

Connect

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Carnon Downs, Devoran, Feock and Point & Penpol



Connect Newsletter changes

The Parish Council made the decision when considering this years budget, to reduce the paper Connect newsletter which had been delivered to residents 3 times a year to one annual edition but in addition to this would produce email and electronic versions during the year to supplement the annual edition. This is the first electronic edition and we hope you enjoy it and find it interesting.

If anyone would like to receive updates throughout the year electronically they can sign up via the form on the front page of our website www.feockparishcouncil.co.uk We will not use your details for anything other than to send you electronic Parish Council newsletters and copies of our Monthly What's On listing by email. You can also email cathy@feockparishcouncil.co.uk to be added to the mailing list as well.

For anyone not on email who would prefer to receive paper copies of the email updates please contact the office on 01872 863333 with your address so that a copy can be delivered to you. Paper copies of the updates will also be put in Devoran Surgery, MyDentist Carnon Downs, the bookswap phone boxes, the Devoran Community Library and Linden Hey Tea Rooms where our monthly What's On listing can also be picked up from.

MyFeock Repair Café @ The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church



The MyFeock Repair Café which is held from 10am to 11.30am (last items accepted at 11am) on the last Tuesday of the month at The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church. Run by volunteers, there are repairers ready to help you, with the idea to share skills (where possible and safe to do so).

They 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 cathy@feockparishcouncil.co.uk Below are photos of some repairs in progress.



We are particularly in need of more qualified electricians/electronics specialists as there is always a big queue at their table! Please get in touch if you would like to volunteer to help.

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.

As well as having items repaired, we have Darren, a Customer Liaison Officer from South West Water also in attendance at the Repair Cafe to give residents advice on billing and also water saving.

Carnon Downs Repair Café saves the day!

This just shows how dangerous every day items can be especially if they are old and not maintained!



- This photo is of the compromised wire showing the bare conductor. The whole of the lamp assembly, including the integral finger switch is made from electrically conducting brass not used since the 1960s.
- Any metal cased hand-held appliance **MUST** have an electrical safety earth.
- This lamp **DID NOT!**
- The plug was also out of date and **NOT FIT FOR PURPOSE!**
- **Electrocution could have happened in two ways:**
 - A: by direct contact with the bare wire
 - B: switching the lamp on with the bare wire touching the lamp anywhere, such as the base.
- **With thanks to all our electrical/electronic volunteers and for Derek's diligence and foresight in dealing with this treasured family heirloom.**

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 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).

Full training provided and mileages costs paid to volunteers to cover their petrol.

Small Grants Scheme

Feock Parish Council recognise the very important contribution that local organisations and voluntary groups make to the life of the parish. It is also aware that from time to time there are activities that require a little additional financial support to make them viable and have small grants that local groups can apply for to help with these type of activities. The criteria for applications and further details can be obtained from Cathy on cathy@feockparishcouncil.co.uk, telephone 01872 863333 or <https://www.feockpc.com/smallgrants>

So far we are very pleased we have been able to make grants to Devoran Sunbeams Stay & Play Group to buy a mud kitchen and sand table, Devoran Explorers to go towards a large tent and Carnon Downs Memory Café to help fund travel for a trip for members and their carers to Mevagissey and to Feock Eco Group for river water quality testing kits.



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 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 22nd July 2024 and Monday 9th September 2024 as the Council do not meet in August.

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>

Vacancies on the Parish Council

We currently have 3 vacancies on the Parish Council, two in Devoran and one in Carnon Downs which will be filled by co-option. We would like to say a big thank you to Mark Griffiths (Carnon Downs ward) and Mark Woolcock (Devoran ward) who have decided to step down from the Parish Council recently, for all their hard work since they joined the Council. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Corine Dyke who recently joined the Council to represent the Feock ward and Brian Yates who is representing Carnon Downs ward.

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! There is a requirement to attend the Parish Council meetings which generally take place on the first or second Monday evening of the month in Devoran and you can also join other Committees such as Planning and Access & Amenities if you wish depending on your interests and time you are able to commit.

Being a Parish Councillor is a voluntary position and we would recommend people who are interested attend a Parish Council meeting before applying to gain an understanding of the issues you will be involved with as these are varied and how the Council works. Full training is provided to enable you to feel confident in carrying out your duties as a Councillor and help and support is always on hand.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor and joining a team looking after the Parish, please contact Debra, the Parish Clerk, more details are also available on our website news page www.feockpc.com/latest-news



Boat storage around the Parish

The Parish Council has a number of areas they are responsible for around the Parish, including Carnon Yard and the land at the end of Restronguet Point.

