

# NEWSLETTER

HELSTON TOWN  
COUNCIL

DECEMBER



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's reached that time of year and what a eventful year it has been. We have seen the war rage in Ukraine, a developing cost of living crisis, The Royal Jubilee followed by the passing of the Queen. I was delighted that the towns bid for £17.5 million has made it to the final stage of the process. Hopefully we will soon receive the response to the hard work that has been undertaken by so many individuals on behalf of our town.

The Christmas light switch on takes place this Friday with a large public event, music and stalls. After 2 years lost through Covid it will be good to be back to our traditional event that so many look forward to. We all owe a massive thanks to Robert Williams and his team of volunteers who have worked tirelessly over the last 6 weeks installing the Christmas lights.

There are also a series of Friday night late night shopping events in town through December with entertainment and competitions. Please come into Helston, enjoy the magic of the lights, the ambience of our fantastic town and enjoy the experience.

I want to take the opportunity to say thank you to all those who volunteer and dedicate their time in helping the people of Helston. Thank you.

I appreciate how challenging these times are for many. However, I wish each and every one of you a Happy Christmas and hope that you get the opportunity to enjoy the season with friends, family and loved ones.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Williams'.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2022

On Sunday 13th November the residents of Helston turned out in force to remember the fallen at the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service. The Parade consisted of personnel from RNAS Culdrose, Helston Air Cadets, youth groups and the town's firefighters who made their way from Trengrouse Way car park to The Guildhall where they were joined by the Mayor, Councillors, Freeman, staff of Helston Town Council and Captain Irwin of RNAS Culdrose. The procession ended in front of the Grylls Monument and Garden of Remembrance where the service took place.

The service was hosted by Rev Danny Reed and Chaplain Raphael Duckett and a two minute silence was observed at 11am. Following this the names of those that were lost from Helston in the first and second world were read aloud by Captain Irwin, whilst wreaths were laid by various organisations in the town, along with remembrance crosses from individuals



## 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.



## FREE CORNWALL COUNCIL CAR PARKS

It will be free to park in all Cornwall Council pay and display and pay on exit car parks on Saturday 3rd December this year. This is to support Small Business Saturday which aims to encourage footfall to local businesses in the town.



## REDUCE, RE-USE, RECYCLE

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!

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
- Visit to an attraction
- Hotel Stay
- Spa/Experience Day
- Beauty Treatments
- Online gaming vouchers
- Shopping Gift Cards
- Gym/Theatre Membership



Please remember recycling equipment is available from our offices at The Guildhall. Try to Reduce, Re-use & Recycle this Christmas

## GRANTS

### HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council has a GRANT MEETING on Thursday 16th February 2023 scheduled for 7pm at the Guildhall. Organisations and Charities wishing to be considered

for a grant should complete and return an Application Form by noon Monday 6th February 2023.

Forms are available from The Town Clerk, Helston Town Council, The Guildhall, Helston, TR13 8ST, Email [townclerk@helston-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@helston-tc.gov.uk), Tel (01326) 572063

Pamela Lavelle (Town Clerk)

(Please note: this is not a business grant)  
(Funds should benefit the residents of Helston)



# GROUNDS MAINTENANCE TEAM'S REFLECTION ON 2022

The Grounds Maintenance Team have had a successful 2022 with regeneration throughout Helston focusing on refurbishment of benches and flower beds at the bowling green which have gained new plants. The Maytree roundabout planting scheme was designed by a past team member, Tom, and has received much positive praise from residents.

The Team have been tackling dog fouling this year with the pink poo campaign underway. It has decreased the amount appearing in the bowling green and opes, but we are still finding a lot in our parks, mainly King George V. We will be continuing this campaign to further highlight this issue.

Maintenance was carried out on the Town Council play areas.

We have added to our existing wildflower beds and are planning to add more wildflower areas around the town on verges and other areas we maintain.

The Jubilee wildflowers bloomed beautifully, with pockets of red, white and blue dotted around Helston honouring Queen Elizabeth II.

