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New Rubbish & Recycling Collection Service

The way our rubbish and recycling in the parish is collected is changing from March this year and new bins and caddies should have been delivered to all households by the end of February.

Cornwall Council are running community roadshows to explain the changes to residents and their recycling officers will be at the roadshows to answer any questions residents may have about the new food waste, recycling and rubbish collection service face-to-face. The roadshows in the parish are on:

Wednesday 5th February 2025, 1pm - 4pm, Carnon Downs Village Hall

Monday 3rd March 2025, 1pm - 3pm, Devoran Village Hall

Tuesday 25th March 2025, 10am to 11.30am, Carnon Downs Repair Café, The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church - to assist our residents to manage and embrace the new collection service we have invited the Cornwall Council's Waste & Recycling Community Engagement Team to the Repair Café on Tuesday 25th March.

You can find out more about the new collection system on Cornwall Council's website (link below) as well as requesting to change the container you have been given, for example if you have been given a wheelie bin but a seagull proof sack is more appropriate due to the layout of your property.

You can find more information online <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-waste/new-food-waste-recycling-and-rubbish-service/>

Once the services change from March, only rubbish placed in the new bin or protective sack will be collected.

For your recycling you can carry on using your coloured bags and box, and don't forget to start recycling your food waste using your new caddies.

For the rubbish bin you're currently using, you might want to keep it and repurpose it - as garden storage perhaps, or as a water butt – or donate it to a community group.

If not, Cornwall Council can collect your old bin once your new service has started and recycle it for you.

To get your old bin collected, book a collection when the booking service opens from February 10 onwards at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/recyclemybin>



Parish Community Emergency Plan

The Parish Council has started to put together 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 develop the Emergency Plan with help from residents and would like to start 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 vulnerable people and collect supplies for them or take them round some hot water or soup in a flask.

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.

Active Feock

The Parish Council's Active Feock project aims to support the physical and mental wellbeing of residents of all ages by making it easier for people to get out and about in our parish, by improving public rights of way and cycle routes and harnessing the benefits of our natural environment to improve wellbeing.

Residents told us that they would be more encouraged to go out walking if there were more places to stop and have a rest.

We were successful in our application to Cornwall Council's Community Capacity Fund to pay for a feasibility study to find out the improvements residents wanted to see and also received some additional funding recently to purchase six new bench seats which have been installed across the Parish.

The benches are made out of 100% recycled mixed waste plastics and we have two more benches still to install over the next couple of months.



New benches have been installed on the bus lane between Carnon Downs and Playing Place (see photo above), on the path between Carnon Downs (Carnon Crescent) to Devoran which runs down beside the bypass (see photo on left), at Penpol Pond, Devoran Village Hall, by the bus stop at Harcourt and just pass the underpass on the Mineral Tramways Cycle trail at the Devoran end.

The funding also paid for a bench Devoran School already had to be installed on the patch of land at the end of the school road that had previously planted with trees and wildflowers from the Grow Nature Project.

You can keep up to date with Active Feock on our website www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/activefeock

Carnon Downs Bookswap

In October last year, following complaints about abuse of the Carnon Downs bookswap as it was being used to dispose of unwanted books and other items, the Parish Council reviewed the arrangements of locating the bookswap and defibrillator together in the red phonebox.

There were numerous comments on social media and emails received, just as many from people who did not want the bookswap got rid of or moved to a different location as there were from people who thought it should just be removed to ensure that the defibrillator was always accessible.

The Council considered potential new locations for both the bookswap and defibrillator and a very kind volunteer from the village came forward and offered to monitor, together with one of our Councillors, the phonebox on a daily basis. Books are tidied and any that obstruct the Defibrillator are removed, donated books will be checked to ensure they are good quality and take any unsuitable books (if in good enough condition) to a local charity shop who are happy to take them from us in exchange for books they have on their shelves to keep a good variety of books in the bookswap.

