

# CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR MAY 2024



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## Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula-

The new waste collection started early in April - there have been several issues that have come to light around whole streets that have not been included in the food waste collections, and far too many residents that have not had their proper bins delivered. I am dealing with these on a case by case basis as residents contact me about them. But it is a slow and clunky process.

In terms of questions that have been raised - there is still assisted waste collections available, these are organised in the same way as they always have been through this [LINK](#) - there is a phone number on there as well for those that don't use the internet. If residents have had the wrong bins delivered they can report that [HERE](#)

Further information can be found at the following link - <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/new-food-waste-recycling-and-rubbish-service/talk-to-us-face-to-face-at-a-community-roadshow/>

## Roadside Verges

The roadside verges continue to cause a great deal of division between people in the area, there are those that absolutely love to see the wild flowers and grasses growing and the increase in insects and birds, other really do not like how it looks and feel that it is unsafe. I understand both these positions, and while I accept the benefits of letting the verges grow for the month of May, I am pushing to get our verges cut back quickly now we are way into June.

If you think there is a safety concern with a verge, please do report it. Anything that is reported on the Cornwall Council report it page, is assessed within 24 hours. Often, I see on social media that people aren't happy when they are assessed and told it is OK - please do let me know if you disagree with the assessment, being sure to include the reference number and I will ask for it to be looked at again.

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### Highways Reporting

I would like to remind Parish Councillors that they or and member of the public are able to report issues with the highways, or anything else that is managed by Cornwall Council. I am always happy to chase reports up if they are not actioned, or if you do not get the result you are expecting. The link to the website is <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/>

### General Election

Unless you have been hiding under a rock, you will be aware that there has been a General Election called - I will not use this update as a party political broadcast, although you can all guess how I would vote. But I will ask that you remind people to register to vote, and perhaps consider signing up for a postal vote.

Remember, that all voters now need to produce photo ID when voting in person, this can be difficult for some residents, and a postal vote may be an easier way for them to be able to vote without the stress and cost of finding adequate ID.

You can check the valid types of photo ID **[HERE](#)** or by following this address <https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need>

And you can register to vote, register for a postal vote and set up a proxy vote **[HERE](#)** or by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote>