

THE CARHARRACK NEWS

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Sarah Moore parish.clerk@stdayparishcouncil.gov.uk



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WRITTEN BY BEN CROCKER

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Friday 20th Feburary

19:30

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Front Cover Artist

'Hello everyone, I'm Louise, a full-time pet portrait and wildlife artist. Having lived in Carharrack and the surrounding area for many years, I've always cherished the wonderful community spirit we have here.

When I was asked to contribute to this edition of the newsletter—which highlights the incredible power of volunteering and the vital initiative to set up a village Speedwatch team—I knew exactly which image to share.

I've used my pastel pencil hedgehog drawing from 2024, which has become one of my most popular pieces.

I am deeply passionate about wildlife and preserving their habitats. Often, when we discuss road safety and speed, we focus on the human impact, but our local wildlife is just as vulnerable. In today's "fast world," where it feels like we all need to be somewhere yesterday, we sometimes lose sight of what's right in front of us.

I hope the front cover poster offers a little food for thought. Slower roads don't just mean a safer environment for our families and neighbours; they provide a vital lifeline for our local wildlife residents who call Carharrack home. Thank you for everything you do to keep our community safe.

Want to see more? To view more of my wildlife and pet portraits, you can find me on Facebook by searching for 'Furever Impressions.'



encouraging and building a clean, safe and friendly community. respecting history and supporting future generations.

A Warm Welcome to the first edition of The Carharrack News for 2026 from all your Parish Councillors and Clerk.

At the time of writing we are all attempting to clear up and catch up after the visit from storm Goretti. I know we all had to endure time without power - some longer than others. It was heart-warming to learn of people coming forward to check in with friends and neighbours across the community and wherever possible clearing debris and vegetation. We even had a visiting cyclist who got off their bike and helped a local resident clear a pathway through one of our footpaths before they continued on their journey. Such a wonderful act of kindness.

Thank you all so much for showing such care and support of others and this community during this time and a special mention has to go to the volunteers in **St Day** who provided warm spaces and hot drinks for our community.

At our meeting in February we will discuss this event and consider what we could do to support Carharrack to be better prepared should such an event happen again.

The December meeting of the Mining Villages Regeneration Group included a presentation from Elaine Fell - Cornwall & Devon Police Community Speedwatch Co-Ordinator. 20mph across the towns and villages of both counties is intended to change the mindset of drivers and reduce the number of fatalities on our roads to **ZERO**.

One of our aims for 2026 is to get a Speedwatch Team up and running here in Carharrack.

We continue to hear your concerns but we do have to demonstrate that we are prepared to do something collectively about this.

A basic Speedwatch team needs 4 members (more would be better of course)

Full Training is provided by Cornwall & Devon Police who will source suitable sites for the safety of the team.

Support, encouragement and guidance has been offered by the established and experienced Speedwatch teams in St Day and Chacewater

You only need to commit to a minimum of one session of one hour within the community per month (but more would be better of course)

An active community Speedwatch Team also demonstrates to our local Councillor, MP and Cornwall Council that we are prepared to "do something" to highlight this issue. It will also enable us as a Parish Council to use this as supportive evidence in any funding application we may make for improving the highways in and around Carharrack.

Being a member of a Speedwatch Team can bring about new friendships and offer a time of social engagement - perhaps with coffee and cake after the session. Volunteering is beneficial on many levels including health and wellbeing.

Carharrack Parish Council will be fully supportive of you - please contact Julie (clerk) or Bettina (chair) with your expression of interest. clerk@carharrackparishcouncil.co.uk, chair@carharrackparishcouncil.co.uk. 07875 751093

It had been suggested that we invest in those "flashing" mobile signs and get a team of volunteers to move them around the community roads. A good idea until we found out that they cost in the region of £12K each!

Crafty Knits and Tall Yarns

The monthly group continues to meet on the first Monday of each month, from 6.30pm to 8.45pm (we have a lot of bank holidays included so do please check Easter Monday and May bank holidays, although we usually continue to run). No membership necessary, and a warm welcome guaranteed! £3 entry which includes refreshments and optional tutorial sessions.

