

# TORPOINT NEWSLETTER



## TORPOINT FEST 25 SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025

### THANCKES PARK



**MOBILE FOOD OUTLETS  
STALL HOLDERS  
CHARITY STANDS  
PLEASE APPLY FOR A PITCH**



**SPONSORSHIP IS ALSO SOUGHT TO HELP  
WITH THE COSTS OF RUNNING THIS EVENT**



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FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

# DIARY DATES

## FEBRUARY

**Thursday 13th – Saturday 15th**

**TORPOINT PLAYERS PROUDLY PRESENTS 'DICK WHITTINGTON'**

Council Chambers | Tickets available in Emporium, Kardkadia, Studio 2, Torpoint Library and Community Hub  
Adults £8 | Child £5

**Tuesday 18th**

**FRIENDS OF THANCKES PARK - LOVE OUR PARK CELEBRATION**

Bénodet Walled Garden | 10am – 12pm  
Friendssoftp2018@gmail.com

**Saturday 22nd**

**TORPOINT SEA SCOUTS TABLE TOP & COFFEE MORNING**

Torpoint Council Chambers  
10am – 12.30pm  
jenny2ndtorpointscouts@gmail.com

**Saturday 22nd**

**TORPOINT COMMUNITY CINEMA**

Les Misérables & Afternoon Tea | 3pm  
Kung Fu Panda 4 | 6.30pm  
Council Chambers  
torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com

**Wednesday 26th**

**BEAT4AUTISM – NEURODIVERGENT ME BOOK LAUNCH**

St James Church Hall | 11am – 2pm | 6 – 9pm  
Beat4autism@gmail.com



Sat 22 Feb | Kung Fu Panda 4 showing

TORPOINT PLAY TOTS  
For Babies and Pre-School Children



EVERY THURSDAY

(Term Time)

9.30 – 11.30 AM

TORPOINT COUNCIL

CHAMBERS

£3 per session

(to include snacks and drink)

Come join the fun!

## MARCH

**Monday 10th**

**FLY THE FLAG FOR THE COMMONWEALTH DAY**

Sparrow Park | 11.00am

**Saturday 22nd**

**GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN**

**Saturday 22nd**

**CHARITY SPRING BALL IN AID OF SARCOMA UK**

Torpoint Council Chambers  
£35 pp | For tickets contact  
torpointsarcomaball@gmail.com

**Thursday 27th**

**RBL PRESENTATION EVENING**

For all those who helped support the Poppy Appeal, Torpoint & District Comrades and United Services Club | 7.30pm  
Johntivnan15@outlook.com

**Sunday 30th**

**TORPOINT STREET MARKET**

Fore Street | 10am – 3pm  
Torpointmarkets@gmail.com

**Monday 31st – Sunday 6th**

**WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK**

Various activities with Beat4autism  
beat4autism@gmail.com

## APRIL

### *Wednesday 2nd*

#### **BEAT4AUTISM – ONESIE WEDNESDAY!**

Beat4autism@gmail.com

### *Saturday 5th*

#### **BEAT4AUTISM MASQUERADE BALL**

Council Chambers | 7.30pm

For tickets contact beat4autism@gmail.com

### *Monday 7th*

#### **FRIENDS OF THANCKES PARK – EASTER IN THE PARK**

Bénodet Walled Garden | 10am – 12pm

Friendsoftp2018@gmail.com

### *Monday 14th*

#### **DEVON & CORNWALL POLICE CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS SESSION**

Committee Room | Council Chambers

2pm or 7pm

admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk

### *Sunday 20th*

#### **BEAT4AUTISM – ONESIE AND WELLIES EASTER EGG HUNT**

10.15am arrival

Beat4autism@gmail.com

### *Saturday 26th*

#### **TORPOINT COMMUNITY CINEMA**

Paddington in Peru | 6pm

Torpoint Council Chambers

torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com

### *Sunday 27th*

#### **TORPOINT STREET MARKET**

Fore Street | 10am – 3pm

Torpointmarkets@gmail.com

### *Sunday 27th*

#### **ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE, TORPOINT SCOUTS**

Jenny2ndtorpointscouts@gmail.com

## MONTHLY

### *Third Thursday of each month* **TORPOINT COUNCIL MEETING**

Committee Room | 7pm

An open forum will precede the meeting.

