



St Day & Carharrack Climate Action Group

2022 January Annual Newsletter

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We are delighted to bring you St Day & Carharrack Climate Action Group 2022 Annual Newsletter. You'll see several projects from the Climate Action Plan are already being delivered, contributing to the groups' and communities aims to reduce carbon emissions, support our nature, wildlife and enhance our environment. Read about our latest project, working towards 'Plastic Free' communities, is just about to get underway.

"A reflection of our achievements over the last twelve months and future plans".

'Climate Literacy Awareness'

*The Enterprise Centre, Vogue, St Day
28th February 7pm*

*Tea/Coffee & Pasties
Contact Sarah to book your place
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Aiming Towards Plastic Free Communities:

St Day and Carharrack have started the process to become a plastic free community with the aim to significantly reduce single-use plastic consumption.

St Day and Carharrack Parish Councils have both agreed to support this initiative and each parish council will:

1. Lead by example and phase out single-use plastics
2. Support all plastic free initiatives in the area.

This exciting project will involve the collaboration and support of the whole community including local groups, businesses and school, so watch this space and please get involved!

What can you do to help?

Compost Refill Station

Peat Free

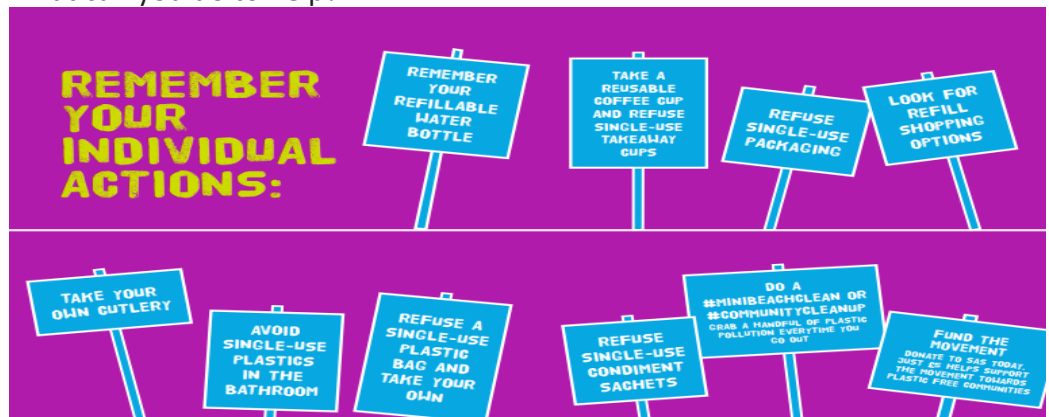
Mills Hall

Car Park

Carharrack

**Saturday
26th February**

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Road side Roaming Banners - Thanks for all the positive comments, great to have feedback on CAG activities. We now have 4 CAG banners in St Day & Carharrack. The intention is to offer messages of action, helping people with the question "What can I do?" Here is one very simple step all drivers can do to take action..."Pledge Engine Off Every Stop" Did you know 'Vehicle Idling' is an offence, an illegal activity against the Road Traffic Regulations 2002!



Idling vehicles contribute to air pollution and are harmful to our health and environment...Let's together "Create A Brighter Future", "Protect the Plant/ Environment . "Protect our Children's Future".

St Day & Carharrack CAG's Logo
We asked members of CAG to send in their quotes/ messages and this is the end result. We hope you love it!!
Let us know what you think...



Blossom Tree for Life Several members of St Day and Carharrack have donated money for 'Tree Planting' in and around St Day & Carharrack. Wow! What a sight to behold this May.



"I was happy to play my part in speeding up the process, acquiring permission to plant more trees here in St Day. Improved tree coverage is vital for our environment and improved biodiversity. I look forward to working closely with CAG and the wider community to deliver more tree planting this year".
Cllr Connor Donnithorne

A huge thank you to all those from digging to donating



The trees will produce a beautiful array of colourful blossom from spring through to autumn, enhance natural habitat and food source for so many vital insects and animals, as well as sucking up a bit more carbon dioxide. Enjoy!

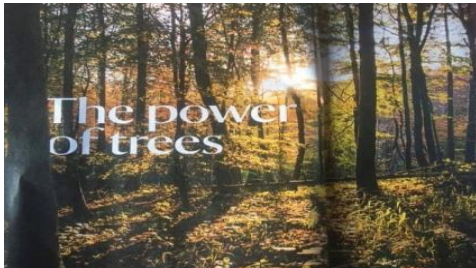
Tree Planting Take a look and you will notice landowners have kindly offered their land for tree planting too - a huge thank you to You All. Many statement trees have been planted in and around St Day such as Small Leaf Lime, Sessile Oak, Liquid Amber, Acers too. These trees will offer so much to the wildlife and insects providing coverage as well as magnificent shows of autumn colour.