Since the last newsletter we have been very busy! We have taken part in the annual banner parade, organised our annual charity fundraiser (an autumn fair instead of Christmas fair this year), and tidied up and erected our hand-crafted poppy display. Our festive craft group gathering in December was really well attended (with mulled wine and Jill's magical mince pies).

Our autumn fair raised **£840** for our chosen charity, **Dementia UK** - we are incredibly proud of our continued endeavours with this charity.

We hope to run a Christmas shopping coach trip to Exeter in 2026. Places will first be offered to those who attend the craft group, but we anticipate there will be spaces left and will offer these to the community.

We would like to thank everyone who continually supports our group and our efforts, from volunteers and bakers at the fair, craft group attendees who help us to set up and pack away each month, and partners who support with things like the erecting of the poppy display.

Please join the Crafty Knits and Tall Yarns Facebook page for more regular updates. Call Sarah on 07813637334 if you have any questions.





**Sarah, thank you for
your donation of
£840.00 on behalf of
Crafty Knits and Tall
Yarns**

in memory of Valerie
Kerslake





ST DAY & CARHARRACK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Susannah Storey

email: secretary@st-day.cornwall.sch.uk

2025 – 2028

 Rights Respecting Schools

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We are a **GOLD** Rights Respecting School

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 12 RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS	 3 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD

WE DID IT!

We are now officially a GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL!

Of the thousands of schools across the UK, we are now part of a small group, reaching this exemplary standard. This is down to our whole community upholding, living and embracing the Rights Respecting approach over the years. Our Rights Respecting journey started in 2020 - so we have our young people, now at secondary schools, to thank for their determination in leading our school through this ongoing change and all they did in establishing our vision and values as 'Change-Makers - their legacy being the inspiration for other children to take on this lead each year. During our inspection assessment day last term, the assessors were blown away by our children and how children's rights are fully embedded and underpin every facet of school life. Thank you to everyone in our community for the role you play - as governors, parents, staff and children - we are GOLD! See below for some pupil voice on why our children feel so proud of our school.





ST DAY & CARHARRACK PRIMARY SCHOOL

A visit from the High Sheriff of Cornwall!

We were very excited to welcome a special visitor to our school earlier this month - the High Sheriff of Cornwall! He was blown away by our change making children and their positive attitude to learning. He joined us as part of our day of celebration where we celebrated all things **GOLD** to commemorate becoming a Gold Rights Respecting School.

With golden clothes, golden music, golden snacks, golden lunches, golden coins and an extra special golden assembly, we showed him that St Day & Carharrack know how to celebrate!

He helped us to plant an oak tree that will grow and thrive in our school grounds - the aspiration we hold for all those who come here. A special mention to Trev in Emerald Class who successfully guessed the age of a tree as part of a competition in the summer which started a chain of events that led to the visit!



Is your child due to start school in September 2026?



Please come and have a look around our inclusive, welcoming school. Contact the school office to book a visit.

secretary@st-day.cornwall.sch.uk

We look forward to meeting you!



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A Warm and Friendly Welcome Awaits You

The Welcome Club

Held at St.Day Community Centre on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays
of the month at 2pm-4pm.

*Activities & entertainment include - music, craft, line dancing,
showing local photos/videos, info/talks, quizzes, bingo etc.*

With tea, coffee & biscuits and a chat.

Everyone welcome.

We will resume again on Thursday 22nd January 2026.
February 12th & 26th, March 12th & 26th, April 9th & 23rd

Thank you for your support and to all who give their time and
talents to the Club.

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Graham Homer 01209820881

CARHARRACK SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

The Club has enjoyed a successful 2025.

We had over 200 members join as they were attracted by the many activities and functions that were held at the club during the year.

We currently have a snooker team, darts team and play euchre on a Monday evening. Easter, Halloween and Christmas celebrations saw children and families have great fun. The function room hosts weddings, children's groups and recently, a very successful charitable rock music event.

Carharrack Football Club is supported by us and they hope to improve amenities at their pitch with the aim of getting a youth team.

Our volunteers painted and refurbished the members bar for all to enjoy. Essential repairs were also carried out to the roof.

