



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and has adjusted to all the excitement of entering the new year.

Obviously, everyone who has been involved with submitting the Levelling Up Fund application on behalf of Helston is bitterly disappointed at the news we received. The bid made it onto the shortlist, meeting all the necessary criteria, yet we were not selected. I wish to thank all the team who undertook thousands of hours work to enable the bid to go forward. The team are already working hard to find alternative funding streams to deliver some of these projects for the people of Helston.

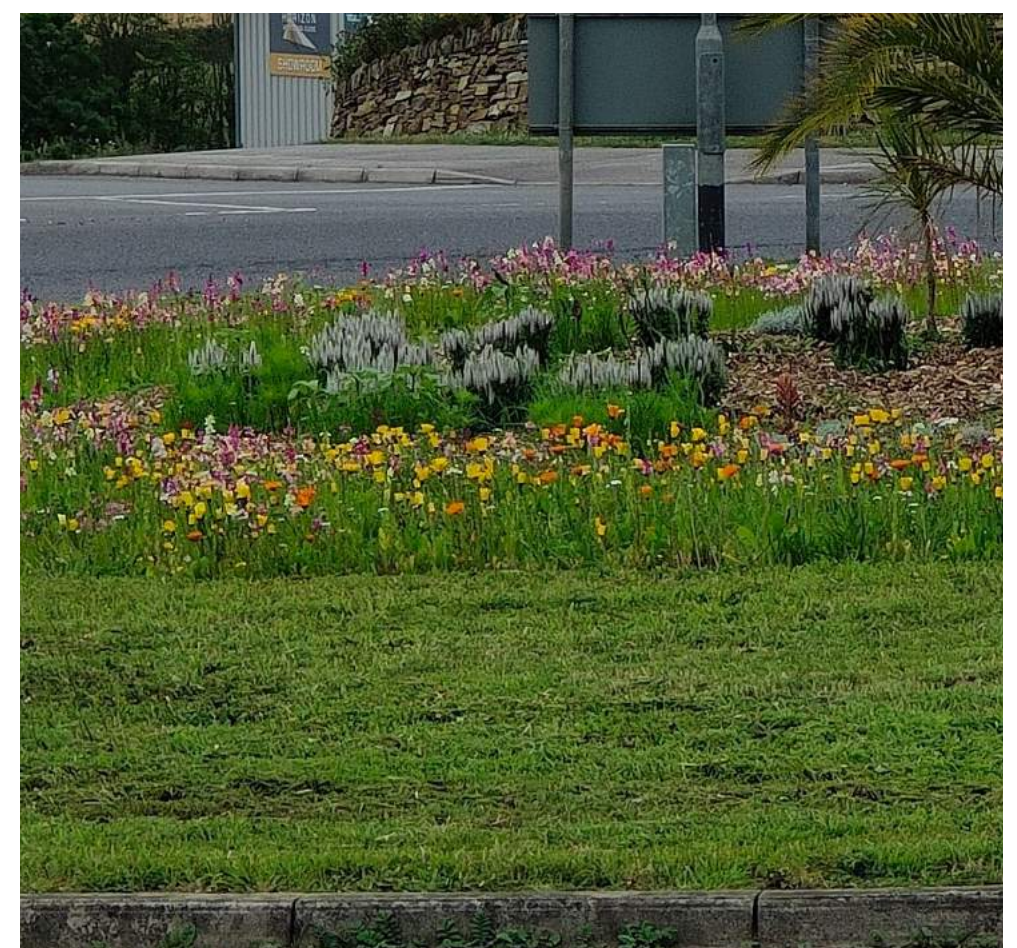
We have an exciting year ahead of us. I look forward to a busy bank holiday period where the Coronation events will follow on from Flora Day. The planning for events in the town is underway along with preparation for our St. Piran's day events in March.