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Partnership Working...

You may have seen members of CAG doing a walkabout with key players who influence our landscape. Working in partnership with Cornwall Council and Coastline is an important aspect of CAG's role. By working as a team we have planted several blossom trees in the area of Trenant, and Carew and a well established Mountain Ash on the Green Space (Bus Stop) in Carharrack. The keepers of the trees are delighted to see the trees are budding and some, with blossom. More tree/planting projects are likely. If you wish to get involved physically or verbally get in touch by e-mail or through SDC CAG Facebook.

Tell us what you think of the blossom trees, what projects you'd like to see and be involved with. Share your ideas.



Quote...Mark England, (Coastline Housing's Head of Innovation...)

"I was very pleased to be approached by CAG. The 'Blossom Tree' project is an excellent example of joint working with Coastline, our customers and other residents to enhance these neighbourhoods. We are really looking forward to seeing the blossoms flourish to brighten up these areas, whilst the trees also help to reduce everyone's carbon impact on our precious environment – huge well done to all involved!"

St Day & Carharrack School Great fun was had with the school children and members of CAG maintaining the flower bed close to the school in St Day on Church Street. Planting of lobelias and perennials, continuing the wonderful work Rosemary and John Newcombe have done for many, many years.

St Day & Carharrack Climate Action Policy Transforming Green Spaces Policy 4

As you know, we've been planting trees, sowing sunflower and wildflower seeds, clearing and improving footpaths and litter collecting too. Also, working with local landowners, members of Forest for Cornwall, Cornwall Council and Coastline on several projects and there's more to come. We have started to help to increase wildlife in both parishes through the provision of habitats, increased food source and by raising awareness eg Hedgehog Houses, Slow Down Hedgehog Signs, Weed Bee Friendly. Fabulous news! Two local landowners are working in partnership with the Forestry Commission to plant thousands of trees across their land to improve the environment for wildlife.

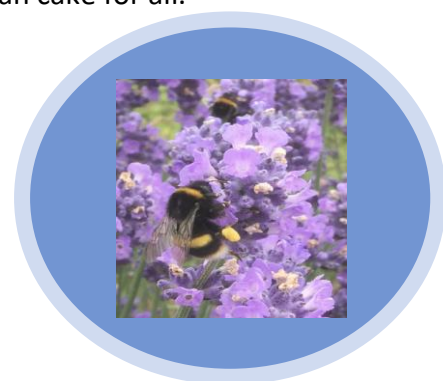
By working in partnership 2021 saw many achievements, we have been able to implement many aspects of policy 4. What does 2022 look like...More Trees, More Seeds...Planning a Cornish Orchard, wouldn't this be great... **'St Day and Carharrack CAG Community Orchard'**.

If you have land and wish to have advice on planting schemes do contact us
"Let's make a difference together"

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The Pound Carharrack We had an excellent turnout of volunteers at the Pound Field in September raking up the grass cuttings to encourage wild flower growth in the spring. The field is now well on its way to becoming a species rich meadow. The hard work was rewarded with vegan cake for all.



Sadly, at the beginning of January, the diseased Ash tree by the Shute in Carharrack had to be removed. It was replaced the very next day by a Lime tree, the Landmark tree provided by the 'Forest for Cornwall' scheme. It sits proudly in the middle of the Cove surrounded by four Mountain Ash trees planted three years ago.



The Great Big Green Week The Great Big Green Week kicked off on the 18th of September 2021 with the launch of our peat-free compost refill station at the Mills Hall car park. Brainchild of David Gould, the concept was born from a desire to encourage local people to ditch peat-based gardening products and to reduce the reliance on single-use plastic. The compost, which is produced by the Green Waste Company in Lelant,

Michelle...The compost is fantastic the fact that it is peat free, locally produced from waste materials, and so reasonably priced is amazing. Happy veggies in my allotment saving more food miles – Win Win!



There have been four refill stations to date and the next will be held on Saturday the 26th of February 2022. The last on the 15th of January was sold out within ninety minutes! Encouragingly, many people are returning to the refill station after their first visit and at least two other villages have been in touch to request information with a view to setting up something similar in their area. An information pack has been produced for anyone who wants to learn more about the issues surrounding the use of peat and it also includes tips on avoiding purchasing hidden peat in other gardening products - <https://sdccag.com/peat/>.

