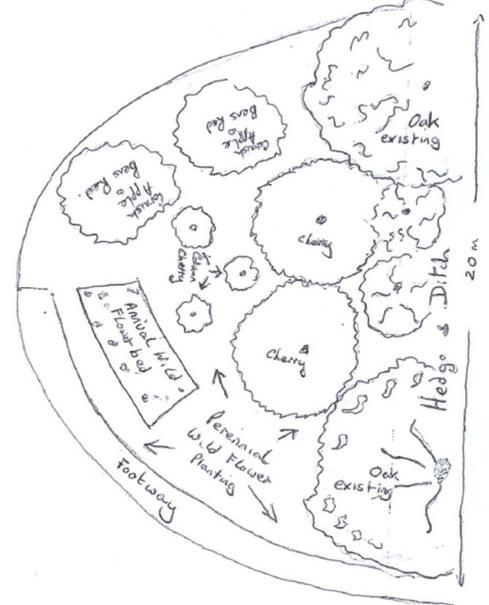




Connect

Carnon Downs, Devoran, Feock and Point & Penpol

The Seed Fund



The design for a planting scheme for a community garden in conjunction with Devoran School and the Grow Nature Seed Fund.

WELCOME to the third issue of the Parish Council's Newsletter

The Parish Council continues to be very busy and I was delighted at the Annual Meeting in May to be elected as Chairman for the coming 2 years. A big thank you to Caroline Johnson who has stepped down from the Council after serving 6 years, the last 2 as Chairman, she will be a very hard act to follow! I am a ward Councillor for Carnon Downs and have been on the Council now for 3 years and very much look forward to the challenge of being Chairman for the next 2 years. My particular interests are paddle-boarding from Point Quay and enjoying the coastal and countryside walks around the parish. You will also find out more inside about our Cornwall Councillor, Martyn Alvey and what his role entails.



We have been very encouraged by the response to our first two editions of Connect. There is so much going on of interest that it is impossible to cover subjects in detail so if you want to know more about any item, just follow the link to our website and you can read more or follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

This edition is concentrating very much on the environment around us. You may be aware that the Parish Council, like many other Councils, declared a Climate Emergency in March this year, read more about progress with this project inside. You will see plans above for a planting scheme to create a community garden on a patch of unkempt land near to Devoran School. Funding available from the Grow Nature Seed Fund has been secured and match funded by the Parish Council and planting will start in the Autumn with Devoran School's Gardening Club. It is hoped to create an area of wildflower and pollinating plants which will also include Cornish apple trees, the fruit of which the community can enjoy! As always, we welcome comments so please tell us what you think and we will listen.

Paul Lightfoot, Chairman, Feock Parish Council

Meet your Cornwall Councillor, Martyn Alvey

I am delighted to have been elected in May 2017 to represent the residents of Feock Parish at Cornwall Council and am pleased to have been given this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I was born and brought up in Falmouth where my mother still lives. After a career in the RAF, I returned to Cornwall and worked in the Voluntary Sector for over 12-years. I now consider being your Cornwall Councillor my 'job'! I'm married, live in Calenick and my wife Sue works as an Administration Manager at Cornwall College.

The role of a Cornwall Councillor broadly falls into three areas: Firstly, it's to represent the interests of my constituents and undertake casework on their behalf. Casework can involve any of the myriad of issues for which residents are reliant on Cornwall Council, ranging from Social Housing and Social Care needs to Planning, Pot Holes and Waste Collection. From time to time I am also asked to help with matters important to residents outside the direct control of the Council, such as with South West Water, the NHS or The Environment Agency. In these instances, I have a close working relationship with Sarah Newton MP whose involvement often carries more influence with outside bodies.

The majority of my local casework is planning, or planning enforcement related. Primarily, residents seeking support in objecting to a planning application or complaining that an individual has breached a planning condition or damaged protected trees. Whilst I have no authority to overturn a planning or enforcement decision, I often ask officers to review and reconsider their recommendations and can sometimes call matters before a committee of elected Councillors to make the decision. I am particularly aware of the concerns expressed by many residents of Carnon Downs that the village has reached capacity and concerns of those who see the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) being harmed. Your Parish Council is also aware of these concerns and we are working closely together, supported by the Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan, to strongly challenge inappropriate development.

