

St Blaise Town Council

Annual Report

2013/ 2014

Introduction

Welcome to St Blaise Town Council's Annual Report for 2013/14.

Firstly I must thank all our Town Councillors, our Cornwall Councillors and our new community warden for all the sterling work they have put in over the past twelve months.

The Neighbourhood Plan is making progress with some help from various agencies. We are getting more input from our residents now, with the official opening of the shop in April.

The transfer of the lease to the refurbished public toilets has been finalized and therefore their ownership and management are the responsibility of this Town Council. I would like to thank Cornwall Council Highways and our Cornwall Councillors for the road markings at the bottom of the Mount that are now in place to prevent dangerous parking.

New fencing and safety surfaces have been provided at Trailblazer Park and it is hoped that the play equipment will be painted in the near future.

Work continues to alleviate flooding in the town with work on Station Road culvert and drainage work at Brooks Corner. Thanks must go to all the agencies involved. The Leaf Litter project was very successful and it is hoped that it can be continued every year.

We are working with Par Community Association to have a boat planter placed on the grass area on the A390 opposite Edgcumbe Terrace. We have been fortunate to have sponsors volunteer to tend the Station Road Planters, the Welcome Stones and the beds at each side of the Town Car Park and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

St Blazey Football Club, Philip Varco Playing Fields, Bull Engine Park, King Edward Gardens and Penarwyn Green have been requested to be added to our list of community assets.

The Town Council fully support The Town Team which was launched in March. Arrangements are in place to commemorate the start of WW1. The Council's wreath was laid on Remembrance Sunday, the Carol Concert was a great success and the Christmas trees were delightful. The Boys School Bell Tower has been moved to the car park. Thanks must go to the Councillor Putt, Graham Hedger and Dave Pearce for making it such an attractive asset.

Finally, thanks to our Town Clerk, Gaynor for all the hard work she has put in over the past year.

We strive to better.

Councillor June Anderson
Chair of St Blaise Town Council.

Finance

Set out below is a summary of the Council's income and expenditure for the financial year 2013/14.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Precept	65,000	General Admin	40,679
Alexander Hall	7,513	Warden Scheme	8,415
Vat refund	2,416	Community Assets	2,619
Other	15,064	Donations	320
		Alexander Hall	5,677
		St Blazey Toilets	3,177
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	89,993		60,887

Attendance At Meetings

	Full Council	Other
Cllr J Anderson	10	72
Cllr A Seel	9	6
Cllr G Allen	9	10
Cllr R Blackie	10	9
Cllr R Heyward	11	11
Cllr G Miller	10	24
Cllr A Putt	10	4
Cllr D Scrafton	7	12
Cllr R Taylor	11	14
Cllr S Wheeler	11	11

Councillors Scrafton and Taylor attended many other meetings on behalf of the Town Council while also representing Cornwall Council.

Councillors Responsibilities

June Anderson - Par Liaison Group, St Blazey Community Watch, Burrows Board of Directors, Planning Committee, St Blazey Reclaimed, New Pavement Steering Group, New Community Centre Steering Group, Carlyon Bay Development Representative, Employment Appeals Panel, Cornwall Community Flood Forum, Par Community Association, Par Skatepark Steering Group, Biscovey Board of Trustees.

Adrian Seel - Planning Officer, New Pavement Steering Group, Employment Committee.

George Allen - Local Transport Representative, Par & Newquay Branch Line, Deputy Luxulyan Valley Partnership Representative, Employment Committee, Saints Awards Representative, Burrows Board of Directors, Eden Liaison, Nature Trails.

Rob Blackie - Burrows Board of Directors, Employment Appeals Panel, EGS Neighbourhood Group.

Richard Heyward - Tree Warden, Luxulyan Valley Partnership, Planning Committee, New Pavement Steering Group, St Blazey/Par Community Flood Group, Employment Appeals Panel

George Miller - Internal Verifier, Community Network Area Representative, Employment Committee, Burrows Board of Directors, CALC Representative.

Amos Putt - Footpath/Bridleway/Cycle ways, Hands Together, New Pavement Steering Group, Employment Appeals Panel, Cornwall Community Flood Forum.