Members of the public wishing to put a question to the council can do so, 24hrs prior to the start of the meeting, in writing to the clerk.

### *Last Sunday of each month* **SUSTAINABLE SUNDAYS & REPAIR CAFÉ**

Torpoint Library & Community Hub | 10am -1pm

Torpoint Environmental Action Repair Café

The Toolbox Team will be present for small repairs to household items & the Sewing Repair Team for any sewing repairs.

### *Fourth Wednesday of every month* **TORPOINT & RAME U3A**

Council Hall | 10am – Midday

u3asites.org.uk/torpoint-rame/groups

## Coming up in 2025...

### MAY

#### *Thursday 8th*

**VE DAY 80** | Rendel Park

### JUNE

#### *Saturday 14th*

**TORPOINT FEST 2025** | Thanckes Park

### JULY

#### *Sunday 13th*

**MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE AND PARADE**

Please note that Diary Dates are subject to change  
To add an event to this diary please email [admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk)

# Torpoint Library & Community Hub

## Weekly Activities

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### **MONDAY**

**Quiet Library / Café**

**Book Club**

11am-12pm (1st Monday)

### **TUESDAY**

**Social Prescriber**

(appointments)

**Armed Forces Support**

10am - 12pm (2nd Tue of month)

**Awenek Art for wellbeing**

10am - 12pm (weekly)

**Lego Club**

3.30pm-4.45pm

### **WEDNESDAY**

**Rhyme Time**

10-11am (weekly),

**Friendship and Musical Memory's**

**Singing Group** | 1 - 3pm (weekly)

**Police Drop-in**

1st (11am) and 3rd (2pm)

Wednesday of Month

### **THURSDAY**

**Knit and Natter**

1 - 4pm Drop-in (Weekly)

**Brew and Banter**

Veterans support

10am - 12pm (3rd Thursday of month)

**Cornwall Community Gateway**

1pm - 3pm (Last Thursday of the month)

### **FRIDAY**

**Quiet Library/Café**

**Arts Club**

10am - 12pm (weekly)

### **SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**Sustainable Sundays and Repair Cafe**

10am - 2pm (Last Sunday of the month)

Second Saturday of the month

Open 10am - 12pm

## February Activities

### 17th February & 17th March

#### HEALTHY CORNWALL, FREE HEALTH CHECKS

Contact the library to book your free health check, which will be in a confidential space in the library.

### From the 10th February BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

We will have a selection of 'blind' books. Choose a book based only on the genre and three key words and bring some intrigue to your reading habits.

### 12th February HEALTH AND WELLBEING MORNING

A selection of local advice, information and taster sessions for different ways to keep yourself well.

### FOREST FOR CORNWALL

A variety of trees suitable for planting in the back garden will be available as part of a free tree giveaway | 2pm - 4pm

## Library opening times

Monday – Friday | 9.15am-4.30pm  
T | 01752 812215  
E | [Torpoint.library@liscornwall.org.uk](mailto:Torpoint.library@liscornwall.org.uk)

## IT and Printing

Full access to our printing services and computers.

### Help and Support

We offer a daily support service for money, health and general advice.

If you are struggling come and see us or alternatively call – Cornwall Gateway helpline on 01872 266383 (8am-8pm 7 days)

Or just pop into the library and community hub for a chat and piece of Home-Made Cake!

**HALF-TERM AT  
TORPOINT LIBRARY  
AND COMMUNITY HUB**  
17th - 21st February

**Monday**  
Kooth Self care and creating healthy habits  
12pm - 1pm  
Kooth provide free online counseling and support for teens and young adults

**Tuesday**  
LEGO Club  
3:30pm - 4:45pm

**Wednesday**  
Rhyme Time  
10am

**Thursday**  
Story Time  
10am

For more information...  
Call: 01752 812215  
Email: [torpoint.library@liscornwall.org.uk](mailto:torpoint.library@liscornwall.org.uk)  
Message: Torpoint Library and Community Hub on Facebook or Instagram

# Accessible play equipment update

Funds are being raised to make up part of a pot of money which will be then used to purchase accessible play equipment for the community.

