

Community Engagement

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Youth Nights

The Youth Nights have now been running since the 19th June. I'm attaching a report from Adele Pellow, the Lead Youth Worker from Action for Children.

The Youth Working Group, are due to meet, to discuss and review, the first 3 months of the Youth Nights. We hope to meet 2nd or 9th October.

Cllr Webb has created a Youth Action Plan, which pulls together everything that was raised by the youth during the consultation. This Action Plan has been sent to the Youth Working Group and will be discussed. Once it has been agreed by the Youth Working Group, it will come to the parish council for information.

Taster Session Update:

Rugby:

10/07/23 – This session was cancelled due to bad weather.

Unfortunately, circumstances beyond our control, including bad weather, meant that we ran one successful rugby taster session. We had hoped to run another in September, however capacity has meant this couldn't happen.

We hope to work with Redruth Rugby Club, to run more sessions in Spring 2024.

Netball:

Netball Cornwall have sent out a press release, to recruit a volunteer to run a one off taster session, and more should the session be a success. Unfortunately, to date we haven't found anyone. We will continue to look for a volunteer, but may have to access funding, in order to pay someone to deliver this session.

I have been advised by parents that many local Netball clubs have closed. Therefore, this could be a well-attended club.

Table Tennis:

This was run, however attendance was low. This may have been as it was run in the half term. We will look to run this over the autumn, as the sunnier weather leaves us and yp may be looking for inside activities.

Band Session:

This session was run with no attendance. Unfortunately, due to holidays and illness, the young people identified, were unable to attend on the chosen day. We aim to work more closely with the young people and their parents, to agree another date.

Dog Fouling Campaign#2

The Parish Council have printed up 6 x signs and put them up on Penberthy Road. These were designed by the runner up in the poster competition, we ran in partnership with Portreath Primary School and Gwel an Mor. These signs were made with the intention to raise awareness as people walk along this main street. These posters will be moved along Penberthy Road in due course, eventually arriving along Beach Road.

The 2 x signs that were created by the PPC, in Campaign#1 were moved to Forth Vean, on the community garden, at the start of the summer. These signs have made a difference and they have seen a huge reduction in dog mess. These 2 signs can be moved to another identified 'hot spot' area.

Dog Mess on the Beach

This is a trickier area to challenge dog owners not picking up their mess. Dog mess on the beach, not only is unsightly and causes annoyance when trodden in, it also washes out into the sea with the tides, causing pollution to our local marine life.

The PPC agreed in the May meeting to purchase a Dog Poo Bag dispenser and biodegradable bags. However, Gwel an Mor stepped in and said that they would like to purchase this for the community. This was welcomed by Parish Councillors. This dispenser bin has now been purchased and Portreath Improvement Committee have given permission for it to be put up at the SLSC entrance to the beach, which is also near a dog waste/litter bin. Cllr Ian Stewart will be putting this dispenser on the fence. PPC will be responsible for ensuring that it is re-filled. However, should a member of the public notice it is empty, please can they contact Cllr Vicki Webb – vickiwebb.ppc@gmail.com

A sign is due to be made, which highlights that Gwel an Mor, PIC and PPC have worked in partnership.

This is a trial. We hope that it will encourage dog owners to pick up their dog mess on the beach, but also in the village and beyond.

Warm Welcome Portreath – Thursday Coffee Morning

Parish Councillors have been volunteering their time since October 2022, in order to hold a community coffee morning once a week (term time only). At the beginning of Spring, we asked the users of the coffee morning if they'd like this to continue all year round (except school holidays), and we had a resounding yes! The format that we have been using, has gone down well:

1st Thursday – Catch up & Cake

2nd Thursday – Social with an activity

3rd Thursday – Guest Speaker

4th Thursday – Social activity (if a 5-week month)

Last Thursday - BINGO

We have CONFIRMED guest speakers booked until December. If you know of any group/organisation/person, who would like to be a guest speaker, please let Cllr Webb know: vickiwebb.ppc@gmail.com

19th October – Red Watch – Fire Safety Talk

16th November – Cornwall Butterfly Conservation

14th December – Portreath Primary School Choir – END OF YEAR CELEBRATION!

November – Christmas Garden Centre Trip

Our first Garden Centre Trip was a huge success! So much so, we've been asked to hold a Christmas trip.

As December is a busy month for many, we have arranged for this trip to happen on **Thursday 23 November 2023 – 10am – 2.30pm – Venue: TBC 0**

We have booked the Age UK mini bus and driver and will start to take bookings.

Warm Welcome Voucher Scheme

Proposal: The Parish Council start to think about possible projects for this coming Autumn/Winter. Perhaps by inviting suggestions from Parishioners?

Police Liaison Group – PLG

Currently no meeting has been booked for this. I have contacted PC Hicks and await an invite for the next meeting.

A request for the crime statistics for Portreath Parish has been requested for August/September 2023. PC M Wardman has been invited to the parish council meeting.

Portreath Primary School – Partnership Work

PPC have been having regular meetings with the Head, Cassie Pamplin, since last year. These meetings have been really useful and have begun to build a positive relationship. We have also met with members of the PTA. The school would like to raise money for a MUGA surface, for the children's PE lessons. The PPC have been working with the school, and they are working on a potential event in the community, working in partnership with local upcycling companies. PPC role is to support and facilitate, to move this event forward.

Through these discussions, Gwel an Mor are now working in partnership with the school, to deliver DT sessions, based on building different types of bird boxes. Gwel an Mor (Feadon Farm Team) will help the school to deliver this curriculum activity in the New Year. The boxes will be given to children for their gardens, but the bigger boxes (kestrel/owl) will be distributed in suitable habitats in the parish by Gwel an Mor. PPC helped to facilitate the initial meeting. These boxes will be monitored, and the data shared with the children.