The Town Council is working with the Environment Agency to complete Helston's specific flood plan. We are still in need of volunteer flood wardens who live in or can easily get to the most likely areas to be affected, St Johns Road, Porthleven Road and Manor Way. This does not involve working through flood water or climbing into buildings. If you would like to learn more please contact us at the Guildhall.

In the meantime, can I wish everyone a belated Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing the town blossom throughout Spring!

WILDFLOWER AREAS

Our Grounds Maintenance Team have started expanding the already existing wildflower areas on the main drive through Helston. A new section of Wildflowers has been added on Sithney Common Hill, an area by Sainsbury's as well as Helston Rugby Club. Our team have also expanded the wildflower areas into estates such as Hellescoth Way and Pendeen Park. Once the warmer weather is here they will be looking to add to the current areas as well as expanding to Carey Park Road, Penmere Close and the possibility of Hellis Wartha, however, locations are to be confirmed. The team are hoping to take over maintenance of more areas of grassland from Cornwall Council, once these areas are devolved, they can start plans to add to areas around the Gwealdues estate and more at Pendeen Park. The Town's existing beds are thriving and were popular with the residents of Helston and visitors last season.

NEW & INCLUSIVE PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS

The Town Council are delighted to announce they have been successful in securing CIL funding to install brand new and inclusive items of play equipment and seating at Coronation Gardens & King George V play area. This will appeal to a wider age range and also ensure that everyone can enjoy the facilities. This should be installed by the summer.

There will also be new and colourful welcome signs installed very soon. The Making Space for Nature team have been working hard with new tree planting and landscaping schemes at the park and when this comes into bloom, there will be a beautiful array of colours to enjoy when sat at the new benches.

Charlotte Caldwell, Projects Officer said "In addition to the funding for the new and inclusive play equipment and seating, we have submitted a bid to transform the derelict former toilet block into a community café, to rebuild the Scout Hut and to install an outdoor gym. We will let you know when we have the funding in place. This will be the final phase of the project to make positive changes at the park."

GOOD TO BE GREEN!

As the first town in Cornwall to produce and adopt a Climate Action Plan, we are keen to ensure we take positive responsible action towards a better environment and future. We plan to do more in 2023 to ensure we are continuously striving for green solutions in every aspect of our work

The Town Council is passionate about reducing its carbon footprint by doing the following:

- Installation of solar panels on the Guildhall roof
- On a 100% green electricity contract
- Have switched to an ethical bank
- Introduced a herbicide policy to phase out its use and seek non-chemical means of weed control
- Offsetting carbon for our gas usage

HELSTON TO UNVEIL FIRST YOUTH MANIFESTO IN CORNWALL!

Helston Town Council is proud to be hosting the unveiling ceremony of Cornwall's first ever Youth Manifesto created by pupils from all four schools in Helston.

Back in November 2022, the Town Council hosted a Youth Engagement Day during which all pupils were encouraged to put forward issues close to their hearts.

After a fulsome debate in the Council Chamber, presided over by the Town Mayor Cllr Tim Grattan-Kane, the young people voted on the issues they felt strongly about and whittled down their long list to a short list of ten priorities they would like to see addressed, by the Town Council and/or partner organisations.

Local artist Delia Webb was commissioned to work with the young people, to create a piece of public art which depicts the Youth Manifesto so it can be publicly displayed at the Guildhall for all to see.

The young people thoroughly enjoyed the engagement day and put forward their views in a compelling way in the Chamber, many of the issues discussed affected them; their peers and families.

Town Mayor Tim-Grattan Kane said; "The Youth Manifesto represents an innovative approach to seeking the concerns of the young people of Helston. It enables us to work with them to address their issues. I was impressed with the thought and consideration expressed by the young people who attended this event."

