

# Connect

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## Welcome to the Parish Council's Annual Update 2025/26

I would like to thank all the Parish Council Team for their wonderful support. Feock Parish Council continues to run well and the team in the office are always willing to help and support residents where they can. I would like to thank those past Councillors who have stepped down during the last year and taken up other interests for their contributions. We have had some new members join us on the Parish Council, I would like to thank them very much for all their hard work and for giving up their time to become Councillors. We are very lucky to have such a diverse range of skills on the Parish Council and members who all contribute to any subject that needs debating with enthusiasm. We still have 4 vacancies if any residents are interested in becoming a Councillor.

The recent storms were ferocious, it's very sad to see how their impact has changed our countryside and landscape locally. I'm relieved to say that we didn't have any fatalities in our Parish, however the storms were worrying for a lot of people for various reasons. I would like to say a huge thank you to those that not only helped to clear up after the storm, get the roads back open and power supply back on, but local people who helped out and checked on their neighbours too. The Parish Council are already thinking about what more they can do to help during any emergencies in the future and recently held drop in sessions to get your feedback, you can still complete a questionnaire online if you haven't yet had your say – scan the QR code on page 4 of this newsletter to complete it online. The clean up from the storm is still continuing and we would encourage residents to make sure they report online to Cornwall Council any potholes, flooding or highways issues so that Cormac are aware and this work can be added to their list.

The Parish Council have lots of plans for the coming year including writing a Neighbourhood Priority Statement, updating our Community Emergency Plan and setting up MyFeock Community Hubs, check our website for up to date information, progress with these projects and how you can get involved.

*CLlr Richard Brickell, Chairman*

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# The Railway that made Devoran

by Cllr Keith Hambly-Staite

One can only imagine what Devoran looked like in the mid nineteenth century. Even more difficult to envisage the scenes where locomotives passed close by the front doors of residents of Carclew Terrace and children dodged the ore filled wagons as they were trundled along the road leading to the dockside. The quays would have been busy with workers moving copper ore, coal and timber and on the creek, sailing ships, steamboats and barges would have been jostling for position. Pollution from the quays and streets beyond would probably have turned the water a muddy brown. Everywhere noise dirt and smoke.

Devoran is now a peaceful commuter village but it was once a busy industrial landscape created out of a rural environment of scattered farms and small holdings. Local employment prospects were good as business grew. The growth of the mining industry, the building and maintenance of the railway, the development of Devoran itself and port activity required numerous staff and many different skills. Handlers for the horses, drivers for locomotives, sailors for the barges and ships stonemasons and carpenters for building houses, managers to run businesses and labourers for moving the ore, coal, timber and other materials. The work was hard and sometimes dangerous but the workers had a benefit not enjoyed by many people in mid Victorian England. They lived in houses built on streets laid out with pavements and most with a garden.

How this came about was a story told in a project organised by Feock Parish Council in 2025 to celebrate the lives of the people who built a railway and created the 'New Town' as it was called. It all began with the development of the mines worked for copper in the Twelveheads area in the early nineteenth century. In 1823 a John Taylor who owned the lease on Consolidated Mines was looking for a way to take the copper he mined to the coast for export to South Wales for smelting. He wanted a cheaper option to the port of Portreath and saw Restronguet Creek as a place where an alternative port could be developed. All that was needed was a railway to link his mines with the port. At around the same time the Lanhydrock Estate, owners of the land on which Devoran was to be built saw a commercial opportunity. Victorian England was a time of great innovation and entrepreneurship. Cornwall did not lack its own. A prospectus was published in 1829 encouraging people to buy into the Devoran dream.

The railway being built to link the mining area with the sea provided a great opportunity for both the railway company, the Redruth and Chasewater Railway and the Lanhydrock Estate, the landowners. An 1853 a parliamentary Act gave the railway company permission to 'restore, improve, cleanse, and alter the channels in order to procure and maintain a sufficient depth of water in the said creek for the navigation of ships and vessels'. It shows how much influence the railway company had over the creekside. The frenzy of building activity on the land above the creek around this time can only be imagined, Houses for the workers, wharves for the ships, infrastructure for the railway! But two men working for the Lanhydrock Estate, Alfred Jenkins and William James oversaw organised development. Streets were laid out, houses, churches, shops and public houses were built to meet the needs of a growing population. Much remains today and perhaps can be seen as an early example of town and country planning!

