

St Blaise Town Council Newsletter

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Introduction by the Mayor of St Blaise Town Council. Councillor June Anderson.

As you will be aware St Blaise Town Council became the owners of the former St Blazey Police Station now known as St Blazey Community Rooms. There has been a great deal of work inside and outside of the building and I would like to thank Dave, our Warden and Councillor Putt who have carried out the majority of the work as well as all the other people who have helped.

Next year we will be having local elections and I would encourage you all to consider standing as the Council needs local people who have an interest in the Town to put themselves forward and help make St Blaise a better place to work and live.

This year the Town council will start giving a Good Citizen Award. Our first recipient will be Archie Taylor. The award is in recognition of his tending some of the flower beds around the Town and his painting of the seats and Bus Shelters. I think you will all agree that he certainly deserves the award.

The Annual Carol Concert is to be held at St Blazey Church at 4.00pm on Sunday 4th December. There will be a reception afterwards at St Blazey Football Club where you will be able to enjoy mulled wine, mince pies and a hog roast. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

St Blaise Feast is to be held on Friday February 3rd, this is always an enjoyable event as St Blazey Reclaimed put an enormous amount of work into organising the event. I hope you will join them in February.

Become a Councillor

St Blaise Town Council is calling local people to have their voices heard at the forthcoming Local Elections. St Blaise Town Council represents the Parish of St Blaise which is a far greater area than the Town of St Blazey and is an area decided by the Cornwall Council. The Parish Council is NON POLITICAL.

Some people think their opinions don't count or that local action won't make a difference. The reality is if you vote you help decide what gets done. It is important that you have your say on local matters.

Local Councils are consulted on many issues in their areas and deliver many services and therefore voting in the upcoming local elections will have an impact on the local community. Our Town Councillors live side by side with you and can be contacted easily and are answerable to you.

Local Councils depend on local people taking an interest in what is happening in the Community and local people standing for election. We need your local knowledge.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor or would like further information please contact Gaynor Mamo, the Town Clerk, on 01726 816595 or visit the Town Council office at Alexander Hall (next to Co-op).

WHAT DOES ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL DO?

Local councils have a variety of powers and duties given to them by Acts of Parliament. However, we do not use all these powers. We focus on their representative role, campaigning on local issues and lobbying other agencies to take action. We carry out an enabling role, funding local projects and organisations and we provide services and amenities ranging from community buildings to bus shelters, recreational areas and play areas.

WHAT MATTERS TO YOU?

If you care about the area that you live or work in and the issues facing local people, you could be a councillor. You may

talk to friends and colleagues about what's going on in the area. You may feel that certain sections of the community or people who live in a particular neighbourhood are getting a raw deal and need stronger representation. Research tells us that people are most concerned about issues such as crime, schools, transport and the environment. Your local council can make a difference on all these issues and many more, and so could you as a local councillor.

Whatever needs changing in this neighbourhood, you could be just the person to change it by becoming a local councillor. No other role gives you a chance to make such a huge difference to quality of life for people in your local area.

WHAT DO COUNCILLORS DO?

Councillors are elected to the local council to represent their local community, so they must either live or work in the area. Becoming a councillor is both a rewarding and privileged form of public service. You will be in a position to make a difference to the quality of other people's daily lives and prospects.

Being an effective councillor requires both commitment and hard work. Councillors have to balance the needs and interests of residents. These will all make demands on a councillor's time, on top of the demands and needs of their personal and professional lives.

HOW DO I BECOME A COUNCILLOR?

If you are thinking of standing as an independent candidate you can contact your Cornwall Council's electoral services department prior to May 4th 2017 when elections are next taking place alternatively you can contact the Town Clerk.

You must make sure that you are officially nominated as the election date draws nearer. These papers are available from your local council's democratic services department or the Town clerk. You must also give your consent in writing to your nomination. All the necessary documents must be submitted 19 working days before the day of the election. For more information on this contact your local council.

MEET THE COUNCIL

St Blaise town Council meet at 7.30pm at Alexander Hall on the last Thursday of each month bar December. Come along to a Council meeting. You can call any of the Town Councillors individually as each of their details are on our website and the Town Council Noticeboard. The web-site address is www.stblaise.co.uk

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Police Crime Figures

	Recorded Crime 8/16-10/16	Recorded Crime 8/15-10/15	% Difference
Violence with injury	17	3	466.7
Violence w/o injury	13	9	44.4
Rape	3	0	-
Other sexual offences	1	4	-
Burglary Dwelling	2	4	-75
Burglary Non-Dwell	5	2	150
Vehicle Offences	4	2	100
Shoplifting	2	1	100
Other Theft	9	6	50
Criminal Damage	11	12	-8.3
Public order offences	4	3	33.3
Trafficking of Drugs	2	0	-
Possession of Drugs	0	6	-100

Other Offences	2	2	0
Total	74	50	48%

Incidents Recorded

	Recorded Incidents 8/16-10/16	Recorded Incidents 8/15-10/15	% Difference
Anti-Social Behaviour	40	36	11.1
Crime not Recorded	5	4	25
Crime Recorded	25	24	4.2
Public Safety	138	104	32.7
Transport	31	29	6.9
TOTAL:	239	197	21.3

The total crimes recorded over August, September and October were 74 for St Blazey, crimes recorded for the same months in 2015 were 50, showing a 48% increase. There were also more calls/logs to the Police this year.

The three priorities remain as speeding traffic, anti-social behaviour and parking issues at Biscovey/Lesnewth.

LIST OF SITTING COUNCILLORS

Councillor George Allen	6 Bay View, The Mount, St Blazey PL24 2BY 815707
Councillor June Anderson	37 Rose Hill, St Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2LQ 813995
Councillor George Miller	3 Kilhallon Woodlands, PAR PL24 2RJ 815179
Councillor Jenny Moore	1 Meadow drive, St Blazey PL24 2HL 816849
Councillor Jenny Taylor	40 Chyandor Close, St Blazey PL24 2LP 816867
Councillor Amos Putt	55 Polgrean Place, St Blazey PL24 2LH 815444
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	56 Moorland Road, Par PL24 2PB 815370

Council meets in Alexander Hall at 7.30pm on the last Thursday of every month bar December.

The Clerk can be contacted at Alexander Hall, Middleway, St Blazey, PL24 2JH. Telephone 01726 816595. E-mail townclerk@stblaisetc.co.uk