These areas are getting quite overrun with boats being stored at them with some appearing to be either abandoned or in very poor condition.

So that we can maximise the use and access to the water for residents we are currently putting notices on boats that are in poor condition to find out if they are still in use and if not request that they are removed to free up space for residents to store a boat that will be used regularly. We also ask that boat owners put some sort of identification on their boats, ie. mobile phone number so that if we do need to contact you about your boat we can do so. If you are storing a boat in either of these areas and no longer using it we kindly ask that you remove it free up space.

Please also be aware that there has been a spate of thefts from Devoran Quay so you may wish to ensure any boats or kayaks are well secured.



Planning in the Parish

The Parish Council continue to submit consultee comments on planning applications in the Parish and these are discussed at Planning Committee meetings and sometimes if a multi-dwelling development at a Full Parish Council meeting. Details of any planning applications received for consultee comment will be posted on the Parish Council's website on the 'Current Planning Applications' page www.feockpc.com/current-planning-applications and the Facebook page.

Cornwall Council make the final decision on whether or not to pass or refuse a planning application, the Parish Council provide a consultee comment based on their Neighbourhood Development Plan policies which is then considered by Cornwall Council Planning.

The Parish Council's comments are uploaded to the Planning Portal and residents can view them online or contact the Parish Council Office if they wish to find out the comment made if they do not have online access.

To check when an application is going to be discussed at a meeting you can phone Debbie on 01872 863333 or email debbie@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

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. If you are online you can find out the current planning applications in the Parish from our website <https://www.feockpc.com/current-planning-applications>

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@feockparishcouncil.co.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.



What's On in Feock Parish
June 2024

DAILY MONDAYS 9 - 12noon	Carnon Needle & Craft Group	Carnon Downs Village Hall	Mary 07977 625948 emarydunstan@icloud.com
9.30 - 10.30am	Functional Training (High Intensity FT)	Devoran Village Hall	Zoecrouse@gmail.com
10am to 12 noon Term time only	Sunbeams Stay & Play Toddler group	The Hub, Carnon Community Methodist Church	Enquiries to join waiting list please contact: 07871 367859
10 to 10.50 am	Bongo Babes 0-4 years	Carnon Downs Village Hall	Kayleigh 0771 8383510
10am pick up	St Feock Community Minibus Day Trip	4 th Portscatha/St Antony Head, 10 th Trenance Rose Gdns, 17 th Marazion, 24 th Poppies Crantock	To book phone 07754 107835 Between 9.30am and 10.30am

