

Report from Cornwall Councillor Keith Johnson – Saltash Tamar

1. Chapel Field

The Council has explained that it can no longer afford the maintenance or upkeep of this park, and this is becoming increasingly evident. Chapel Field is currently used by the cricket club, football clubs, and rugby clubs. In addition, the public rights of easement must be maintained at all times.

Saltash Town Council has not expressed any interest in having this asset devolved.

The Council's emerging plan is to offer the cricket club a full lease, with sub-leases issued to the rugby and football clubs. This approach would help ensure clear boundaries, provide long-term security, and enable covenants to be clearly set out within the lease. However, this arrangement has proven legally challenging, and alternative options are still being explored by the Council's legal team.

Recommendation

I recommend forming a committee or sub-committee and inviting all stakeholders to contribute their views. A collaborative approach is essential to achieving a satisfactory and workable long-term solution.

2. Burraton Park

I have been informed that this matter stems from a historic decision agreed by my predecessor, Sheila Lennox-Boyd, and has now been in development for over two years.

My current understanding is that the sports field, approximately four acres in size, would be divided:

- Two acres leased to the rugby club
- Two acres sold to a prospective developer

Contracts have been drafted; however, completion will depend entirely on planning permission being granted. This will require public consultation, mitigation of local concerns, and engagement with relevant external agencies, including Sport England.

Sport England may require that suitable alternative sporting provision be identified elsewhere.

Saltash's population continues to grow, and participation—particularly among girls' and women's sports groups—is increasing. This will place further pressure on existing green-space capacity.

Recommendations

- It would be prudent to forecast both short-term and long-term capacity requirements to ensure that changes to current assets do not compromise the Council's wider green-space strategy.
- As significant changes to our sports-field provision are on the horizon, Saltash Town Council may wish to review its existing green-space strategy.
- A committee or sub-committee could be formed to scrutinise options, develop a shared vision, and invite stakeholders to guide the most appropriate way forward.

3. Bloor Homes Development

Bloor Homes is delivering a major development which includes the requirement to construct several sports fields and associated facilities. These proposals must be subject to clear scrutiny and oversight, ensuring alignment with the Council's green-space strategy and incorporating stakeholder input.

I am concerned that these pitches may not be ready until the final phase of the development. As housing is completed first, demand for sports provision will rise significantly, increasing pressure on our current stock.

Recent Activity

Several holes have recently been drilled into the soil to assess surface-water soakaway capability.

Burraton Park has become a contentious issue, with several residents contacting me to express their objections.

4. Berry Park

The sale of car-parking spaces at Berry Park is progressing. Several individuals have expressed interest, bids have now closed, and the outcome will be reported to me shortly.

End of Report from Cornwall Councillor Keith Johnson

Report from Cornwall Councillor Paul Cador – Saltash Trematon and Landrake

Stoketon Cross roundabout is progressing Steadily.

Please be aware that the Enforcement Camera's along the A38 are now operating and taking Photo's. Drive safely.

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

Location: Road From Junction West Of South Broadmoor House To Longlands Lane, Elmgate, Saltash

Timing: 8th December 2025 to 10th December 2025 (07:30 to 18:00 hours)

As you are aware, Persimmon Homes is looking to build 350 new homes at Latchbrook Farm. For those wishing to express their views please go to the following link.

[Land at Latchbrook Farm, Saltash](#)

This is only open until 07th December 2025

End of Report from Cornwall Councillor Paul Cador

Report from Cornwall Councillor Hilary Frank - Saltash Essa

FAREWELL DEVONWALL...

In a letter sent to the Leader of Cornwall Council at the end of

November, Steve Reed MP, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, said:

In recognition of Cornwall's distinct identity and history of programme delivery across the Cornwall footprint, the Government is minded, on an exceptional basis, to work with you to explore designating the council as a Single Foundation Strategic Authority.

This depends on the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill receiving Royal Assent and further parliamentary approvals for making an exception for Cornwall, so there is still a long way to go. Nevertheless, it is a very positive step, and I am pleased that, under Leigh

Frost's strong leadership, Cabinet has worked with real unity in making the case for a Cornwall- only deal. In the same week, the Government agreed that the Cornish language will receive Part III status under the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, placing it on the same level of protection as Welsh, Irish and Scottish Gaelic. This is a landmark recognition that underscores Cornwall's distinct identity and strengthens the cultural foundations of any devolution deal. So we now move into the next phase of devolution with momentum and a shared determination to deliver for Cornwall's communities, working closely with town and parish councils, as well as with residents, to make sure all voices are heard at every stage.

CONSULTATION ON PRIORITIES AND BUDGET

The Government's recent Budget offered some welcome measures for Cornwall, including a £30 million Kernow Industrial Fund directed at Cornish industry, but it does not fully offset the significant financial pressures facing us. Rising costs in adult social care, SEND and other essential services mean we still need to find substantial in-year savings to deliver a balanced budget.

