St Blaise Town Council Newsletter

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

In my last report I said we were enjoying some great weather however it didn't last but as result we were able to enjoy our beautiful planters for longer.

Due to bad weather work on Trailblazer Park was delayed but is in progress now and we hope that it is finished by the end of November and I will mention again that we need local people to get involved. If you feel you would be interested, please contact the Clerk.

There have been several posts on social media where there seems to be a presumption that St Blazey Town Council are not taking complaints about speeding along Station Rd, Middleway, St Blazey Road and other area's seriously or doing anything about it, so please allow us to explain the problems we face and what we are trying to do.

- The Par one-way system is not part of St Blazey, so complaints must be made to Par Council.
- St Blazey Town Council does not have the power to set speed limits or install cameras, this is the responsibility of the Police and Cornwall County Council.
- Regarding Station Road, the Police initially said that there was not a problem.
  After many complaints and much badgering of Cornwall Council, the speed awareness camera was installed on Station Road which takes measurements from both directions. The figures have been provided to the Police and Cornwall Council.
- To change these cameras to enforceable or average speed check cameras they need further proof, this requires volunteers (a minimum of four) who have completed online training to monitor traffic with speed guns. Although we had volunteers, none had completed the online training. We will again ask for volunteers.
- Regarding Middleway and vehicles trying to exit Landreath Place onto Middleway, residents are saying that at times it can be very difficult to check the road is clear before pulling out due to parked vehicles. At Octobers Town Council meeting it was agreed that the Town Clerk would contact the Highway Authority to see if we can have convex mirrors installed to allow drivers to check the road is clear before pulling out. However, Highways do not generally authorise the use of mirrors on the highway. Mirrors can give a distorted view of the road and a misleading impression of the speed of approaching vehicles. In

addition, mirrors can cause drivers to feel a sense of security when entering a road, to such an extent that due care may not be taken when completing a manoeuvre. They can also present a hazard to a driver after dark when the sudden appearance of reflected headlights may cause a driver after dark when the sudden appearance of reflected headlights may cause a driver to take dangerous and unnecessary avoiding action.

- There are monthly Council Surgeries held at St Blazey Community Rooms(old police station) on the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 to 11:00 where two councillors will be in attendance to take note of any complaints, comments or suggestions all these are discussed at the next Council Meeting and an answer provided if not acted on sooner.
- We on the Town Council are here to help you the residents to make St Blazey a better place to live, work and play, but we do need your input, it's no good complaining or making suggestions on social media alone, we may not see the post, either contact the Town Clerk or pop along to a Council Surgery, if we don't know about a problem then there is nothing we can do about it.
- We have asked the Police to do Speed Checks in the area and be told they will happen although none to date.

As previously mentioned, we continue to 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.

I laid a wreath at St Blazey Church on Sunday 10th November.

This years Carol Concert will be at 4.00pm on Sunday 8th December where will be giving the 2024 Good Citizen Award to Kathy Laity in recognition for her providing a Blessing Box.

Finally, I just want to wish you a happy Christmas and a great 2025.

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