

# Portreath Parish Council update

July 2021

## Flood and Coastal Risk Management Work

### Portreath: Managing flood risk from the Portreath Stream

The EA together with our delivery partners, contractors Kier and engineering consultants Atkins, continue to make progress in developing the business case for the Portreath Stream flood risk improvement project.

Proposed improvements include widening sections of the existing channel through Portreath and constructing walls along the channel to provide additional bank support and height where needed. Increasing the capacity of the existing channel is not without challenge due to the number of existing bridge crossing points. We are working with Cornwall Council's highways team to progress bridge improvement proposals and we have a site meeting planned with them on 06/07/2021 to discuss our proposals in more detail.

We are working closely with World Heritage Site officers to fully understand any potential mining archaeology along the channel route through Portreath. This is to ensure that any World Heritage mining heritage remains are identified and appropriately managed.

We recently completed a bat roost assessment along the channel as part of our ongoing environmental assessments.

We are developing a scope for the ground investigation requirements which will be undertaken later this year and the results of which will support our ongoing design.

We have recently secured from the Government an additional £653k of partnership funding for the Portreath project to support delivery of the flood risk improvements.

Close working with Highways England has resulted in the recent approval of £75k from their Environment and Wellbeing Designated Funds to support our ongoing design work. We continue to work closely with Highways England and aim to secure further partnership funding from Highways England as we progress through the next stages of the project.

Construction works are currently programmed to start in September 2022.