

Report to Saltash Town Council October 2025

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Report from Paul Cador: Saltash Trematon and Landrake

Treledan Estate

Phase 2/2b is now in full swing, with work starting on the Stockton Roundabout, consultation is starting reference the Sporting Pitches and timings of when will be completed TBC.

Care Awards

An event that recognised Cornwall's care sector was hailed a huge success last week with awards given to care workers whose achievements shone above the rest.

Organised by Cornwall Council's Proud to Care team, actor Warwick Davis attended to give out the awards to the winners and prizes to the runners-up.

Warwick said: "Many of us will get to the stage of our lives when we can't look after ourselves so that's when carers become vitally important for us to be able to maintain dignity and quality of life as well."

Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health Cllr Jim McKenna said: "It's incredibly important that we invest the time and resources to celebrate and recognise the amazing people who work in care in Cornwall.

"The event was a huge success, and I'd like to thank everyone who attended and give a massive well done to all of the nominees and winners."

The event took place at The Eden Project near St Austell and winners were announced following the shortlisting of over 760 nominations, with two runners up in each category.

The award winners were:

Support worker of the year – **Eric Adjei**

Social care nurse of the year – **Scott Hulin**

Registered manager of the year – **Kaya McLeod**

Newcomer of the year – **Garry Rishworth-Hunter**

Learning champion of the year – **Mat Spinks**

Hidden Treasures award – **Nicky Richards**

Community care worker of the year – **Nazz Shajahan**

Care provider/team of the year – **Perran Bay Care Home**

Innovation in care - **Rose-Marie Williams**

Care/nursing home worker of the year – **Jacque Wayman**

Cllr McKenna added: "The aim of the awards is to shine a light on Cornwall's care sector and give recognition to this often, under-recognised profession."

Anyone interested in a care role can visit the [Proud to Care Cornwall website](#)

Free Tree Saplings

Thousands of free tree saplings are being given away across Cornwall from next month as residents are encouraged to plant trees, increase nature in their communities and protect the environment. The Forest for Cornwall team are behind the initiative which starts in October ahead of the approaching planting season. More than 1.6 million trees have been planted for the Forest for Cornwall since the scheme was launched in 2019, making up around 1,000 hectares. As part of the latest Back Garden Forest tree giveaways there are a choice of six native species to choose from. These are dogwood, hazel, rowan, crab apple, hawthorn and guelder-rose. Each sapling will come with a leaflet with information on the tree species and how to care for it. Just bring a bag to take your sapling home in.

The locations and times are:

Callington: Saturday 4th October 2025, 10am-12.30pm, Callington Honey Fair, PL17 7BE

Torpoint: Thursday 30th October 2025, 2pm-4pm, Torpoint Library, PL11 2AG

Helston: Saturday 1st November 2025, 9.30am-12.30pm, The Old Cattle Market, TR13 0SR

Tintagel: Saturday 15th November 2025, 10.30am-12.30pm, Tintagel Visitor Centre, PL34 0AJ

Newquay: Saturday 22nd November 2025, 10.30am-12.30pm, Newquay Football Club, TR7 2BU

Camborne: Saturday 29th November 2025, 10am-12pm, Camborne Library, TR14 8HA

Penzance: Saturday 17th January 2026, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Johns Hall, TR18 2QW

Perranporth: Saturday 24th January 2026, 10.30am-12.30pm, Perranporth Library, TR6 0EP

Bodmin: Saturday 31st January 2026, 10.30am-12.30pm, Shire House Suite, PL31 2DQ

Redruth: Saturday 14th February 2026, 10.30am-12.30pm, Market Way and Redruth Library, TR15 2AU

Truro: Saturday 21st February 2026, 10.30am-12.30pm, Truro Library, TR1 1EP

St. Austell: Saturday 28th February 2026, 10.30am-12.30pm, St Austell Library, PL25 4LD

“Tree-planting season is fast approaching and if you’re looking to grow a tree in your garden here’s your chance to pick up a free sapling and get it in the ground. “Our Forest for Cornwall team can give you all the advice you need to make sure you’ve got the right type of tree for your garden and how to look after it. “You’ll also be helping contribute to the Forest for Cornwall and a greener environment for one and all.”

