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Feock Parish Transport scheme: 07904 547822

The Feock Parish Transport scheme helps residents, usually those who are no longer able to drive, or maybe an operation or illness means they cannot currently drive, to get to appointments in and close by to the parish. In the last year the most popular destination for our volunteer drivers have been the Perranwell Wellbeing Club, followed by Carnon Downs and Devoran surgeries. The majority of lifts requested are vital for health and wellbeing; all at difficult venues to coordinate appointments with the bus service and occur within 3 miles of home address.

A huge thank you go to our wonderful volunteer drivers who carried out all these journeys for residents over the past year. We also provide signposting and assistance to residents on a wide range of enquiries from planning, protected trees, footpath queries and how to report pot holes or flooding.

Christmas Rubbish & Recycling Collections

Don't forget your food waste, recycling, rubbish and garden waste collections may run on different days over the Christmas and New Year period.

No collections will take place on Christmas Day or Boxing Day (Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26) so crews can spend time with their families.

This means that if your usual collections fall between December 25 and January 2, your collections will be on a different day.

Christmas collections

for, recycling, rubbish, food and garden waste

If your collection is due on:	We'll collect on:
Monday 22 December	Monday 22 December
Tuesday 23 December	Tuesday 23 December
Wednesday 24 December	Wednesday 24 December
Thursday 25 December	Saturday 27 December
Friday 26 December	Monday 29 December
Monday 29 December	Tuesday 30 December
Tuesday 30 December	Wednesday 31 December
Wednesday 31 December	Thursday 1 January
Thursday 1 January	Friday 2 January
Friday 2 January	Saturday 3 January

All other collections will take place as normal. To download a collection calendar visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/myarea or call 0300 1234 141.

www.cornwall.gov.uk/christmas

Parish Councillor vacancies

Are you passionate about our local area? Do you want to help shape the future of our parish?

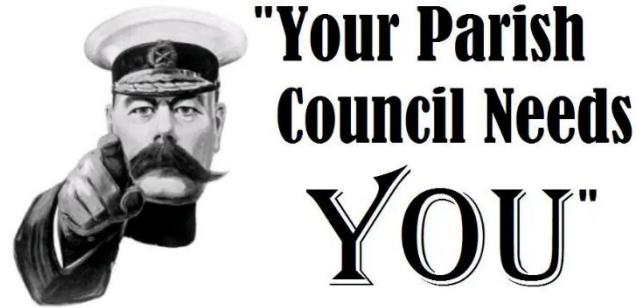
We are delighted to welcome a new Councillor to represent Devoran ward, Sarah Scoltock who was co-opted at the December Parish Council meeting. You can contact your Councillors via our website <https://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/parishcouncillors>

At the time of writing, we still have a vacancies for 4 Parish Councillors – 2 in Devoran ward and 2 in Feock ward. We're looking for people who want to make a positive impact in our community. This is a great opportunity to get involved, represent local residents, and help influence decisions that affect where we live and work. We do recommend attending a Parish Council meeting before applying to see the type of meetings you would be involved with and the issues that come up.

- ✓ No prior experience is needed – just enthusiasm, commitment, a desire to help your community and able to attend one Parish Council meeting a month (usually held on the second Monday of the month at 6pm in Devoran).
- ✓ 14 Deadline to apply: a week before each Parish Council Meeting (to give time to circulate your application to Councillors) The next meetings are on: Monday 12th January 2026, Monday 9th February and Monday 9th March (all held at 6pm in the office in Devoran).

💡 Interested? For more information on how to apply or what the role involves, please contact Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk at clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk or telephone on 01872 863333 or visit our website www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Join us in making a difference – your voice matters!



Share your views on Cornwall's bus services

Cornwall Council has been invited by the Department for Transport to take part in a national pilot, offering a rural perspective on how bus networks are delivered.

With new legislation set to give local authorities greater control over bus services, Cornwall Council wants to hear views from town and parish councils on the current bus network and what's important to people in your area:

What works? What could be improved? What would make buses a better choice for your community?

Your thoughts will help with Cornwall Council's contribution to the national pilot.