In light of rising costs the Club has decided to re-focus its activities and foster a community spirit and amenities to attract more younger members.

It will open 4 nights a week until Easter and will have an Easter celebratory event to welcome you all.

This is a message to all villagers and those who live in the surrounding area - we need your continued support to provide the village with a thriving community base for all to enjoy.

Follow us on Facebook please for latest events, activities and opening times.

Annual General Meeting of Carharrack Sports and Social Club will be held in the members bar at 4.30pm on Saturday 14th March 2026.

Nominees for election of Principle Officers - Chair, Secretary and Treasurer - need to be submitted two weeks before this date - Saturday 28th February 2026. They must be proposed and seconded by two members of the club.

Carharrack & St Day Retired and Pensioner's Club

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year.

We finished our year off with a lovely Christmas 3 course meal at the Coppice Inn Lanner, and we are now looking forward to a great year to come.

So, why not come along and join us, we meet at the Mills Hall in Carharrack on the first Monday of each month (unless it's a Bank Holiday) and we usually start at 2pm and finish up at around 4 – 4.30pm

We have something for everyone to enjoy the afternoon, from Bingo, Quizzes', Talks, and entertainment. Occasionally we start the afternoon off with a Pasty Lunch, but we always finish off with tea and biscuits.

We have an annual holiday, this year it's in Weston Super Mare in March for 5 days, (Sorry this is fully booked) next year we are planning to go to the Isle of Wight, you need to get names in quickly for this.

We are a friendly bunch, and we will always make you feel welcome at our meetings, so give us a try and see us on one of the following dates.

5th January	2nd February	2nd March
13th April	11th May	1st June
6th July	3rd August	7th September
5th October	2nd November	7th December
14th December	- Christmas Meal (Venue to be arranged)	

Paul Bailey - Secretary - 07816666933 -
paulbailey01@gmail.com

A New Year, A Shared Hope

As the calendar turns and a new year begins, many of us pause to reflect on what has been and what lies ahead. For some, this season brings fresh hope and energy; for others, it carries uncertainty or weariness. A new year is more than a date on the calendar—it is a moment to take stock, to begin again, and to look forward with renewed purpose.

For Christians, this sense of new beginning is rooted in faith in a God who is always at work, bringing hope and renewal. The Bible speaks of God “doing a new thing” (Isaiah 43:19), reminding us that no situation is beyond hope and that change, healing, and growth are always possible. Yet this message is not only for churchgoers. It speaks to a wider truth that many share: that we are stronger when we face life together, supported by community, compassion, and shared values.

At its heart, the church is not just a building or a Sunday activity, but a place where people from all walks of life can find welcome, encouragement, and connection. Our services offer time for reflection and stillness in the midst of busy lives—space to pray, listen, sing, or simply be present. They are open to anyone, whether faith is central to your life, something you are exploring, or simply part of your local heritage.

Beyond worship, our circuit churches are involved in a range of events and activities throughout the year that serve both church members and the wider community. From social gatherings to seasonal celebrations and opportunities to support one another, these moments help build relationships and strengthen our shared life.

As this new year unfolds, we warmly invite you to be part of what is happening in our churches. Whether you come seeking faith, friendship, quiet reflection, or a sense of belonging, you are welcome. May this year be one in which hope is renewed, community is strengthened, and we continue to care for one another.

All Welcome

***St Day Methodist Church, Sunday services at 10.30am
Carharrack, Mills Hall, 4th Sunday in the month at 10.45am.
Frogpool Methodist Church, Sunday services at 10.45am***

Rev Paul Harold



COMMUNITY MARKET

MILLS HALL, CARRHARRACK
TR16 5QW
1-3PM

FEB 14TH, MAR 14TH, APRIL 11TH, MAY 9TH, JUNE 13TH

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Main Hall

9am – 1pm £30

2pm – 6pm £30

7pm – 11pm £36

9am – 11pm £72

Meeting Room

9am – 1pm £12

2pm – 6pm £12

7pm – 11pm £12

Annex –

Large Meeting Room

9am – 1pm £18

2pm – 6pm £18

7pm – 11pm £18

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Caretaker - Val Aldridge

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MONTHLY QUIZ

2nd Saturday of the Month

£3.00 per person

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2nd Saturday of every month unless (otherwise stated).