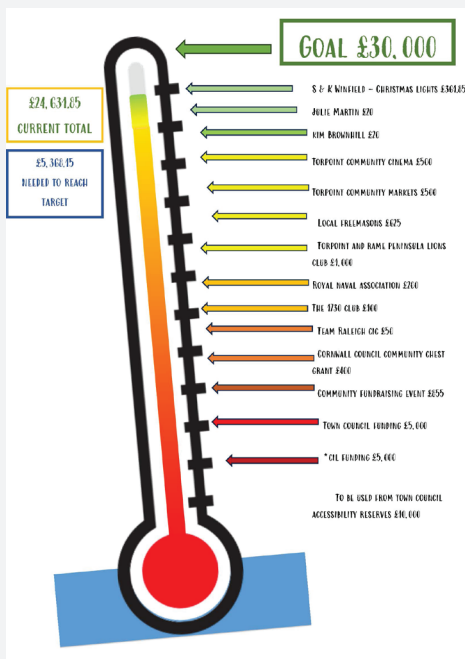
The pot will comprise of community fundraising, grant funding, donations from community organisations and local Parish Councils and Town Council reserves.

Recently, an accessible drop-off location has been installed outside Bénodet Park.





Accessible play equipment is equipment, that gives children of all abilities the opportunity to participate in play. Inclusive play helps to build self-esteem and boost cognitive and social development, all children have the right to develop without barriers.

For more information on the aim of the fundraiser, to make a donation contact: [admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk)



**Inclusive Swing Seat:**

For children who need support for their seated position. The upright swinging position allows all children eye contact with their care giver and a view of the surroundings while swinging. When swinging, children train the sensory system of balance and focal tracking and for all children, swinging is one of the most beloved play activities.

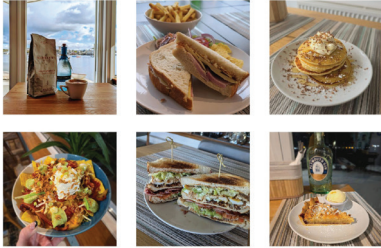
This is just one example of accessible play equipment to help to give an understanding of why this type of equipment is so valuable to children.

To give feedback or make a donation please contact: [admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk)



## TAMAR LOUNGE

TORPOINT HOUSQUO  
SAILING CLUB  
07887065524



OPEN WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY

LUNCH 12PM - 2PM

DINNER 6PM - 8PM

SUNDAY LUNCH

12PM - 4PM

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR SPECIAL DATES INCLUDING BREAKFAST CLUB  
AND THEMED NIGHTS. SEARCH: TMSG TAMAR LOUNGE

MARINE DR, TORPOINT, UNITED KINGDOM, PL11 2EH

**SarcomaUK**  
The home & support for  
sarcoma charity

# HOLLYWOOD CHARITY BALL

## SATURDAY MARCH 22

AT TORPOINT COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM

*The Event*  
3 COURSE DINNER  
LICENSED BAR  
CHARITY RAFFLE  
DJ  
LIVE MUSIC FROM  
**LUKEY Q**

TICKETS  
**£35**  
Per Person

To buy tickets and enquiries: [TorpointSarcomaBall@gmail.com](mailto:TorpointSarcomaBall@gmail.com)

All money raised will be donated to Sarcoma UK - supporting vital cancer research and care (Sarcoma UK - Registered Charity 1139881)

## Tea Through Times

We are excited to invite members of our community to join us for a delightful High Tea prepared and hosted by the talented young people of Torpoint!

We would love for you to bring along old photographs and stories about Torpoint and Cornwall that you cherish, to share with us

Friday 21st February 2025  
Torpoint Council Chambers  
Buller Road  
12.00pm - 3.00pm

For more information contact  
Natalie Griffin Young Person Practitioner  
Mobile: 07974452789  
Rachel Ellis Young Person Worker  
Mobile: 07929392093  
or email  
[caradon.kernon@connect@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:caradon.kernon@connect@actionforchildren.org.uk)

Capture moments Cherish memories

Action for Children

## TORPOINT Compassionate Café

A warm welcome and listening ear

Are you caring for someone who's terminally ill?  
Are you bereaved or grieving a loss?  
Living with someone with a life limiting illness?  
Were here to listen, care and offer a safe space to chat and connect with others.

COURTYARD CAFÉ  
11am-12.45pm  
1st and 3rd Monday of the month

Starts - Mon 2nd December  
Contact: [Torpointcompassionatecafe@gmail.com](mailto:Torpointcompassionatecafe@gmail.com) for more information

# Waste and Recycling for businesses

From **31 March 2025** it will be compulsory for businesses and certain other non-domestic premises to separate their workplace waste and arrange a recycling collection for **glass, metal, plastics, cardboard, paper** and **food waste**.

