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Helston Town Council

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Message from the Mayor

Last month I attended many of the various remembrance activities around Helston. I was delighted to be invited to the launch the annual Poppy Appeal at Tesco on 30th October. Jenny Harvey has been the local organiser for several years and has had an outstanding level of success. Since 2014 Jenny and her team have raised nearly £150,000 through their efforts. This also reflects on the generosity of our local community and the strong bond that there is with our service community at Culdrose. This close link was further emphasised when I attended the ceremony on 11th November, which was marked with 2 minutes silence. Many children from our local primary schools came to mark the occasion. Both the events on Remembrance Sunday had a wonderful attendance including representatives from many local organisations including schools, cadet, scouts, public services and veterans. After the event last year where there were only a handful of people because of the Covid restrictions it was reassuring to see nearly 500 people at Sunday's event.

The community of Helston have also been volunteering to support the excellent Covid Vaccination Centre at Helston AFC on Mondays and Tuesdays. This centre has been providing both booster jabs as well as first and second jabs for those not fully vaccinated. The centre deals with both booked appointments, available via the NHS booking site and with walk ins. The process is well organised and is supported by some volunteer marshals organised by the Helston Lizard Rotary club, with additional volunteers from both the Helston and Cober Valley clubs. Well done to everyone who has helped this to happen. You are making our community safer and reducing the burden on our very stretched local NHS. Christmas will soon be upon us.

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Robert Williams and his team of volunteers have been hard at work putting up the Christmas light display through our streets. There will not be a big switch on event this year, but the lights will be there to brighten our town in the dark evenings. New shops have opened in town over the last month and I wish them every success. Whilst things are still not back to normal they are better than this time last year and there is more reason for optimism, particularly for the new year of 2022. There are people working on delivering new events for the town, particularly in the first few months of the year. We also have the Queens Platinum Jubilee to look forward to, the 75th anniversary of HMS Seahawk being granted the Freedom of Helston along with the anticipated return of Flora day.

If I don't get the chance to meet you in person before Christmas may I take the opportunity to wish you, your families and loved ones a very happy and peaceful Christmas season.

Tim Grattan-Kane



We have a new Facebook page



@helstontowncouncil



Please like and share!



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Cornwall Council Car Parks will be free in Helston on **Saturday 4th December** this year.

With so many lovely independent shops to choose from, it's a great chance to do your Christmas shopping locally!



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Grounds Maintenance Reflection on 2021

This year the Council's Maintenance Team kept our playparks and verges to a high standard and have received many positive comments from residents on the condition and appearance of the town.

Throughout the year the Maintenance Team have worked tirelessly to keep up with the verges, roundabouts and playparks, with the verges being maintained every 4 weeks. Preparation for the Sainsburys roundabout which was sponsored by Trevena Cross started in May for planting in June. Trevena Cross kindly donated the Delosperma, Yucca and Aloes to make the roundabout so pleasing to the eye and a big thanks goes to them for their assistance with this project.

During the year the team also undertook extensive maintenance on the Falmouth Road, Redruth Road and the Rugby Club roundabouts including weeding, cutting back and replanting to keep them looking well presented.

In the summer the first wildflower areas were planted and have taken well. The team have already started seeding and topping up the existing areas for a good display next year and are planning wildflower displays for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Council is pleased with how these projects are progressing.

The Maintenance Team also assisted with the installation, removal and watering of over 70 baskets to businesses within the town centre. These baskets were planted by the team at Kehelland Trust and the proceeds raised went towards the Helston Mayor's Fund. They looked amazing and certainly brightened up the town.

A special mention to Erica and Dee, two of our volunteers, who kindly give up their time to maintain the sunken garden and other flower beds keeping them looking pretty.

Unfortunately, this year has seen a significant rise in vandalism which has kept the team busy. They have been able to fix many of the breakages themselves, however specialist tradespeople have had to be called to repair severe damage.

The Grounds Maintenance Team are now concentrating on jobs that are going to make specific areas more aesthetically pleasing. The bowling green area will be pressure washed to remove moss and sap stains, bulbs have been planted in the bowling green beds some plants which were looking tired have been removed prior to replacement in the New Year.

This year Helston Town Council's Grounds Maintenance Team have worked extremely hard and we hope that you all are reaping the benefits.



Grant Funding



Helston Town Council has a budget for grant funding available to local organisations for specific projects which benefit a group of people within Helston.

Grant applications are considered twice a year with the next meeting taking place on **17th February 2022**. We have **£4,615** remaining in the budget so please get in touch to submit an application. You can contact us on 01326 572063 or enquiries@helston-tc.gov.uk to request an application form or pop into the Guildhall to pick one up.

Christmas Waste and Recycling Collections

Collections will remain unchanged this year, rubbish & recycling will be collected as usual on the bank holidays for 27th & 28th December 2021 and 3rd January 2022.