£3.00 per person, teams of 4 or 6 FREE Tea, Coffee & Nibbles

To Book

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The Mills Hall Trust

Hello, and Happy New Year to everyone!

We had a very successful Summer Garden

Party in the Park, we had a lovely day for it - which meant lots of people came and enjoyed everything we had to offer.

Moving onto our very successful Christmas Fair! We had lots of stalls, where people could buy Christmas Gifts. We created a magical Santa's Grotto in the Annex where children of the village came to see Santa and his Elfs..and was given a gift. Then Santa had the honor of turning on the Christmas lights. Lots of people came and supported the event and sang Christmas Carols around the tree - which put everyone in the festive spirit. Here is some pictures for you all to see...



Carharrack Players are in the middle of rehearsals, building props and painting scenery for their upcoming panto of Rapunzel in February - tickets are now on Sale.

To Book

Steve Chairperson
<https://www.hallbooking.com/carharrack>



Carharrack's Diary

February

2nd Retired and Pensioners Club - 2pm
2nd Crafty Knits & Tall Yarns - 6.30pm
2nd Euchre - Social Club - 7.30pm
7th 10am UDEG - Scrub Clearance - United Downs Raceway
8th Wheal Maid - Butterfly Conservation Day
9th Euchre - Social Club - 7.30pm
12th Welcome Club - St Day Community Centre-2-4pm
14th Community Market & Compost Refill - 1-3pm
14th Quiz Night at The Mills Hall - 7pm
16th Parish Council Meeting - Mills Hall - 7.15pm
16th Euchre - Social Club - 7.30pm
18th - 21st Carharrack Players Pantomime
19th Carnon Valley - Butterfly Conservation Day
22nd Methodist Church Service - Mills Hall - 10.45am
23rd Euchre - Social Club - 7.30pm
26th Welcome Club - St Day Community Centre-2-4pm
28th Deadline for nominations for Sports & Social Club AGM

March

2nd Retired and Pensioners Club - 2pm
2nd Crafty Knits & Tall Yarns - 6.30pm
2nd Euchre - Social Club - 7.30pm
4th UDEG Bimonthly Meeting 5.30pm venue-TBC
9th Annual Parish Meeting - Mills Hall - 7pm
12th Welcome Club - St Day Community Centre-2-4pm
14th Community Market & Compost Refill - 1-3pm
14th AGM - Carharrack Sports & Social Club - 4.30pm
14th Quiz Night at The Mills Hall - 7pm
15th St Pirans Church - Mothering Sunday Service- 10am
20th St Pirans Church-Easter Coffee Morning 10.30am-12
22nd Methodist Church Service - Mills Hall - 10.45am
26th Welcome Club - St Day Community Centre-2-4pm
28th Easter Community Group Event - 2pm - look out for posters and info on social media

April

May

4th Crafty Knits & Tall Yarns - 6.30pm - TBC
(bank holiday) Tel: 07813 637334

6th UDEG Bimonthly Meeting - Mills Hall - 7pm

9th Community Market 1-3pm

9th Quiz Night at The Mills Hall - 7pm

11th Retired and Pensioners Club - 2pm

22nd St Pirans Church - Coffee Morning 10.30am-12

24th Methodist Church Service - Mills Hall - 10.45am

Looking Ahead

28 th June	Natures Rare Treasures Found at United Downs Racetrack - morning - Crofthandy Village Hall and afternoon site visit
16 th July	St Pirans church - Afternoon Tea - 2pm
25 th July	Summer Fair
28 th Nov	Christmas Fair & Lights Switch On
14 th Dec	Retired & Pensioners Club Christmas Meal

If you have any events planned and would like them to be included on our diary pages please let us know by the deadlines listed on page 36.

Volunteers and Volunteering

Within the pages of this magazine you will see the work and commitment of many people within this community who give so much of their free time to make the village what it is. As a parish council we are humbled by how much you all give and the contributions to this magazine and the community.

There are many opportunities to be a volunteer yourself within Carharrack and further afield.