I receive a small annual budget of £2000 (known as a Community Chest) which I can allocate to local

groups or projects to enhance their facilities or kick-start community initiatives. By way of examples, in the 2018/19 Financial Year I have been able to allocate some of my Community Chest to Carnon Downs village hall, contribute towards the Carnon Downs Christmas lights and supported activities for young residents working with the Restronguet Creek Society and Cornwall Wildlife Trust. If you are involved in a local group that may be able to benefit from a small grant, please get in touch. The application process isn't too onerous.

The second role of a Councillor is more strategic and expects me to participate in the work of a number of Council committees. I sit on the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Central Planning Committee and the Standards Committee. I am also a member of the Shadow Cabinet, shadowing the Environment and Public Protection portfolio and represent the Council on two outside bodies – The Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership and as a trustee of the Cornwall Community Flood Forum of which I am currently Chairman.

The third role of a Councillor is to have an overview of all work of the Council and participate and vote in those matters for which the whole Council has a collective decision-making responsibility such as the setting of the budget. However, it should be understood that as a Conservative Councillor, I am in opposition to the current administration. Many important matters are decided by the Cabinet of 10 Councillors made up from the Independent/Liberal Democrat coalition administration that runs the Council.

If there is any way in which I may be able to help you, please get in touch. I can be contacted on 01872 263958/07581 736347, martyn.alvey@cornwallcouncillors.org.uk. It's also worth following me on Facebook @CouncillorforFeockandPlayingPlace



Climate Emergency!

The Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency in March and following this held a very well attended Call To Action public meeting, from which 5 focus groups have been formed - Green Spaces & Recycling, Transport, Energy, Communication & Education and Parish Council activities.

The project has collectively been named 'F-ACT' Feock Action Climate Today.



Feock Action Climate Today

How can I help?

- Join a focus group —sign up to receive regular email updates from the Parish Council on climate issues and notification of when the focus groups are meeting. Email the Parish Clerk to be kept up to date.
- Walk and cycle more locally or car share where possible for longer trips
- Plant a tree in your garden or leave an area in your garden to grow naturally, this will absorb more carbon than cut grass, the wild flowers will encourage insects and bees, more info here www.plantlife.org.uk/
- Join the Blue Campaign, more info below.
- Use companies committed to protecting the environment
- Swap to a green energy supplier—you can find lots online
- Calculate your carbon footprint using <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>
- Use **Ecosia** as your search engine, their servers run on renewable energy and their profits go towards planting trees.



Feock Action Climate Today

CLIMATE EMERGENCY EVENT

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Speakers and stalls

Children's activities

First 30 people attending get a free goodie bag!

We would encourage everyone to come and find out more!

Everyone welcome

Free raffle



SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER | 2PM TO 5PM | CARNON DOWNS VILLAGE HALL

What is being done locally?

Carnon Downs Village Hall has an Environment Policy, as well as photovoltaic panels, LED lighting and bike racks. They have plans to install battery storage and an electric car charging point as soon as funding is available.

Devoran Village Hall also have bike racks, low energy lighting and regular visits from **Incredible Bulk Zero Waste** shop who will be in the car park on the third Thursday of the month from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Did you know if you take a container into the butchers at **Carnon Downs Spar** they will put your meat into this instead of a plastic bag?

The Blue Campaign

This was conceived in 2014 in response to a report on the State of Nature, which highlighted the dramatic decline in biodiversity and biomass across the UK. The campaign promotes the rewilding of our gardens, parks, road verges and school grounds by setting aside areas to be left to grow through the summer. A blue heart symbol, made out of recycled materials, is staked in the ground over the area being rewilded. This lets everyone know that rewilding is in process (and that it is not just the owner or council being lazy!). By letting the grass grow we let many types of native wild flowers emerge and species such as small mammals, reptiles and birds thrive. It's one HUGE step, made by you, to restore biodiversity (and restore life to the soil and help store carbon from the atmosphere ...) In Feock, we have also made some ceramic blue hearts which people are welcome to take from the gate of **Waters Edge at Penpol**. If, in return, you posted photos or a story of your rewilding project on the gate so people know they are not alone that would be great! Find out more info here <https://bluecampaignhub.com/>



Local spotlight on the environment

There are a number of local groups who look after our beautiful local environment and we wanted to take the opportunity to introduce you to a couple of them in this edition of Connect.

The Restronguet Creek Society

What is it that we love about living near Restronguet Creek? Is it the natural beauty and wildlife? Is it the coming and going of the tides? The industrial heritage and local history? Or a walk along the Tram listening to the waders and other visiting birds? Perhaps you are a kayaker or sailor, or even a wild water swimmer?

