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# Helston Town Council

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# Newsletter *Lyther Nowodhow*



## Message from the Mayor

The daffodils are out in their golden glory. Spring is near and the nights are getting shorter. It is a time of hope and expectation as we leave the colder, darker winter days behind us. The effects of Storms Dudley, Eunice and Franklin were considerable in Helston but we remain resilient.

There are many organisations in Helston that have been working with the Town Council to deliver events as part of the Welcome Back Fund activities. The 'I Love Helston Photographic Competition' was launched with over 130 images from 51 entrants. The judging panel have selected 12 images that will form the basis of a calendar to be published later this year. All the images are being printed and framed to go on public display before the end of March. Thank you to all who participated.

## Recycling receptacles available from the Guildhall

We have black recycling boxes and red, blue and orange bags available here at the Guildhall—these are free and you can collect them during our usual office hours. If you need information about the recycling scheme or when recycling is collected, please look at the Cornwall Council website.

Please note that these are only available for private addresses.

We also sell Seagull Proof Sacks for £3.50 (Cash or Card payments accepted)



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There are a multitude of activities being offered by various organisations across the town. If you want something to occupy yourself, your children or grandchildren check out what's on offer; animation workshops, lantern making, crazy golf and community casting to appear in The Ballard of Bob Fitzimmons which will have its world premiere at The Epworth Centre in April.

There will be a St. Piran's day lantern parade through the town. There's so much going on and I thank everyone who has helped to stage these events for our community.

After 2 years of Covid challenges and restrictions it is exciting that Helston is springing back to life.



## 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, with the most recent on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022. On this occasion the following organisations have benefited from grants:

- Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust
- Cornubian Arts & Science Trust
- Helston Bowling Club
- Helston Climate Action Group



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# Welcome Back Fund Crazy Golf Day



On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February Crazy Golf Day kick started this years Welcome Back Fund Events. The event took place at Coronation Park between 11am and 4pm and while it was a very windy day the sun was still shining and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The event was free of charge and people of all ages enjoyed the outdoor, fully staffed, 9-hole mobile crazy golf course supplied by the Crazy Golf Company.

The event was attended by the Mayor, Councillor Tim Grattan-Kane, and the

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Miles Kenchington, and funded by the Welcome Back Fund which is funded by the European Regional Development Fund. The Welcome Back Fund aims to attract footfall to towns following the Covid-19 pandemic with activities that are safe and free to the public. Another Crazy Golf Day is being planned for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2022.



Make sure to check out the poster below to see all the other fun activities taking place in Helston in March and April!

## Town Vitality Funding

With the award of the £100,000 Town Vitality Fund Helston has ambitious plans listed below:

- Refurbish the Market Place and Drill Hall Yard creating outdoor space for events, markets and community activities.
- Promote the use of empty high street properties for homes, community and workshop space
- Improve transport connectivity, especially for cycling, walking and public transport in and around the town
- Refurbish the main streets, restoring the paths and kennels and making the town centre less traffic dominant

All of these projects are part of the Helston Place Shaping Plan and will be developed with the input from public consultations.

For more information and to have your say please scan the QR code or go to [www.discoverhelston.co.uk/projects](http://www.discoverhelston.co.uk/projects)



## HELSTON 2022 HELSTON 2022



### FEBRUARY

- 18th Love Helston Photography Competition: winners announced
- 21st 11am - 4pm Countywide cultural programme: Crazy Golf Day, free of charge - Events Area, Coronation Park
- 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th 10am - 4pm Community Heritage Project, Free Lantern-Making Workshops, prep for the Light Procession (5th March), CAST
- 24th & 25th 4pm - 8pm Community Heritage Project, Free Lantern-Making Workshops, prep for the Light Procession (5th March), CAST
- 25th Cornish Anarchy Mobile Theatre, audience participation, some time in between these times 12.30pm Horse and Jockey Lane, 12.50pm Market Place, 1.15pm Boating lake
- 22nd - 26th 10.30am, 1pm & 3pm daily Animate Helston: Half Term Screenings 'Ernest and Celestine' - A delightful comedy animation, CAST black box
- 22nd - 26th Animate Helston: Splendid Hut by Open the Box Arts, Family workshops based on creating mini shadow theatres inspired by their film 'Grasp The Nettle', Museum forecourt

### MARCH

- 5th St Piran's Day 5.30pm - 8pm Community Heritage Project, Light Procession, Market Place. And from 5pm - 6pm Pasties & hevva cakes competition, Guildhall: Corn Exchange
- 7th Love Helston Photography Competition: winning images go on display in town centre (locations to be confirmed)
- 11th at 6.30pm & 12th at 11am and 2pm Kickstart Helston Theatre: Coppice Theatre Science Show, Museum
- 11th 11am - 1pm Poetry Jukebox 2022. Venue TBC
- 19th 12.30 - 1.30 around the town. 2pm - 3pm free workshop Kickstart Helston Theatre: Sally Crabtree, Cultural Amateur, Museum
- 19th Kickstart Helston Music: Music Day - a number of gigs of different genres culminating with a headline act, Monument Walk, Methodist Church porch, Market Place, Drill Hall Yard
- 26th 11am - 1pm Writing workshop at the Museum of Cornish Life in honour of Henry Trengrouse's 250th birthday
- 31st 7.30pm - 9pm Kickstart Helston Theatre: Contemporary Dance Sharing Session, Epworth Hall (Centre)
- To be confirmed Countywide cultural programme: Talk on Bob Fitzsimmons's father - Patrick Carroll
- To be confirmed Countywide cultural programme: Guided heritage tours featuring Bob Fitzsimmons's cottage, Town Centre.