Volunteering - even on a very small scale can be so beneficial to yourself and others and it can be great fun too. Meeting like-minded people and helping support each other is central to our humanity, well-being, sense of place and connection.

New Year - New Day - New Times - New Skills to be learnt - New Friendships to be made

You can get excited about the future. The past won't mind
- Hillary DePiano (playwright and author)

Kindness is our most powerful weapon

Light tomorrow with today! - Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861) Poet



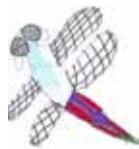
PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Never Been a Councillor Before?

That's Absolutely Fine.

You don't need experience — just an interest in your village and a willingness to get involved and make a positive difference.

We're looking for **first-time councillors** and local residents who care about Carharrack and want to help shape its future.



What You'll Gain

- A chance to make a real difference locally
- Support, guidance, and training provided
 - New skills and confidence
- Experience working as part of a friendly team
- A better understanding of how local decisions are made
- You'll never be left on your own — we learn together and support one another.

What You'll Help With

- Keeping Carharrack clean, safe, and welcoming
- Supporting village groups and community projects
- Looking after places like the allotments and the Pound conservation area
 - Making sure Carharrack's voice is heard beyond the village

Who Can Apply?

You must be:

- 18 years or over, and
- A British, Commonwealth, or European citizen
- No prior knowledge needed — just care, commitment, and common sense.

Interested or Just Curious?

For a **nomination pack** or a **no-pressure chat**, contact:

clerk@carharrackparishcouncil.co.uk

chair@carharrackparishcouncil.co.uk

07875 751093

**Your first step into local decision-making could start here.
New voices are welcome.**





Happy New Year to all and welcome to the first edition of Carharrack News in 2026 and thank you to the Parish Council for producing this booklet.

As we look back at the last couple of months of 2025, Church of The Cross (COTC) has seen a busy time. The joint Remembrance Service with Carharrack Parish Council on 9th November was well attended with an increase in numbers from last year. It was good to have opportunity for people to chat together with hot drinks and biscuits (especially following the heavy rain during the service).

The Christmas Coffee Morning at the end of November was also well attended with many sausage and bacon rolls eaten and thanks must be given to Denise for putting together the tombola stall with each ticket receiving a prize. In my family we put the prizes under the Christmas tree at home and enjoy opening them on Christmas morning!

For a number of years COTC has presented an Evening of Christmas Songs and Carols, which we began by using the Carharrack Stars pub. For the last 4 or 5 years we have held this event in St Piran's Church and on 14th December we had a great crowd of people come along to enjoy the singing, poetry readings as well seasonal refreshments provided. As in the previous year, we asked for donations in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care and raised the wonderful sum of £200 which has been sent direct to the charity. I must thank everyone for supporting this event.

Christmas Eve service is always a time to reflect on the imminent birth of our Lord Jesus and again we thank everyone who came along to do this. It is so good to meet with people whom I have not had the chance to speak to previously.

As we look forward to 2026 and begin making plans we are happy that our numbers attending morning services have increased. We give thanks to the Lord for His blessing and we look towards the Lord in everything we do; whether it is a morning service or an event we ensure that we are guided by the Holy Spirit. As we see the world changing daily we must remember that God is never changing, He is the same today, yesterday and forever more. 'God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God' Romans 8:28a. We thank the Lord that He is working within COTC and keeping the Wesleyan Methodist 'tradition' in the community of Carharrack. As part of our working in the community we are pleased that the Welcome Club (see diary for dates) has been a blessing within the communities of St Day and Carharrack and continues to maintain a healthy gathering of people.

Dates for your diary:

- Welcome Club held in St Day but open to all will recommence on Thursday 22nd January at 2pm in the community centre, St Day.
- Mothering Sunday Service 10am.
- Easter Coffee Morning – Friday 20th March from 10.30 am to 12noon
- Good Friday Service. 10am on Friday 3rd April. A service of reflection.
- Easter Sunday Service. 10am on 5th April. Celebrating the risen Christ
- Coffee Morning – Friday 22nd May from 10.30 to 12noon
- Afternoon Tea – Thursday 16th July from 2pm.