Whatever it is that you enjoy about the creek, we share it with you and, with climate change being top of the agenda, it is more important than ever that we look after our natural environment and the wildlife within it. The aims of the society are to safeguard and to preserve the essential character of the creek, its setting, and its amenities for present and future generations.

And, since 1972, that is what the Society has been doing whether it is by making representations about undesirable shore-side development and the unnecessary removal of trees or reporting pollution to official bodies; anything which is considered harmful to the character of the creek and its wildlife.

Our Creek Wildlife Watch organises wildlife events and encourages people to record and safeguard the flora and fauna that we all cherish; some of which is rare and even globally threatened. Indeed, the whole creek has been officially designated as a Local Wildlife Site which means it is recognised nationally as having 'substantive nature conservation value'.

On a practical level, the Society also operates a Boatwatch scheme which helps keep an eye on the 140 or more boats moored here. And there is the industrial heritage of the area which in Victorian times supported a successful industrial community and which is now protected as part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Society has more than 300 members who also enjoy receiving an annual newsletter and attending our AGM event. Membership this year is only £5 per household so please do join to help champion the work of the Society. See www.restronguetcreeksociety.org for details.

Devoran Quay Preservation Society (DQPS)

As I sit and write this, looking out over the bucolic peace and charm of the quay, on a fine summer's day, with the evocative scent of newly cut grass pervading the air, it is hard to imagine the noise, fumes, dirt and sheer physical activity which would once have characterised the area as a major port during its industrial heyday in the 1800s. Nowadays, the quay is the largest green space in the village, and the creek affords the enjoyment of a number of water and leisure activities, from kayaking to mudlarking.

The Devoran Quay Preservation Society (DQPS) is charged with the management and maintenance of the quay on behalf of all those residents lucky enough to call Devoran village *home*. DQPS is comprised of a small, committed, group of volunteers, responsible for the general upkeep of the quay and organising fundraising events such as the annual regatta and the fireworks display. We are also hosting regular car-boot sales, look out for the signs around the village, to further boost the coffers. DQPS will be delighted to see you at these events. We are currently seeking new committee members, or volunteers, to help us continue our work, and we would also welcome suggestions for how you might like to see the quay used in future, and any other ideas for fund-raising activities.

Carolyn Tyson, Chair, Devoran Quay Preservation Committee (DQPS)

For more information, please contact benita.toon28@gmail.com

For boating enquiries, please contact Sheannferris@hotmail.co.uk



Help us win the Council of the Year award!

We are delighted that we have been shortlisted for the Council of the Year award 2019 in the Star Council Awards which are run by the National Association of Local Councils. These are the only awards which recognise the achievements of the local (parish and town) council sector. The awards celebrate the positive impact that councils, county associations, councillors and clerks have on their communities.



We are up against two much larger, City and Town Councils from Salisbury and Milton Keynes. We now need your help as the winner is decided by a public vote! Please vote for us by going to www.nalc.gov.uk/starcouncilawards where you can read about all 3 finalists. The deadline for voting is 30th September - it just takes one click! Thank you.

New recreation area for Carnon Downs

Following the refurbishment of the children's play park at Park an Gwarry, the green open space just off Bissoe Road at the entrance to the new Pengelly Meadows housing development, has now been transferred to the Parish Council's ownership by the developers to enable a new recreation area for the village to be created.

The Parish Council will be responsible for the maintenance of this area and over the winter hope to start work on the area which will include a 5 a side football pitch, all weather pathway, outdoor gym equipment and table tennis table, as well as tree planting and picnic benches.



All about Hedgehogs! An event for children

Restronguet Creek Society and Cornwall Wildlife Trust

We know that our hedgehogs are in trouble as we rarely see one these days. In fact, many of our young people have never seen a hedgehog. And we know we've lost a third of all our hedgehogs since 2000. So what can we do to help them?

This event, aimed at children (to be accompanied by an adult please) will tell us all we need to know about these cute prickly animals and what we can do in our own gardens to give them what they need to flourish.

Join us on Sunday 17 November 2019 in Devoran from 10am until 12 noon. Booking is essential so please contact Cornwall Wildlife Trust on 01872 273939 or email wildlifewatch@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk to book.



Bonfires

We are often contacted by residents about the nuisance caused by bonfires. Cornwall Council produce a handy leaflet on bonfires which is available on their website, search for "Bonfire"

It is a common misconception that there are bylaws as to the days and hours that bonfires can be lit, there are no such restrictions. If you must have a bonfire the leaflet has tips as to how you can do this safely and minimise the nuisance for your neighbours. If bonfire smoke is drifting across a road and causing a hazard this should be reported to the Police. If you wish to report a nuisance caused by a bonfire you should report this to Public Protection on 0300 1234 212.