Doug Scrafton - New Community Centre Steering Group, Employment Appeals Panel, Fourways Youth Centre Committee, Burrows Board of Directors, Deputy Carlyon Bay Development Representative, St Blazey Community Watch.

Roy Taylor - Planning Committee, New pavement Steering Group, Burrows Board of Directors, Employment Appeals Panel.

Stuart Wheeler - Press Officer, Employment Appeals Panel, New Community Centre Steering Group, Community Network Area Representative, St Blazey Community Watch.

The Council can be contacted on 01726 816595 or E-mail townclerk.stblaise@virgin.net or write to :- Town Clerk, St Blaise Town Council, Alexander Hall, Middleway, St Blazey PL24 2JH. The office is open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Fridays between 9.00am and 1.00pm

POLICE REPORT

St. Blaise Town Council Police Crime Figures May 2013 – April 2014

	<u>Detected</u>	
Assault	80	35
Burglary dwelling	8	
Burglary other	16	2

Theft of MV	7	2
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	41	8
Theft (Including from m/v)	77	15
Damage	34	8
Drugs	21	21
Other	70	40
TOTAL:	354	131
May 2011 – April 2012	308	91

There has been a 13% increase in the crime figures this year compared to the same period last year.

Despite the increase there have been noticeable declines in the categories of criminal damage to vehicles (down from 51 to 41 this year) and criminal damage generally (down from 38 to 34).

There has been a large increase in drugs crimes from 8 in 2012/13 to 21 in 2013/14 but this is a positive increase as it shows that officers have been proactively targeting individuals involved in these offences.

We urge members of the public to let us know of any incidents they believe we should be aware of and report all crime to the Police via our 101 number. If we don't know it's happening we can't do anything about it! We also want to make people aware that we have a local neighbourhood page on the Devon and Cornwall website where we publish information and events. Our St Blazey Neighbourhood Facebook page has continued to increase in popularity and is a useful tool for us as it contains appeals for information on local crime, news and event details.

St Blazey police station still covers St Blazey, Par, Tywardreath, Fowey and Lostwithiel. Response officers have been moved back to St Blazey and the patch is covered on a 24 hour basis. The neighbourhood team also remain at St Blazey with PC Rob Toms as neighbourhood beat manager and PCSO'S Jamie Ward and Rebecca Harris. St Blazey Neighbourhood team leader is Sergeant Innes Dowlen.

The neighbourhood team continue to attend the three monthly St Blazey Community Watch ("Have your Say") meetings, together with representatives from the Town Council, Ocean housing and other local agencies. This is an open meeting which members of the public are welcome to attend and let us know of any concerns or issues in the area in which they live. There are currently three priorities, speeding traffic, anti-social behaviour and most recently decided at last week's meeting, parking issues at Biscovey School and the surrounding area.

To try and resolve these priorities we hold regular speed checks in the St Blazey area, the most recent being in April.

Local police are still actively involved in the Par and St Blazey Pub watch scheme which holds regular meetings throughout the year. We also work with the Par Community Association and produce a report in the newsletter they distribute around St Blazey and Par.

PCSO Harris also holds a police surgery every Wednesday morning in the Town plan/Big ideas shop from 10am – 12pm where members of the public are welcome to drop in.

Councillor George Allen	6 Bay View, The Mount, St Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2BY 815707
Councillor June Anderson	37 Rose Hill, St Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2LQ 813995
Councillor Rob Blackie	3 Ash Grove, Biscovey, Par, Cornwall PL24 2HE 813273
Councillor Richard Heyward	'Little Acorns' New Road, St Blazey, Par PL24 2SB 813060
Councillor George Miller	3 Kilhallon Woodlands, PAR PL24 2RJ 815179
Councillor Amos Putt	55 Polgrean Place, St Blazey PAR PL24 2LH 815444
Councillor Douglas Scrafton	Reynards Rest, The Mount, Par, Cornwall, PL24 2BZ 815770
Councillor Adrian Seel	145 Landreath Place, St Blazey, PAR PL24 2LA 815829
Councillor Roy Taylor	Palm Garden House, Tywardreath Highway, Par PL24 2RW 816112
Councillor Stuart Wheeler	No 9 Vernon Villas, St Blazey Gate, PL24 2LF 815370

List of sitting Councillors