### APRIL

- 18th - 24th Countywide cultural programme: The Ballad of Bob Fitzsimmons - premiere and performances running through the week, Epworth Hall (Centre)

for further details:

[www.museumofcornishlife.co.uk](http://www.museumofcornishlife.co.uk) and [www.discoverhelston.co.uk](http://www.discoverhelston.co.uk)

## EVENTS 2022 EVENTS 2022



Funded by the Welcome Back Fund which is funded by the European Regional Development Fund.

## Tree Planting at King George V Playing Fields



At the end of 2021 there were a lot of changes being made to the King George V Playing Fields (Coronation Gardens). Many associations joined together to help us make the area more eco friendly and biodiverse.

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November, our Grounds Maintenance Team, in partnership with Helston Climate Action Group and St Michael's Church of England Primary School, held a planting session at the King George V Playing Fields.

Twenty two children from the school were split into three groups and each group was involved in the following different activities:

- Tree Planting— Six Cornish apple trees were planted by the children then staked and guarded with round poles and chestnut palings by our Grounds Maintenance Team.

- Wildflower Seed sowing—450g seeds were sown, half that are suitable for hedgerow and shade and the other half for sunnier aspects
- Bug Hotels—Three bug hotels were created and filled.

The second tree planting session was held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Our Ground Maintenance team along with twelve members from Helston Climate Action Group and Forest for Helston volunteers met in King George V Play Area to plant 380 native mixed deciduous trees as hedgerow and a small spinney.

The trees should provide food and shelter for pollinating insects, birds and small mammals. Thank you to The Woodland Trust who kindly donated these trees. Our Projects Officer, Martin Searle, is leading the project at the play area as part of our aim to increase the biodiversity in our green spaces while enhancing town residents' enjoyment of our open spaces.

No pesticides or other chemicals were used so that all insects and wildlife can prosper in a chemical free environment where many species of plant grow.

Look out for an update in the next newsletter on the activities undertaken by the Council to reduce its impact on the environment!



## Helston Freedom Parade

This year's Freedom Parade will be taking place on the **6th April 2022** as part of the events to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Station's commissioning.

RNAS Culdrose Navy personnel will form up at approx 10am and march down Meneage Street to the Guildhall, where the Mayor and Captain of Culdrose inspect the guard.

The Mayor's Chaplain will lead prayers, the Mayor will address the Parade and the Captain of RNAS Culdrose will respond.

At approximately 10:50am the parade will progress down to the Coinagehall Street Dias where the Mayor will take the salute accompanied by the Captain and members of the Town Council. At the conclusion of the parade a flypast of aircraft is expected from RNAS Culdrose.

As always the general public are invited to attend the ceremony.



## Environment Training

In a ground-breaking initiative officers and members from Helston Town Council, recently participated in a day of Climate and Ecological Emergency Literacy training, with facilitators from the University of Exeter and Volunteer Cornwall. The objective of the training, which was designed in collaboration with the Town Council, was to raise awareness of the multitude of issues within the climate emergency and how even a small council can undertake simple steps to address the many challenges faced.

During the training all the participants were asked to address a simple issue that was within the Council's control. This session brought innovative suggestions from all of the participants that should reduce both costs and the Councils carbon footprint.



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### Town Clerk's Office Hours

Monday to Friday

9.00am to 4.00pm

# NEWS UPDATES

*The 'Love Helston Photography Competition' has been judged and winners will be announced shortly. The Winners will have their photo put up on display in the Museum of Cornish Life.*



## Forthcoming events in Helston

<b>5th March</b>	<b>Helston Bakes - St Piran's Day</b> (more info on our website) <b>Mayor's Walk of Solidarity with Ukraine</b> - Coronation Park
<b>6th April</b>	<b>Freedom Parade</b>
<b>13th April</b>	<b>Annual Town Meeting</b> - Methodist Chapel, Helston 7pm
<b>1st May</b>	<b>Flora Day Service</b> -10.45am, Methodist Chapel
<b>7th May</b>	<b>Flora Day</b> - Helston Town Centre and Fairground
<b>17th May</b>	<b>Mayor choosing</b> - Noon at the Guildhall
<b>25th May</b>	<b>Beating the Boundaries</b> - All three routes
<b>2nd June</b>	<b>Coronation Day</b>
<b>5th June</b>	<b>Queen's 70th Anniversary</b>

Also see our website and the Visit Helston facebook page for more details and for even more information about exciting events taking place in Helston

There are also many more events on the Welcome Back Facebook Page.

**HELSTON**



**BAKES!**

**Pasty and Hevva Cake Competition**

**Saturday 5th March 2022**  
**5pm - 6pm**  
**at the Guildhall**

**Classes:**  
**Traditional Pasty (16 and under)**  
**Traditional Pasty (over 16)**  
**Hevva Cake (16 and under)**  
**Hevva cake (over 16)**

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



**HELSTON**  
**ST PIRAN'S DAY**  
**LANTERN PROCESSION**

**SATURDAY 5TH MARCH**  
**CELEBRATE OUR SPECIAL HOME TOWN BY LANTERN LIGHT ON ST PIRAN'S DAY**

GATHER FROM 6.15PM AT OLD MARKET PLACE OUTSIDE THE MUSEUM OF CORNISH LIFE TO SEE PROCESSIONS ASSEMBLE, WITH SINGING AND MUSIC BY THE HELSTON TOWN BAND.

FOR MORE DETAILS SEE: [MUSEUMOFCORNISHLIFE.CO.UK](http://MUSEUMOFCORNISHLIFE.CO.UK)  
**WELCOME ONE AND ALL!**

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.