Complete the survey on Let's Talk Cornwall <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/bus-network>

The deadline for responses is **Sunday 18 January 2026**.



Parish Community Emergency Plan



The Parish Council continues to work on producing a Parish Community Emergency Plan to be activated in events such as adverse weather, a lengthy power cut, trees down blocking road access etc. to provide help to residents before the Emergency Services are able to assist.

We are looking to continue to develop the Emergency Plan with help from residents and have started building a list of volunteers who may have the skills to help in an emergency - for example you may be able to use a chainsaw to remove a fallen tree, have a 4x4 vehicle or you may be able to go and check on neighbours and collect supplies for them.

If you would be willing to volunteer please email or phone Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk on clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01872 863333 with your contact details and skills you can offer.

Residents can report many issues online directly to Cornwall Council or using the emergency numbers below.

Report issues here: <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/>

Emergency Numbers

- Flooding, trees down, road closures, highways issues and road works: Cornwall Council Highways
- (CORMAC) 0300 1234 222
- Cornwall Council Adults & Children Safeguarding
- Out of hours Social Work Children, Young People & Families: 01208 251300
- Out of hours Social Work Adults: 0300 1234 131
- Children - Multi-Agency Referral Unit - non-urgent: 0300 123 1116
- In cases of immediate danger call the Police on 999
- Gas leaks: Gas Emergency Services 0800 111 999
- Via textphone (minicom) 0800 371 787
- Pollution of land or rivers: Environment Agency 0800 80 70 60
- Pollution of sea/beach: Coastguard 01326 317575
- For non-emergency pollution reports, you can contact the Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
- Pollution Response 0300 123 1032
- Power cuts: National Grid 0800 6783 105
- Water or sewage leak: South West Water 0344 346 2020

The Railway that made Devoran

Cornish Railway, built 200 years ago, one of the first in the world.

More than 150 people packed into Devoran Village Hall in November for an exhibition about the village's railway history. The crereeksidellage, between Truro and Falmouth, was once a major industrial centre with its own docks, for the export of copper ore, which were connected to the nearby mines by the Redruth and Chasewater Railway*. The line transported the ore to the port of Devoran from where the copper was taken, by sailing ships, to smelters in South Wales. The line was started in 1825, the same year the world's first railway between Stockton and Darlington began, making the Cornish mineral line amongst the world's first.

The village exhibition was part of the national "Railway 200" celebration and was funded by the Great Western Railway Community Fund. It featured photographs and models which showed how the development of the railway led to the building of the village and port of Devoran.

The event was organised by Feock Parish Council. Councillor Keith Hambly-Staite, said "without the railway Devoran would not exist as it is today with the tramway and former dock area now used as a public space for walking and cycling and other leisure pursuits for local people and visitors to the parish"

A key part of the project involved the pupils at Devoran School. A booklet was produced for the children to take on walks around the village, and talks were given to the staff and children by local historians Phil Allen and Nick Johnson. An art competition for the pupils was organised by a local design firm, Lou Jones Design, and the children's artwork was displayed at the exhibition. Victoria Lock, the Headteacher at Devoran School said "It was good to have a project that told children more about the area where they live as well as fitting snugly into the school curriculum"



Free copies of Discover Devoran and the new Feock on Foot and Carnon Valley & Restronguet Creek maps can be picked up from the Devoran Community Library at Parish Council Office in Devoran.

For more information on the project visit our website <https://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/ourarea>

TOP TIPS

for staying warm
and well this winter

Call us on **0800 954 1956**

WINTER Wellbeing



1 Keep warm and try to keep your heating at 18°C (living areas) and at 16°C (bedrooms)



2 Have regular hot meals and drinks



3 Call us for financial help and advice on grants to stay warmer for less



4 Insulate and draught proof your home, call us to see how we can help



5 If you own your home and are on the Priority Services Register, you may be entitled to a free gas safety check. Join the Priority Services Register – contact your energy provider or Citizens Advice Cornwall

6 Check and service your heating systems yearly



7 Keep moving regularly to help keep warm



8 Get your Flu, COVID and Booster jabs, 119 or your GP or pharmacist



9 Move towards work, volunteering and training 01872 326440



10 Look after yourself and check on neighbours



11 To get a free home fire safety check 0800 358 1999



12 Travel safely, consider weather conditions before you travel

13 Boiler Flow settings – you can cut your gas costs by 6-8% by lowering the temperature flow setting on your combi or condensing boiler. Call 0800 954 1956 for advice



Winter Wellbeing booklets can be picked up from the library in Devoran.