The new guidelines apply to all businesses and organisations, healthcare establishments and academic institutions. Small businesses with fewer than 10 full-time employees (excluding volunteers) are temporarily exempt until **31 March 2027**.

The Government's aim is to improve recycling rates across England, which will help reduce business waste costs, energy usage and protect the environment.

You need to check the legislation to understand when your local council needs to comply (2025 or 2027).

If you haven't already, you also need to contract a waste collector to provide this full range of services.

This can be a private waste collector or your local authority.

Cornwall Council can offer a compliant service for businesses.

You must also ensure that the waste company you use is registered on the Public Register of Waste Carriers, Brokers and Dealers.

**For more information, visit:**



Simpler recycling: workplace recycling in England



Business of recycling - WRAP



Commercial Waste Service in Cornwall

## CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS SESSION- STAY SAFE AND PROTECTED ONLINE

2.30pm and 7.00pm  
14th April 2025  
Torpoint Council Chambers,  
Committee Room

IN THE GROWING AGE OF THE INTERNET, THE INCREASED DEPENDENCY OF BEING ONLINE - THIS SESSION CAN HELP YOU STAY SAFE AND STAY INFORMED





# Devon & Cornwall Furniture Reuse Project

Although we are based in Plymouth, we work just as hard to provide help and support to the people of Cornwall, especially Torpoint and Saltash. The aim of our charity is to bring hope and kindness to disadvantaged people, of any age and to help them towards a brighter future. We do this by providing essential furniture, white goods, household items and advice to around 600 individuals and families a year, free of charge.

People may need help because they are moving to a new property after being homeless, seeking asylum, have a disability, are coming out of care or are in poverty. We work hard to improve the lives of severely disadvantaged people and to make a lasting improvement on their circumstances. We put together packages to include electric blankets, high tog quilts, bedding sets, electric clothes airers and other essentials such as draught excluders, hot water bottles, dressing gowns, hats and scarfs. For those who have no means in which to cook food, who cannot afford it, we will provide slow cookers and microwaves. These packages will be donated to people in need, along with the items we provide free of charge, such as beds, sofas and other essential furniture.

The need for our help from residents in Cornwall has grown exponentially over the last five years and we know from experience that people in Cornwall are severely underserved when it comes to receiving much needed financial help. We help as many people as we can who approach our charity and do not discriminate. Most people we help are vulnerable and living in poverty or are on the verge of being in poverty.

We help hundreds of people a year including those fleeing domestic violence, those seeking asylum, people experiencing homelessness who have been given a property, the elderly, marginalised groups, refugees and those seeking asylum and people experiencing poverty and hardship. People from Cornwall

either approach our charity themselves or are referred. If you need our help please call or email us or go on our website where there is a simple form to complete. To cover our fuel costs and overheads we do charge for delivery but try to keep this as low as possible.

## Welcome Home Packs

These packs have everything from microwaves, kettles and toasters, cutlery, dinner & saucepan sets to new bedding packs, bath towels and self-hygiene packs - even hoovers! Also included is a cleaning pack and we never forget the tin opener! If funding allows, we also purchase brand new white goods if a family or individual is in desperate need and are given free of charge.

## Welcome Home Room

We have a room upstairs wherein everything is completely free of charge. Dinner sets, saucepans, cups, glasses - too many items to write down. People just pop upstairs and help themselves. Outside the room is an area where we hang curtains and store travel cots - again free of charge.

## Warm Safe Place

We built a coffee corner before the pandemic which has now been changed into a warm space. There are a couple of sofas, a TV and blankets. Any volunteer here is always happy to make a warm drink.



**DEVON AND CORNWALL  
FURNITURE REUSE PROJECT**  
FOR PEOPLE, NOT FOR PROFIT

01752 600277

[plymouthfurniturereuseproject@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:plymouthfurniturereuseproject@yahoo.co.uk)

[cfrp.org](http://cfrp.org) #smallcharitygivingbig

# Elections

Elections will be held on 1 May 2025 for all Cornwall Council, town and parish council seats.