The hanging baskets were planted by Kehelland Trust and maintained by the team. They looked amazing and brightened the town with their mix of Cornish and jubilee colours. There were also two planters introduced in town, the plants were again supplied by Kehelland Trust and brightened up either side of the monument.

Vandalism has been a continual issue within Town Council facilities, the public toilets have had multiple new toilet roll dispensers and toilet seats whilst the sunken garden has also been a target.



## MERCHANT NAVY DAY

On 5th September 2022 members of the Merchant Navy attended a ceremony led by Councillor Miles Kenchington in the Corn Exchange at The Guildhall. The Red Ensign was raised in honour of the brave men and women locally who are, or have been, Merchant Seamen. During both World Wars they helped keep the “island afloat” and now they are responsible for 95% of the UK’s imports, including half the food we eat, plenty of fuel we rely on and virtually all the products and goods we tend to take for granted.



## OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The Town Clerk's office will be closed from 4pm on Friday 23rd December and will reopen at 9am on Tuesday 3rd January.



# REGENERATION PROJECTS

Helston Town Council is working with a range of local partners to bring about positive transformation of Coronation Gardens/ King George V park. We want this park to be a really special, much loved place that local people want to spend time in. We also want to make it more accessible for everyone to enjoy.

The Council is working with Coastline Housing, the Making Space for Nature team at Cornwall Council, 1st Helston Scouts, Helston Climate Action Group and local volunteers to ensure that the plans for the park reflect what the local people want to see. There has been a range of community consultation events, including three evenings of a household door knock survey in August, a community event at the park in September and a volunteer event in October. We have also undertaken an electronic survey with residents. The consultation has harnessed the views of over 450 residents and they are overwhelmingly supportive of the ideas for the park. Many new ideas have come forward and the main changes we have made as a result of the consultations are to include more play equipment that is suitable for toddlers, teenagers and also those with disabilities including inclusive play equipment and inclusive seating in the park.

The project is in three phases, the first phase is a major investment in planting and landscaping, new and wider pathways in to the park for mobility scooters and wheelchairs and new areas for community composting. Managed by the Making Space for Nature team at Cornwall Council, this is taking place this Autumn and Winter.



The second phase is that a bid for funding has been submitted to provide brand new play equipment in the park, which includes more pieces for children of all ages (including young people with disabilities) and also inclusive seating. We hope this phase can be completed by end March 2023.

The third phase is substantial and very exciting – and will involve Helston Town Council submitting a major Lottery bid. The plans are three-fold. Firstly, demolish of the toilet block at the park and in its place the creation of a community café that will be run as a social enterprise, offering affordable snacks and meals and also a takeaway service, with indoor and outdoor seating for local individuals and families to enjoy. We also plan to offer training in the café and hope it will become a much cherished meeting place for people of all ages and help those who may be lonely or in need of support, to be a place where they can meet new people and enjoy the space.



# REGENERATION PROJECTS CONT.

We are delighted to say that as a result of the household survey in August, we already have some volunteers wishing to work in the café and we are in the process of researching how other successful community cafes operate so we can encompass these ideas in the way it is run. Longer term, we are hoping to build raised beds so that local people can grow food that is served in the seasonal menu of the café!

The second part of phase three will be to demolish and rebuild the existing Scout Hut which was built in 1930.

Finally, the third phase will include the installation of an outdoor gym for people from 13 years plus. We plan for there to be pieces of equipment that will help with strength and cardio-vascular exercises – including inclusive pieces of equipment for those with disabilities.

We want to ensure that the park is accessible and that there is something for everyone to enjoy.

To find out more about this exciting project please contact Helston Town Council's Project Officer Charlotte Caldwell on email: [regeneration@helston-tc.gov.uk](mailto:regeneration@helston-tc.gov.uk)



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Helston Town Council's Youth Engagement Working Party has been actively engaging with the youth of the town through a series of Autumn Youth Engagement events.