GRANTS

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, in February and September, most recently on 16th February 2023. On that occasion the following organisations benefited from grants:

- Citizen's Advice Bureau
- C.A.S.T
- Helston Athletic Football Club
- Helston Bowling Club
- Helston Friendship Club
- Helston Railway Preservation Society
- Helston Youth Football Club
- Porthleven Harbour Hedgehog Rescue



INTRODUCING OUR NEW COUNCILLOR

Councillor Damien Willey joined the Town Council in February 2023. Councillor Willey is a representative of the Green Party and has joined the Council as a representative for Helston South Ward.



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ETHICAL BANKING



Helston Town Council are delighted to announce the move to Unity Trust Bank. Unity Trust Bank has made a real difference to local communities for more than 38 years and aligns all of their lending practices to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As an award-winning ethical bank, their lending helps organisations to grow and make a positive difference to their communities. They work with organisations that deliver social impact and strive to create a better society with uncompromising integrity and honesty.

Comparatively, Unity Trust Bank provides a complete service to the Town Council with more flexibility than the previous banking provider and therefore this move is welcomed as a positive change.

CREATION OF NEW HONOURARY FREEMEN

On Tuesday 7th February 2023 Helston Town Council was delighted to be able to award the Honorary Freedom of the Town to two deserving members of the community, Mrs Jenny Harvey and Mr David Turnbull.

The ancient tradition of Freemen used to refer to a man who had served his apprenticeship and was free to conduct his trade in his own town. The Royal Charter of 1201 confirmed Helston as a Free Borough and those who held the status of Freemen were able to travel throughout the King's domain without payment of fees and tolls. Freemen were required to serve the Mayor in any way necessary and often the opportunity to participate in governance, hold the office of Mayor or to vote in parliamentary elections was confined to Freemen.

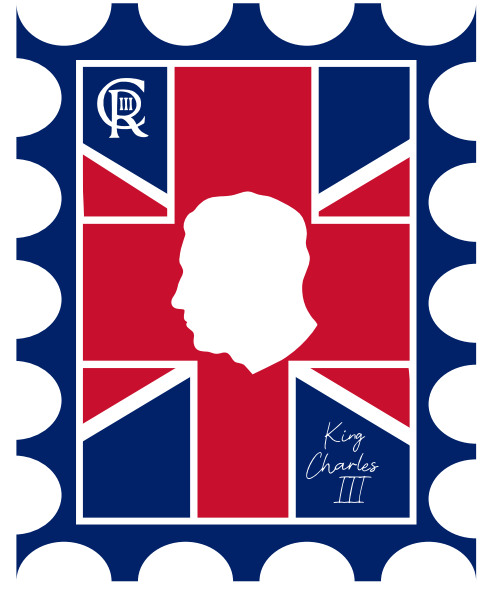
Over the years this title has disappeared and has been replaced by the title 'Honorary Freeman' which is bestowed on certain individuals who, in the opinion of the Council, are deemed to have made a significant contribution to the Town of Helston. Those awarded the honour still swear an Oath of Allegiance to the King and the Mayor but unfortunately no longer benefit from privileges such as exemptions from tolls. The Honorary Freedom is the highest award the Town Council can bestow and the current recipients have become part of only 42 individuals who have been admitted as Honorary Freeman since 1835.

The honour was awarded to Jenny in recognition of her continuing inspirational leadership and dedication to the Helston Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Whilst the Honorary Freedom of the Town was conferred upon David in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the town and community of Helston, particularly through his roles with the South Kerrier Alliance, South Kerrier Heritage Trust, Helston CIC and the Place Shaping Board.



KING CHARLES III CORONATION

The King's Coronation will be taking place on Saturday 6th May 2023. The Town Council are planning some exciting events for the bank holiday weekend. On the Sunday there will be a Big Lunch event taking place in the afternoon at the Boating Lake with entertainment where locals and community groups can bring along their own lunch and celebrate the Coronation. Plans for the rest of the weekend are underway and will be updated via our Facebook page and posters around Town.



HIRE THE GUILDHALL

Did you know that we have rooms to hire here at the Guildhall?

Our rooms are ideal for:

- Meetings
- Parties
- Coffee Mornings
- Markets
- Fitness Classes & more!