*Reverend Graham Homer
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Marilyn Richards – 01209 820651*



United Downs Environment Group Meetings and events Calendar Nov 25 - Feb 26

Events

Sat February 7th

Making Space for Nature- Scrub Clearance
10-1pm United Downs Racetrack, National Cycle
Route 3, St Day, Redruth TR16 5HU

Sat February 14th

Community Market & Compost refill
1-3pm Mills Hall, Carharrack

Wednesday March 4th

UDEG bimonthly meeting

5.30pm GEL offices, United Downs Industrial Park
St Day Cornwall TR16 5HY

Sat March 14th

Community Market & Compost refill
1-3pm Mills Hall, Carharrack

Sat April 11th

Community Market & Compost refill
1-3pm Mills Hall, Carharrack

Sat April 25th

Blossail

(please note change of date) Burnwithian Woods
and Community Orchard, St Day. Programme and
times tbc

Wednesday May 6th

UDEG bimonthly meeting
5.30pm Mills Hall, Carharrack

Sat May 9th

Community Market & Compost refill
1-3pm Mills Hall, Carharrack

Save the Date Sunday June 28th

**Natures Rare Treasures found at United Downs
Racetrack.**

Morning: Crofthandy Hall with Eminent Speakers
Afternoon: Visit United Downs Racetrack peering
through a looking glass, spying rare endangered
species, guided by experts in their field.

Everyone welcome to all
meetings and events.

Want to know more details?

email: uniteddeg@gmail.com

Facebook: United Downs
Environment Group

or have a chat with us at any of the
events

Community Market

Mills Hall, Fore Street Carharrack.
2nd Saturday of the month 1-3pm

Full Addresses

Mills Hall

Fore Street Carharrack TR16 5QW

Star Inn

Vogue, St Day TR16 5NP

Gwennap Parish Rooms

Richard Jory Playing Field
Pulla Cross TR4 8SA

Want to help, or have any ideas
how to make these events better
please do contact us.



Want to know more details? Go to...



United Downs Environment Group email: uniteddeg@gmail.com or chat @community market

Awards:

Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Sustainability Awards 2025 Runner - Up UDEG



What a night to remember. Cornwall Sustainable Award evening was rather like a celebrity awards ceremony. Organisations, grass root groups, businesses and people from all walks of life were recognised for the incredible nature friendly, sustainable work currently happening throughout Cornwall. UDEG was nominated by Forest for Cornwall for the community project work on Burnwithian Woodlands and Community Orchard and I was lucky to represent UDEG, collecting it's beautiful oak carved Runners UP award for the Communities and Groups Trees for Nature & Growth category. What a privilege to be able to showcase UDEG, our community and all the people and organisations involved in this wonderful project, your hard work and determination has been recognised. My words from the evening are **INSPIRED and HOPEFUL...** *Karen Jeffereys*

Forest for Cornwall - Successful grant application to purchase stakes and guards for the fruit trees of St Day Community Orchard to protect from rabbits & deer.

Cornish Lithium – we are delighted to hear our grant application was successful; this funding will support some aspects of 'St Day Blossail' event **Sunday afternoon, 26th April 2026**.

2026 Events, dates for your diary:

'Making Space for Nature' - Scrub Clearance @United Downs Raceway **7th February, Saturday, 10am-1pm**. Conservation Work. Join us, UDEG in partnership with Cornwall Butterfly Conservation led by Sue Allen with Raceway Members. The focus is to remove non native, invasive vegetation. To enhance connectivity for butterflies, insects and other species. Sue will offer an explanation of why this work is needed. Safety talk will be given. Please wear sturdy boots, warm clothing, and bring tools. Venue - United Downs Raceway, National Cycle Route 3, St Day, Redruth TR16 5HU

Blossail: April 26th, Sunday afternoon 2026 (please note change of date)

Date for your diary...the 'Blossail Team' are getting together to plan this year's 'Blossail' event. As you may know, this is an annual St Day event. St Day Blossail anthem will once again be heard in the streets of St Day. Come and join us in 'Our' community orchard to sing, dance, and a time to sit with friends, to picnic and to watch. Rosi will guide the maypole dance with the colourful joyful ribbons symbolising unity, and harmony. Musicians, Choirs, The WAD and so much more will be here for you, friends and family all to enjoy.