My Question at Full Council

I would like to bring to the chambers a request for recognition for a Sporting Lady. Anne Warren was born in Saltash in 1796, a time when women were in low regard to men in the sporting world. In the 1820’s she married John Glanville and became Anne Glanville, John worked as a Waterman. As rowing was part of daily life on the River Tamar, and when Anne helped out. she developed strength and skill from working on the water. When John became ill Anne took it on full time. In the 1830s–1840s, Anne gathered a crew of **women rowers from Saltash and started training for races.** They rowed in traditional Cornish gigs (six-oared boats). **It was during this time that recognition started coming in for being the only all-female team to enter men’s competitions. At Henley they gathered huge crowds racing against men’s teams. At Liverpool** Her team won races against male crews, sparking national attention.

Then in 1842, The Saltash Amazons as they had become known as, entered a competition in Paris, France. They were warmly received and celebrated. They then went on to beat all the men’s teams that were put against them. They had earned the name Saltash Amazons for their strength and dominance on the water.

I am asking the Council that we recognise Anne Glanville for the what she was - she was one of the founders of women's sport. Anne Glanville became a **symbol of female strength and defiance of gender roles** in Victorian society. She Remembered by the **Anne Glanville Cup** at the Saltash Regatta and by local rowing clubs. We have the chance of precuring one of the only prints of her and her boat crew and if we could get it framed would it be possible to find a home for her in County Hall and Saltash Guildhall with a placard

Report from Cllr Keith Johnson: Saltash Tamar

At The Full Council Meeting https://www..com/live/i0svB_Pc7TI?feature=shared

As Shadow Cabinet Member for Together for Families I challenged the Portfolio Holder Hillary Frank On the Education Health Care Plans:

Chair, Fellow Councillors,

Last week, we saw proud moments across Cornwall, children in their new school uniforms, stepping into a new year with hope in their hearts and parents cheering them on at the school gates.

But for some families, that hope was clouded by anxiety. Many are still waiting for their child's Education, Health, and Care Plan..... plans that are not a favour, but a legal right, and essential for children with additional needs to access the support they deserve.

Behind every delay is a child struggling in school. A parent lying awake at night, unsure how to help. And a teacher doing their best without the right guidance or resources.

We know this council is working hard, and that staff are under pressure. But we must do more because delays in EHCPs are more than numbers. They are lost time in a child's life.

So, I ask the portfolio holder:

"How many Cornish children are currently waiting beyond the legal 20-week timeframe for an EHCP, and what is being done right now to reduce these delays?"

Follow up question:

What support is available for families and schools while they wait, and how are we ensuring no child is left behind during this critical time? Let's make sure that every child in Cornwall feels seen, supported, and set up to succeed.

Berry Park Road markings

As Cornwall for Saltash Tamar I will always put the safety of my residents above all, that is why I could not accept the decision of the council, and decided to highlight this matter in the news paper.

Cornwall Councillor Raises Safety Alarm Over Faded Yellow Lines — Council Claims No Funding Available

A Cornwall Councillor is calling for urgent action after faded yellow lines in Saltash have led to unsafe parking and rendered enforcement impossible, with Cornwall Council reportedly stating that there is no funding left to repaint them.

Cllr Keith Johnson who represents Saltash Tamar, said: "Vital yellow line markings have faded to the point of being nearly invisible in parts of Berry Park. This has allowed dangerous and obstructive parking near junctions and narrow roads, putting pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers at risk.

What's even more concerning is that civil enforcement officers are unable to issue penalties because the road markings are no longer legally enforceable. This creates a loophole where unsafe parking goes unchecked."

Cllr Johnson confirmed that when the issue was raised with Cornwall Council officers, the response was that no funding remains in the current budget to carry out line repainting in the area.

"Public safety should never be sidelined due to a lack of basic maintenance funds. These are small-scale, preventative works that could save lives and reduce risk".

"I am calling on Cornwall Council to urgently review its priorities and allocate emergency funding to repaint the yellow lines — not just in Saltash, but across all areas facing similar risks."

Residents are being encouraged to report faded lines and any near-miss incidents to Cornwall Council to strengthen the case for immediate intervention.

Longstone Park

The following remedial works have now been reported and Outcomes are reported:

1 Upon inspection the gates and railings were so rusty it is debatable whether they could be re-painted or they have fallen into a state of disrepair, there are dangerous shards of steel/rust.

Outcome: Can't afford to repaint – "raise a group of volunteers to do the work"

2 weeds are considerably high that in places the grass and weeds that sit along the boundary fence .adjacent to the children's play area and fence is represents a fire hazard which I believe is a potential safeguarding issue.