CALL THE TOWN CLERK'S
OFFICE FOR HIRE
CHARGES & MORE INFO

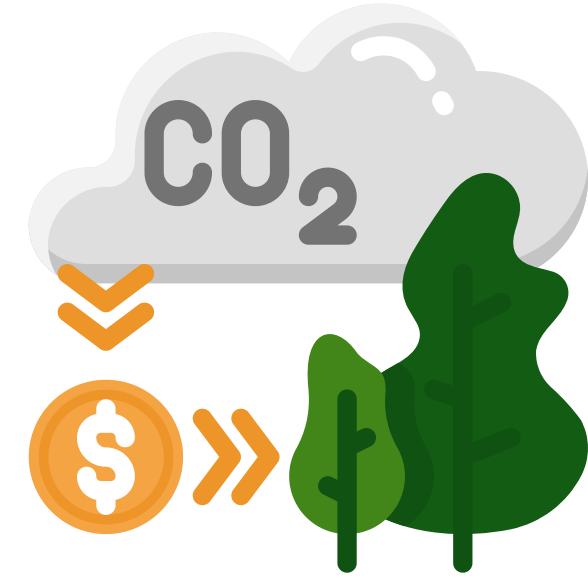
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CARBON OFFSETTING

The Town Council has agreed to offset 36 tonnes of Carbon equally between these 3 projects:

- Cornwall Seaweed Project
- Community Project Portfolio (CarbonFootprint.com)
- Reforestation of Kenya (CarbonFootprint.com)

The Community Project Portfolio includes cooking, eating and the implementation of boreholes.





Helston Bakes



Pasty, Hevva Cake & Cornish Splits

Competition

Saturday 4th March 2023

4pm-5pm
at the Guildhall

Classes:

Traditional Pasty (16 and under)

Traditional Pasty (over 16)

Hevva Cake (16 and under)

Hevva cake (over 16)

Cornish Splits (16 and under)

Cornish Splits (over 16)

Terms and Conditions available at the Guildhall or call
01326 572 063 or email info@helston-tc.gov.uk.



CITY OF LIGHTS

IN COLLABORATION WITH

HELSTON'S LANTERN PARADE 2023



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO DONATE
TO THE MAYOR'S WELFARE FUND
FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENTS

