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Carnon Downs Bookswap

The Council's Access & Amenities Committee met at the end of October to discuss the ongoing problems with the use of the Carnon Downs bookswap as a dumping ground for unwanted poor quality books and the problems this causes when the Defibrillator may need to be accessed in an emergency.

The Council are very mindful of those who use the bookswap correctly and do not wish to take this facility away from them due to the thoughtless actions of a few but also of the importance of the Defibrillator being accessible in an emergency. Various options were considered including re-siting the defibrillator elsewhere in the village or finding a new location for the bookswap.

The defibrillator and bookswap will remain, for the time being in the old red phonebox on Forth Coth, a volunteer from the village has come forward and will be monitoring, together with one of our Councillors, the phonebox on a daily basis.

Their plan is to make sure the books are kept tidy and any that obstruct the Defibrillator are removed, that donated books will be checked to ensure they are good quality and take any unsuitable books (if in good enough condition) to a local charity shop who are happy to take them from us in exchange for books they have on their shelves.

The Council would like to say a huge thank you to the volunteers who have come forward to monitor the bookswap, but please remember just because it is being monitored and tidied more often by them this does not mean that it is a service to dispose of your unwanted books. The rule remains - if the shelves are full do not leave your books on the floor, on top of the bookcase or pile them up around the defibrillator, please take them home or to a charity shop - do not leave them.

The Council will review the provision of the bookswap and defibrillator in Carnon Downs again in January 2025



Speedwatch and Vision Zero

At the November Parish Council meeting Parish Councillors asked Cllr Martyn Alvey our Cornwall Councillor questions regarding speeding fines after the article on Radio Cornwall about the Vision Zero van and Community Speedwatch volunteers presence in Carnon Downs.

Cllr Alvey advised that when a driver gets notice of intended prosecution having been caught over the speeding limit, they may be offered the option of a Speed Awareness Course as an alternative of a fine and points on their licence. Such an offer will depend on the individuals driving record and the amount by which the speed limit was exceeded (no more than 31 mph in a 20mph limit). These courses are organised by the police and run across the country. The charge paid goes towards the course delivery costs and in Devon and Cornwall, the rest goes to support Vision Zero South West (the local road safety partnership covering the Devon and Cornwall policing area). If you do not attend the course but pay a fine and get points on your driving license, this money goes to the 'Consolidated fund' in the Treasury and the Department of Transport can apply for grants from this fund for road safety projects .

Cornwall Council aims to reduce both death and serious injury by 50% on our roads by 2030, and 20mph limits will support this. Research provides a strong link between traffic speed and the severity of injury when a collision occurs. If someone is struck at 20mph they have a 90% chance of survival compared to a 50% chance if struck at 30mph. In Cornwall, each 30mph speed limit is being assessed on a case by case basis, this exercise was completed in Feock Parish last year and added additional areas to the existing 20mph limits already introduced by the Parish Council such as in Devoran. However, not every road is appropriate for 20mph so some still remain at 30mph.



Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) sign at Penelewey

After numerous complaints to the Parish Council about speed on the B3289 at Penelewey and evidence gathered by Community Speedwatch, Cornwall Council will be installing a new VAS sign, this sign will remind drivers of the speed limit when they are exceeding it. This should be operational by Christmas.



A 'Thank you' to community helpers

I would like to thank you all and you know who you are! Who so willingly give their time, in so many different ways, to help all the others in the village and make Carnon Downs a better place to live, both those on the coal face and those supporting them.

Throughout the past year there have been some memorable activities taking place both in the village and the village hall and The Hub. It all takes a tremendous effort and organisation to those who devote their time to make all these things possible. Can we put our hands together to thank all these people at this special time of year Where else would you find a village like ours! A special pat to all the dogs that take their owners out for a walk and keep them fit! *Merry Christmas to you all from a Grateful Carnon Downs Resident*

Rubbish and recycling service changes

Cornwall Council have been introducing weekly food waste collections and fortnightly rubbish collections across Cornwall area by area.

The new arrangements will start in March 2025 for Feock Parish which includes Carnon Downs, Devoran, Feock, Point and Penpol and Penelewy.

You'll receive a new wheelie bin or reusable protective sack for your rubbish, a silver kitchen food waste caddy and a green outdoor collection caddy. You'll also get a leaflet telling you more about your new bins and how to recycle your food waste.