These financial pressures form the backdrop to our Priorities Plan and budget proposals, and underline the importance of working together to make sure resources are focused where they are needed most. But we have now released the Council Priorities Plan 2026–2030, setting out what we aim to focus on in the years ahead. It can be downloaded here: [Draft Council Priorities Plan 2026-2030 | Our priorities for Cornwall | Let's Talk Cornwall](#).

We are inviting feedback on the Priorities until 18th January, with responses welcome by email to haveyoursay@cornwall.gov.uk or by completing the survey at: [Our priorities for Cornwall | Let's Talk Cornwall](#)

The first draft of Cornwall Council's Budget will be discussed at Cabinet on 17th December, and after that we'll start a consultation on the proposals. This will run until 21st January, and details will be available on Let's Talk Cornwall from 19th December onwards. There will be an online event on the Budget with Leigh Frost (Leader) and Adam Paynter (Deputy Leader) on Wednesday 7th January from 6.30pm to 8pm. Anyone wanting to attend the event is invited to send an email to haveyoursay@cornwall.gov.uk by 6pm on Monday 5th January.

CHANGE IN PAN FOR 2027/28 FOR BURRATON AND ST STEPHENS SCHOOLS

Cornwall Council is responsible for admissions to community and voluntary-controlled schools, and every year we need to agree the admission arrangements for those schools. This includes the published admission number (or PAN), which is the number of pupils that the school will admit in the first year of entry.

Cornwall has seen a 25% fall in average live births since the early 2010s, but in Saltash the drop is around 40%. As a result, Reception numbers in Saltash have fallen sharply, with around 130 pupils entering Reception in 2025 and projections showing further decline to under 120 by 2028. The current total PAN across the town is 180. Following discussions with both schools, we are proposing that:

- The PAN of Burraton CP School is reduced from 45 to 30
- The PAN of St Stephens CP School is reduced from 45 to 30

This would mean the overall number of mainstream Reception places available across the primary schools in Saltash would be 150, which is still in excess of where we expect demand to be but will enable the two schools to operate one full class each and support their financial stability. Officers continue to monitor Treledan, and the PAN will be reviewed if birth rates rise.

Cornwall Council is now consulting with parents, carers and the wider community on these proposals, with a deadline of 31st January: [Admission Arrangements for Community Schools 2027/28 | Let's Talk Cornwall](#)

AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

Cornwall is working towards becoming an Age Friendly Community, recognised by the World Health Organisation as a place that supports people to live well as they grow older. Public Health Cornwall is leading the work, alongside partners, to prepare an application over the next 18 months.

The aim is to shape services and policies that help older residents live healthy, connected, and fulfilling lives. Ninety-five areas across the UK, including Greater Manchester, Torbay and Cardiff, are already part of the Age Friendly Network, supported by the Centre for Ageing Better.

This work follows the WHO's framework, which focuses on removing barriers, promoting inclusion, and valuing ageing as a positive part of life. It covers eight key areas: outdoor spaces, transport, housing, social participation, respect and inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication, and community health and support.

Please help us by completing our Age Friendly Cornwall survey to share your attitudes towards ageing and give us your thoughts on what would make Cornwall a more inclusive place to grow old. I've left some paper copies in the Guildhall, but the online survey is here: [Age friendly communities | Let's Talk Cornwall](#)

Further information: [What's an Age-friendly Community? | Centre for Ageing Better](#)

TAMAR VALLEY NATIONAL LANDSCAPE – 30th ANNIVERSARY AND ELECTION RESULTS

The Tamar Valley National Landscape covers the lower valleys of the Rivers Tamar, Tavy and Lynher. Designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in 1995, it is now part of the National Landscapes family. Cornwall Council is a statutory partner, hosting the Partnership's secretariat and working with other authorities and organisations to deliver projects on climate resilience, biodiversity, sustainable land management and community engagement.

About 200 people attended last month's 30th Anniversary Forum, where Philip Hygate, who is also Chair of the National Landscapes Association, was confirmed as the new Chair, and I was pleased to be elected as Vice Chair. In this role, I am keen to strengthen TVNL's links with Saltash and Churchtown Farm, and to support work that enhances and protects biodiversity. It was excellent to welcome Philip to the recent *Churchtown Farm Celebrates* evening - a positive sign of our shared commitment to working closely with the Saltash community and Antony Estate.

SPEED WATCH SESSIONS

We have held several Speed Watch sessions over the last month at the newly authorised site on Oaklands Drive, where the proportion of speeding vehicles remains worryingly high.

PENDING ISSUES

These matters remain firmly on my radar, and I will continue to follow them up regularly until there are positive outcomes:

- **VICTORIA GARDENS**
Those new railings have been manufactured and are still sitting in the depot awaiting installation, but there is a Cornwall-wide backlog.
- **ADULT EDUCATION**
I'm pressing officers for some tangible outcomes following our October meeting.
- **CAR PARKS AND MEETING WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR TRANSPORT**
Dan Rogerson, Portfolio Holder for Transport, has agreed to visit Saltash. We are working to pin down a date. Given diary pressures, this is likely to be in January.

End of report from Cornwall Councillor Hilary Frank