SATURDAY 4TH
MARCH 6PM - 8PM
PARADE STARTS
AT 6.30PM

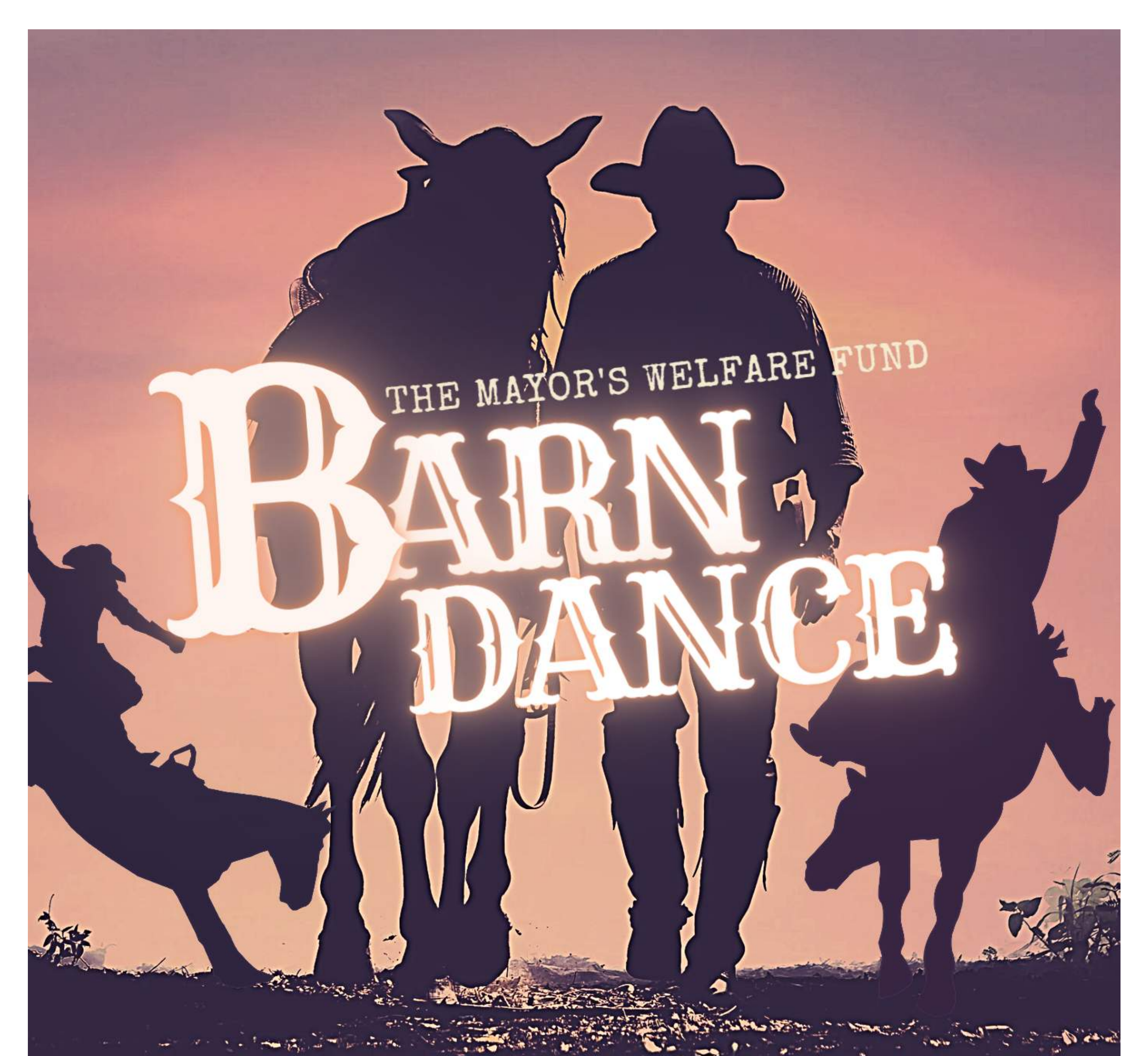
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HELSTON CORONATION
PARK & BOATING LAKE

CITY OF
LIGHTS





THE MAYOR'S WELFARE FUND

BARN DANCE

FRIDAY
MARCH

17

THE GODOLPHIN CLUB

7:30PM

Featuring

THE
OTHER
BAND

TICKETS £10 PER PERSON

TO BOOK CALL 01326 572063 OR EMAIL ADMIN@HELSTON-TC.GOV.UK.
TICKETS TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE GUILDHALL, HELSTON, TR13 8ST
9AM-4PM

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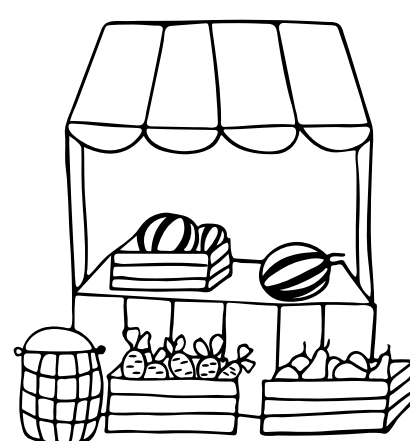
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY
9.00AM TO 4.00PM**

WHAT'S ON

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

The next markets take place on:



11th March 2023

8th April 2023

13th May 2023

10th June 2023



If you're interested in trading at one of our markets, email admin@helston-tc.gov.uk to book a table or call 01326 572063. A stall currently costs £7.20 and a 6ft table is provided.

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.