## Timetable

The key timetable dates are:

Event	Date	Time
Notices of Election published	Fri 14 March 2025	-
Deadline for delivery of nomination papers	Wed 2 April 2025	4pm
Deadline to register to vote (if you're not already registered) <a href="https://gov.uk/register-to-vote">gov.uk/register-to-vote</a>	Fri 11 April 2025	-
Deadline to apply to vote by post - <a href="https://gov.uk/apply-postal-vote">gov.uk/apply-postal-vote</a>	Mon 14 April 2025	5pm
Deadline to apply for Voter Authority Certificate <a href="https://gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate">gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate</a>	Wed 23 April 2025	5pm
Deadline to apply to vote by proxy - <a href="https://gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote">gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote</a>	Wed 23 April 2025	5pm
Polling day	Thu 1 May 2025	7am - 10pm

The election timetable will begin on **Friday 14 March 2025**, when Cornwall Council will publish:

- Notice of Election for the Cornwall Council Elections
- Notice of Election for the Parish/Town Council Elections in East Cornwall
- Notice of Election for the Parish/Town Council Elections in West Cornwall.

These notices of election will include details of when and where candidates must deliver their nomination papers by hand before the legal deadline.

## Guidance for candidates and agents



Candidates and agents are strongly advised to refer to the Cornwall Council guidance. Scan the QR code to visit the website.

The QR code link includes guidance on how to complete nomination papers for Cornwall Council elections and parish/town council elections.

Please contact Cornwall Council as soon as possible [voter-registration@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:voter-registration@cornwall.gov.uk) or 01872 324196 to:

- Request a candidate's nomination pack (available in March 2025)
- Book an appointment to submit your completed nomination papers to Cornwall Council by hand.

You must deliver your completed nomination papers to Cornwall Council by hand to the place specified in the Notice of Election by 4pm, Wednesday 2 April 2025.

## Criteria to be a candidate

To stand as a candidate at these elections, it is your responsibility to ensure that you that you are qualified to stand and are not disqualified. To ensure you are eligible to stand, please check the Electoral Commission website via the QR codes.



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## Cornwall Council seats

There are 87 electoral divisions for Cornwall Council. Each division elects one councillor.

## Parish/town council seats

The number of councillor seats for Torpoint Town Council election is listed below.

Torpoint Town Council - East Ward	15	Torpoint Town Council - West Ward	1
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## Elections (Cont.)

### Maps

The following are available on Cornwall Council mapping pages:

- Interactive maps of Cornwall Council divisions
- Interactive maps of parish and town council areas

### Poll cards

- Poll cards for these elections will be sent out to eligible registered voters in March and April.
- Every eligible voter should receive a card confirming their details on the electoral register. The card will state whether the voter can vote in person at the polling station or by post or by proxy at the election.
- You do not have to take your poll card to the polling station, but it will help the polling station staff if you do.

Please note: If you change your registration details during the election period, this may affect your right to vote at the election. The original poll card may no longer be valid.

For all Parish/Town Council seat enquiries please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk [clerk@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk) | 01752 814165

## Are you registered to vote?



You must be on the electoral register to be able to vote at an election.

The deadline to register to vote in this election is **Friday 11 April 2025**.

If you are already registered, you do not need to apply again, unless your details have recently changed.

If you need to register, you can now register to vote online - scan QR code >



## Torpoint Town Council Meetings Schedule 2025

Meeting	Date	Time
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thu 16th January</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Finance and Operations Committee	Mon 3rd February	7pm
Development and Localism Committee	Thu 6th February	7pm
Personnel Committee (Library & Com' Hub)	Mon 10th February	6pm
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thu 20th February</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Finance and Operations Committee	Mon 3rd March	7pm
Development and Localism Committee	Thu 6th March	7pm
Personnel Committee	Thu 13th March	7pm
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thu 20th March</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Finance and Operations Committee	Mon 31st March	7pm
Development and Localism Committee	Thu 3rd April	7pm
<b>Council</b>	<b>Wed 23rd April</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Finance and Operations Committee	Mon 28th April	7pm
Development and Localism Committee	Thu 1st May	7pm
Annual Parish (Town) Meeting (Main Hall)	TBC	7pm
<b>Council - Annual Meeting (Main Hall)</b>	<b>Thu 15th May</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Finance and Operations Committee	Mon 2nd June	7pm
Development and Localism Committee	Thu 5th June	7pm
Personnel Committee	Thu 12th June	7pm
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thu 19th June</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Finance and Operations Committee	Mon 30th June	7pm
Development and Localism Committee	Thu 3rd July	7pm
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thu 17th July</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thu 21st August</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Finance and Operations Committee	Mon 1st September	7pm
Development and Localism Committee	Thu 4th September	7pm
Personnel Committee	Thu 11th September	7pm
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thu 18th September</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Finance and Operations Committee	Mon 29th September	7pm
Development and Localism Committee	Thu 2nd October	7pm
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thu 16th October</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Finance and Operations Committee	Mon 3rd November	7pm
Development and Localism Committee	Thu 6th November	7pm
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thu 20th November</b>	<b>7pm</b>
Finance and Operations Committee	Mon 1st December	7pm
Development and Localism Committee	Thu 4th December	7pm
Personnel Committee	Thu 11th December	7pm
<b>Council</b>	<b>Thu 18th December</b>	<b>7pm</b>