Defibrillators in the Parish

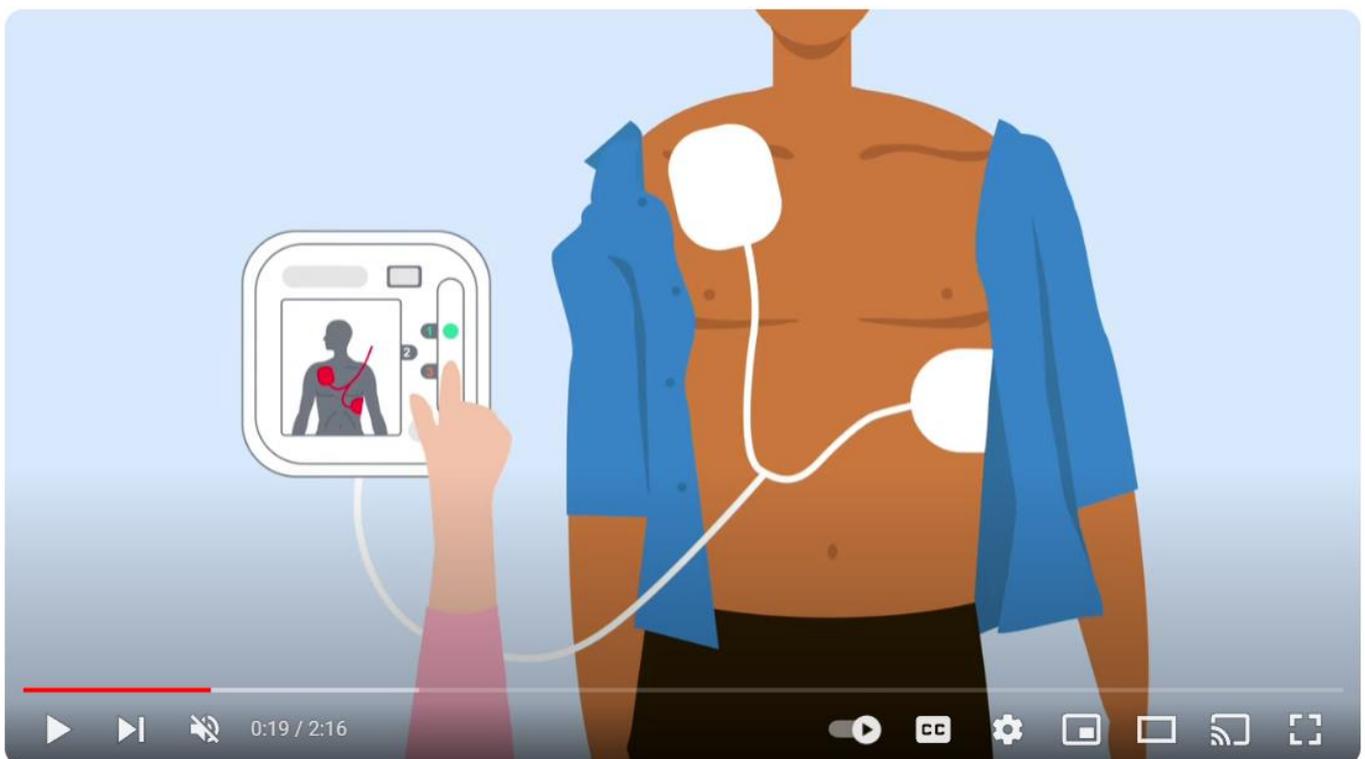
There are a number of public access defibrillators around the parish, these are automated, anyone can use one, training is not necessary. The defibrillator will talk the user through how to use it and will not allow a shock to be given unless it detects that the heart is in a shockable rhythm. We are delighted that the local group have reached their fundraising target to provide a defibrillator at the Punchbowl & Ladle and this is now in place and available in an emergency.

- The defibrillators are located as follows:
- Phonebox on Market Street, Devoran
- Phonebox on Forth Coth, Carnon Downs (nr Dentist)
- Phonebox on Point Green
- Outside wall 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>



What is a defibrillator? (updated 2023)



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Trees Across Feock by Cllr Phil Allen

I love trees, perhaps you do also, if so why not join with the Feock Parish project to plant a tree for each of our 3,720 residents. Our parish council have recently agreed this programme in support of the “Forest for Cornwall” campaign which seeks to establish an additional 30 square miles of new woodland within the Duchy.

If you have been involved with our Feock Neighbourhood Development Plan in any way you will be aware of the importance the Council place on trees as both a fundamental characteristic of our local landscape and a primary mitigant for acceptable development. From our magnificent Monterey Pines to the Oak and Beech woodland along the shoreline, trees are integral to our areas of outstanding natural beauty, but how did what we so appreciate today come about, and does their beauty belie a deeper relevance. I believe that recognition of the value of trees to our lives could reset our relationship with nature and also lead to a more sustainable future.

The Porthgwiddden Estate plantings still provide a natural context to waterside development:



Little of our current woodland within the parish is truly natural, although the tree lined shore of the Fal provides a very good impression of landscape in prehistory. At the peak of the last Ice Age, over 10,000 years ago, glaciers reached as far as the Bristol Channel and Cornwall was a landscape of tundra. As the climate warmed once again pioneer trees; birch, hazel and pine were the first to return to the frozen landscape. Oak, elm and beech followed and by 5,000 years ago these species predominated within a woodland that covered the vast majority of Cornwall. By this time conditions had become warmer and wetter, possibly up to 2.5 degrees centigrade warmer than today and this period has been named the “Atlantic Optimum” providing as it did ideal conditions for deciduous temperate rainforest.

Further climate change has occurred towards the present but also so has the rise of modern humans. It remains a matter of debate which of these two factors had a greater effect on landscape in the UK over the following millennia. This debate is easier to settle in Cornwall however, where the factors which have left the Duchy with one of the lowest rates of tree cover in the country (circa 4.5%), have almost entirely been driven by human activity.