Cornwall Council will keep collecting your recycling fortnightly from your red, blue and orange bags and black box.

For more details, visit <u>New food waste, recycling and rubbish service - Cornwall Council</u> and keep checking for further updates!









You can also <u>check your Christmas and New Year collection dates online here</u>, or see the annual calendar Cornwall Council recently sent out. These changes apply for everyone in Cornwall.

Tips for staying warm and well this winter

If the cold's beginning to bite here are a few easy things we can all do to help ourselves and each other stay warm and well this winter:

- **Keep your home warm:** Try to keep your main living areas between 18°C to 21°C and the rest of your home a minimum of 16°C.
- Make sure you claim any financial support you're entitled to: It's available to those most in need in the form of <u>Cold Weather Payments</u> and the <u>Household Support Fund</u>.

• Wrap up warm: Wear hats, gloves, scarves and several thin layers of clothing to trap warm air between them.

- **Keep Active:** Move around at least once an hour and don't sit down for long periods.
- Look out for older friends and neighbours: Check they're warm enough, especially at night and have stocks of food and medicine so they don't need to go out in very cold weather.
- <u>Visit your nearest Community Hub</u> (also known as Warmth Hubs): For a warm, safe place for support, socialising and activities through the winter.

For more advice on staying warm, well, happy and safe this winter pick up a copy of our Winter Wellbeing Guide from the Parish or download it from Cornwall Councils website.

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MyFeock Repair Café @ The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church

Next dates: Tuesdays 28th January and 25th February 2025

The MyFeock Repair Café which is held from 10am to 11.30am (last items accepted at 11am) generally on the last Tuesday of the month at The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church. Run by volunteers, there are repairers ready to help you, with the idea to share skills too (where possible and safe to do so).



They hope to fix your garments, textiles, mechanical clocks, soft toys, woodwork and much more! Pop in for a cuppa and get something repaired at the same time! If you have a skill you'd like to share or you would like to volunteer to help out please pop along or get in touch with Cathy in the Parish Office - 01872 863333 or myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you have an item for repair, you just pay for the cost of any parts required and a small donation which goes towards paying for the hall rent for the Repair Café to be held. You can also have a cup of tea or coffee whilst your waiting to see one of our volunteers.

As well as having items repaired, we have Darren, Customer Liaison Officer from South West Water to give residents advice on billing and water saving, a Customer Adviser from Community Energy Plus and one of your Parish Councillors to chat to about concerns you might have in the local area.

Next Repair Cafe:

Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 10am, The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church

Please note no Repair Café in December.



New bus route for Penpol

From 1st September 2024 the Travel Cornwall bus number 493 is serving Penpol as part of the Truro to Feock route. The weekday timetable is below.

Please note there is an error on the timetable in that the times from Goonpiper (N bound) towards Truro are missing but the bus does continue to Truro. We have made Cornwall Council aware of the error on the online timetable. The online timetable can be accessed here 493 - Truro to Feock | Go Cornwall Bus



The addition of the 'loop' to Penpol has been hard won by local councillors and will be withdrawn if not used adequately, it is very much a case of 'use it or lose it!'

Welcome to a new Devoran Councillor

The Parish Council would like to extend a very warm welcome to Julian Newman, our newest Councillor who was co-opted at Novembers Parish Council meeting. Julian will be representing Devoran ward and until his email address is set up can be contacted via info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Julian said "I'm delighted to have been co-opted onto the Parish Council and having the opportunity to contribute to the community in this way. My wife & I have recently moved to Devoran (Old Tram Rd); having previously lived and brought up our children in Twelveheads.

I've joined an excellent, dedicated and experienced team involved in the running of the Parish Council as I think it's important to feel responsible for and contribute to the area in which I live. I look forward to adapting and utilising the skills I've developed from 30yrs within the food industry, and serving as a Pension Fund trustee and a voluntary Police Officer."

We would like to say a big thank you to Beverly Johnson who has recently stepped down as a Councillor for Feock ward recently, for all her hard work on the Council since she joined in 2023. Details later in this newsletter about how to apply to become a Councillor for one of our ward vacancies if you are interested in joining.