The project was called 'The Railway that made Devoran' It celebrated one of the earliest railways to be built in Britain and was part of Railway 200 a national project recognising 200 years of railway history. Information was gathered through days of research in Kresen Kernow, the county local history library and archive in Redruth and conversations with local people like Marie Bird, Nick Johnson and Bob Richards. We produced posters, gave talks and produced a booklet, 'Discover Devoran' illustrating a walk around the village aimed at the young people at our local school. We organised an exhibition of photographs and models at Devoran Village Hall. Many of the photographs were cleaned and conserved for the exhibition and new photographs taken. In the search for new material we uncovered maps and plans which gave information, amongst other

things, about water supply for the village and the layout of shops in the market house, now the home of the parish council and a pre-school.

As with many things just as Devoran grew the industry that lay behind its development ebbed away as the mines closed and the 'New Town' went to sleep again. The railway ceased to operate completely in 1915. But all the business activity which led to the development of the railway and the creation of Devoran has left behind an important legacy. Devoran is a well laid out village with attractive houses and public spaces. A photograph taken around 1875 shows how little the landscape has changed in over 150 years. The railway itself is remembered by an attractive walk by the creekside and public spaces that were once the wharves.

As part of the project a new information board was created and will be displayed outside Devoran Village Hall and in Dysons Field. Entitled 'Carnon Valley and Restronguet Creek' it was unveiled by Jayne Kirkham MP at the exhibition on 22nd November 2025 and will be available electronically together with the Devoran booklet from the parish council website. During the year we were able to think more about the people who lived and worked in the area around us and who left such an important sense of place which we can enjoy now and in the future.

Paper copies of our 'Feock Trails' walks leaflets, Discover Devoran booklet, Carnon Valley & Restronguet Creek map (copies of the interpretation board shown below) and also Feock on Foot maps are available to pick up from the Devoran Community Library at the Parish Council Offices and also available to download from our website [www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/feocktrailsproject](http://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/feocktrailsproject) and [www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/ourarea](http://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/ourarea)

'The Railway that made Devoran' was organised by Feock Parish Council and funded by the Great Western Railway 200 Community Fund with further support from Restronguet Creek Society



Cllr Hambly-Staite from Feock Parish Council and Jayne Kirkham MP unveiling the new Carnon Valley and Restronguet Creek interpretation boards at the exhibition, these will be installed this year outside of Devoran Village Hall and also in our community woodland at Dyson's Field on the Tram Road between Devoran and Point.

# Council Tax Precept 2026/27

The Parish Council receives the majority of its funding from Cornwall Council as part of the Council Tax residents pay to Cornwall Council which is called the precept.

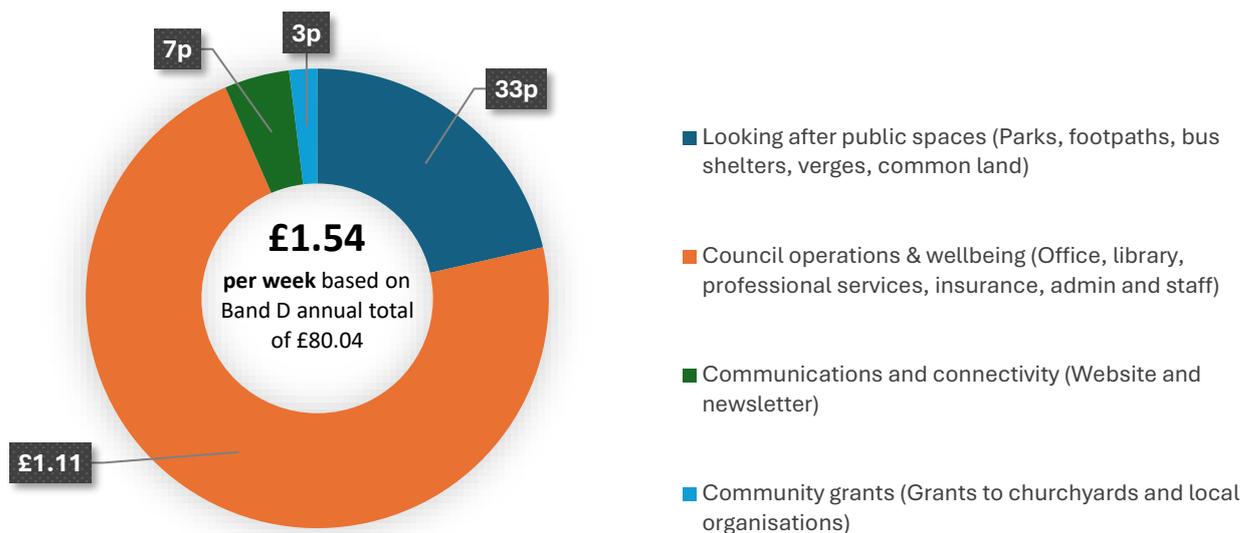
You will see on your Council Tax bill a separate line for the Parish Council and that is the amount we receive from your household. As for everyone, costs are also rising for the Parish Council and as much as the Council try to avoid increasing the precept as we are very aware of the impact of this on residents, this is unfortunately unavoidable if we wish to continue to provide the same level of services. Although each parish in Cornwall will have its own unique needs, priorities and situation; our increase of 8.3% is around the lower end compared to other local parishes.