Community Speedwatch – Volunteers needed!

The local Community Speedwatch team need more volunteers to help with speed checks in the parish.

Below is a link which tells you more about the work they do and what is involved

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/speedwatch/community-speedwatch>



Road closures in the parish

Byway and Bridleway Closure at end of Valley Lane, Carnon Downs

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 S.14: Temporary Prohibition of Traffic

Location: Byway 10 and Bridleway 9, Feock

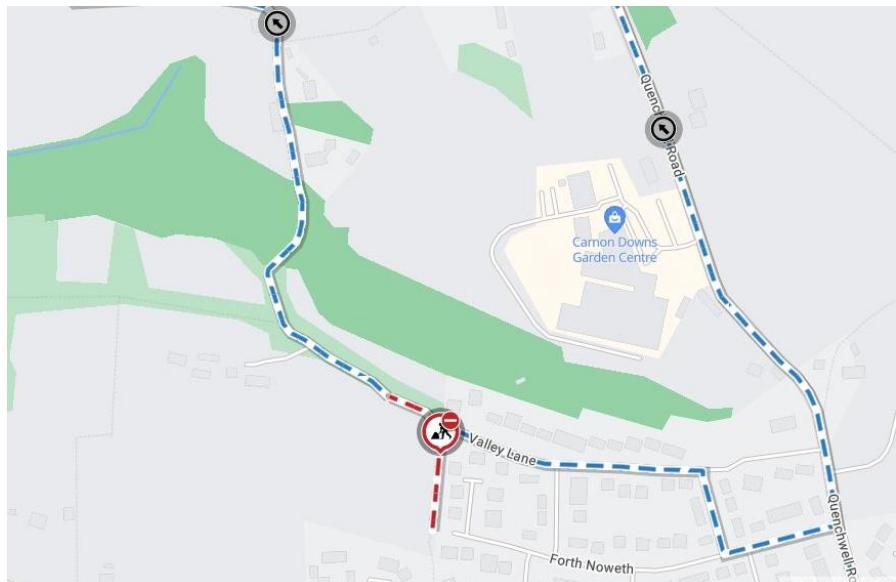
Timing: 6th January 2026 to 30th January 2026 (07:30 to 18:00 hours)

Contact: Scott Edwards at Classic Builders Ltd on 07794844578

Please click the following link to view a map and associated documents:

<https://one.network/?tm=GB146591123>

You can keep up to date with road closures locally by visiting <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/transport-parking-and-streets/roads-highways-and-pavements/roadworks/>



Walk & Talk Guided Walks

The Walk & Talk group meet fortnightly on a Tuesday at 10am for a walk either in the Parish or nearby, usually following one of our Feock Trails walks or our new, shorter and less strenuous Feock Strolls walks.

The walks are free to attend and well behaved dogs on leads are welcome, the walk will go at the pace of the slowest walker so no one should feel rushed. It is a chance to get out and meet new people, get some exercise and explore our beautiful countryside. If you're interested in coming along please get in touch with Cathy Whitmore, our MyFeock Information & Wellbeing Adviser, weekday mornings on 01872 863333 or email myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk for details of meeting places.

Repair Café

We have been very busy this year and have been very pleased to be able to recruit two more skilled repairers to our Repair Café team. Below are just a few photos of treasured possessions we have been able to repair this year.

The next Repair Café is on **Tuesday 27th January 2026, from 10am to 11.30am** (last items at 11am please) at The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church on Bissoe Road in Carnon Downs.