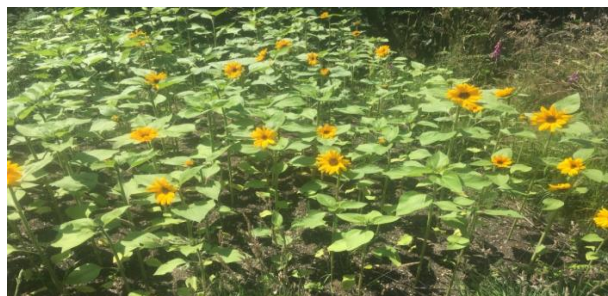
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Events for the Great Big Green Week concluded with an autumn seed search and plant-based picnic on the 26th of September 2021. A number of seeds were collected, including hawthorn, rowan and blackthorn (acorns were noticeably absent) and have since been logged with the Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

Great Fun in the Sun 'Sunflower Planting' May 2021



Why grow sunflowers...they attract pollinators; valuable food source for birds, bees and insects; increases the organic content of your soil; positive influence on health and well being; capture carbon too – let's plant a bit of sunshine for summer 2022. Keep your eyes peeled via CAG's fb and join us 'Sow Sunflower Seeds'.



"To Weed or Not to Weed" A small number of people complained of the weeds gathering in St Day & Caraharrack. We, CAG did not wish to see the use of chemical sprays. The UPA 'Unwanted Plant Army' was set-up. However, several members of both communities voiced they did not want the plants removed (Weeds). Ohhh! What a dilemma...



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In 2021 St Day and Carharrack Primary School embarked on a journey to become Change-Makers with help and encouragement from St Day and Carharrack Climate Action Group. We began by improving our school grounds, we built a polytunnel and vegetable garden so that we can learn more about produce, plants, animals and insects. We also built an outdoor classroom to help us to learn outdoors in all weathers. Reception class did a wonderful job planting flowers with the CAG group in the local community while year 6 made an informative film about climate change in Cornwall. Our biggest achievement is reaching the Bronze Award as we work towards becoming a UNICEF Rights Respecting School!



2021 ended on a high when all classes created Christmas crafts using recycled materials which we sold at the CAG Christmas Fayre in November. Our stall alone raised £83 for the school!

**Have you got an idea on how to reduce waste and consumption?
We want to know your ideas**

Reuse, Reuse, Reuse do not throw away....“One person’s rubbish is another person’s treasure.”

What have we done to meet our Policy 2 Reducing waste and consumption?

One of the simplest ways of doing our bit to help slow down climate change is to reduce our consumption of new stuff. Every time we buy something that is not absolutely essential or throw stuff away we are making the big problem, climate change, worse. Here in St Day & Carharrack we have tried some new, fun and affordable ways for everyone. People were encouraged to donate rather than throw away and others to buy these local donations rather than buy new.

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Give n Take – A sunny Sunday in July St Day Old Church was filled with good quality clothes, books, toys, bric a brac, crafts and so much more. Our community supported by donating and for a small entrance fee people could take as much as they needed. Everyone went home with a smile and bags full of amazing bargains. The day raised £213.90 for St Day Old Church.

Shall we do them again in 2022?

December, and we faced the usual Christmas rush to buy everything new. Two Christmas events provided alternatives for our villages. **“Made in St Day Christmas Fayre”** supported 18 local makers to showcase their high quality Christmas gifts. The range of skills and creativity within our local villages is incredible and customers were delighted with the choice and quality of the presents on offer. Many of the traders reused materials (slate, textiles, thread, wool, picture frames) and no single use plastic was allowed in this fayre.

Another event was **“Presents for our family”**. Again local people had a sort out and donated things that they had never used. What an amazing response, boxes of good quality gifts were given to St Day & Carharrack School for children to choose a surprise gift for someone in their family.

What do we “take away” from these events?

- These events are fun
- Things are affordable for everyone
- Everyone wins
- We are not throwing stuff away
- We are recycling locally
- We do not have to travel, except on foot
- We raise money for local school and groups
- We are doing the best for our planet and our children’s future
- We are doing this together

The other was the **“Childrens’ Preloved Christmas Gifts”**. So many people sorted out their cupboards and donated good quality toys, books, games and so on. The Christmas Elves did well helping to fill St Day Community Centre with these treasures and Father Christmas told us that he was overjoyed to see these gifts going to new homes rather than being thrown away. It made his job a whole lot easier and he spent a much smaller amount of money! In addition a total of £450 was raised for St Day & Carharrack School.

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2022 SDC CAG Monthly Meetings

1st Monday of each month **7pm-8.30pm**

Venues: Mills Hall, Fore Street, Carharrack TR16 5RJ or
Mills Trust Community Room, Mills Street, St Day TR16 5LL

7th March Mills Trust Community Room, Mills Street, St Day

4th April Mills Hall, Carharrack

2nd May Mills Trust Community Room, Mills Street, St Day

6th June Mills Hall, Carharrack

4th July Mills Trust Community Room, Mills Street, St Day

1st August Mills Hall, Carharrack

5th September Mills Trust Community Room, Mills Street, St Day

3rd October Mills Hall, Carharrack

7th November Mills Trust Community Room, Mills Street, St Day

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