

Chair's Welcome

Welcome to Sennen Parish Council's Annual Newsletter. I am honoured to be part of the Parish Council, and to have been Chair for the last year. It's been a steep learning curve and a lot of work for all involved, a key initial drive was to ensure we put in place the statutory policy framework and procedures which every councillor was involved with. These policies form the backdrop of our productive council and we continue to review, update and introduce new policies where needed.

As well as hard work there have been lots of highlights in being part of the Council: these have included observing the King's accession where we were particularly fortunate that the ceremony was spoken in Cornish as well as

English, with many parishioners attending for this special occasion. As a Parish Council we are proud to have been able to assist with Jubilee celebrations, to financially help groups like Preschool and School; and to successfully secure funding from Cornwall Council for road safety and to maintain our footpaths and other rights of way.

Our Parish faces many challenges such as the rising cost of living, impact of holiday housing on local housing needs, cuts in Cornwall's budget, and Government service provision. The Parish Council is elected by residents and works to meet the needs of the Parish. We welcome your views and involvement at our monthly meetings.

We invite you in particular to the Annual Parish Meeting of electors on the 10th May 2023 at Sennen Churchtown Hall, where community groups will come together to share news.

All your current Parish Councillors have been elected or co-opted in the last two years. Thank you to all those who have given up their time and energies to be part of the Parish Council over the past two years.

Your Councillors can be contacted by email and will be happy to talk with you about issues and projects for the Parish. If you have some time to offer to the community, we are looking for volunteers for the Environment Action and Neighbourhood Development Plan groups.

Chair

Cllr Rachel Puddiphatt

Your Parish Council

Sennen Parish Council (SPC) is made up of ten Councillors and a Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). Councillors are either elected or co-opted onto the Council between elections. You can see the team in the centre of the newsletter and on the Council website at www.sennen-pc.gov.uk. The Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in Sennen Churchtown Hall. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. The Council represents the residents of the Parish and acts in their interest. We are a consultee for planning applications submitted to Cornwall Council.

Residents are welcome to join our Groups listed here. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in joining one of our working groups: 07719 399685 or via email at clerk@sennen-pc.gov.uk

Affordable Housing Working Group

Amenities Working Group

Cemeteries Working Group

Sennen Citizen of the Year Awards 2022

This year Sennen Parish Council has introduced Sennen Citizen of the Year Award, and Sennen Young Citizen of the Year Award, to recognise the hard work our Parish residents do to help one another. This initiative was the brainchild of former Councillor, Colin McClary, who has been invited back to present the awards at our Annual Parish Meeting at 6pm on 10th May 2023 at Sennen Churchtown Hall.



We had many nominations for our awards in 2022. You can see details of all our nominees at www.sennen-pc.gov.uk/sennen-citizen-of-the-year-awards/.

Our winner for the Sennen Citizen of the Year Award 2022 is Luke Jackson who received four nominations for his tireless work at Sennen Karate Club, and also for his work at the local Spar shop.

Our winner of the Sennen Young Citizen of the Year Award 2022 is Barnabas Gorvin for his politeness, dedication to our Parish, and his willingness to be of service to others.

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Environment Action Group
Highways & PRow Working
Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group

Sennen Parish Council Supporting Our Community

Sennen Parish Council has several funding pots it can access to award to local organisations and groups who bring benefit to the community in our Parish. The information about how we can award monies is on our website at www.sennen-pc.gov.uk/grants-and-cil/.

During the last financial year, we have been able to award monies to help support the Jubilee Celebrations organised by Sennen Churchtown Hall last May; purchase Jubilee Mugs for the children of the Parish; help buy play equipment for the children of the Parish; support Sennen & Land's End Pre-School; make a donation to Royal British Legion; and purchase the Parish Christmas Tree which was displayed outside Sennen School.



We would like to support many more local organisations in the coming year, but we need you to apply for the funds available. If you are working with a group, organisation, or on a project in the Parish, we may be able to help support you. We have to work within certain criteria which our application process aims to ensure applicants meet. Our team is ready to help you with your application. We want our Parish to make the most of what we can offer.



Highways and Public Rights of Way

The Council has taken on the Local Maintenance Partnership (LMP) from Cornwall Council. This provides us with a grant towards the upkeep of our Public Rights of Way (PRoW) in the Parish. Our team of contractors cut the soft growth vegetation on the Footpaths, Bridleways and Byways within the Parish boundary. We cannot deal with woody growth, or maintain the surfaces of PRoW, as these are the responsibility of landowners and Cornwall Council. Our team do an outstanding job and are quick to respond to issues as they come to light throughout the year. They often go above and beyond in the work they do, and we would like to thank them for their dedication.