Defibrillators in the Parish

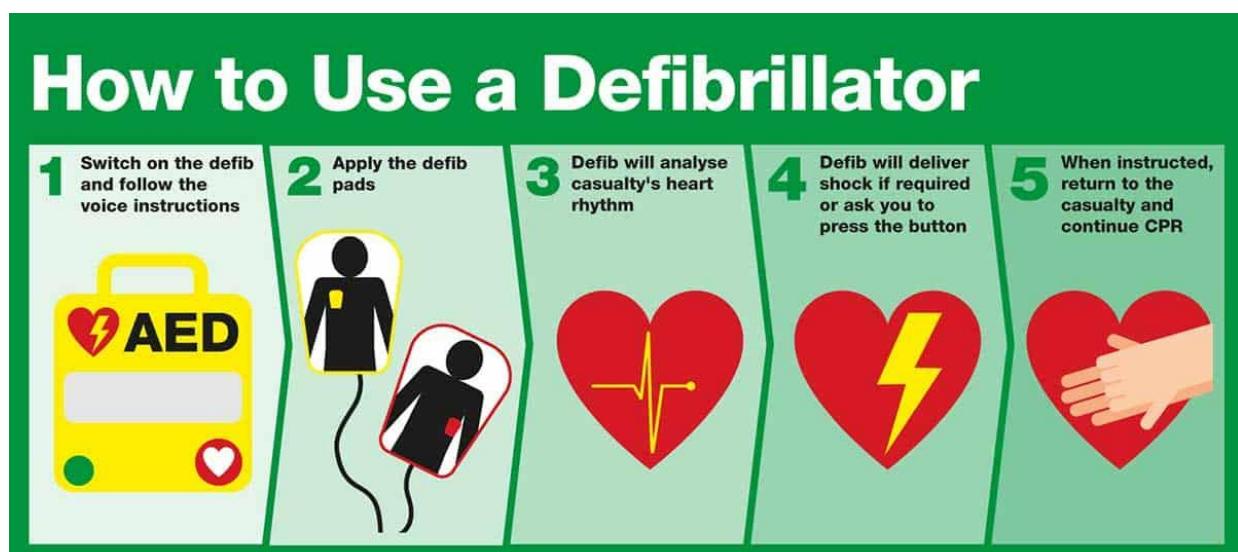
There are a number of public access defibrillators around the parish, most of which are maintained by the Parish Council, these are automated, anyone can use one, training is not necessary. The defibrillator will talk the user through how to use it and will not allow a shock to be given unless it detects that the heart is in a shockable rhythm. The defibrillators are located as below.

If you have cause to use/collect a defibrillator please return it to the phonebox you got it from or back to the Parish Council Office (open weekday mornings) so it can be checked and then put back into service and notify us that it is back. We automatically get notified by the online Circuit system when a caller to 999 has been directed to collect one of our defibs.

We understand that there will be times that someone may need to go and collect a defibrillator without being told to by 999 but if you do please can you tell us asap (by email to clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk is best). This is so that we can mark the defibrillator as 'unavailable' on The Circuit system, otherwise if someone phoned 999 and were directed to collect a defibrillator and got there to find it missing then precious time could be wasted and lives put at risk.

- Phonebox on Market Street, Devoran
- Phonebox on Forth Coth, Carnon Downs (nr Dentist)
- Phonebox on Point Green
- Outside wall of reception building, Ferris Garage, Feock
- Loe Beach, Feock (not maintained by Parish Council)
- St Feock Church car park, Feock* (not maintained by Parish Council)
- Outside wall of "Twitterings", Tolver Croft*
- Outside wall of the Punchbowl and Ladle* *phone 999 for the code to open the cabinet
- Carnon Downs Caravan Park (not maintained by the Parish Council)
- Carnon Downs Bowling Club (not maintained by the Parish Council)

The British Heart Foundation have an excellent video which tells you all about defibrillators and how to use them which you can watch using the link below. Our defibrillators actually talk you through how to use them if you need to use one in an emergency. <https://youtu.be/H4FjPn48aG0?feature=shared> but please note it is not essential to have watched this video: **the defibrillators are automatic and will tell you exactly what to do.**



Parish Council Meetings



Agendas for all Council meetings are displayed on our website and also noticeboards around the Parish. Details of items being discussed are listed on the agendas.

Members of the public are welcome to attend Parish Council and Committee meetings, if you wish to attend please let the Parish Clerk know via email or 01872 863333 to enable numbers to be accommodated.