The Parish Council have decided to increase the precept for the coming year, to cover amongst other things increases in the cost of public rubbish/dog waste bin emptying, additional maintenance to parish land and public spaces and improved information signage.

Last year the Parish Council’s precept was £160,000 and for the year 2026/27 the Council have decided to put it up by 8.3% to £173,450. This equates to an increase on a Band D property of £6.10 for a year or 12p a week, the total annual payment from a Band D property towards the Parish Council precept will be £80.04. Band A properties will have an increase of £4.07 a year and Band H of £12.20 a year.

We thought it would be useful to include below a graphic to show how the weekly contribution from a Band D property to the Parish Council is spent. You’ll see that the largest area is Council operations and wellbeing which includes staff costs. We employ 3 part time members of staff, a Parish Clerk (Debra Roberts), Assistant Parish Clerk (Debbie Searle) and Wellbeing & Information Officer (Cathy Whitmore). They assist residents and the Council and we thought it would be useful to explain more about what they do in their roles.

## How will your money be spent?



Debra’s role as Parish Clerk is to advise Councillors on the legal aspects and powers of the Parish Council, she is the person you’ll generally speak to about public rights of way, highways issues, committees, improvement projects and play areas. Debra also attends the Full Parish Council and Committee meetings (except for Planning) and produces the agendas and minutes of these as well as putting together our Connect newsletter, social media and website and working to secure external funding for improvements to our parish facilities.

Debbie as Assistant Clerk is the person you'll speak to about Planning applications in the parish and she makes sure that when the Parish Council are consulted on application they consider all the relevant planning policies including our Neighbourhood Development Plan and the Council's consultee comment is submitted on time. Debbie also deals with the Council finances and makes sure all the i's are dotted and t's are crossed for our Internal Auditor to ensure we are spending public money in accordance with all the rules and regulations we are bound by.

Cathy as our Information & Wellbeing Officer is the member of staff you'll speak to when you phone or call in to the office, she's also the person you'll speak to when requesting a lift from our Volunteer car scheme or if you'd like your prescription collected. Cathy will try to answer any questions residents have or signpost them to other services if this isn't something that the Parish Council can help with. Cathy also runs the Repair Café and produces the monthly What's On listing, keeps the MyFeock wellbeing website up to date, runs the Council's Small Grants funding scheme and can also tell you all about all the different groups that meet in the parish.

# Feock on Foot map

We have created the **Feock on Foot** map to show residents the Feock Trails and Feock Strolls walking routes around the parish, together with facilities such as refreshment stops, Village Halls, defibrillators, access to the water, religious buildings and seating areas to have a rest.

Free copies can be collected from the Devoran Community Library at our offices in Devoran or downloaded from our website, these are also displayed on our noticeboards around the parish and on our website [www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/feockonfoot](http://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/feockonfoot)

**KEY TO PATHWAYS**

- ..... FEOCK TRAIL
- FEOCK STROLL
- PUBLIC ROAD
- PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

**VILLAGE HALLS**

- 1 Carron Downs Village Hall
- 2 St Feock Church Community Hall
- 3 Devoran Village Hall
- 4 Devoran Parish Centre
- 5 The Hub Church Hall
- 6 Pengpot Community Space

**RECREATION PARKS**

- 1 Pengilly Meadows
- 2 Park An Quarry Children's Play Park
- 3 Devoran Recreation Ground
- 4 Rattalack Playing Field

**CAR PARKS**

- 1 Treillick National Trust (Note: apply to both motorhous)
- 2 Feock Church (Note: apply)
- 3 Blisoe Trail (Note: apply)
- 4 Loe Beach Café (Note: apply)
- 5 Roadside parking (Note: apply)

**DEFIBRILLATORS**

- 1 Devoran
- 2 Ferris Garage
- 3 Trooler Croft
- 4 St Feock Church Hall
- 5 Loe Beach Café
- 6 Carron Downs Bowling Club
- 7 The Punchbowl & Ladle
- 8 Carron Downs
- 9 Point Green
- 10 Treillick Gardens
- 11 Carron Downs Caravan & Motorhome Club