Outcome: Completed

3 I've been informed that many of the lights inside the park do not work this again is a potential safeguarding Issue.

Outcome: disconnected by the bowling club council cannot afford to reconnect to separate supply doesn't regard it as safeguarding issue

4 There is graffiti in various places including the outside of the public toilets.

Outcome: Responsibility Of Saltash Town council

5 The children's play equipment and signage is covered in mould.

Outcome Council to jetwash

6 Tennis courts have no netting or net posts, they have been removed, can they be reinstated or can the area be repurposed?

Outcome: Haven't Got the funds to replace



Report from Hilary Frank: Saltash Essa

VISIT TO FOUNTAIN HEAD HOUSE SCHOOL

I was pleased to spend time at Fountain Head House School, shown around by Headteacher Thereza de Lucca, and meeting the Senior Leadership Team as well as many staff and students. It was inspiring to see how the staff create such a nurturing and ambitious environment where pupils are encouraged to thrive, explore their talents and communicate with confidence. I was especially struck by the creativity in the classrooms and the warm sense of community that comes from so many staff living locally.

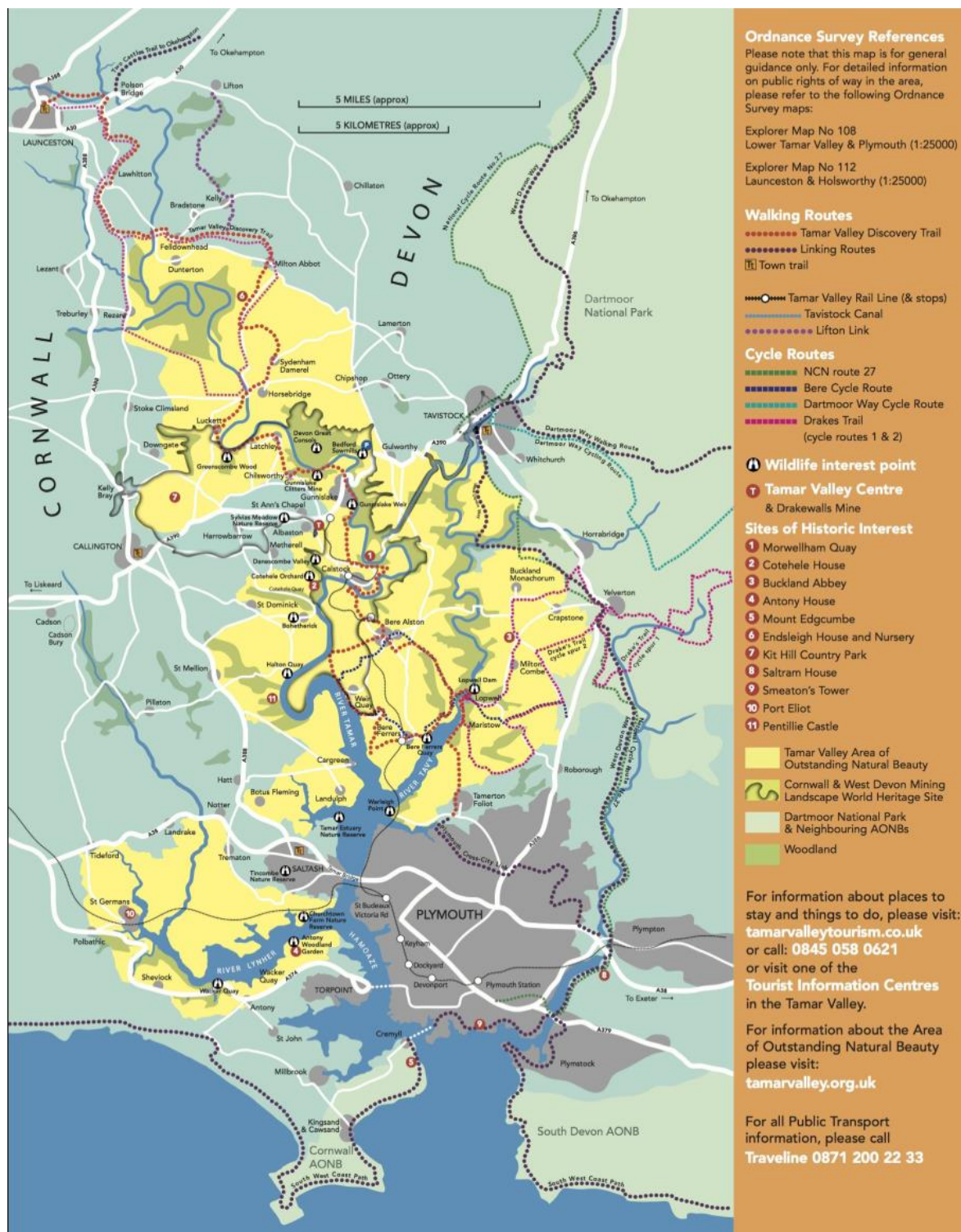
STORYBOOK DADS ON BBC ONE

The upcoming edition of Crimewatch on 7th October will feature Storybook Dads, a national charity based here in Saltash. The charity helps parents in prison to record bedtime stories for their children, supporting family bonds and reducing the impact of separation. The programme will be broadcast at 10:45 on BBC One and will remain available on iPlayer for 30 days. I serve as a Trustee of Storybook Dads and am proud that this important work, rooted in Saltash, is receiving national recognition.

TAMAR VALLEY NATIONAL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

I've been appointed to the Tamar Valley National Landscape Partnership, formerly called the Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The partnership covers an area of 195 km² in the valleys of the River Tamar, River Tavy and River Lynher and includes Churchtown Farm.

Led by Cornwall Council, partners include Natural England, National Trust, the Cornwall & West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site, Tamar Valley parishes and local community groups. Lottery funding has managed to deliver various projects including the solar-powered Calstock Ferry. The Partnership celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. [Home - Tamar Valley National Landscape Tamar](http://Home-TamarValleyNationalLandscapeTamar)



AUTO ENROLMENT FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

At Cabinet on 24th September, we announced that Cornwall Council will be introducing auto-enrolment for Free School Meals by September 2026. Currently, eligible families must apply for a free school meal, and our estimates show that in Cornwall 1,800 children who are eligible are not actually registered and are missing out.

School meals are worth £495 a year to a family. And for every child registered, schools receive over £1,000 in Pupil Premium funding from central government. So based on an estimate of 1,800 children, auto-enrolment is projected to unlock as much as £2.9 million of additional central government funding in the academic year starting September 2026.

