# CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR OCTOBER 2026

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Neighbourhood Priority Statements: There is more information available on the Cornwall Council website about this, and I am arranging a meeting with a Parish Council further down in Cornwall who have done both an NDP and an NPS so we can gather a bit more information. https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-priorities-statements-pilot/

As I am sure you are aware, we had an emergency, or extraordinary meeting of Cornwall Council Full Council during October. This is not something that happens very often at all, in fact I am struggling to recall if there has been one in my time on Cornwall Council. It was to approve the interim appointments of an Interim Chief Executive Officer, and an Interim Chief Finance Officer. This follows the rapid departures of the former CEO and the former CFO. The meeting passed without too much disruption, and only lasted a mere 29 minutes.

**Highways Issues:**

Nanny Parsons and the drain repairs in St John Village have finally been completed, I am sure the Highways team will be grateful that I can now stop emailing them constantly about these two issues. We will all, I am sure, wait with baited breath to see that they both work as intended when we next get a period of heavy rain!

The work on the signalised crossing in Tideford has finally got underway, this was delayed and delayed due to details that had to be agreed by National Highways (who own the A38). The crossing, called a Puffin Crossing, will stop the severence of the village of Tideford at long last and allow local residents to access both sides of their village safely. I am delighted to see this underway, it has been something I have been working on since I was first elected.

If you see a drain that looks like it could benefit from clearing before the weather sets in, please report it on this **LINK**

**Current Cornwall Council Consultations:**

Cornwall Council currently have a few, what I would say are, important consultations live. These consultations usually get very few responses, but decision are made by the Leader and the Cabinet at CC on the back of them. Please do share and consider responding:

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Proposed changed to Council Tax Support:
Cornwall Council has to consider each year whether or not to make changes to any of its Council Tax Reduction schemes.

On Wednesday 14 October the Deputy Leader of Cornwall Council, Cllr Adam Paynter, agreed to start a consultation to get views on possible changes to the Council Tax Support scheme for working age people.

NB. The pension age Council Tax Support scheme follows rules set by Government and will not change.

The consultation will run until 13 December 2026. Any changes to the scheme would need to be approved by Full Council in January 2027 and, if approved, would come into effect on 1 April 2027.

Consultation and more detail here:

**https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/council-tax-support**

Anti-Social Behaviour Policy:
Cornwall's Safer Cornwall Partnership is currently consulting on a new Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Strategy. We wanted to ensure you were aware of this and had the opportunity to respond. The strategy is being developed to reduce ASB, support victims, and strengthen the way agencies work together to respond to local concerns.

The consultation is open for the next several weeks, with an online survey that should take around 10 minutes to complete. A link to the consultation is here:

**https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-news/communities-and-housing/residents-invited-to-help-shape-strategy-for-tackling-antisocial-behaviour-in-cornwall/**

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### Live Firing Details - Tregantle Beach

The MOD decided to change the way it notified about the live firing ranges, which caused a bit of confusion for locals and visitors alike. I wrote to the MOD and asked for an update which I am copying below:

*"Thank you for your email of 23 July 2026 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD), regarding the recent discontinuation to the publishing of live firing details at Tregantle Range in Southeast Cornwall.*

*Please be assured that community relations are of the utmost importance to the MOD, and the department fully appreciates the importance of providing clear and timely information to the public, particularly given Tregantle's popularity as a recreational area within Whitsand Bay. We also recognise the impact that unexpected range closures can have on visitors.*

*It may help if I explain that, prior to April, the MOD published advance notices of pre-planned training dates and live firing times across the UK Defence Training Estate to facilitate safe public access.*

*However, following a thorough review of operational requirements and safety considerations, this publication was revised to provide only a general outline of the daily time periods during which live firing is permitted. This change reflects the increased operational tempo and the need for greater flexibility, including short-notice range bookings, which meant that previously published detailed schedules could inadvertently mislead the public if changes occurred after publication.*

*Maintaining safety remains our paramount concern, and we concluded that issuing a blanket notice advising visitors to check on-site warnings better reflects the dynamic nature of live firing activities.*

*The placement of the notice on the gate at Tregantle Fort was contrary to the direction issued and the approved process for communicating firing times. As this occurred during the summer season, local staff considered the notice to be a helpful addition for member of public using the area for recreation.*

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*We recognise, however, that this has caused confusion. Since this event, the Head of Defence Infrastructure Organisation Overseas and Training Region has restated the policy for informing the public through the Chain of Command.*

*In light of this, the department are reviewing how firing times are communicated to members of the public. To obtain accurate daily live firing information, members of the public can contact a designated phone number for the regional operations room.*

*These numbers are visible on each GOV.UK firing time publication; the one specifically for Tregantle can be found at the following link: Tregantle firing times - GOV.UK"*

I hope this is helpful, the contact details locally are:

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