**WATERSIDE ACCESS**

- 1 Devoran Quay
- 2 Carron Mine
- 3 Point Quay
- 4 Carron Yard
- 5 Rostrogue Point
- 6 Chycoose Beach
- 7 Pengpot Boat Yard
- 8 Roundwood Quay

**REFRESHMENTS**

- 1 Hart of The Valley (restaurant)
- 2 Homeleigh Truro (café)
- 3 Carron Downs Caravan & Motorhome Club (café)
- 4 The Old Quay Inn
- 5 The Punch Bowl & Ladle (inn)
- 6 Linden Hey Garden Tea Room
- 7 Loe Beach Café
- 8 Crofters Café (Treillick Gardens, NT)
- 9 Carron Inn

**RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS**

- 1 Devoran Church
- 2 The Hub Carron Community Methodist Church
- 3 Pengpot Methodist Church
- 4 Come to Good Quaker Meeting House

**GREEN SPACES**

- 1 Jubilee Wood
- 2 Dyson's Field
- 3 Point Green
- 4 Point Orchard

**KEY TO FEOCK TRAILS**

- 1 Carron Downs
- 2 Devoran
- 3 Point & Pengpot
- 4 Point & Panoleway
- 5 Feock
- 6 Treillick
- 7 Roundwood

**KEY TO FEOCK STROLLS**

- 1 Carron Downs North
- 2 Carron Downs East
- 3 Carron Downs West
- 4 Carron Downs South
- 5 Devoran West\*
- 6 Devoran South
- 7 Devoran East
- 8 Devoran North
- 9 Point
- 10 Pengpot
- 11 Feock North
- 12 Feock South
- 13 Rostrogue
- 14 Point Tram Road

**WELCOME TO THE PICTURESQUE PARISH OF FEOCK, AN AREA WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF BOTH RURAL AND RIVERSIDE SCENERY JUST WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED!**

To help you enjoy walking within the Parish we've assembled a collection of longer walking trails which highlight the natural beauty of the countryside, and also identified shorter strolls which connect points of interest via more accessible routes.

The map above provides a general overview of the length and locations of these walks, but for more detailed directions and mapping, please visit our website or pop in to our office in Devoran, where printed leaflets featuring the Feock Trails are available, free of charge.

[www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Information correct as of October 2025

Scan here for further information on cycle routes, public byways, footpaths and bridleways.

\* This route is scheduled to be fully accessible to the public by the end of 2026.

## Feock Volunteer Car Scheme

The car scheme run by the Parish Council has made 139 journeys this year since last April, these are usually around the parish with the most sought-after destination being Perranwell Wellbeing Club, followed by Carnon Downs and Devoran surgeries, as well as prescription collections. The numbers have increased as more people require temporary support while the recovering from health issues stopping them driving independently. The availability of the facility is always welcomed with relief and gratitude by those who find themselves suddenly requiring this support. To request a trip phone Cathy on 07904 547822 between 9.30am and 12 noon weekdays (please give 48 hours notice if possible).

## New bus timetables

From 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026 there have been changes to the bus times due to the withdrawal of First Kernow from Cornwall and the U1 bus service, some of the replacement buses for the U1 route are now only hourly rather than half hourly to/from Falmouth and not running through Carnon Downs which is disappointing.

The Parish Council are very pleased to see that the 493 service has remained unchanged though and is still serving Penpol as part of the Truro to Feock route which the Parish Council had campaigned for.

The latest bus timetables can be viewed online <https://www.transportforcornwall.co.uk/services>

Cornwall Council welcome all feedback on the bus service and you can get in touch with all Transport for Cornwall operators via <https://www.transportforcornwall.co.uk/bus-and-train-help>

Leave a comment on the Transport for Cornwall Facebook page or contact Cornwall Councils Transport team via [Transport@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Transport@cornwall.gov.uk)

## Our Village Halls need your help!

**Devoran Village Hall** will need volunteers to help the current Trustees to ensure the Hall can stay open for the community. At the AGM in May this year some long standing officers are retiring from their posts. Devoran Village Hall needs:

- A Secretary - correspondence, agenda, etc. (no minute taking required).
- A person to regularly check the fabric of the building for deterioration and breakages.
- A person to make occasional grant applications on behalf of the Hall.
- Anyone who can help on an ad hoc basis i.e. selling raffle tickets, putting out chairs for events etc.

If you think you can help, please email: [dvhsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:dvhsecretary@outlook.com)



## A big hello from Carnon Downs Village Hall

Yet another very active year has passed us by, with many varied activities in the Hall, which has remained as busy as ever.