The Council has been working hard to address problems with speeding vehicles through and in the Parish. We are pleased to see that data analysed from the newly purchased Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) in Mayon shows that its presence encourages drivers to reduce their vehicle speeds. We have also secured funds from Cornwall Council to introduce a number of traffic calming measures which will be completed by Autumn 2023. These include new road markings, signage, reduced speed limits to 20mph and new VAS signs.

We have a hard-working Highways & PRoW Working Group who are happy to welcome volunteers to help improve the Parish network.

We run regular litter picks in the Parish; form

working parties to address issues identified by residents; and are working with outside organisations to find ways to address dog fouling in the area. If you notice problems with obstructions on the Highway or Public Rights of Way in Sennen, or there is a problem with the surface or flooding, you can report it at:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/



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Councillor Vacancy

We currently have a Councillor vacancy. Contact the Clerk for details



Cllr Katherine Shannon

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Councillors are elected or co-opted persons who serve as Members of the Parish Council for four years, or until the next General Election date, where they can stand for election/re-election. They discuss and vote on the business of the Council. They are drawn from the local electorate and are the holder of a public office.

Environment Action Group

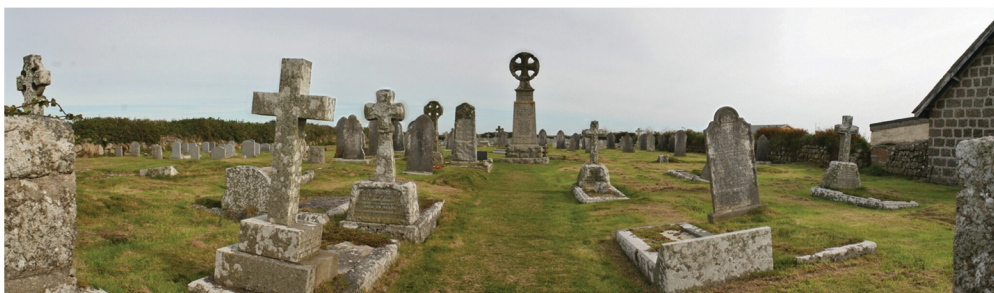
This year Sennen Parish Council has established an Environment Action Group to help meet the challenges that climate change and biodiversity loss bring. We would welcome volunteers who would like to join and bring ideas for initiatives within the Parish, and to work with neighbouring Parishes where we can.

We have declared a Climate & Ecological Emergency, a Biodiversity Emergency, and made a Pledge for Nature. There will be some changes to the grass cutting service provided by the Parish Council, as we leave time in May and June to allow for wildflowers to reseed in order to increase biodiversity in the Parish. If you have ideas to help nature recovery or meet local energy needs etc. please join our Group. More information about what we are doing is on our website at www.sennen-pc.gov.uk/environment/. We also hope to plant more wildflowers in the Parish in the future and would love residents to join the Environment Action Group in working on this project, and others in the Parish.

We have arranged several Litter Pick events in the Parish over the last year and will continue to arrange more in future. Thank you to all the people who have come along to help at those events. We rely on the continued involvement of residents to make these events a success.

Sennen Cemetery

Sennen Cemetery is managed by Sennen Parish Council. You can find information about the Cemetery on our website at www.sennen-pc.go.uk/sennen-cemetery/. Sennen Cemetery is also a Commonwealth War Graves site. More information is available at www.cwgc.org. We also cut the grass at Sennen Cemetery, Sennen Churchyard (now closed for burials), and Escalls Chapel Cemetery.



Sennen Neighbourhood Development Plan



Sennen Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Steering Group was set up to protect the Parish from unwanted development, address the need for affordable housing in Sennen, and develop a sustainable plan for the future of Sennen Parish. Members of the Steering Group are working through the process of identifying the needs within the Parish, consulting with residents, drawing up a cohesive plan and seeking approval for the plan from Cornwall Council. This year Sennen NDP Steering Group has welcomed a new Chair, Eve Ferguson, as well as several new members. We would like to thank all the members who have stepped down for their hard work and commitment in getting Sennen NDP established. The new team will build on the work completed so far, keeping the momentum going to complete the Plan.