Arrangement for collecting real Christmas Trees:
Non-artificial Christmas Trees under 6ft will be collected in early January. Place your tree near your rubbish bin on the opposite week to your recycling for free collection-it will be shredded and composted. Residents should cut trees into two if they are taller than 6ft.

Weddings in 2021!

With restrictions lifting in the middle of the year we were finally allowed to have weddings at The Guildhall again! We had a total of four lovely weddings in both the Corn Exchange and Council Chamber. All four were unique to each couple as they were able to style the rooms to suit their wedding scheme.

Everyone here at Helston Town Council would like to pass on our congratulations and well wishes to the happy new couples.

We already have a few more booked in for 2022 so if you're looking for a wedding venue that is unique and memorable then look no further! Give us a call on 01326 572063 or email enquiries@helston-tc.gov.uk for more information or to book a viewing!



Keep Helston Tidy

This year, after lockdown, we have managed to carry out a few litter picking events which have been a great success. We have run our KHT events around Helston with locations including Five Wells Lane and Castle Green, Trengrouse Way and The Fairground Car Park.

We are always looking for more volunteers so please come in to the Guildhall for more information or email info@helston-tc.gov.uk. Alternatively you can visit our 'What's On?' page on our website.

Bosnoweth's New Noticeboard

Following a request from residents, a notice board was installed in one of the open spaces in Bosnoweth over the summer. The open space is used by residents for community events and a bench was also requested in the area which will be installed in the near future.

Should any members of the community have similar requests please email the Town Clerk on townclerk@helston-tc.gov.uk and they will be considered by the Council.

Try to Reduce, Reuse & Recycle this Christmas

This year many more people have been thinking of ways to recycle and reduce their rubbish. Remember to recycle your cream pots, Christmas pudding basins, sweet tubs, mince pie trays and plastic advent calendar trays (as long as they're not black plastic). Or get creative and use parts of cards and wrapping paper to create next year's Christmas cards! Have a look at Cornwall Council's Christmas Waste Reduction page online for more ways to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Give away time not tat! In these uncertain times, it may be nice to buy the experience now and have something to look forward to in the months ahead. With this in mind it is also a great time to shop small and support local businesses—there are many places in Helston where you can buy gift vouchers to give as presents. Here are some ideas for waste free Christmas Presents:

- A meal at your favourite restaurant
- Charity Donation
- Gym/Theatre Membership
- Visit to an attraction
- Hotel Stay
- Holiday in the UK or abroad
- Spa/Experience Day
- Beauty Treatments
- Online gaming vouchers
- Shopping Gift Cards

Please remember to recycle the items that you can't reduce, if you don't have the equipment please get in touch with us.



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Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday to Friday

9.00am to 4.00pm

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs



Helston Town Council has purchased two vehicle activated speed signs that enable us to gather information which is shared with other agencies to determine whether any other measures are required to deal with speeding. While most drivers are conscientious about their speed it is hoped they will provide a reminder to drivers about the speed limits.

In July our Mayor, Tim Grattan-Kane and Cornwall Councillors Mike

Thomas and Guy Foreman (pictured) officially launched our mobile speed activated signs at Trengrouse Way.

These signs have been moved around the town and have stayed at each location for at least 2 weeks before being moved on to the next.

Here are the locations that the speed cameras have been sited so far:

- Wendron Street · Trengrouse Way · Redruth Road · Porthleven Road
- Meneage Street · Falmouth Road · Cross Street · Furry Way

Please keep a look out to see where the signs will be appearing next.

Mayor's Christmas Visits

This year the Town Mayor will partake in the annual Christmas visits and handing out gifts.

He will be visiting the Godolphin House Care Home, Penhellis Nursing Home, Trengrouse Home and the Cottage Hospital.

COVID-19 measures will be in place to keep everyone safe!

A poster for 'KICKSTART HELSTON MUSIC' featuring three dates: SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER, SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER, and SATURDAY 18TH DECEMBER, all from 11:00AM to 1:00PM at MONUMENT PLACE. The poster lists the performers: CORNISH ROOTS BIG BAND, HELSTON TOWN BAND, TOWN BAND YOUTH, and TROS AN HELLYS. At the bottom, it states 'Cornwall Council Car Parks will be free on this date so come along and enjoy the show and visit Helston's lovely independent shops!' and includes logos for the European Union, HM Government, and Cornwall Council.

Guildhall Christmas Opening Hours

The Town Clerk's Office will be closed from 4pm on Thursday 23rd December 2021 until 9.00am on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Useful telephone numbers:
Cornwall Council 0300 1234 100
Refuse and Recycling 0300 1234 141
Highways 0300 1234 222
Police Non-emergency 101

Wishing you all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

If you take photographs of any of our civic engagements please consider forwarding them via email for possible publication in the next newsletter and please visit our Facebook page where you can find out about Council news and town events.