The Council decided to review this new arrangement after 3 months and reviewed this at their Access & Amenities Committee meeting in January 2025 and it was decided that the way the bookswap was being used was much improved especially with the regular monitoring and for this new monitoring system to continue.

The Council would like to say a huge thank you to Debbie who has volunteered to monitor the bookswap, but please remember just because it is being monitored and tidied more often by them this does not mean that it is a service to dispose of your unwanted books. The rule remains - if the shelves are full do not leave your books on the floor, on top of the bookcase or pile them up around the defibrillator, please take them home or to a charity shop - please do not leave them.

The primary use for the phonebox remains as the location for the Defibrillator.

MyFeock Services

We are always looking for new volunteers to help with prescription deliveries and lifts locally to places such as the Doctors or Dentist or Village Halls.

The phone line is open 9.30am to 12 noon on weekday mornings. Please give 48 hours notice where possible of lifts required as our service is provided by volunteers to give us time to contact them and arrange. Although we appreciate that this is not always possible with medical appointments. We ask for a donation from the person having the lift towards running the cost of the scheme and to cover the volunteers petrol.



If you're interested in getting involved with volunteering (or need to use one of our services) please contact Cathy, Information & Wellbeing Adviser on the booking line 07904 547822 (weekday mornings) or myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk Full training provided and mileages costs paid to volunteers to cover their petrol.

Volunteer Walk Leaders needed

Our brilliant Walk Leader, Mary Weston is retiring from being a walk leader from March, Mary has been leading our fortnightly 'Walk & Talks' around the parish for the last 3 years. 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 Feock Strolls walks. Would you be willing to volunteer to be part of the team to lead a walk every now and then?

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'd be interested in volunteering to help lead a walk please get in touch with Cathy Whitmore, our MyFeock Information & Wellbeing Adviser, weekday mornings on 01872 863333 or email myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to Mary for all her hard work getting the walks going and we wish her a very happy retirement from her walk leader role.



Reminder - new bus route for Penpol

From 1st September 2024 the Travel Cornwall bus number 493 is serving Penpol as part of the Truro to Feock route. The weekday timetable is below.

The online timetable can be accessed here [493 - Truro to Feock | Go Cornwall Bus](#)

The addition of the 'loop' to Penpol has been hard won by local councillors and will be withdrawn if not used adequately, it is very much a case of 'use it or lose it!'



MyFeock Repair Café @ The Hub Carnon

Community Methodist Church



Next dates: Tuesdays 25th February and 25th March 2025
10am to 11.30am

Repair Café reaches a milestone: Tuesday February 25th, 2025, will be the **25th session** of the Repair Café! We have reached this wonderful achievement thanks to the brilliant teams of community volunteers from the Parish and beyond! Our hosts at The Hub Carnon community Methodist Church enable us to provide refreshments and plenty of space to house our eight regular repairers and three information advisors, and our lovely visitors with their various items, vintage curios, and fascinating histories.

Over 300 items have been brought in for attention with a very high repair and reuse rate of 90%. Replacement zips, patches, alterations, and jewellery repairs, are highly popular, as are the hardware section of CD players, vacuum cleaners and clockwork treasures.

The Repair Café volunteers hope to fix your garments, textiles, mechanical clocks, soft toys, woodwork and much more! Pop in for a cuppa and get something repaired at the same time! If you have a skill you'd like to share or you would like to volunteer to help out please pop along or get in touch with Cathy in the Parish Office - 01872 863333 or myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you have an item for repair, you just pay for the cost of any parts required and a small donation which goes towards paying for the hall rent for the Repair Café to be held. You can also have a cup of tea or coffee whilst your waiting to see one of our volunteers.

As well as having items repaired, we have Darren, Customer Liaison Officer from South West Water to give residents advice on billing and water saving, a Customer Adviser from [Community Energy Plus](#) and one of your Parish Councillors to chat to about concerns you might have in the local area.