If you would like to join the team of residents and Parish Councillors on the Sennen NDP Steering Group or on the newly established Affordable Housing Working Group, you would be most welcome. Contact the Parish Clerk for details.

Amenities

Sennen Parish Council also works to protect amenities within the Parish. We own and maintain several benches within the Parish; we can support applications to help provide amenities; we have recently secured funds for a new bus shelter in Sennen; and we are currently in discussion with Cornwall Council regarding the provision of Public Toilets in the Parish, on which subject we hope to be consulting residents this year.

News from Sennen Community



Sennen Churchtown Hall

Sennen Churchtown Hall is located next to St Sennen Church on the main A30. The hall, stage, kitchen, and large field behind the hall are all available for bookings for all sorts of events. Every Wednesday at Churchtown Hall is 'Souper Wednesday' where soup, bread rolls, teas, coffees, and biscuits are served from 12.00 - 2.30. These are free events, and everyone is welcome. Regular car boot sales are planned for Summer 2023. For the King's Coronation they will be running a Coronation Community Event and Big Lunch on 7th May from 11.00am. Bring food to share. Lots of fun and games for all.

Sennen Community Centre

Sennen Community Centre is a multi-use sports facility with various ball courts, a squash court, a fully equipped kitchen, and various meeting rooms available for hire. There are a wide range of activities happening at the centre regularly. To book for any of the facilities please call 07934420457.

Recently the hall has had a brand-new roof, has been decorated inside and a new disabled toilet has been fitted. The squash court flat roof has also been replaced but the ceiling became unsafe, this is being repaired as a matter of urgency and the fully refurbished court will be reopening soon!

Sennen Community Centre is also the home of the award winning Sennen Farmers Market which takes place every Tuesday. Our Councillors attend regularly to meet residents and hear their views, and to hear about issues facing the community.

St Sennen Church

St Sennen Church is part of Land's End Benefice (along with St Buryan and St Levan) which will join later this year with the St Just- Pendeen-Morvah grouping under Revd Karsten Wedgewood. Sennen church is open daily, 9-4, for prayer. service details are on the church door and on their Facebook page. They offer Messy Church for children several times a year. Messy Church will run a Crown Making session to celebrate the King's Coronation.

Escalls Chapel

The Chapel with the Surfboard Cross holds services on Sundays: 11am and prayer meetings every Tuesday at 1pm (term time only). Members from Escalls Chapel also serve tea and coffee at the bustling Sennen market in the Community Centre.

Sennen Recreation Centre

Situated in the heart of Sennen Cove, the recreation centre (formerly the men's snooker club) is a small building with two rooms. It is the only community building in this area of Sennen and is ideally situated to support the many water sports that take place from the beach and harbour including the Sennen Surf Club and the Cape Cornwall Gig club. It is available to hire by the community.



Sennen RNLI

Sennen RNLI crew have had a busy year: in February 2022 their roof blew off; the lifeboat had a refit, engine change and electronics 'update' which was completed in June. Five crew members completed an RYA Day Skipper course. They had a couple of mayday shouts - a catamaran that capsized and more recently to a Belgian trawler which eventually sank. They also said goodbye to Philip Shannon who retired from the crew after five decades of service.

Local Links

Sennen Churchtown Hall	bookings	ckb2@btinternet.com
Sennen Primary School		01736 871392
Sennen Pre-School Playgroup		07971 378832
Harbour Commissioners		cps@sennen-cove.com
Sennen RNLI		01736 871222
St Sennen Church		07910 432078
Escalls Chapel	escallschapelsennen@gmail.com	
Wednesday Souper	lisahannigan@msn.com	
Sennen Karate Club	Luke Jackson 07504 279716	
Sennen Recreation Centre	Sadie 07538 266286	
Sennen Surf Club	Sadie 07538 266286	
Cape Cornwall Gig Club	capecornwallsecretary@gmail.com	
Sennen Community Centre	07934 420457	
Indoor Bowling	Chris Andrew 01736 871484	
Penzance Table Tennis Club	Nigel 01736 361023	
Sew and So	sewing and knitting club	Jo 01736 871185
Keep Fit		Wynne 01736 871246
Sennen Market	sennenmarket@gmail.com	
AGE UK	transport bookings	01872 223388
First & Last Stores		01736 871917

First & Last Stores (SPAR) provide lots of services that make a difference to our community: they can offer prescriptions collection; are a key holder for bookings of the Churchtown Hall and Community Centre; are the Food Bank drop off point; and the Post Office processes most items during shop opening hours.