

Councillor Report – October 2025



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Cornwall Council

Division: St. Columb Major, St. Mawgan-in-Pydar & St. Wenn

Key Headlines

- **Cornwall Local Plan Consultation:** Cornwall Council has launched the first phase of its new Local Plan consultation, “*Vision for Cornwall*”, with public drop-in event at Newquay on Wed 12th November. ([cornwall.gov.uk](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk))
- **Individual Decision Day:** The Council held its first *Individual Decision Day* on 29 October in Truro — decisions were taken publicly to improve transparency, including future use of vacant homes and small parcels of land. ([Cornish Stuff](#))
- **Evidence Base Update:** The latest update to *The Cornwall We Know* evidence base has been published, supporting the Council’s 2026-30 Business Plan. ([Let’s Talk Cornwall](#))
- **Library Amnesty:** Cornwall’s library service will run a fine-free amnesty through November to encourage the return of overdue books. ([cornwall.gov.uk](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk))

Local Division Update

- Highways teams have continued patching works on the B3274 through St. Columb Major; further resurfacing is scheduled for early November.
- Flooding concerns were raised by residents near St. Wenn; Highways and Environment officers have inspected drainage points.
- A planning update for St. Mawgan-in-Pydar: the football club’s floodlight application remains under officer consideration following additional environmental queries.
- Casework this month included drain clearance, school transport appeals, and verge maintenance.

Upcoming Community Events (within 28 Days)

- **Remembrance Sunday** – Services will be held on 9 November at St. Columb Major.
- **Forest for Cornwall Tree Giveaway** – Free saplings available in Newquay on 22 November. ([cornwall.gov.uk](https://www.cornwall.gov.uk))
- **Local Plan Consultation (Newquay, WI Hall TR7 1LB)** – Wednesday 12 November, 4pm–7 pm. Residents from the area are encouraged to attend.

Priorities for November

- **Planning Transparency:** Continue pressing for improved communication with parish councils on live planning applications.
- **Flood Prevention:** I have been working with Highways during October to address drainage issues and will continue to do so during November.
- **Transport & Access:** Review progress on Home-to-School Transport appeals and ensure policy clarity for affected families.
- **Environment:** Support the Forest for Cornwall engagement work and encourage resident participation.

Message to Residents

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me this month about local issues. Your feedback helps ensure Cornwall Council remains accountable and responsive to rural communities like ours. Please do continue to share any concerns or ideas — particularly as we look ahead to shaping Cornwall's next Local Plan.

Useful Links

- [Cornwall Council Planning Portal](#)
- [Roads and Transport Information](#)
- [Waste and Recycling Services](#)

Contact Details

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