Archaeology has shown that our early ancestors populated our high moors in neolithic times. Bodmin Moor has some of the densest concentrations of neolithic and bronze age sites in Europe. The moorland we see today is a product of their deforestation and land clearance to make way for early agriculture. The majority of lowland Cornwall however was still heavily wooded until the industrial period of the 18th and 19th centuries.

Sir Charles Lemon of Carclew, a premier mining lord, was fellow of the Royal Society and founder member of the London Statistical Society. He presented a paper to this society in which he analysed the import of Norwegian timber to Cornwall during the 1850s. His investigation concluded that each year these imports would have required many tens of square miles of felling in Norway, indeed a rate that would have felled every tree in Cornwall within ten years if sourced locally. This is of course largely what had already happened over previous decades. At the turn of the 18th century an older resident of Redruth recalled his youthful memory of Carn Brea as having been a “forest of prodigious oaks” and he bemoaned the fact that it had been all cut down to feed the voracious appetite of local mines.

For those of you who have read “The Lorax” by Dr Seuss to your children or grandchildren this story will be familiar. I wonder if my grandchildren will see the return of a native forest of prodigious oak trees on Carn Brea.

Charles Lemon's Carclew Estate seen from Carnon Mine pump:



So what of the trees we see within our parish today? We are fortunate indeed that owners of our many local estates in the 19th century had a passion for horticulture and laid out the woodlands of Trelissick, Porthgidden, Tregye and Killiganon for their own delight. Other woodlands had a more prosaic purpose, the Wellington and Waterloo plantations along the Feock road were established by the Trelissick Estate to provide employment for soldiers returning from the Napoleonic wars, and even the magnificent woodlands draping the shores of the Fal were required to pay their way. They were originally planted some centuries ago in order to be coppiced and cut in rotation to provide charcoal for smelting of tin. Since the 17th century the oak bark was taken for the thriving local tanning industry. The famous Croggon's Tannery of Grampound was the last of five such tanneries based in and around the village.

Our landscape in Cornwall has been so fully usurped from trees, and is now so fully controlled by human intervention that it is perhaps time to reassess where we wish to go from here. The Duchy has become a rather dramatic version of a global pattern. When the climate stabilised after the last ice age nearly three

quarters of the earth's land surface supported plant life and was covered either by forest, shrub or grassland. Nearly 60% of this habitable area was forest, but by 1900 this had reduced to nearly 50% and today stands at only 40%, with deforested areas mainly converted to agriculture.

Is this dramatic change for the planet merely yet another symptom of environmental degradation or is it more critical? The argument for trees being more central to our future is building, Peter Wohlleben in his new book, "The power of trees, how ancient forests can save us if we let them" describes the effect of forests in Germany where summer air temperatures in areas of ancient forest can be as much as 15 degrees centigrade lower than adjacent cities. The case for trees in urban settings is also well set out within national guidance and local council tree strategies across the country. These promote and document the contribution that trees make to the urban environment and their support of human wellbeing.

More locally Merlin Hanbury Tenison has recently founded a new charity with the goal of tripling Britain's temperate rainforest and is starting this project by planting 100,000 trees on his farm at Cabilla on Bodmin Moor. The National Trust is the largest owner of surviving temperate rainforest, sometimes known as "The Celtic Forest", in Britain. They are currently establishing a new plant nursery near Snowdonia to grow 30,000 trees a year in order to expand and link our current remaining woodlands.

The iron age fort at Roundwood is providing sanctuary to native trees 2,000 years after its construction



Opportunities for planting trees in Feock

Earlier this year a cherry tree avenue was planted along the bus lane at Carnon Downs with the trees being sponsored by residents, we also be planted additional ornamental trees within the Pengelly and Retallack Recreation Grounds. Anyone who might wish to sponsor a tree in our future plantings should contact the Parish Clerk for details. Our Council has taken the lead in establishing a new woodland on the Old Bissoe waste tip site in the Carnon Valley. The Council now hold a lease on this land from Cornwall Council and expect to plant up to 3,000 native deciduous trees to create a community woodland accessible from the Mining Trail. The Council is also liaising with the Environment Agency who own the bulk of the Carnon Valley to explore cooperative management practises which will increase appropriate tree cover within this County Wildlife Site.

We hope that other private landowners will join with us and share their plans and experience in order that we may tally progress towards achieving the target of one new tree for each resident in the next few years.

General Election 2024: Where's my polling station? What ID can I use? What if I need help?

There's just a couple of days to go until voters head to the polls for the General Election on the 4th July. The below information is copied from Cornwall Council's website.