What's On!

The Parish Council and individual organisations regularly add information about Parish Events onto Cornwall Link managed by Age UK Cornwall and onto the Parish Council website www.feockpc.com/activities
It is always worth while checking out What's On!

If you are a Facebook user you can join 'What's on – Devoran, Carnon Downs and Feock' to be kept up to date with events.

Organising an event? send us your posters and we will display them on our noticeboards.

Below are just a selection of the events being held across the parish in the next few months.

Our community village halls host lots of events/groups so visit their websites for more information on group meetings. www.carnondownsvillagehall.org www.devoranvillagehall.org.uk www.stfeockchurch.org.uk

September

Monday 2nd—Old School Book Group meet 2pm, Devoran Community Library, contact Christian on 862030.

Wednesday 4th —Devoran Meet & Eat Pop Up Community Cafe, 12.30pm, Devoran Village Hall, £5 per person

Saturday 7th—Stagezone Youth Theatre, 11.30am, Carnon Downs Village Hall

Friday 13th—Feock PALS lunch club, 12.30pm, St Feock Church & Community Hall

Saturday 14th—Carnon Downs Autumn Produce & Craft Show, 2pm to 5pm, Carnon Downs Village Hall

Wednesday 18th—Incredible Bulk Zero Waste Shop, Devoran Village Hall 4.30 to 6.30pm

Thursday 26th— Feock Home & Garden Society 'Antarctica – a trip to the bottom of the world and back'. Talk by Steven and Carol Warman

Friday 27th—Feock PALS lunch club, 12.30pm, St Feock Church & Community Hall

October

Wednesday 2nd —Devoran Meet & Eat Pop Up Community Cafe, 12.30pm, Devoran Village Hall, £5 per person

Saturday 5th—Barn Dance with Newlyn Reelers, Carnon Downs Village Hall, tickets £8 each from 01872 864567

Monday 7th — Old School Book Group, meet 2pm at Devoran Community Library, contact Christian on 862030

Friday 11th —Feock PALS lunch club, 12.30pm, St Feock Church & Community Hall

Saturday 12th—Climate Emergency event —What can you do? 2pm to 5pm, Carnon Downs Village Hall

Wednesday 23rd—Slow & Easy Folk Session, 6.30pm Devoran Village Hall

Friday 25th—Feock PALS lunch club, 12.30pm, St Feock Church & Community Hall

Thursday 31st—Halloween Pumpkin Trail, Carnon Downs Bowling Club, from 4.30pm

Thursday 31st— Feock Home & Garden Society 'For all the tea in China' with John Price, an experienced horticulturist with a special interest in camellias

November

Saturday 2nd—Devoran Fireworks & Bonfire, Devoran Quay, from 6.30pm

Monday 4th — Old School Book Group, meet 2pm at Devoran Community Library, contact Christian on 862030.

Wednesday 6th —Devoran Meet & Eat Pop Up Community Cafe, 12.30pm, Devoran Village Hall, £5 per person

Friday 8th—Feock PALS lunch club, 12.30pm, St Feock Church & Community Hall

Friday 22nd—Feock PALS lunch club, 12.30pm, St Feock Church & Community Hall

Saturday 23rd—Christmas Craft Fayre, Devoran Village Hall, 10.30am

Thursday 28th—Christmas meeting - Roy Coglan with a 'hands on' demonstration of linen and paper napkin folding and 'seasonal' origami. Includes mince pies and mulled wine

Saturday 30th — Carnon Downs Christmas Lights Switch On Evening, 5pm, Carnon Downs Village Hall & Chapel

Regular choir— Riverside Singers, mixed community choir, everyone welcome, meet Tuesdays 7.45pm (term time) at Devoran Parish Centre, more details from 01209 821310

Regular Markets Carnon Downs on the last Saturday and Devoran on the second Saturday of the month.

Get in touch

- Call into the office: **Feock Parish Council, The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran, TR3 6QA.**
- Tel: 01872 863333 — Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk and Debbie Searle, Assistant Parish Clerk
- Tel: 07747 750962— Sharon Nettleton, Community Navigator, Community Connect
- Your Councillors—contact details are listed on the website, on the noticeboards or available from the office
- Office opening hours for drop in enquiries – weekdays 10am to 1pm

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