Please note: Thursday 8th May is VE Day 80. Meetings are held in the Committee Room, unless indicated

# BUDGET STATEMENT 2025/26

In order to continue to push forward with key improvements in the town, whilst recognising the current cost of living challenges, the Town Council agreed an increase of 8.05% in the budget for 2025/26, to endeavour to ensure the financial stability of the Town Council. Increased staffing costs, including an increase to the Employers National Insurance contributions, has compounded this increase.

The Library and Community Hub continues to grow from strength to strength and in 2024/25 grant funding of £18,000 was secured, via Volunteer Cornwall, to continue to provide a community space and warmth hub. The team continue to work collaboratively with Awenek Studio CIC, Community Health around Torpoint (CHAT), the Royal Navy, VIVO, Jobcentre Plus and Team Raleigh CIC.

Opening hours are Monday to Friday, 0915 – 1630, with additional opening on the second Saturday of the month from 1000 to 1230 and from 1000 to 1400 on the last Sunday of every month, except December.

The play parks at Cambridge Field, Borough Farm, Chestnut Close and Thanckes Park Play continue to be maintained by the Operations Team, also Rendel, Sparrow and Bénodet Parks together with the Skate Park. The partnership with the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) saw an investment of £60,000 to refurbish the public park tennis courts in Thanckes Park. Two tennis courts have been renovated, with an accessible path to Court 1, to enable tennis to be accessible to all.

Investment came from the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation's Park Tennis Project. Many donations from the local community were received and the council is grateful for all of these. Thanks to a generous donation from St Columba Rugby the tennis courts now have equipment available for all to use. Rackets and tennis balls for the community are located in a code locked box in Court 1 and the access code is sent to all Thanckes Park ClubSpark Tennis members.

The Town Council, supported by the Diverse Advisory Panel, received funding from The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust towards the cost of an adult and a youth sports wheelchair, for the purpose of participation in wheelchair tennis. The Council contributed £300.00 towards the cost of each

wheelchair, in the future the council plans to set out appropriate storage near to the accessible court. Annual membership fees and 'pay to play' court charges will remain the same in 2025/26.

The Town Council is working in partnership with Cornwall Council to deliver suitable redevelopment of the lower end of Fore Street and is pleased to confirm that the demolition of the old police station at the bottom of Fore Street has been successfully completed.

The site has been made safe, with hoardings erected around the perimeter, secured against large concrete blocks. This marks a significant milestone in the Torpoint Town Team Project Board's ongoing efforts to rejuvenate the area. Behind the scenes, work continues to draw up plans for the replacement building to secure planning permission and attract funding and a developer to deliver much-needed homes for local people, along with a new community hub and library - the target is to commence the new development by the summer of 2026.

The Town Council instructed Clifton Emery Design to undertake a feasibility study and provide a Masterplan in relation to land at the lower end of Fore Street. The recommendations of the study have been prepared so that they align with the aspirations of the Vision for Torpoint, a development brief prepared by Cornwall Council about the site, and the emerging Torpoint Neighbourhood Plan.

The feasibility study illustrates how a scheme comprising high quality apartments, a new town library, some small shops and cafés could provide the basis for a development that can meet the aspirations of the Vision. The Torpoint Masterplan consultation concludes on 10th January 2025 and the results will be considered and adopted by the Town Team Project Board and Town Council.

The Town Council anticipates financially supporting these projects in the future: -

Torpoint and Rame Peninsula 9v9 3G All Weather Football Turf Pitch. This project is a collaborative effort between Torpoint Community College, the Town Council, Plymouth YMCA, Torpoint and Rame Active Community Network, Cornwall FA, and the Football Foundation.

Scan the QR code to view the budget



It aims to provide a state-of-the-art facility for the benefit of College students' and the wider community. Once funding is secured, building of the facility could be scheduled for Summer 2025 ready to open for the commencement of the academic year in Autumn 2025. The project planning application is being submitted (December 2024) to Cornwall Council and a public consultation event is being scheduled for the New Year.

Additional Vision Projects, including the Lower Fore Street planned improvements.

The installation of up to three pieces of Accessible Play Equipment, into Cambridge Field. Fundraising for this project has been buoyant with many individuals and local organisations contributing to the project, the council is very grateful for these donations. Another fundraising event will be organised in the town, early in 2025.

In May 2024 the Town Council celebrated 50 years; former Town Mayors' were invited to the Town Meeting, this was an opportunity to give a development update and for residents' to come along and find out about the plans happening in the town.

The Town Council has approved several proposals around equality, diversity and inclusion and this has resulted in the adoption of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy and the council operating in accordance with the best practice document. The Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel, which consists of Councillors and local residents living with a disability. The Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and a Climate Emergency Action Plan is on the home page of the Town Council website <https://www.torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk/>.

The Town Council produce and distributes a Newsletter to all households in the town, it is anticipated this will continue to be produced four times per year with chargeable advertising space available.

## SUMMARY OF PLANNED EXPENDITURE 2025/26

2024/2025 BUDGET		2025/2026 BUDGET
£		£
123,695	ADMINISTRATION	141,756
146,496	YORK ROAD COMPLEX	146,486
	DEFIBRILLATORS	1,538
27,764	OTHER PROPERTIES INCLUDING PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	26,158
98,094	PLAY PARKS / OPEN SPACES	108,185
28,478	LOCALISM /FUNCTIONS/SERVICES MAYOR ALLOWANCE/FREEDOM PARADE* GRANTS	26,700
136,604	LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB and CAFE	134,668
10,000	ELECTION COSTS*	10,000
7,000	OTHER PROJECTS	7,000
	LOWER FORE STREET REDEVELOPMENT* ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS*	
<b>578,131</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>602,491</b>
-44,495	LESS INCOME	-55,882
<b>-45,837</b>	<b>CONTRIBUTION FROM RESERVES*</b>	<b>-20,000</b>
0	OTHER INCOME	0
-25,000	LIBRARY CAFE INCOME	-27,163
<b>462,799</b>	<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>499,446</b>

Parish Band "D" for 2025 / 2026 £211.16

Council Employees at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025: - 4F/T 89/T (Full time equivalent 8.91 employees)  
Expected Council Employees at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026: - 4F/T 79/T (Full time equivalent 8.48 employees)

\* The table details the amount to be spent from ear-marked reserves for 2025/26 financial year.

Project Details	Amount allocated from Reserves (£)	Notes
Freedom Parade	3,000	Bi-annual event
Election Costs	10,000	Maintain £10k in reserves for 2025/26
Accessibility Improvements	7,000	Maintain £7k in reserves for 2025/26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,000</b>	

	Ear-marked reserves for 2025/26 (£)	
Accessible Play Equipment project @ Cambridge Field	6,000	CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) income received to date
Accessible Play Equipment project @ Cambridge Field	3,625	Donations for the Accessible Play Equipment project
Play Parks/Open Spaces	14,158	Any unspent reserves from 2024/25
Lower Fore Street Redevelopment / Vision Projects	13,823	Any unspent reserves from 2024/25
Tennis Courts	2,000 + any tennis courts income generated 24/25	Court renovation funds to ensure the long-term sustainability of park tennis courts
Torpoint & Rame 9v9 3G Pitch	80,000	Up to £80k council funding will be allocated to this community project, amount is dependant upon other grant funding secured.
Torpoint & Rame 9v9 3G Pitch	Awarded £85,000	CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) support funding, secured from Cornwall Council, CIL support can be increased up to £100k
Town Clock repairs	5,000	Maintain £5k in reserves for 2025/26
Skate Park Improvements	20,000	Maintain £20k in reserves for 2026/27

THANK YOU to everyone who supported us last year! As we step into 2025, we are excited to work on developing plans for a new skatepark in our town.