Natures Rare Treasures found at United Downs Racetrack

285 different plants and animals were recorded during May 2025 BioBlitz. Of those, 25 carry a Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, Red Data Book, Nationally Scarce or Cornish Red Data Book designation. **Intrigued! Wish to know more...June 28th Sunday – All Day Event**

Morning: Croftandy Hall with Eminent Speakers

Afternoon: Visit United Downs Racetrack peering through a looking glass, spying rare endangered species, guided by experts in their field.

Come along, find out more about the rare treasures held at United Downs Racetrack

Watch out for more blossom trees, soon to appear in and around St Day - Thank you Philip Knuckey

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Want to know more details? Go to...



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UDEG collaboration with St Day & Carharrack Primary School @ the 2025 "Made in St Day Xmas Fayre". A fun afternoon of shopping for high quality, locally made, nature friendly gifts without costing the earth. So many people were involved and a huge thank you to Mr Hughes and the school choir who sang beautifully; Eliza for her angelic Christmas carol solos; all of the volunteers, Mark & Rachel Graham for their generous hosting at the Marquee, Star Inn. Thank you to YOU for your support, together we raised £436 for the school. See you next YEAR!



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- For more information on HVO: <https://mitweb.co.uk/services/home-heating-oil-devon-cornwall/hvo-renewable-home-heating-fuel/>
- Government document <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exploring-the-role-of-alternative-clean-heating-solutions>
- The Future Ready Fuels Campaign has produced a quick consultation template focussing on HVO <https://futurereadyfuel.info/consultation/>

Community Conversations: come along and have your say.

This time the theme is **Energy**. Conversations will begin in 2026 and take place across Cornwall. Everyone is welcome and free refreshments and food will be available at all events.

The conversations will be informed by the Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP), which sets out how Cornwall and Isles of Scilly can reduce its reliance on fossil fuels, by making greater use of our local resources (solar, wind, geothermal and biomethane). You can read the summary document here:

[5aeee1501424e02986b1fd2cb12bd35_cios_local_area_action_plan_summary_report.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exploring-the-role-of-alternative-clean-heating-solutions)

For more information...**Dates & Venues**

Visit: <https://www.cornwallclimateactioncoalition.org/local-energy.html> or email: cornwallcac@icloud.com or use the QR code below...



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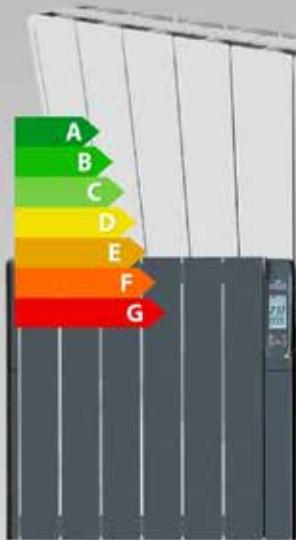
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Details are on our website with information about how to register

www.cornwall-butterfly-conservation.org.uk

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A warm welcome to Cllr Jules May who has now joined the parish council. We still have 3 co-opted vacancies though. Despite some initial enquiries from interested residents we still need to fill these vacancies and would really like to achieve this in 2026.

Why not come along to one of our meetings and observe. You might be surprised about the range of subjects and topics we cover. Do you have a particular area of interest in the community such as our young people, our footpaths, The Pound Field, our roads, bus shelters and road safety, communications, planning or environment perhaps?

We meet 6 times a year - we communicate regularly via email, on site if there is something that needs our attention or by phone. We are only a small team and support each other for the benefit of this community - today, tomorrow and beyond!

People in this community are always at the heart of our discussions and decisions. Come along - we would love to meet you.

2026 - Parish Council Meeting Dates

Monday 16th February

Monday 9th March - Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 20th April

Monday 15th June

Monday 17th August

Monday 19th October

Monday 14th December

Venue: Mills Hall, Carharrack at 7.15pm

Our Agenda and Minutes are displayed on our Parish Council noticeboard in the village and also on our website.

www.carharrackparishcouncil.co.uk

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