Questions can also be submitted to the Clerk to be read out by the Chairman on residents behalf if they are unable to attend the meeting but still wish a question to be asked. It is also helpful for the Council to have notice of questions to be asked prior to the meeting to enable a full answer to be given at the meeting, if notice is not given we cannot guarantee an answer on the evening but will answer in writing following the meeting.

The Parish Council Facebook page is regularly updated with local news and events, links to planning application links etc. www.facebook.com/Feockparishcouncil/

A calendar of meeting dates for 2025/26 is on our website as well as below, Committee meetings such as Planning, Access & Amenities, Finance and General Purposes and Staffing dates are also added to our website when they have been arranged, again these are meetings open to the public with public participation sessions at the start of the meeting.

The next meetings of the Full Parish Council for 2026 are as follows, all starting at 6pm in the Parish Council Office in Devoran.

Monday 12th January 2026

Monday 9th February 2026

Monday 9th March 2026

Monday 13th April 2026

Monday 11th May 2026 – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Electors Meeting

Don't forget we have a number of vacancies on the Council, why not come along and sit in on a meeting to see if you'd like to get involved and see the type of issues Councillors are currently dealing with?

Never miss a planning application in your area

Did you know that you can find out about and keep updated on planning applications in your area with an email direct to your inbox? It's easy to do. Set up a website account for planning on Cornwall Council's website then go to the online planning register to set up your email alerts.

To track an application, once you've found the one you're interested in, just click the track button. Follow the instructions on Cornwall Council's online planning register web page to get set up.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-applications/online-planning-register/>

The Parish Council also list all current applications in our parish on our website that the Parish Council are yet to provide a consultee comment on

<https://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/current-planning-applications>

We also post links to all Planning applications in the parish on our Facebook page when they are received to try to keep residents up to date but by signing up to alerts above it will make sure you don't miss any for areas you are particularly interested in. You can also search on Cornwall Council's planning page for applications by Parish and also date to find those applications yet to be decided.

Where applications are particularly contentious or are for multiple dwellings these will usually go to a Full Parish Council Meeting for discussion rather than our dedicated Planning Committee, other applications such as extensions, works to protected trees and individual houses are usually discussed by the Planning Committee. Agendas are displayed in our noticeboards and also on our website so you can see the applications due to be discussed.

Small Grants Scheme now open!

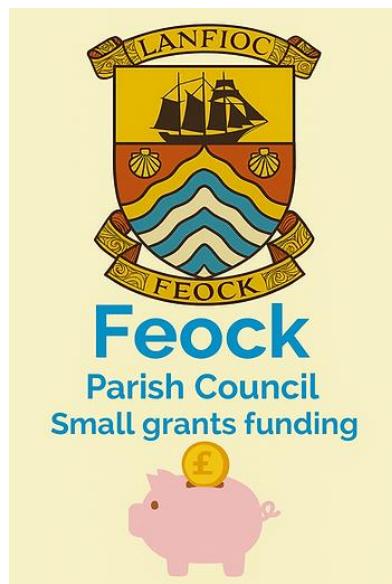
The Parish Council's small grants scheme for local groups is now open.

Last date for applications is Friday 20th March 2026 (as long as funding still remains in budget to be allocated).

Funding applications are considered on a first come first served basis at our monthly Access & Amenities Committee Meetings.

More details of the criteria and how to apply are available [here](#)

An application form can be obtained by contacting Cathy Whitmore via myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk



Get Safe Online suspicious message checker

Message from Neighbourhood Alert system re scam messages
Get Safe Online has launched a new scam detection tool on their website.

If you are suspicious of a text, email or message and you want to check if it is legit or not before responding, you can upload it to Ask Silver on the Get Safe Online website and whereupon it will return an indication of whether the communication is safe or a 'red flag' for fraud.

Access the checker here: <https://www.getsafenline.org/asksilver/>



Hi! I'm the Silver Scam Checker.