Lots of cuddly toys repaired at the January Repair Café including a lovely old teddy bear

Overgrown hedges

We are often asked by residents who is responsible for cutting back various hedges across the parish where these are over hanging the pavement or the roads, sometimes causing a hazard to road users. Cornwall Council carry out some roadside verge maintenance but not all. Most hedge cutting along the highway is done by the adjacent landowner, often farmers. Landowners may cut the verge as well as their hedges. Individuals also cut verges in the vicinity of their properties for aesthetic purposes.

Hedge growth or trees on properties next to the highway is generally the responsibility of the landowner. Cornwall Council recommend that regular maintenance of hedgerows is undertaken. Regular maintenance prevents side growth and low-lying branches extending into the road. Landowners must take reasonable care to ensure that trees within falling distance of the highway are safe. This responsibility includes trees rooted in Cornish hedges that form the boundary to the highway.

Work to maintain hedgerows from the road, must be done by an accredited contractor. Contractors must have the required licenses to work on the highway. They must also be familiar with relevant legislation. They should be aware of landscape designations such as Tree Preservation Orders. These can be checked [online](#)

Cornwall Council have the power to ensure landowners resolve problematic vegetation and tree issues. The Council notify landowners under Section 154 of the Highway Act 1980.

Please don't be offended if you get a Cornwall Council notice from the Parish Council reminding you to cut your hedge back, one of the most common complaints we get from residents is about overgrown hedges causing problems on pavements for pedestrians or on roads for cyclists.

To keep all highway users safe and avoid legal action, Cornwall Council ask that the landowner or their contractor:

- reduce side growth back to the edge/boundary of the maintained highway
- ensure at least 2.1m clearance above the surface of footways
- ensure at least 5m clearance above the surface of cycleways
- ensure at least 5.2m clearance above the surface of the highway. This allows high sides vehicles to pass safely
- make sure that branches and vegetation are not in contact with or obstructing highway signs
- remove branches that are in contact with or blocking streetlights
- remove or reduce vegetation that is obscuring visibility at junctions, on bends or passing places

Landowners must also comply with legislation relating to the control of noxious and injurious plants. For example, Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed and Ragwort.

Remember that hedgerows can provide important habitats for birds, mammals, reptiles and insects. Bird nesting season in Cornwall is from the **1st March to the end of September**. However, many species produce additional broods depending upon climate and habitat. Checks should be made for nesting birds before hedge cutting outside the nesting season.

Parish Council Meetings

Agendas for all Council meetings are displayed on our website and also the noticeboards around the Parish. Details of items being discussed including Planning Applications are also 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 asked 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 2024/25 is on our website, together with Committee Meeting dates

The next meetings of the Parish Council are on:

Monday 10th February 2025 – Full Council Meeting, 6pm

Monday 24th February 2025 – Access & Amenities Committee, 6pm

Monday 10th March 2025 – Full Council Meeting, 6pm

Unless stated on the agenda all meetings start at 6pm and are held in the Parish Council Office in Devoran. All Parish Councillors contact details are available on our website <https://www.feockpc.com/councillors>

Planning in the Parish

The Parish Council submit consultee comments on planning applications in the Parish and these are discussed at Planning Committee meetings and if a multi-dwelling development or due to deadlines for comment, at a Full Parish Council meeting.

Details of any planning applications received for consultee comment and also planning decisions will be posted on the Parish Council's website on the 'Current Planning Applications' page www.feockpc.com/current-planning-applications and our Facebook page. If you are unsure if a planning application has been received and cannot find it online you can contact Debbie, Assistant Clerk via deputyclerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Please be aware that Cornwall Council no longer display yellow site notices on planning application sites unless they affect a public right of way, listed building or are in a Conservation Area so to be aware of what is going on in the area check our Current Planning Applications page or set up an alert on Cornwall Council's planning page as shown on the next page.

If you're thinking of making a planning application on your property we always recommend that applicants read our Feock Neighbourhood Development Plan to make themselves aware of the local planning policies. A copy can be downloaded our website [Feock Neighbourhood Development Plan \(feockpc.com\)](https://www.feockpc.com/feock-neighbourhood-development-plan)

We upload details of planning decisions made by Cornwall Council on applications in the parish to our Facebook page on a weekly basis.