Firstly, we the Trustees would like to say a huge thankyou to our now very small team of volunteers and again our thanks to those that have now retired after many years behind the scenes. We are so very thankful for your hard work and help. THE AGM IS FAST APPROACHING BEING HELD ON FRIDAY 10TH APRIL, at 6.30PM – come along for a cuppa with the meeting starting at 7pm in the Main Hall.

We, the trustees, have had a very busy year, we've been working hard to try to make the hall use as easy and enjoyable as possible for the hirers and to run as smoothly as it can, we are hoping that the addition of the new instruction video has been helpful it has been received very well.

There are however a few people that still need a 'meet and greet', which has been covered by a trustee and a volunteer. This trustee is now standing down after 3 years.

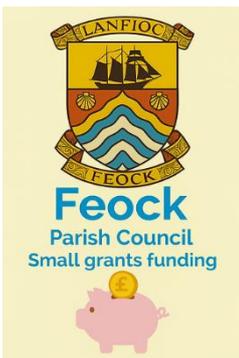
We are a group of 8 trustees including our Chair. We are a very friendly group and we work well together with a good, varied input of experience. Four of us have been newbies and thankfully supported by the remaining existing experienced trustees. This brings us to the **Big Shout Out for both more trustees and more volunteers**, we have 2 trustees stepping down as they have now done a three-year term.

The Hall is the centre of the Village and so important to so many people, please will you think about joining us as a trustee or volunteer, to try to keep this facility up and running. *Penny Lilly-Brickell, Trustee*

## St Feock Church Community Hall

The hall situated by Pill Creek offers facilities for groups to meet, socialise and enjoy various activities.

## Small Grants Scheme Funding



The scheme is primarily aimed at community organisations based or working in the parish. The Parish Council budget for small grants for the coming financial year is £2000. MyFeock the wellbeing arm of the Parish Council is keen to enable groups and organisations to 'make a difference' within the parish in their provision of social and leisure activities that enhance residents lives. Grants are available up to £200 per group.

Application forms include the full criteria and guidance information specifying the conditions and process and are available from our website, by email [myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:myfeock@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk) or by contacting Cathy on 01872 863333.

## Parish Councillor Vacancies

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

At the time of writing, out of 14 Parish Councillor seats we still have a vacancies for four Councillors – two in Devoran ward and two 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 to make sure they are of interest to you.

- ✓ No prior experience is needed – just enthusiasm, commitment, a desire to help your community and ability to attend one Parish Council meeting a month, usually held on the second Monday of the month at 6pm in Devoran, lasting no more than 3 hours maximum.
  - ✓  Deadline to apply: a week before each Parish Council meeting
  - ✓ The next Parish Council meetings are on: Mondays 9<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> April and 11<sup>th</sup> May which will also be the evening of the Annual Meeting of Electors followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. All meetings start at 6pm in the Parish Council Office in Devoran, TR3 6QA.
- 📍 Interested? For more information on how to apply and what the role involves, please contact Debra Roberts, Parish Clerk at [clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk) or telephone on 01872 863333 or visit our website [www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk)

If you have any questions about what it is like to be a Councillor and what is involved from their point of view you can contact Councillors via our website [www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/parishcouncillors](http://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/parishcouncillors)

**Join us in making a difference – your voice matters!**

## Feock Parish Community Emergency Plan

The Parish Council had already started to put together a Parish Community Emergency Plan when Storm Gorette hit us in mid January and we recently held drop in sessions for residents to tell us their experiences of the storm so that this can be used to update the Emergency Plan in case of a similar storm or emergency in the future. We are also carrying out a survey about the impact of the storm which can be accessed by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this page or on paper from the Devoran Community Library.

We are always looking for local volunteers who may have the skills to help in an emergency – for example you may have a 4x4 vehicle to be able to pick up a prescription or you may be able to go and check on a vulnerable neighbour 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](mailto:clerk@feockparishcouncil.gov.uk) or 01872 863333 with your contact details and skills you can offer.

Leaflets on the Priority Services register, what to do in a powercut and a list of items that would be useful to have ready in case of a prolonged power cut are available to pick up from the Devoran Community Library at the Parish Council's offices on Market Street.

National Grid have a priority register to help residents who may rely on a stairlift, electricity for medical reasons or if they would be distressed by an unexpected power cut. To join the **Priority Services Register** contact National Grid on 0800 096 3080 or visit [www.nationalgrid.co.uk/psr](http://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/psr)

Residents can also report issues such as fallen trees, flooding or pot holes directly to Cornwall Council online <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/> or if it is an emergency phone numbers are listed opposite.



