as oxeye daisies, knapweed, and other natives. Some fritillaries, camassias and daffodils have been planted in this grass. It remains to be seen how they like it long term! The other area of unmown grass is around the sweet chestnut tree and the newly planted whitebeam tree at the play area end of the recreation ground.



Trees: The sweet chestnut is now approaching veteran status, and a tree survey recommended reducing the crown by 3m and coronet pruning which, whilst it does not prolong the life of the tree, provides valuable habitat for insects, wildlife and fungi. This was done just over a year ago, and the tree has responded well by producing healthy secondary growth. Looking to the future, a whitebeam tree, supplied free of charge by Forest for Cornwall, has been planted by the Women’s Institute to grow up alongside the sweet chestnut and will hopefully mature into a handsome and substantial tree as the sweet chestnut declines (we are talking decades here...!). The other trees in and around the recreation ground are regularly surveyed, and managed in accordance with any recommendations.

Hedges: The boundary hedges until very recently were cut back every year, but the Parish Council is now adopting a two year rotation for hedge cutting on the inside edge of the hedges. Due to the wet weather over the winter, neither of the hedges on the long edges of the recreation field have been cut, but the regime will be picked up again next season. The hedge along the play area and roadside up to the crossroads will continue to be cut each year as it has always been. The Parish Council has applied for some free hedging plants from The Woodland Trust, which are to be planted along the line of the old concrete posts and wire which form a boundary between the Parish Hall and the Recreation Ground. These should be delivered in the autumn.

The Parish Council would welcome any ideas which people may have for managing this space. Projects involving children could be one aspect which parents may like to consider proposing and helping with?

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Adrian Parsons - Cornwall Councillor for Altarnun & Stoke Climsland

May Roundup

Another lambing season draws to a close, and this one has proven to be one of the most challenging for years! Many early lambing flocks were hit by the Schmallenberg virus which is spread by infected midges blown in from the continent. The midges thrive in damp, warm conditions causing lamb deformities if a ewe is bitten and infected when pregnant. This can create problems for the sheep when trying to give birth, most lambs would be born dead, but those that survive tend to die within a few hours. Thankfully we didn't lose any ewes which had to endure a difficult labour but did lose about half a dozen lambs, making things stressful for all involved. Not only is the weather to blame for the increase in the midges, it is also making it difficult to get animals out into the fields where they should be at this time of year. Record rainfall has also made it impossible for many arable farmers to get on the land and plant crops threatening food supplies later in the year. At least **South West Water have announced we won't be having a hosepipe ban this summer**, with Roadford and Colliford reservoirs both being full by early April.

A priority for the Launceston and Callington Network has been to identify areas where improvements can be made to **Highway safety along the A388**. So it was incredibly disappointing to recently be told that most of the maintenance works along this stretch of road are now complete with the remainder planned, we expected much more. Vicky Fraser the Service Director for Environment and Connectivity said "We have adopted a risk based approach to highway maintenance, and this and our service standards are set out in the Highway Maintenance Manual (HMM). We are prioritising spend on carriageway maintenance and capital lining works this coming year. When the accident list for this financial year becomes available, we will look at the causation for accidents and will prioritise treatment where maintenance (or lack of maintenance) factors may have been a possible contributing factor. With a network of some 7300km of carriageway to maintain and given all of the A388 recommendations have now been addressed or will be imminently addressed, we cannot commit to specific further funding for this corridor, only that we will continue to maintain it in accordance with our statutory duty following the risk-based approach as set out in the HMM". Those who live locally know just how dangerous this road is and, to me, this response is a cop out, as spending has taken a hit due to this current administration's stringent cuts to the Highways budget. By hiding behind the highway maintenance manual, it is becoming clear the council are reaching a point where their spend will be the bare minimum they can get away with on repairing our roads to meet their statutory obligations!

Conservative Cornwall Council has decided to **transfer or sell off 2000 of our stunning Cornish beaches, green spaces, carparks and many more of our most loved places across the Duchy to save and raise money**. The Council's Cabinet have been very clear that they are financially struggling and need to make £2 million this year from offloading our publicly owned assets. Even Newquay Airport, Spaceport and the 650 acres that surround it are at risk!

The Cabinet say that their preference would be to transfer the sites to the National Trust, English Heritage and other organisations to look after them out of their charity funds. This example has been replicated over and over again in the past with toilets, libraries, art galleries, theatres and parks in Cornwall. More often than not when Cornwall Council has wanted to offload them Town councils have had to step in. That means that Town councils have had to raise the money to look after them, so the taxpayer is still ultimately paying for it. In reducing Cornwall Council's responsibility for running so many of these local assets, local taxpayers are also getting less value for their money from ever-increasing tax rises from Cornwall Council. Locally, **Kit Hill is one of our most iconic landmarks**, which is also under Cornwall Councils control, whatever happens, we must ensure this public space remains open and free for all to visit and enjoy!

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