Overgrown hedges

The Parish Council cut the hedges on land that they own and Common Land and will be doing this during the winter. We are often asked by residents who is responsible for cutting back various hedges across the parish where these are over hanging the pavement or the roads, sometimes causing a hazard to road users. Cornwall Council carry out some roadside verge maintenance but not all. Most hedge cutting along the highway is done by the adjacent landowner, often farmers. Landowners may cut the verge as well as their hedges. Individuals also cut verges in the vicinity of their properties for aesthetic purposes.

Hedge growth or trees on properties next to the highway is generally the responsibility of the landowner. Cornwall Council recommend that regular maintenance of hedgerows is undertaken. Regular maintenance prevents side growth and low-lying branches extending into the road. Landowners must take reasonable care to ensure that trees within falling distance of the highway are safe. This responsibility includes trees rooted in Cornish hedges that form the boundary to the highway.

Work to maintain hedgerows from the road, must be done by an accredited contractor. Contractors must have the required licenses to work on the highway. They must also be familiar with relevant legislation. They should be aware of landscape designations such as Tree Preservation Orders. These can be checked <u>online</u>

Cornwall Council have the power to ensure landowners resolve problematic vegetation and tree issues. The Council notify landowners under Section 154 of the Highway Act 1980.

Please don't be offended if you get a Cornwall Council notice from the Parish Council reminding you to cut your hedge back, one of the most common complaints we get from residents is about overgrown hedges causing problems on pavements for pedestrians or on roads for cyclists.

To keep all highway users safe and avoid legal action, Cornwall Council ask that the landowner or their contractor:

- reduce side growth back to the edge/boundary of the maintained highway
- ensure at least 2.1m clearance above the surface of footways
- ensure at least 5m clearance above the surface of cycleways
- ensure at least 5.2m clearance above the surface of the highway. This allows high sides vehicles to pass safely
- make sure that branches and vegetation are not in contact with or obstructing highway signs
- remove branches that are in contact with or blocking streetlights
- remove or reduce vegetation that is obscuring visibility at junctions, on bends or passing places

Landowners must also comply with legislation relating to the control of noxious and injurious plants. For example, Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed and Ragwort.

Remember that hedgerows can provide important habitats for birds, mammals, reptiles and insects. Bird nesting season in Cornwall is from the **1st March to the end of September**. However, many species produce additional broods depending upon climate and habitat. Checks should be made for nesting birds before hedge cutting outside the nesting season.

MyFeock Services

We are always looking for new volunteers to help with prescription deliveries and lifts locally to places such as the Doctors or Dentist or Village Halls.

The phone line is open 9.30am to 12 noon on weekday mornings. Please give 48 hours notice where possible of lifts required as our service is provided by volunteers to give us time to contact them and arrange. Although we appreciate that this is not always possible with medical appointments. We ask for a donation from the person having the lift towards running the cost of the scheme and to cover the volunteers petrol.



If you're interested in getting involved with volunteering (or need to use one of our services) please contact Cathy, Information & Wellbeing Adviser on the booking line 07904 547822 (weekday mornings) or myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk Full training provided and mileages costs paid to volunteers to cover their petrol.

Active Feock Update

Councillors have identified 10 locations initially to be considered for new bench seats would be useful for people to stop and rest when our walking, these are located all across the parish and external funding has been secured to pay for these new benches and installation of them which we plan to happen in the New Year.



These benches will be made from recycled plastic and be of a design suitable for less mobile people to use (ie. Have 'arms' to help people get up off them)



Dyson's Field on the Tram Road now has the cycle racks installed for anyone visiting by bike and the provision of a nature information board for the field and other areas of the parish are being considered and funding being looked at.

Dyson's Field is part of the way along the Tram Road just before you get to Chycoose beach. Look out for the signs at the entrance, please make use of this lovely peaceful space.









Parish Council Meetings

Agendas for all Council meetings are displayed on our website and also the noticeboards around the Parish. Details of items being discussed including Planning Applications are also listed on the agendas.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council and Committee meetings, if you wish to attend please let the Parish Clerk know via email or 01872 863333 to enable numbers to be accommodated. Questions can also be submitted to the Clerk to be asked on residents behalf if they are unable to attend the meeting but still wish a question to be asked. It is also helpful for the Council to have notice of questions to be asked prior to the meeting to enable a full answer to be given at the meeting, if notice is not given we cannot guarantee an answer on the evening but will answer in writing following the meeting.