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 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/>

You can have as many alerts for different areas as you want.



What's On!

The monthly Whats On guide is put together by the Parish Council's MyFeock Wellbeing team and is available from the Devoran Community library, bookswap phoneboxes, Linden Hey Tea Rooms, MyDentist and Devoran Surgery. The website www.myfeock.co.uk which has a calendar of all events and groups meeting in the Parish including Feock, Devoran, Carnon Downs and Point & Penpol.

If your group or event isn't listed please get in touch with Cathy at myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk. The website also contains contacts for local support services, news and details of local facilities. Cathy can also add you to the email list to receive an emailed copy of the Whats On listing each month. The current What's On will be circulated with these electronic Connect newsletters.



Vacancies on the Parish Council and May Elections

Would you like to make a difference? Devoran ward and Feock ward

Feock Parish Council has two vacancies, one in Devoran ward and one in Feock ward for Parish Councillors, which is hoped to fill by co-option at the January or February meetings. **All Councillors terms will end in May 2025 when the 4 yearly local elections for all Town and Parish Councils will be held (see more below), so if you are co-opted to one of these vacancies you will still have to stand for election in May if you wish to continue as a Councillor.**

There is so much to get involved in from reviewing planning applications, helping with making improvements to footpaths and recreation areas, highways issues and our wellbeing work to name but a few! You will also be required to attend the Parish Council meetings which generally take place on the first or second Monday evening of the month in Devoran, you can also join other Committees such as Planning and Access & Amenities if you wish.

To become a Councillor you must:

- Be a British or a citizen of the Commonwealth. You may also be eligible as a citizen of the European Union, however the criteria has changed now that the UK has left the European Union. Please check on the gov.uk website for advice about EU citizens' voting and candidacy rights in local elections; and be at least 18 years old.
- be an elector of the parish; or
- in the past 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish; or
- work in the parish (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the parish boundary.

Please note, being a Parish Councillor is a voluntary position and we would recommend people who are interested attend a Parish Council or Committee meeting before applying to gain an understanding of the issues you will be involved with.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please send an email or letter of application explaining why you would like to join the Parish Council, what you can bring to the Council and any previous relevant experience, to the Parish Clerk by **Wednesday 5th March 2025**. A copy of the co-option process can be found on our [website](#) under Council – Policies.

Contact details: Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk email: clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk 01872 863333

Elections - May 2025

All Town and Parish Councillors terms will end at the start of May 2025. Local elections across Cornwall are due to take place on Thursday 1st May 2025. The prospective timetable can be viewed online, beginning with the publication of notice of election on Friday 14 March through to polling day on Thursday 1 May. You can find out more information about how to stand as a Councillor on Cornwall Council's website and also on the Parish Council's website.

You can find out more about the work of Feock PC on our website www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk or contact the Parish Clerk or an existing Parish Councillor, contact details are on the website.

Defibrillators in the Parish

There are a number of public access defibrillators around the parish, 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.

All the Parish Council defibrillators (identified below by a #) are registered on a national system called The Circuit. This is the system used by the emergency services who will direct callers to go and get the nearest defibrillator in an emergency. This system automatically notifies the Parish Council if someone has been directed to go and get one of our defibrillators and marks it as unavailable so that we can go and check if it has been used and replace any used pads or batteries. If a defibrillator is unavailable we will put this up on our Facebook page and website.

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.