Cornwall Council will need to invest about £56,000 to set up the system, and our administration costs will be about £112,000 per year. But as a Cabinet we made the choice that this investment is worth it to unlock millions in additional government support and take away the paperwork and stigma.

VISIT TO SALTASH FAMILY HUB

Between 2022-2025, Cornwall was one of 75 councils awarded *Transformation Funding* to develop Family Hubs, and we now have 23 hubs across Cornwall, and I was pleased to visit the Family Hub in Saltash, which is located next to Brunel Primary School.

Family Hubs are designed to be a 'one stop shop', where families can access integrated Early Help and a wide range of Early Years services including general parenting advice, infant feeding support and mental health support, from pregnancy through to children aged 19 (or 25 for those with SEND).

The Labour government has made clear its strong commitment to Family Hubs. Unlike previous children's centre programmes that were later cut back, it seems like these hubs are intended to form a lasting cornerstone of family and early years support. [Family Hubs - Cornwall Council](#)

MY RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION FROM CLLR. JOHNSON AT FULL COUNCIL AROUND EHCPs

We currently have around 600 open assessments. Of those, 342 are within time, but 258 have gone beyond. 45% of EHCPs in Cornwall are being issued within the 20-week legal timeframe, which is in line with the national picture. Across the country, over half of families are experiencing waits longer than 20 weeks. Talking with colleagues here in Cornwall as well as with colleagues in local authorities across the country we all agree that the system is broken.

I can say that 45% is a significant improvement on where we were this time last year and among other measures, we have:

- Recruited more staff, including:
 - SEND support practitioners
 - system navigators
 - specialist advisers for social, emotional and mental health
- Brought in educational psychologists to help tackle the backlog
- Introduced a new case management system to streamline processes
- Put in place real-time dashboards to track progress

Crucially, this is a whole-system effort. Every day in classrooms teachers are identifying needs, putting early support in place, and working through Inclusion Panels. We are working with schools and trusts to make sure families have clarity and consistency wherever they live in Cornwall. Health and social care partners also have a role to play, and we are working to ensure they are fully engaged, too.

But even if we manage to raise from 45% to 85% or even 95%, that would still be too many families waiting. The government, too, has recognised that the system is broken and is preparing new legislation, due in the autumn. But no child should feel forgotten while they wait, and where an educational psychology report has been completed, Cornwall Council is providing funding even before the EHCP is finalised so that schools can already begin support.

Early in the New Year we will be convening a SEND Summit, bringing together families, schools, health, partners, and MPs so that Cornwall can speak with one voice.

I want us to get to a place where families feel they are having a conversation, not a battle. Because behind every plan is a child who deserves to thrive.