The first was an evening with the 2nd Helston Brownies which took place on 15th November during Parliament Week. The focus of the event was to enable the Brownies to learn about local democracy and how they could get their voices heard in the Council Chamber. They took part in a Q & A with the Town Mayor, Cllr Tim Grattan Kane, Town Clerk, Pamela Lavelle, Projects Officer, Charlotte Caldwell and the Macebearer, Stuart Harvey to understand about the roles of Members and Officers at the Town Council. They posed some challenging questions!



The Town Council organised a lively debate which saw 28 brownies listening to inspirational guest speaker Delia Webb from the Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition who talked about the evolution of plastic and its impact on the ocean. Delia is a marine medic and shared photos of the damage caused when seals and other marine wildlife are caught up in plastic with devastating outcomes.

There ensued a debate where the Brownies learned how to put forward a motion for or against on the topic of “is plastic fantastic?”. After a robust debate with all of the brownies participating, the motion that was voted on and won was that “Essential plastic is fantastic but other plastics are not fantastic.” This was an amended motion after one Brownie brought up the issue of health related plastics like asthma inhalers being essential to saving life.



## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT EVENTS CONT.



On Friday 25th November we held another Youth Engagement Day. This was attended by young people from all the schools in Helston. The focus of the day was to learn about what Helston Town Council does and to debate issues close to their hearts and then to create the first ever Helston Youth Manifesto of topics they would like to see the Town Council address over the coming years.

A local artist was commissioned to facilitate a workshop where the young people created a public piece of art which displays the Youth Manifesto creatively. When completed this will be hung on the wall in the entrance to the Guildhall for all to see.

Watch out for our next newsletter where the Youth Manifesto will be published and a photograph of the piece of art will be included, or better still, visit the Guildhall in January when it will be on permanent display.

Helston Town Council would like to thank Flambards Theme Park for sponsoring the food for both these youth engagement events.

The next plans for Youth Engagement will see Officers and Members from the Council visiting the Camborne and Redruth Youth Councils, with a view to researching this as a potential option for Helston. More to follow in future newsletters.

The Town Council is working towards its Climate Emergency Action Plan and both these events addressed key issues that form part of the Action Plan.



If you have any questions about Youth Engagement, please contact Projects Officer Charlotte Caldwell on [regeneration@helston-tc.gov.uk](mailto:regeneration@helston-tc.gov.uk)

## CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION



Cornwall Council have confirmed that they will only be collecting real Christmas trees from households who subscribe to their Garden Waste Collection Service.

You can put your real Christmas tree out on your normal garden waste collection day for shredding and composting up until 31st January 2022. They will collect trees up to 6ft tall. If your tree is larger than 6ft Cornwall Council has requested that it be cut in half.

If you do not subscribe to the Garden Waste Collection Service you can take your tree to a Cornwall Council Household Waste and Recycling Centre.

## WEDDINGS



Getting Married??

The Helston Guildhall is the perfect venue for a unique and memorable wedding. Give us a call on 01326 572063 or email [enquiries@helston-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@helston-tc.gov.uk) for more information



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## TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

### HOURS

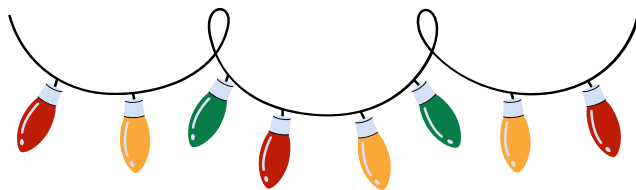
**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**9.00AM TO 4.00PM**

# WHAT'S ON

This year there will be three Christmas markets taking place at the Guildhall. Vendors will be selling lots of gifts and goodies as well as some shops in the town taking part in opening for late night shopping.

**Dates for your diary are Friday 9th, 16th & 23rd December!**



Our monthly Saturday Markets take place on the second Saturday of every month, 10am to 2pm in the Corn Exchange:

**10th December 2022**

**7th January 2023**

**11th February 2023**

**11th March 2023**

**8th April 2023**

**13th May 2023**

**10th June 2023**

**8th July 2023**

**12th August 2023**

**9th September 2023**

**14th October 2023**

**11th November 2023**

**9th December 2023**

We'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from all of us at the Town Council.



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.