

Annual Report from the Parish Council Chair 2022-2023

St Keyne & Trewidland Parish Council
Cllr Kevin Shovelton

Welcome

Back in Spring 2022 Sally Lewis stepped down as Chair after 7 years of leading the Parish Council including leading on the welcome expansion to include Trewidland as part of the Parish. We have much to thank Sally for - under her capable leadership the Parish Council has become better equipped and more responsive to meet the needs of its residents. We are fortunate that Sally remains a Parish Councillor.

Also we are sorry that our Vice Chairman, Peter Higgs, has resigned from the Council. We wish Peter all the best and hope and expect that he will continue making a contribution to our community life.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

We were saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth but heartened by our community response to her passing and pleased to be able to facilitate that response by organising the availability of books of condolence, the reading of the Proclamation and the erection of a new flagpole at St Keyne Village Hall in time for the period of mourning. Many thanks to everyone involved, particularly the Village Hall Committees in St Keyne and in Trewidland and the St Keyne Church Congregation, in the planning and delivery of these historic events.

His Majesty King Charles III

On a more jolly note, we have just celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III by holding two Coronation teas in the Parish. It was splendid to see both Village Halls, in St Keyne and in Trewidland, packed with people and all chatting away and enjoying the occasion! The Parish Council was pleased to promote and support the events, including by providing commemorative mugs, and are grateful to all the volunteers who organised and ran these successful afternoons.

Road Safety

We have been working with Cornwall Council to improve the safety of road users in the Parish and have obtained funding and permission to improve the signage at the Bus Stop outside St Keyne Village Hall and in Trewidland and to improve the road signage on the B3252 at the Horningtops junction in Trewidland. Road safety through our Parish is a high priority for the Parish Council but sadly there were a couple of tragic accidents along the B3252 last year. We are hoping to mitigate the danger by getting permission and funding to make road improvements at the Bylane End junction. We are currently in discussion with Cornwall Council about possible road improvements.

Landmark Trees

We are pleased to have been awarded two 'Landmark Trees' in response to our application to the 'Forest for my Place' scheme. The Whitebeam trees were planted at Trewidland Primary School - with the help of all the pupils - and at St Keyne Village Hall.

report that we have also supported Trewidland Village Hall by purchasing and installing a Defibrillator there too. Free training on using the defibrillator was provided – something we hope to repeat in the future.

St Keyne Walkabout

It was great that a number of residents joined our 'Council Walkabout' in August last year through St Keyne to give us their input. We held a similar event in Trewidland in 2021 which successfully identified a number of small improvement projects which we implemented. The 'number one' concern in St Keyne was trees and bushes overhanging the pavements – something for which the resident, rather than the Parish Council, holds responsibility. I'm sure everyone is grateful to those neighbours who have since trimmed their vegetation, making it easier and safer to walk along the pavements – particularly for those with baby buggies and mobility aids. Thank you.

More Salt Bins

After the cold snap last November we were prompted by a local resident to consider having more salt bins for putting on the roads. We already have salt bins on our main road routes and we have now bought four more for the residential streets in St Keyne. They should be in place in plenty of time for next winter and Cornwall Council will fill them with grit for us.

Finally . . . thank you!

Finally a shout out to all our local volunteers who make unsung contributions to our Community life by providing a regular service or at occasional events across our community. Thank you!

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