Scan the QR code below to complete the survey



## Emergency Numbers

- Flooding, trees down, road closures, highways issues and road works: Cornwall Council Highways (CORMAC) 0300 1234 222
- Cornwall Council Out of hours Social Work Children, Young People & Families: 01208 251300
- Cornwall Council 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, Pollution Response 0300 123 1032
- Power cuts: National Grid 0800 6783 105 or 105
- Water or sewage leak: South West Water 0344 346 2020



## MyFeock Community Hubs

By Jeremy Rowe, Community Maker, Volunteer Cornwall

Much of the conversation around modernising the NHS in England has so far revolved around 'Neighbourhood Health', and Cornwall is at the forefront of embracing this with the continuing development of the Community Hub Network.

Since 2023, Volunteer Cornwall have been working with voluntary sector partners and public sector commissioners to develop the Community Hub Network – but just what is the Community Hub Network and why does it matter?

Community Hubs are places that provide support and resources for their communities. The Community Hubs Network relies on organisations working together to identify the best support available for people at a local level. A Community Hub can be a building or space, or a network of people who offer safe places for community members. Here, they can find help, advice, support, and join in activities. In towns and villages, there are various types of hubs that each play a unique and vital role in their community.

### Why are we doing this?

The funding for the Community Hubs Network comes from NHS Cornwall & IoS and they are funding the Community Hubs because they recognise that the best way to help people is to stop them getting sick in the first place. Keeping people at home in the community, living active, independent and healthy lives is much better for everyone (and much less expensive) than waiting until people become sick or need care and then intervening. The Community Hubs offer a chance to get help and support with your mental and physical health and wellbeing including tackling loneliness and isolation by offering activities you can get involved in with others.

There are 55 Community Hubs across Cornwall and the network has grown in each of the last three years. Feock Parish already has a well-established Community and Wellbeing approach and is channelling the good work that is already taking place to become the latest addition to the Community Hub Network.

## My Feock Repair Café

By Cathy Whitmore, Information & Wellbeing Adviser

Feock Parish Council set up the Carnon Downs Repair Café in November 2022 as part of the European Development Fund Healthy Ageing Through Innovation in Rural Europe (HAIRE) Project, to offer activities in the local community to encourage social interaction post COVID Lockdowns for our senior (60+) parish residents. Following an invitation from our hosts at The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church we were able to hold the event in their Church Hall using their existing coffee morning slot with support from their volunteers to provide refreshments and help setting up the space. With the excellent advice from Cornwall Council's Waste Partnership Officer, we created a small team of repairers from Truro Repair Café to assist us with recruitment and key operating strategies.

The Repair Café became an instant success in attracting local skilled volunteers to tackle the enthusiastic local people bringing in their electrical/electronic, textiles, clocks and other treasures for repair. In my role as Feock Parish Council's Information & Wellbeing Adviser I manage the administrative organisation of the Repair Café: contacting the repairers and volunteers before each session, recording the off-site repair consent forms and recording statistics, collecting the donations towards the repairs, and advertising the sessions in the monthly 'What's On' guide and MyFeock Wellbeing website events calendar and Facebook page.

So, in 2024, with a strong regular clientele, we added Southwest Water and Cornwall Energy Plus help desks into the friendly and sociable event for their useful advice on bill management, special tariffs and energy saving gadgets. A representative from Feock Parish Council began regular attendance to support the 'meet and greet' team and recording the items as they arrived. Additional benefits of 'getting to know' our local community through face-to-face contact has enabled the Parish Council to identify trends of local concerns from helpful anecdotal feedback in a neutral environment, particularly communication of social activities and organisations. We have repair and café customers who use the event as a place to meet friends, carers bringing their 'carees' for the entertainment from the stimulating stories of the history behind the items people bring in.



We now have a loyal band of regular customers and skilled repairers who are grateful for how the event makes them feel part of the community, giving them a warm and welcoming experience. This is reciprocated in the feeling of wellbeing enjoyed by all contributors in helping others as well as making a difference to the community through recycling and re-purposing items from landfill. Everyone receives the feel-good factor in being useful and supportive.

Our statistics show an incredibly positive success rate of 87% as we continue to recruit new repairers new to the community or recently retired with the electric/electronic, engineering, textiles, clockwork, and woodwork skills that are in great demand.



Now we have established the key elements of *Repair, Repurpose, Recycle* in the Repair Café, added information and signposting to community services, and plans to add more wellbeing and health initiatives in the form of a Community Hub incorporating community *Resilience* through emergency planning.