The Parish Council Facebook page is regularly updated with local news and events, links to planning application links www.facebook.com/Feockparishcouncil/

A calendar of meeting dates for 2024/25 is on our website, together with Committee Meeting dates **The next meetings of the Parish Council are on:**

Monday 9th December – Full Council Meeting Monday 13th January 2025 – Full Council Meeting Monday 10th February 2025 – Full Council Meeting

Unless stated on the agenda all meetings start at 6pm and are held in the Parish Council Office in Devoran. All Parish Councillors contact details are available on our website https://www.feockpc.com/councillors

Planning in the Parish

The Parish Council submit consultee comments on planning applications in the Parish and these are discussed at Planning Committee meetings and if a multi-dwelling development or due to deadlines for comment, at a Full Parish Council meeting.

Details of any planning applications received for consultee comment and also planning decisions will be posted on the Parish Council's website on the 'Current Planning Applications' page www.feockpc.com/current-planning-applications and our Facebook page. If you are unsure if a planning application has been received and cannot find it online you can contact Debbie, Assistant Clerk via <a href="https://depceps.com/d

Please be aware that Cornwall Council no longer display yellow site notices on planning application sites unless they affect a public right of way, listed building or are in a Conservation Area so to be aware of what is going on in the area check our Current Planning Applications page or set up an alert on Cornwall Council's planning page as shown on the next page.

If you're thinking of making a planning application on your property we always recommend that applicants read our Feock Neighbourhood Development Plan to make themselves aware of the local planning policies. A copy can be downloaded our website Feock Neighbourhood Development Plan (feockpc.com)

We upload details of planning decisions made by Cornwall Council on applications in the parish to our Facebook page on a weekly basis.

Never miss a planning application in your area

Did you know that you can find out about and keep updated on planning applications in your area with an email direct to your inbox?

It's easy to do. Set up a website account for planning then go to the online planning register to set up your email alerts. To track an application, once you've found the one you're interested in, just click the track button. Follow the instructions on Cornwall Council's online planning register web page to get set up. https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-applications/online-planning-register/

You can have as many alerts for different areas as you want.



What's On!

The monthly Whats On guide is put together by the Parish Council's MyFeock Wellbeing team and is available from the Devoran Community library, bookswap phoneboxes, Linden Hey Tea Rooms, MyDentist and Devoran Surgery. The website www.myfeock.co.uk which has a calendar of all events and groups meeting in the Parish including Feock, Devoran, Carnon Downs and Point & Penpol.

If your group or event isn't listed please get in touch with Cathy at myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk The website also contains contacts for local support services, news and details of local facilities. Cathy can also add you to the email list to receive an emailed copy of the Whats On listing each month. The current What's On will be circulated with these electronic Connect newsletters.



Vacancies on the Parish Council

Would you like to make a difference? Devoran ward and Feock ward

Feock Parish Council has two vacancies, one in Devoran ward and one in Feock ward for Parish Councillors, which is hoped to fill by co-option at the January or February meetings. All Councillors terms will end in May 2025 when the 4 yearly local elections for all Town and Parish Councils will be held.

There is so much to get involved in from reviewing planning applications, helping with making improvements to footpaths and recreation areas, highways issues and our wellbeing work to name but a few! You will also be required to attend the Parish Council meetings which generally take place on the first or second Monday evening of the month in Devoran, you can also join other Committees such as Planning and Access & Amenities if you wish.

To become a Councillor you must:

- Be a British or a citizen of the Commonwealth. You may also be eligible as a citizen of the European Union, however the criteria has changed now that the UK has left the European Union. Please check on the gov.uk website for advice about EU citizens' voting and candidacy rights in local elections; and be at least 18 years old.
- be an elector of the parish; or
- in the past 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish; or
- work in the parish (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the parish boundary.

Please note, being a Parish Councillor is a voluntary position and we would recommend people who are interested attend a Parish Council or Committee meeting before applying to gain an understanding of the issues you will be involved with.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please send an email or letter of application explaining why you would like to join the Parish Council, what you can bring to the Council and any previous relevant experience, to the Parish Clerk by **Wednesday 8**th **January 2024**. A copy of the co-option process can be found on our <u>website</u> under Council – Policies.