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[torpointtrampsforum@gmail.com](mailto:torpointtrampsforum@gmail.com)

join mailing list



TORPOINT RAMPS FORUM



**HELLO** from Torpoint Artists Collective (TAC)

We're a new organisation supporting the arts in Torpoint and surrounding areas. Also now the caretakers of 61 Fore Street (formerly Pricebusters) which we hope to transform into a gallery, studio, workshop and creative community arts space.

We need your help! Have you got skills in electrical, plumbing, or building work? Or other skills to share? Join us to help bring the space to life!

Are you a local artist or creative? We'd love you to be part of plans too - get in touch!

[torpointartistscollective@proton.me](mailto:torpointartistscollective@proton.me)

[linktr.ee/torpointartistscollective](https://linktr.ee/torpointartistscollective)





## Updating Community Listings on the Town Council Website and Advertising Space

The Torpoint Town Council website is a valuable resource for people looking for information on business and community groups and activities that take place within the town.

Visit our website - [torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk/community.php](http://torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk/community.php)

Please take a look at the community page and let us know if your business or community group needs changing or updating, alternatively if you would like more information on how to advertise in future editions of this newsletter please email [admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk).

**Forest for Cornwall**  
Koos rag Kernow

# Free trees for Torpoint

**Wednesday 12 February 2025**  
**2pm - 4pm**  
**at Torpoint Library & Community Hub,**  
**Fore Street, PL11 2AG**

**Pick up a  
free tree  
to plant in  
your garden**



[www.cornwall.gov.uk/forestforcornwall](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/forestforcornwall)



## Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions News

Your Local lions club have been very busy since November 2024, with the Santa sleigh and convoys to the Ukraine there hasn't been much time to relax.

With the fantastic help of the people around our peninsula we have seen two more convoys go out, the donations to this cause for the lions to distribute have been without doubt incredible, I believe that the effort put in by yourselves is unique and stems from the close-knit community we live in.

Our President Paul Goodall has been closely involved with this project and wishes to let you all know how grateful he is.

The Santa sleigh runs last year started earlier than normal due to the late Christmas switching on of the lights festival, which was a great success due to all the hard work put in by a very hard-working team of Volunteers, from putting up the Christmas tree and Christmas lights, to the children

who accompanied Santa down through Fore Street to the Library where Santa set up in the grotto to greet hundreds of people.

The Lions club have been privileged to serve our community and we look forward to bringing Santa to all the children on the Peninsula, we are also fortunate that the people in our community appreciate the work that we do and are very generous in their support.

With that support we are able to continue to help those in need both locally and further afield, so on behalf of the Lions Club thank you all.

Don't forget we still run our wheelchair service, if anyone is in need then contact,

Graham Evans on 07427 614 179 and he can help you.

Thank you all for your support,  
Steve Murray.



## We would love you to come and join us at the Community Cinema, our next movies are:

We are a non profit organisation. Our films are free to view but we would be grateful if you could donate towards the costs of screening and license fees.

### PACKAGES

Refreshments | £5

Afternoon tea | £8

(Payable in advance)

<i>22nd February</i>	3pm	Les Misérables (with Afternoon Tea)
<i>22nd February</i>	6.30pm	Kung Fu Panda 4
<i>26th April</i>	6pm	Paddington in Peru
<i>28th May</i>	3pm	The Six Triple Eight (with Afternoon Tea)
<i>28th May</i>	6pm	IF

If you would like to join our mailing list please email us.

We can then provide you with up-to-date information on our screenings and you can suggest films for us to show.

For more info: T | 07870453641 E | [torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com](mailto:torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com)

Torpoint Town Council welcomes any feedback on the content and frequency of their newsletters. Please write your comments below and return to 1-3 Buller Road, Torpoint PL11 2LD, or email [admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk).

# Torpoint Street Market



**A Community Market Investing in  
Community Projects**

**Fore Street  
(PL11 2AB)**

**Sunday 30 March**

**Sunday 27 April**

**Sunday 25 May**

**Sunday 29 June**

**Sunday 27 July**

**Sunday 31 August**

**Sunday 28 September**

**Sunday 26 October**

**Sunday 30 November**

**[torpointmarkets@gmail.com](mailto:torpointmarkets@gmail.com)**