



Camborne Hill

Camborne Town Council Newsletter
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South West in Bloom Awards

Members of the Camborne in Bloom Sub Committee attended the South West in Bloom award ceremony which was held at the Atlantic Hotel, Newquay on 15th September 2011.

Camborne excelled in the Neighbourhood Awards by achieving sixteen awards, all at either Level 3 "Developing", Level 4 "Thriving" or Level 5 "Outstanding". St Johns School, St Meriadoc School and the Camborne Produce Association were awarded Level 5 "Outstanding" which was an incredible result. Kehelland School, Camborne Science and Community College, Berkeley Homes and Pengegon Allotments were judged to be "Thriving"; Rosemellin, Troon, Weeth and Trevithick Schools all received "Developing" awards as did Camborne Parish Church Yard, Pengegon Area Kids Groundforce, Coastline Market Garden Pengegon, New Connection Gardening Project and Kehelland Horticultural Centre. This is an outstanding achievement that reflects the strong community involvement in our parish. The awards will be presented to representatives of the neighbourhood groups at the Camborne in Bloom AGM on 16th November 2011. Please feel welcome to come along and support these grass roots projects of which we are very proud.

Entry in the 2011 In Bloom competition proved challenging in many ways. The restructuring at Cornwall Council and cuts to local government spending made it extremely difficult to achieve the same standards as in previous years. In the main competition Camborne was entered in the Portman Cup category on the basis of our population size; unfortunately, this meant we were up against towns with far greater resources for a much more concentrated geographic area. We were given a silver award; this was an achievement given all the difficulties we experienced in 2011. We received many compliments from members of the public on the appearance of the town this year and we believe that Camborne residents will always be the most important judges of our efforts.

Camborne Town Clock

Restoration work on the Town Clock was finally completed in July 2011. The clock faces have been replaced, ironwork sanded, painted and treated and the mechanism fully serviced. The work cost a total of £13, 185 of which £6,592 was funded by a Townscape Heritage Grant. The remainder of the costs were paid by the Town Council. We are delighted with the results as the clock is looking better than ever; which is only proper given it is "Son of Big Ben"!



CCTV

Monitoring of the CCTV cameras in Camborne Town Centre has started again and is being delivered through a joint contract with other Town Councils in West Cornwall. Cornwall Council withdrew the monitoring service earlier this year when it was unable to gain the funding it required from Town Councils who believed the costs to be excessive.

Camborne Town Council placed high importance on the value of CCTV monitoring as a tool for the police to catch and prosecute offenders as well as a deterrent to criminal activity. The Council also wanted people to feel safer on the streets. In March 2011 Camborne, Hayle and St Ives Town Councils started work on drawing up a joint agreement to provide monitoring; we were soon joined by Redruth and Helston while Penzance Town Council will be joining us shortly. We are providing the same level of service as was offered by Cornwall Council but at a lower cost which is good news for everyone.

King's Troop

Thousands of people packed Camborne Town Centre to honour soldiers from the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery. Every inch of space on the pavement along the full length of Trelowarren Street was taken on Wednesday 22nd September. Six troopers in ceremonial uniform, five of them women, and their commanding officer, Captain Max Chenery, rode up and down the street. They were applauded every step of the way and at the Square the salute was taken by Camborne Mayor, Councillor Jeff Collins, flanked by members of the Royal British Legion, service and youth organisations.

After the parade, the Town Council hosted an informal reception at the Basset Centre and presented Captain Chenery with the framed scroll marking the gift of the freedom of the town.



Guided Heritage Walk

Councillors and members of the public took part in a guided walk to find out more about Camborne's historic buildings and vibrant past. The walk was led by David Thomas, Cornwall Council archivist. Participants were transported back in time with tales that unlocked the secrets of many of the old buildings and structures of the town as well as the people that inhabited them. The fascinating insights and invaluable information given by David Thomas will help the Heritage Sub Committee to assess which buildings in Camborne need to be listed to protect them for future generations.

Clean Bill of Health

Camborne Town Council is pleased to report that it has been given a clean bill of health by the Audit Commission. The Commission reviewed the Council's financial management for the year ending 31st March 2011 and found no cause for concern or any other matters for attention.

Co-Option

Congratulations to Mr David Everett, Green Party member, who was co-opted onto Camborne Town Council in July to represent people in the North Ward. Having lived in Troon for nearly 6 years, from 1996 to 2002 David didn't want to leave Troon and Cornwall. He lived in Rutland for 8 years and bought a retirement-house in Camborne. To maintain his Cornish connections, he worked for a research degree on Henry Jenner, under the Institute of Cornish Studies, at the British Library in London. He has lived in Oxford, Milton Keynes, Reading and London, was brought up in Durham City and born in Sunderland. He went to Grammar Schools in Durham and Reigate, and studied at Oxford and London. Although something of a "rolling stone", Camborne is now his home.



Holman Family Memorial Receives a Facelift

Members of the Heritage Sub Committee honoured the memory of the Holman family who played an integral and prominent part of the working and social life in Camborne for many years. The Holman Memorial Vault is situated in the graveyard at Centenary Chapel and commemorates the graves of the Holman family. Members spent a morning removing ivy and tidying the memorial which had become extremely overgrown. Mrs Splatt of Centenary Methodist Church was very appreciative of the committee's interest and members' willingness to give up their time in order to tidy up the vault.

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PROGRAMME 2011 MEETINGS

MONTH	FULL COUNCIL	AMENITIES	PLANNING	B&D
January	13	20	10 & 24	27
February	10	17	14 & 28	24
March	10	17	14 & 28	24
April	11	21	11 & 26	28
May	12 AGM	19	9 & 23	26
June	9	16	13 & 27	23
July	14	21	11 & 25	28
August	----- RECESS -----			
September	8	15	12 & 26	22
October	13	20	10 & 24	27
November	10	17	14 & 28	24
December	8	15	12	22

PROGRAMME COMMITTEES 2011/2012

Planning Committee

Councillors:	Mrs C Trengove	(W)	Chairman
	S Odgers	(S)	Vice Chairman
	Mrs J Charman	(S)	
	J P Collins	(W)	
	Mrs H Cullimore	(S)	
	S Cullimore	(W)	
	C Godolphin	(N)	
	R Webber	(S)	
	J Wilson	(N)	

Amenities Committee

Councillors:	M Champion	Chairman
	P White	Vice Chairman
	R J Beare	
	Mrs J Charman	
	J P Collins	
	Mrs T Dark	
	D Everett	
	C Godolphin	
	A Sanders	

Budget & Development

Councillors	S Cullimore	Chairman
	Ms A Pascoe	Vice Chairman
	R J Beare	
	D Biggs	
	S Odgers	
	A Sanders	
	Mrs C Trengove	
	R Webber	
	Mrs M Williams	
	J P Collins	(ex officio)
	Mrs J Charman	(ex officio)