Contact details: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk email: clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk 01872 863333

Defibrillators in the Parish

There are a number of public access defibrillators around the parish, these are automated, anyone can use one, training is not necessary. The defibrillator will talk the user through how to use it and will not allow a shock to be given unless it detects that the heart is in a shockable rhythm. The defibrillators are located as below.

All the Parish Council defibrillators (identified below by a #) are registered on a national system called The Circuit. This is the system used by the emergency services who will direct callers to go and get the nearest defibrillator in an emergency. This system automatically notifies the Parish Council if someone has been directed to go and get one of our defibrillators and marks it as unavailable so that we can go and check if it has been used and replace any used pads or batteries. If a defibrillator is unavailable we will put this up on our Facebook page and website.

If you have cause to use/collect a defibrillator please return it to the phonebox you got it from or back to the Parish Council Office (open weekday mornings) so it can be checked and then put back into service and notify us that it is back.

We understand that there will be times that someone may need to go and collect a defibrillator without being told too by 999 but if you do please can you tell us asap (by email to clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk is best) so that we can mark the defibrillator as unavailable on The Circuit system, otherwise if someone phoned 999 and were directed to collect a defibrillator and got there to find it missing then precious time could be wasted.

- Phonebox on Market Street, Devoran #
- Phonebox on Forth Coth, Carnon Downs (nr Dentist) #
- Phonebox on Point Green #
- Outside wall of reception building, Ferris Garage, Feock #
- Loe Beach, Feock
- St Feock Church car park, Feock*
- Outside wall of "Twitterings", Trolver Croft* #
- Outside wall of the Punchbowl and Ladle* #

*phone 999 for the code to open the cabinet

The British Heart Foundation have an excellent video which tells you all about defibrillators and how to use them which you can watch using the link below.

Our defibrillators actually talk you through how to use them if you need to use one in an emergency. https://youtu.be/H4FjPn48aG0?feature=shared but please note it is not essential to have watched this video: the defibrillators are automatic and will tell you exactly what to do.



Parish Council Christmas Office hours

The Parish Council Office and Library will be closed from

Wednesday 18th December for Christmas and re-open on Thursday 2nd January 2025.

The Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to wish all residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Emergency Numbers - 24 hour lines

- ★ Cornwall Council Highways (CORMAC) including flooding, trees down, road closures and road works
 0300 1234 222
- ★ Cornwall Council Adults & Children Safeguarding 0300 123 1116
- X National Gas Emergency gas leaks 0800 111 999
- X Environment Agency pollution of land or rivers 0800 80 70 60
- Coastguard pollution of sea/beach 01326 317575
- X National Grid power cuts 105
- X SWW water or sewage leak 0344 346 2020

There's also a handy FAQs page on our website with information on how to report non emergency issues such as problems on footpaths, pot holes etc. <u>Feock Parish Council FAQs</u>

Parish Council contact details

Parish Council business email addresses are in the process of being set up for Councillors together with a new domain name for the website but in the meantime Councillors can be contacted as follows, when using the info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk email address please put in the Subject line if your email is for the attention of a specific Councillor.

Feock ward

Richard Brickell (Chairman of Parish Council) – email: <u>Richard.brickell1@outlook.com</u>

Keith Hambly-Staite – email: keithstaite@hotmail.com or phone 01872 862718

Rick Bowers – email: <u>info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk</u> Corine Dyke – email: <u>info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk</u>

Vacancy

Carnon Downs ward

Brian Yates – email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk Cathy Kemp – email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Jan Allen – email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk Phone: 01872 863090 Phil Allen – email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk Phone: 01872 863090

Alison Avard – email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Devoran ward

Mike Steel – email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Anne Allen – email: annefeockpc@gmail.com

Julian Newman - email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Vacancy

Cornwall Councillor for Feock & Kea – Martyn Alvey, email: cllr.martyn.alvey@cornwall.gov.uk or phone 07581 736347

Staff

Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk – email: clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Debbie Searle, Assistant Clerk – email: deputyclerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cathy Whitmore, Information & Wellbeing Adviser – email: myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Website:

www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk www.myfeock.co.uk

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/Feockparishcouncilhttps://www.facebook.com/wellbeingfeock/

Address: The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran, Truro, TR3 6QA Office and micro library open: Weekdays from 9.30am to 12 noon

