

St Blaise Town Council Newsletter

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Report by the Mayor of St Blaise Town Council. Councillor Tony Nethercott.

I think you will all agree that the Town looked excellent this year and I thank the community wardens for doing such a great job. The Town Council was very sorry that kerb-side weed treatment was delayed unfortunately our extremely wet summer caused the delay. The wardens are currently doing maintenance on the Town Furniture.

The Armistice Sunday service at St Blazey Church was fairly well attended considering the rain and I am very pleased that the Town Council purchased two Tommy statues which I hope you saw on the wall of St Blazey Church. Next year is the 80th anniversary of DD and the Town Council are arranging a picnic in the park which will take place on Sunday 8th June, please make a note in your diaries as we hope to see you then.

Sgt Ian Chambers, PC Craig Boundy and PCSO Graham Wade attended our September Council meeting and updated us on various issues. The St Austell area which is divided into 3 has a new sector Inspector, Matt Trevivian who is a former St Austell Neighbourhood Sergeant and therefore has a good working knowledge of our patch.

Since the latter part of last year, Devon and Cornwall Police have introduced a new computer system called NICHE. This has replaced many of our older systems and is responsible for recording various data such as crime reports, non-crime incidents, property and many more. Due to this recent change, it is not possible to compare year on year crime stats as they have not had a full year of NICHE recording yet.

The neighbourhood team have been working hard to address ASB and low-level offending amongst children and young adults. Worryingly, they have recently seen children much younger in age commit serious offences.

St Blazey Police station is intended to re-open as soon as possible, allowing for officers to conduct enquiries and show a greater presence in the area. It is anticipated that officers will begin to use the station again in the coming months whilst we wait for an official answer on re-opening.

There have been 5 issues of packages with 1kg of cannabis from overseas being delivered within the town by Royal Mail, Border Force have been involved. The culprits choose an address, wait for the package to be delivered and then go to the house and claim the parcel saying it was sent to the wrong address. Councillor Brock did put a warning to residents on Face book not to accept unknown packages. I wanted to bring this to the many of you who are not on Facebook.

You will be aware by now that our refuse and recycling collections will change in January so please make sure you know of these changes.

The Town Council asked for Highway changes in Par Lane, Harbour Road and Middleway but unfortunately we have been informed that only those put forward from the Community Network Panels that were not completed will be considered and therefore we will have to wait another year to have these considered by the new Community Area Partnership.

We will be putting up Christmas Trees at St Blazey Church and Leek Seed Chapel welcoming people to the Town and attending the Town Council Carol Concert.

St Blaise Town Councils Annual Carol Concert will take place at St Blazey Church on Sunday December 10th at 4.00pm and we hope to see many of you then. This year's recipient of the Town Council good Citizen Award will be Retta Matthews who has volunteered throughout the Town for many years and is very involved with St Blazey Church and has been a church warden for many years. We hope you will join us afterwards for Mulled wine and Mince Pies.

I would like to remind you that we hold a Councillors Surgery on the first Saturday of each month at St Blazey Community Rooms between 10 am and 11 am. Come and discuss local Issues that may be affecting you. No appointment necessary.

We currently have a vacancy on the Town council, if you are interested in working with the community please contact the Clerk.

Finally I would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas and all the best for 2024.

LIST OF SITTING COUNCILLORS

Councillor June Anderson	37 Rose Hill, St Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2LQ 813995
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Councillor Roy Taylor	Palm Garden House, Tywardreath Highway, Par PL24 2RW 816112
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Council meets in St Blazey Community Rooms at 7.30pm on the last Thursday of every month bar December.

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