

St Blaise Town Council

Annual Report

2014/ 2015

Introduction

Welcome to St Blaise Town Council's Annual Report for 2014/15.

I would like to thank all the Councillors for their work over the last twelve months. We welcomed Jenny Taylor to the Council in February after the resignation of Richard Heyward. We thank him for his work over the years as a Councillor.

My thanks to the Community Warden for carrying out his duties so well, including the work carried out to improve the footpath running alongside of Biscovey School.

The Neighbourhood Plan continues to make progress. A planning application for 44 houses off Mount Crescent went to appeal, resulting in a Public Inquiry of which we are yet to know the result. Four "average speed" cameras have been installed from Lodge Hill to Church Street, which seem to have reduced the amount of speeding traffic. An architect has drawn up new plans for the Burrows Centre extension. The old Boy's School bell tower and a gate pillar from the Treffry Estate has been placed at the entrance of the Town Car Park.

A plaque was unveiled inside the Chapel of Rest in Station Road, as part of our WW1 commemorations. Also a Service was held at Par running track, which was well attended. Red poppy seeds were sown in the planters in the Town Car Park and produced a vibrant display.

After the demolition of the old Coliseum at Carlyon Bay, work will start on sea defences on Shorthorn Beach in the autumn. Negotiations regarding the 106 monies from the development, to be spent on affordable housing, have made little progress. Par Bay Big Local have purchased Cornubia Hall, which will become a Community Hub for the use of all our residents. Flood alleviation works continue to be carried out in the Town. The play equipment in Trailblazer Park was painted. Pupils from Doubletrees School planted up the boat which was sited on the A390.

Thanks must go to the sponsors of the other planters in the Town, namely Walter Bailey, Holmbush Windows and The Bridal Sweet.

Fourways Youth Club is now run by the new Community Interest Company, (Kernow Youth), after Cornwall Council withdrew funding. As for devolution, we are waiting Cornwall Council's response to our latest requests. The Leaf Litter Project was carried out for another year. The Council's wreath was laid at the Remembrance Sunday Service. The Council's Carol Service was well attended and our two Christmas trees sparkled.

We strive to better.

Councillor June Anderson
Mayor of St Blaise Town Council.

Finance

Set out below is a summary of the Council's income and expenditure for the financial year 2014/15.

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Precept	70,200	General Admin	37,201
Alexander Hall	7,728	Warden Scheme	11,786
Vat refund	3,699	Community Assets	8,078
Other	21,729	Donations	825
		Alexander Hall	5,094
		Neighbourhood Planning	7,200
		Events	1,335
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	103,356		71,519

Attendance at Meetings

	Full Council	Other
Cllr J Anderson	12	73
Cllr A Seel	8	8
Cllr G Allen	3	13
Cllr R Blackie	11	6
Cllr G Miller	10	19
Cllr A Putt	12	6
Cllr D Scrafton	9	20
Cllr R Taylor	11	28
Cllr J Taylor	3	6
Cllr S Wheeler	12	10

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, Employment Committee, Saints Awards Representative, Burrows Board of Directors, Eden Liaison, Nature Trails.

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

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

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, Par & St Blazey Community Flood Group, Cornwall Community Flood Forum, Fourways Youth Club Committee, 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

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Police Crime Figures
May 2014 – April 2015

<u>Offence</u>	<u>Recorded Crime</u> <u>2014/15</u>	<u>Recorded Crime</u> <u>2013/14</u>	<u>Recorded Crime</u> <u>Difference</u>
Homicide	0	1	-100%
Violence with Injury	35	50	- 30%
Violence without Injury	28	28	0%

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	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Rape	1	2	-50%
Other sexual offences	4	1	300%
Robbery	1	0	-
Burglary Dwelling	6	8	-25%
Burglary non Dwelling	10	15	-33.3%
Vehicle Offences	12	21	-42.9%
Shoplifting	13	16	-18.8%
Other Theft	41	49	-16.3%
Criminal Damage	57	78	-26.9%
Public Order Offences	15	21	-28.6%
Possession of Weapons	0	3	-100%
Trafficking of Drugs	1	4	-75%
Possession of Drugs	7	20	-65%
Other Offences	3	7	-57.1%
TOTAL:	234	324	-27.8%

<u>Incidents Recorded</u>	<u>2014/15</u>	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Anti-Social Behaviour	195	216	-9.7%
Crime not Recorded	6	22	-72.7%
Crime Recorded	99	136	-27.2%
Public Safety	421	464	-9.3%
Transport	95	132	-28%
TOTAL:	816	970	-15.9%

There has been a 27% decrease in crime figures compared to the same period for 2013/2014. The most noticeable declines when compared to the previous year have been in Possession of drugs (65%), Vehicle offences (42%) and violence with injury (30%)

Logs/calls to Police for the area have also declined from 970 to 816, a decrease of over 15%, with declines in each category. We urge members of the public to report all incidents and crimes on our 101 number.

The Police team at St Blazey remains largely the same with Sgt Dowlen covering both St Austell and St Blazey. PC Andrew Barnicoat has taken on the role of Neighbourhood Beat Manager for St Blazey and Par as well as Fowey and Lostwithiel. PC Rob Toms has changed roles and is now based at St Austell. PCSO Jamie Ward and PCSO Rebecca Harris still cover St Blazey, Par and Tywardreath between them.

The neighbourhood team continue to patrol St Blazey on a regular basis providing reassurance, engaging actively with the community and proactively dealing with local issues. We still hold Community Watch or “Have your Say” meetings every 3 months in conjunction with other agencies and representatives from the Town Council. The three priorities remain speeding traffic, anti-social behaviour and parking/traffic issues especially at Lesnewth/Biscovey School. All of which St Blazey Neighbourhood Police Team are keen to help resolve.

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 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 Jenny Taylor	40 Chyandor Close, St Blazey, PL24 2LP 816867
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