If you plan to vote on July 4, make sure you bring your photo ID and if you need help, just ask a member of staff when you arrive at the polling station.

Here's some handy information to help voters know what to expect on polling day.

Where is my polling station?

Your poll card will tell you where to find your polling station. Make sure you check the information on your poll card as your polling station might have changed since the last elections.

The polling stations in the parish are:

- Carnon Downs Bowling Club (**please note change of venue from previous years**)
- St Feock Church Community Hall
- Devoran Village Hall

You must vote at the polling station you have been assigned and this is shown on your polling card.

Check your polling station using the polling station finder [2024 General Election - 4th July 2024 - Cornwall Council](#)

What time are polling stations open?

All polling stations are open between 7am and 10pm.

Voters who have opted to vote by post must return their postal ballot pack by 10pm on July 4. If you don't have time to return it by post, you can hand it in to your local polling station.

Who can vote?

You must be 18 or over and be registered to vote.

What if I need help?

If you need help to cast your vote at a polling station, you can take someone with you to assist you or ask the presiding officer for help.

There will be large print versions of the ballot paper available and a tactile voting device to help blind and partially sighted voters complete their ballot paper at all polling stations.

If voters require support, the presiding officer can read out the candidates' names and help the voter mark the ballot paper.

If you require any additional support to help you vote, please contact Cornwall Council's elections team on 01872 324 196 or email voter-registration@cornwall.gov.uk.

What ID can I use?

To vote at a polling station you must take your photo ID with you.

Accepted forms of ID include:

- Passport
- Driving licence
- Government issued older or disabled person's bus pass
- Blue Badge
- Defence Identity Card
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (a PASS card)

The full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission's website.

You can still use your photo ID if it's out of date, as long as it looks like you. The name on your ID should be the same name you used to register to vote.

Do I need to bring my own pen?

Pens are provided but you are welcome to bring your own if you would like to.

Can I take selfies or other photos while I'm voting?

You shouldn't take photos inside the polling station as it might put the secrecy of the ballot at risk.

You are more than welcome to take photos outside the polling station and share them on social media to encourage your friends and family to vote.

Can I take my friend/partner/children/parents?

You can go along to the polling station with whomever you like, but only those registered to vote at that station (and children) will be able to go inside. You must not be accompanied into the polling booth by another adult, unless you have a disability, in which case you can take someone in to help you, or you can ask one of the polling station staff for their help.

Children are welcome at polling stations. While your child must not mark the ballot paper for you, you will be allowed to take them into the polling booth with you.

Who am I voting for?

There are six constituencies in Cornwall and one MP will be elected to represent each of them. You can see all the candidates standing in your constituency on the Cornwall Council website.

Where can I find the results?

The results will be published on the elections page of the Cornwall Council website [Elections - Cornwall Council](#)



Parish Council contact details

Parish Council business email addresses are in the process of being set up for Councillors 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 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

Beverly Johnson – email: info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

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

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

Devoran ward

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

Anne Allen - annefeockpc@gmail.com

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

Staff

Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk – email: debra@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Debbie Searle, Assistant Clerk – email: debbie@feockparishcouncil.co.uk

Cathy Whitmore, Information & Wellbeing Adviser – email: cathy@feockparishcouncil.co.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

These hours have changed temporarily from Monday 24th June due to staff holidays and sickness – please see next page.



Temporary change to Parish Council Office opening hours

Due to staff holidays and sickness the Parish Council Office hours are as below.

The library will be open each weekday as normal from 9.30am to 12 noon

Date	Parish Council Office
Thursday 20 th June	Closed
Friday 21 st June	Closed
Monday 24 th June	9.30am to 12 noon
Tuesday 25 th June	9.30am to 12 noon
Wednesday 26 th June	9.30am to 12 noon
Thursday 27 th June	Closed
Friday 28 th June	Closed
Monday 1 st July	Closed
Tuesday 2 nd July	Closed
Wednesday 3 rd July	Closed
Thursday 4 th July	Closed
Friday 5 th July	Closed
Monday 8 th July	Closed
Tuesday 9 th July	Closed
Wednesday 10 th July	Closed
Thursday 11 th July	Closed
Friday 12 th July	Closed
Monday 15 th July onwards	Hours revert to normal 9.30am to 12 noon

Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause, the Council can still be contacted when the office is closed via info@feockparishcouncil.co.uk or 01872 863333 (mornings)

