

# CORNWALL COUNCILLOR UPDATE FOR JUNE 2024



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## Cornwall Council and around the Peninsula-

### 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 report everything that is sent through to me for inspection with varying degrees of success - but I appreciate people frustrations with how long this is taking.

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.

### 20 is Plenty roll out

Another seemingly controversial topic, the roll out of the 20mph scheme across Cornwall. Most of the villages in my division have had 20mph schemes for many years, but this is now being rolled out to communities that have requested it. It is not a blanket roll out - it has been done with engagement spanning about 3 years or more with local parishes. We are in the second wave, the first being West Cornwall way where it has been successful. Many people have submitted responses to the consultation, and this is being reviewed with hopefully an update in the next few weeks. I want to make clear, however, that the proposed zones are only in areas where there is already good compliance and speed data that shows drivers stick to around 20mph, in reality I don't believe there will be much change except for the signage.

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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/>

### Community Chest

So far this year, I have allocated about half of my Community Chest grant allocation. I get a pot of £3000 to distribute to community organisations across the Rame Peninsula - I like to try and give funds to organisations that might otherwise struggle to get grants, and that a few hundred £s would make a difference. This year, so far, I have given money to the community shop in Crafhole to help replace their signs and neaten up outside, I have contributed to the 3G MUGA pitch in Torpoint and have given some to Visit Rame for help with new signage on the Torpoint ferry. If you know of a small group that might need a little bit of help, please do put them in touch!