Figure 1-Logo

Pentewan Valley Parish News Update

Latest Developments and Community Improvements 2025-2026

Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

Neighbourhood Development Plans provide tailored planning guidance for developers at the parish level, shaped by community referendum. The Pentewan Valley Parish draft plan was published on 15 September 2025, with consultations ending on 7 December 2025. Every household received an eight-page summary booklet and a covering letter of joint support signed by the local MP, Local Cornwall Councillors, and the Parish Council Chair. Residents actively engaged with the online platform, representing all settlements in the parish. With 96% overall support for the policies. Feedback informed constructive amendments, ensuring the plan meets local needs and aspirations. The final submission and public consultation stages of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). involves submitting the proposed plan to the Cornwall Council to ensure the NDP is compliant and reflects community views before a referendum where residents can vote. The Plan was submitted to Cornwall Council Neighbourhood Planning team at the beginning of April 2026 and a decision regarding a referendum is expected by the end of May 2026.



Figure 2Neighbourhood Development Plan

White River Project Update

The parish council remains actively engaged in the White River Vision Plan, which is moving closer to securing funding for its exciting projects. The Steering Group—representing Cornwall Council, town and parish councils, the Environment Agency, South West Water, the Woodland Trust, Imerys, 3 Bays Wildlife, and Cornwall Wildlife Trust—is currently chaired by our own Councillor Jake Bonetta. As progress gathers pace, the next step is to identify lead organisations and individuals to drive these projects forward.



Figure 3-White River Bridge

RAF Air Cadet Scholarships

The parish council awarded funding to support two cadet scholarships for the 1225 RAF Air Cadet Squadron, St Austell & District. The grant, totalling £500, provided comprehensive support for nominated cadets, covering all costs associated with squadron activities, camps, personal development courses, and mentorship for one year.

The Cadet Scholarship Award Scheme was designed to ensure young people aged 12-20 could participate in a wide range of opportunities, including national and international exchanges, adventure training, and STEM activities, regardless of financial circumstances. By investing in this scheme, the parish council helped local cadets realise their potential and develop valuable life skills within the community.

Representatives expressed their gratitude to the council, noting that the support will make a lasting impact on young people in the area.

ROYAL AIR FORCE AIR CADETS the next generation

Figure 4 Air Cadets Logo

Tregorrick Field Trust

The parish council awarded funding to help Tregorrick Field Trust buy a new tractor for the community-managed field, while the trust raised the remaining funds.

The field, cared for by local residents, is a hub for conservation and community activity. Volunteers work diligently to protect hedges, trees, and a wildflower area, maintaining the natural beauty of the site. The field is regularly used for dog walking, exercise, and a range of local events, making it an important green space for the neighbourhood.



Figure 5 Tregorrick Field In Trust

Tregorrick Parish Sign

Residents of Tregorrick now enjoy a new parish sign on Tregorrick Road, a welcoming addition that highlights local identity and pride. The sign serves as a symbol of community belonging and marks the parish boundary for all who pass by.



Figure 6 - Tregorrick Parish Sign

Free Car Park at Menagwins

Recent storms have taken their toll on trees throughout Cornwall, and our Menagwins car park was not spared. Thanks to prompt clearance work by Cornwall Council, the car park remains open, supporting Pentewan Trail users and providing access for those exploring from the north of the parish and St Austell. This much-loved facility is regularly used by walkers and cyclists, and the parish council is keen to see its availability extended, should future opportunities arise.



Figure 7 - Menagwins Gate

Trewhiddle Village Defibrillator.

The Parish Council has demonstrated its commitment to public safety by installing a new defibrillator in Trewhiddle Village. Recognising the importance of rapid access to lifesaving equipment. To ensure these devices are always ready for use, the council will take responsibility for their ongoing maintenance and upkeep, guaranteeing they remain fully operational and easily accessible for any emergency situation.



Figure 8 Trewhiddle Village Defibrillator

Higher Trewhiddle Residents Association.

We are pleased to announce the formation of the Higher Trewhiddle Residents Association, made possible thanks to funding awarded by the parish council. This new association has been set up to represent the interests of residents in Higher Trewhiddle, providing a unified voice on community matters and fostering local engagement.

The support from the parish council reflects our ongoing commitment to empowering local communities and ensuring that residents have the opportunity to shape the future of their neighbourhood. We look forward to seeing the positive impact the association will have in strengthening community ties and addressing local issues.



Tree Planting at London Apprentice

In 2024, thanks to the generosity of local landowners and a grant from Forest for Cornwall, 200 trees and a 100-metre hedge were planted in a field beside the B3273 at London Apprentice. The initiative was spearheaded by our dedicated tree warden and a fantastic group of volunteers. Two years on, our second Maintenance Day was held on 18th April, with many of the original helpers returning to care for the thriving saplings and hedgerow. We're delighted to report that the young trees are already making a noticeable impact on the landscape.



Figure 9 - tree maintenance day April 26

New Electric Vehicle Charging Points Installed in Pentewan (photo*)

Pentewan Valley Parish Council announced the installation of two electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the Pay and Display public car park in Pentewan. The new chargers were opened to the community, marking a significant step towards sustainable transport in the area.

The initiative reflected the Council's commitment to supporting the increasing number of EV users across the UK. Many Pentewan residents had no access to suitable private parking for home charging, making the new facility particularly valuable.

The charging points were designed for maximum accessibility. Users could download the mobile app or simply plug in and pay using contactless cards or devices. The Council monitored usage and indicated readiness to add more units if demand required.

To further reduce Cornwall's carbon footprint, the electricity for the chargers was supplied by a zero-carbon energy provider. The Parish Council anticipated that the new chargers would benefit residents and visitors alike, and expected the convenient option would encourage more customers for local businesses.



Figure 10 - EV Charges

Pentewan Flood Defences

The historic harbour wall at Pentewan suffered severe damage during the storms of 2013/14, increasing the risk of flooding in the village. In response, Pentewan Parish Council, with support from former MP Steve Double and Cllr James Mustoe, launched a collaborative project involving

Cornwall Council, the Environment Agency, Pentewan Sands Ltd, and the local community. Years of planning culminated in the completion of a flood prevention bund in April 2024, designed to protect up to 38 properties for the next 50 years. Remarkably, during recent storms, the new defence successfully shielded the village from flooding, offering hope for Pentewan's future resilience.



Figure 11 Pentewan Flood defence

Local Elections 2025

The 2025 Town and Parish Council elections took place on Thursday, 1 May 2025, alongside the Cornwall Council elections. Across Cornwall, 196 town and parish councils took part across 219 wards, with 1,242 seats available.

This year, 28 wards were contested for 222 seats, while 1,419 seats were uncontested and 410 remained unfilled after polling day.

In Pentewan Valley Parish Council, the Pentewan Village and Tregorrick & Trewhiddle wards were uncontested, and all seats were filled. The council also welcomes Councillor Jake Bonetta following this year's elections.



Figure 12 - Cllr Bonetta

The Cornwall councillors elected to represent the Pentewan Valley Parish area were Councillor James Mustoe (Mevagissey & St Austell Bay, Parish Ward: Pentewan) and Councillor Julie Cunningham (St Mewan & Grampound, Parish Ward: Tregorrick & Trewhiddle).

Both councillors expressed their enthusiasm about representing Pentewan Valley Parish on Cornwall Council. “Politics at a local level is not party political and so we always try to work together to ensure we are doing the best for the residents, communities and businesses that we represent. It is great to work with such a pro-active Parish Council as part of our roles, and we will continue to do all we can to support them and the wider communities during our time in office,” they said.



Figure 13 Cllrs Cunningham & Mustoe

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