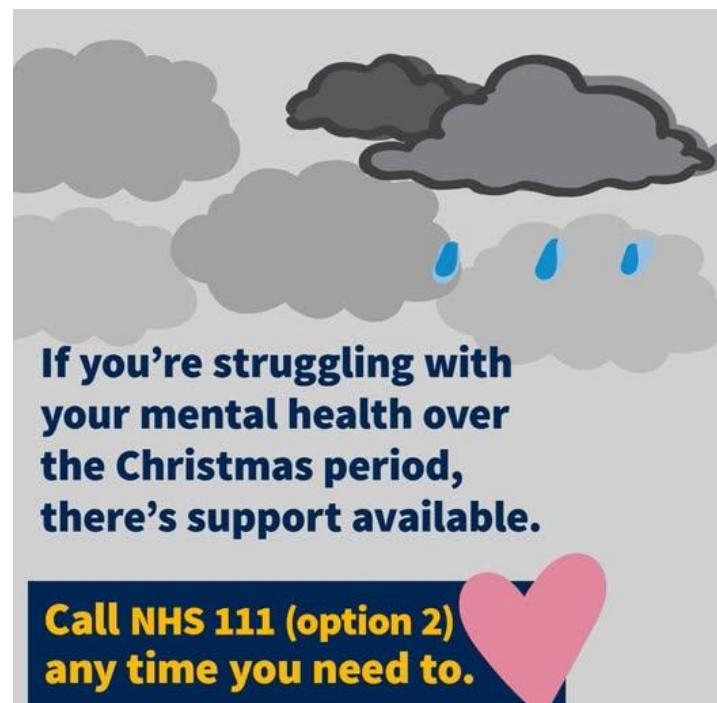
I'm here for those times when you visit a website you're not sure about or get an email, text message, or letter that seems suspicious. Just snap a picture or take a screenshot and send it to me here. I'll analyse it and let you know if I spot anything that seems like a red flag.



Cornwall Council parking payment scam

Watch out for fake text messages telling you to pay a parking ticket via a link.

- ⚠️ Cornwall Council will never contact you by text about penalty charge notices
- ✖️ Don't click on the link
- 🔒 Never share your bank details or personal info with unknown sources





The Hub
Carnon Community Methodist Church



REPAIR CAFE



If you can carry it, we'll take a look!

- ✓ Wooden items - bolting, tightening, gluing and creating new pieces and woodwork
- ✓ Clocks (not battery or electric)
- ✓ Electrical - plugs, fuses, basic wiring (sorry no PAT testing)
- ✓ Clothing & textiles - mending, zips, darning, repairs
- ✓ Soft toys, knitting and crochet
- ✓ Minor jewellery repairs
- ✓ Technology
- ✓ Vacuums (must be clean/empty, all attachments present and recharger/cord and plug present)
- ✓ South West Water and Community Energy Plus drop in help desks plus meet your Parish Councillor



**Pop into see us - last Tuesday of the month,
10 to 11.30am @ The Hub - Carnon Community
Methodist Church Hall, Carnon Downs**

**Items must be received by 11am to allow for repairs
up to 11.30am**

Cash donations for refreshments & repairs gratefully received towards the cost of running the Repair Cafe

Contact: myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.myfeock.co.uk MyFeock Wellbeing 01872 863333



How do I Report?

999

If reporting a crime in progress or if someone is in immediate danger

101

Report crimes online via live-chat, online reporting tool or by phoning 101 if they are not an emergency. You can also contact 101 to give information to the police or to make an enquiry or report through crimestoppers

Local Authority or other statutory agency

Instances of noise nuisance, fly tipping, parking issues (non-obstructive), littering, dog fouling, highways issues, offensive graffiti, animal welfare, lost and found dogs, untaxed vehicles, etc

#saynotoASB



Parish Council contact details

Councillors contact details available online: <https://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/parishcouncillors>

Office and Devoran Community Library usual opening hours: Weekdays 9am to 12 noon

Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk:

clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Debbie Searle, Assistant Clerk:

deputyclerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cathy Whitmore, Information & Wellbeing Adviser: myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Social media:

www.facebook.com/Feockparishcouncil

www.facebook.com/wellbeingfeock/

www.instagram.com/feock_parish_council

Websites:

www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

www.myfeock.co.uk

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