**Upcoming Repair Café Dates, held last Tuesday of the month at The Hub Carnon Community Methodist Church on Bissoe Road in Carnon Downs 10am to 11.30am: Tuesdays 31<sup>st</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – the May Repair Café will include a visit by the Neighbourhood Watch.**

## Planning & Neighbourhood Priority Statements

The Parish Council submit consultee comments on planning applications in the Parish in line with our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and taking into consideration any comments received from neighbours or interested parties. Details of all planning applications received from Cornwall Council for consultee comment are posted on the Parish Council's website and Facebook page as they are received [www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/currentplanning-applications](http://www.feockparishcouncil.gov.uk/currentplanning-applications) We also post on our Facebook page weekly the decisions made by Cornwall Council on applications in the parish.

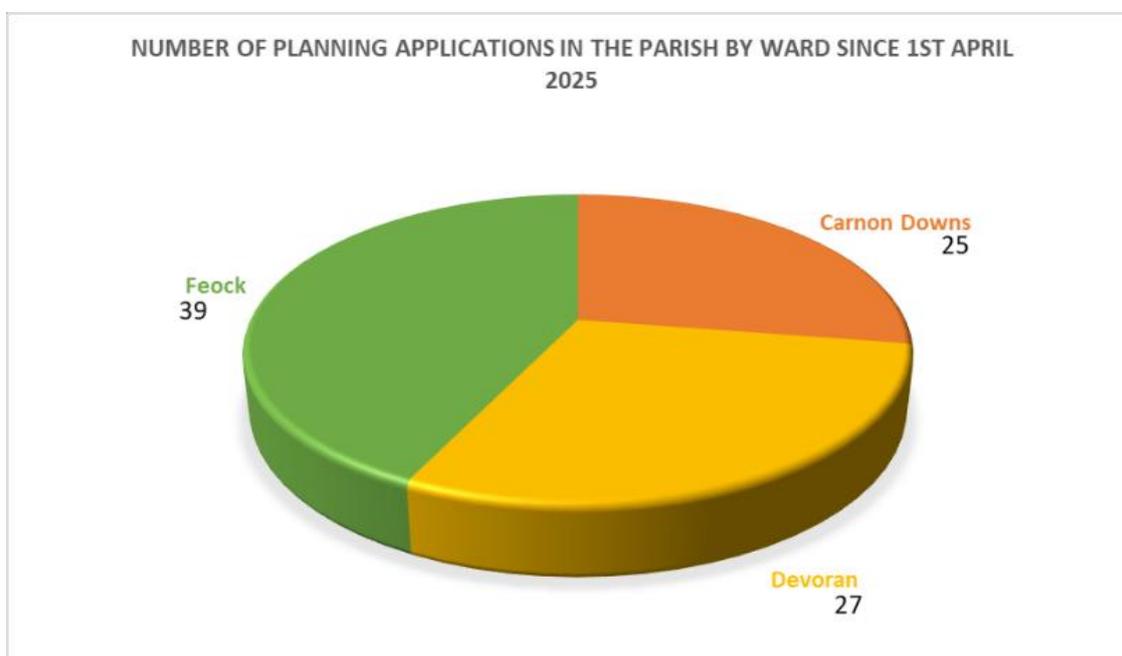
Whilst the Parish Council is a statutory consultee it is Cornwall Council that decide whether to approve or refuse a planning application based on relevant planning policies e.g. the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Cornwall Local Plan (CLP), and also for Feock Parish our Neighbourhood Development Plan.