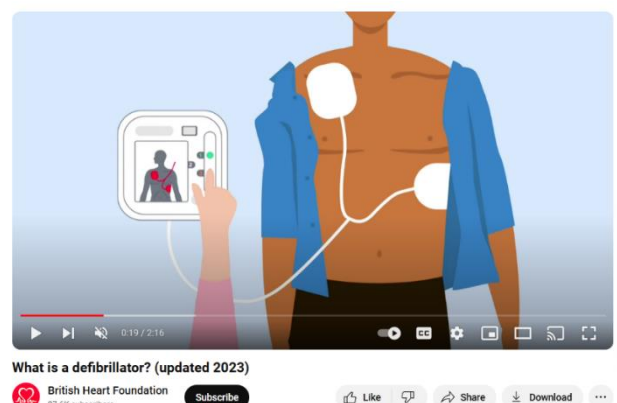
We understand that there will be times that someone may need to go and collect a defibrillator without being told too by 999 but if you do please can you tell us asap (by email to clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk is best) so that we can mark the defibrillator as unavailable on The Circuit system, otherwise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

- 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
- St Feock Church car park, Feock*
- Outside wall of "Twitterings", Trolver Croft* #
- Outside wall of the Punchbowl and Ladle* #

*phone 999 for the code to open the cabinet

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 contact details

Parish Council business email addresses are in the process of being set up for Councillors together with a new domain name for the website but in the meantime Councillors can be contacted as follows, when using the info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk email address please put in the Subject line if your email is for the attention of a specific Councillor.

Feock ward

Richard Brickell (Chairman of Parish Council) – email: Richard.brickell1@outlook.com

Keith Hambly-Staite – email: keithstaite@hotmail.com or phone 01872 862718

Rick Bowers – email: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Corine Dyke – email: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Vacancy

Carnon Downs ward

Brian Yates – email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Cathy Kemp – email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Jan Allen – email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk Phone: 01872 863090

Phil Allen – email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk Phone: 01872 863090

Alison Avard – email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Devoran ward

Mike Steel – email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Anne Allen – email: annefeockpc@gmail.com

Julian Newman - email c/o: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Vacancy

Cornwall Councillor for Feock & Kea – Martyn Alvey, email: cllr.martyn.alvey@cornwall.gov.uk or phone 07581 736347

Staff

Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk – email: clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

Debbie Searle, Assistant Clerk – email: deputyclerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

Website:

www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk

www.myfeock.co.uk

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Feockparishcouncil>

<https://www.facebook.com/wellbeingfeock/>

Address: The Old Market Hall, Market Street, Devoran, Truro, TR3 6QA

Office and micro library open: Weekdays from 9.30am to 12 noon



Emergency Numbers - 24 hour lines

- ✗ Cornwall Council Highways (CORMAC) including flooding, trees down, road closures and road works - 0300 1234 222
- ✗ Cornwall Council Adults & Children Safeguarding - 0300 123 1116
- ✗ National Gas Emergency - gas leaks - 0800 111 999
- ✗ Environment Agency - pollution of land or rivers - 0800 80 70 60
- ✗ Coastguard - pollution of sea/beach - 01326 317575
- ✗ National Grid - power cuts - 105
- ✗ SWW water or sewage leak - 0344 346 2020

There's also a handy FAQs page on our website with information on how to report non emergency issues such as problems on footpaths, pot holes etc. [Feock Parish Council FAQs](#)



The poster is for a Repair Cafe event. It features a bright orange background. At the top left, there are logos for 'The Hub' (Carnon Community Methodist Church) and the 'Cornwall Repair Cafe Network'. At the top right is the Feock Parish Council crest. The main title 'REPAIR CAFE' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, the slogan 'If you can carry it, we'll take a look!' is in white. A list of services is provided with checkmarks, including wooden items, clocks, electrical, clothing, soft toys, jewellery, technology, and help desks. To the right of the list are icons of gears, a crossed screwdriver and pliers, and a circular icon with three arrows. The event details, including the date, time, and location, are listed below the services. At the bottom, there is information about item drop-off times, donations, and contact details for the Feock Parish Council.

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 (no PAT testing)
- ✓ Clothing & textiles - mending, zips, darning, repairs
- ✓ Soft toys, knitting and crochet
- ✓ Minor jewellery repairs
- ✓ Technology

✗ 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

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