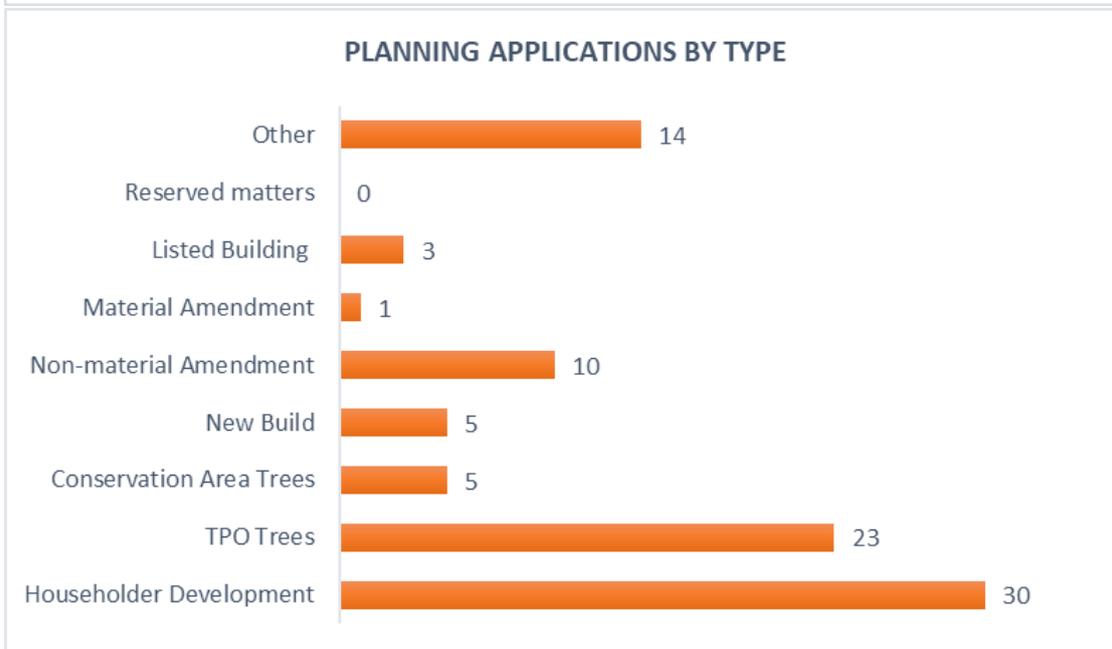
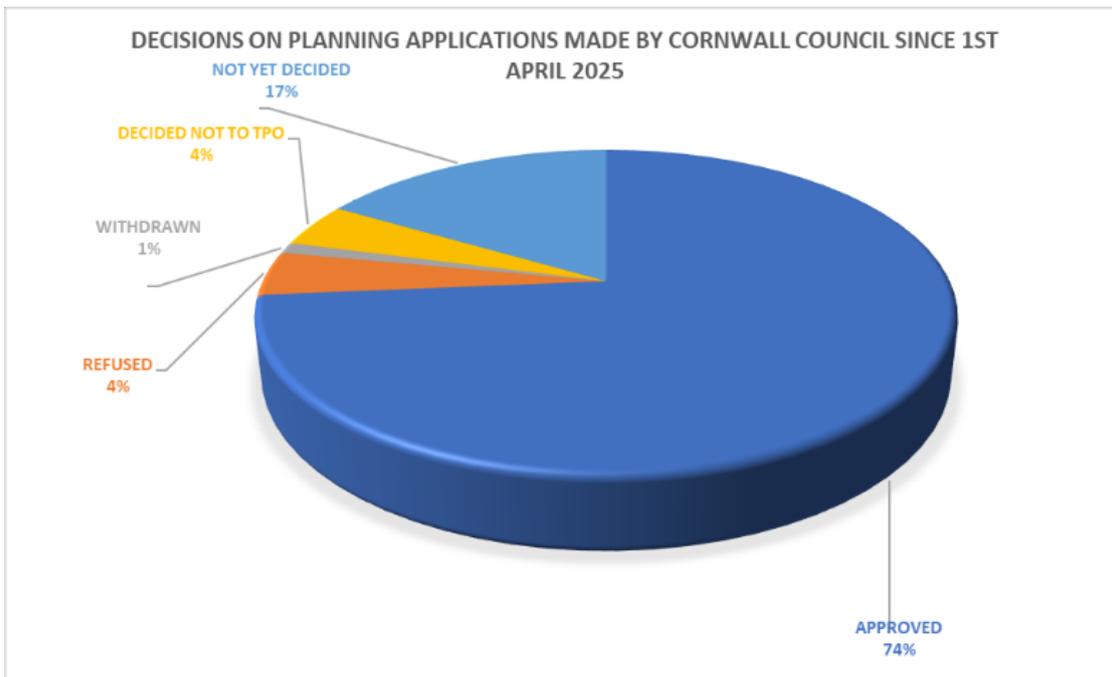
The Government's new NPPF came into force late in 2024 which sets out revised guidance and policies for planning across the country. The Government also published a standard housing method to be used alongside the NPPF. This is the method that Cornwall Council must now use to understand how many new homes should be built each year in Cornwall. In light of this, Cornwall Council have stated that some of their policies in the Cornwall Local Plan will be considered 'out of date' and are starting work on a new Cornwall Local Plan, as part of this work all Parish Council's will be invited to write a Neighbourhood Priority Statement.

The Parish Council decided at their February 2026 meeting that they will start work on a Neighbourhood Priority Statement (NPS) for Feock parish as soon as the guidance is available from Cornwall Council. Neighbourhood Priority Statements do not contain planning policies but they do allow local people to influence growth and development in their area. An NPS is an opportunity for residents to set out their aspirations for the future and identify important local planning issues.

When Cornwall Council write policies for the next Cornwall Local Plan, they will have a legal duty to consider all approved Neighbourhood Priority Statements. Please keep an eye on our website, social media and noticeboards and sign up for email copies of Connect to be kept up to date with how you can be involved.

Planning statistics for the parish shown are for the period from 01/04/2025 to 04/02/2026





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