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Report by Cllr Paul Cador**Stoketon Roundabout.**

Due to be finished during the Autumn, no confirmed date. Enforcement Camera's are in place for vehicles turning right, Eastbound and Westbound.

Road closures.

A38 Saltash Tunnel Technology Upgrade

Upcoming works and update on overnight tunnel closures

We're continuing our extensive programme of work to update the technology in and around Saltash Tunnel. Our works will help to keep journeys safe and reliable, and reduce the risk of unplanned closures.

Overnight tunnel closures

Overnight tunnel closures (Monday – Thursday, 7.30pm – 6am) will continue until the end of the year.

We understand that overnight tunnel closures mean additional traffic on local roads, and we apologise for the disruption this causes to residents.

We're working hard to complete the remaining works as quickly and safely as possible so that the overnight tunnel closures can end.

Further updates will be posted on our [dedicated webpage](#) when available.

Upcoming works

We're updating the rotating prism signage on the approaches to the bridge and tunnel.

To work safely, we'll be working overnight with the following traffic management in place. This is in addition to the overnight tunnel closures:

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- Friday 2 October (12.30am - 3.30am) the eastbound on-slip on to Tamar Bridge from Saltash will be closed. A short diversion route will be in place via North Road and Carkeel. The tunnel will reopen earlier than usual on Friday 2 October at 12.30am, instead of 6am.

Please plan ahead and allow extra time for your journey. Dates may change at short notice due to weather or operational reasons.

Find the latest road closure information on our [daily closures page](#).

More information on our scheme, please visit our [dedicated webpage](#).

Other schemes in Cornwall and Devon

We're carrying out a number of schemes in Cornwall and Devon. For more information on other schemes in the South West, visit:

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/roads-and-travel/road-projects/south-west/>

Help us to spread the word

Please help us by sharing this update. Please share this message with your connections and network, as well as on your own channels.

Any questions?

Please note: all enquiries regarding the scheme should be directed to National Highways, and not to Tamar Crossings which is independently owned and operated by Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Council.

If you have any queries or comments about the work, or would like further information please contact National Highways Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000 or by email: info@nationalhighways.co.uk

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

Timing: 5th October 2026 to 6th October 2026 (07:30 to 17:00 hours)

Contact: Richard Davies at Cormac Solutions Ltd - Tel: 0300 1234 222.

The above closure has been approved. Please click the following link to view a map and associated documents:

<https://one.network/?tm=GB151526125>

Press releases.

Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service is inviting people to experience what it's like to be a firefighter before applying for the role.

The service, which will be opening applications for on-call and wholetime firefighters in the coming months, is hosting a series of Have a Go sessions throughout October.

During the sessions people can try out the equipment, learn about the physical and practical aspects of the job and speak directly with serving firefighters to hear about their experiences.

Anyone aged 18 and over can [book a place](#) for the events, which will take place at Tolvaddon, Bodmin, Falmouth and St Austell fire stations.

Kathryn Billing, Chief Fire Officer at Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, said: "The Have a Go sessions give people the chance to see what being a firefighter is all about.

"If you're looking for a new challenge and are passionate about protecting and serving your local community, come along and find out more."

You can book a place for the following Have a Go events on the [Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service website](#).

- Tolvaddon Community Fire Station: Wednesday, 14 October (6-8pm)
- Bodmin Community Fire Station: Saturday, 17 October (10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm)
- Falmouth Community Fire Station: Thursday, 29 October (6-8pm)
- St Austell Community Fire Station: Saturday, 31 October (10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm)

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Applications for on-call firefighters will open on November 23. Applications for wholetime firefighters will open in January 2027.

For more information about the events and the recruitment process, go to the [Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service website](#).

Press release issued on October 1, 2026

A new guide has been launched to help Cornwall's residents stay warm, healthy and connected through the winter months.

The 2026/27 Winter Wellbeing Guide is free of charge and packed with practical advice, support information and useful contacts for residents.

Printed copies are available from libraries, Jobcentres, foodbanks, GP surgeries, pharmacies, Family and Community Hubs and Cornwall Council offices.

A digital version of the guide can also be downloaded from the [Cornwall Council website](#).

It has been produced by Inclusion Cornwall in partnership with the Council's Public Health team, the Voluntary Sector Forum (VSF) and the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board (ICB).

Following the summer heatwaves, this year's edition also includes a new Summer Wellbeing section, which offers advice on staying safe and healthy during periods of hot weather.

The guide is designed for anyone who may benefit from a little extra support, whether for themselves, their family, friends or neighbours. It includes:

Practical advice for keeping warm and well

Information on financial support and energy-saving help

Details of free independent advice services

Key contacts for local organisations and support agencies

Health, wellbeing and home safety information

Cllr Thalia Marrington, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health, said:

"The Winter Wellbeing Guide is a fantastic resource that brings together practical advice and local support in one place. We know that winter can be challenging for many people, particularly with the ongoing pressures on household budgets, and this guide can help residents find the information and support they need before problems become crises. "I would encourage everyone to pick up a copy, share it with family, friends and neighbours, and keep it somewhere handy. Looking out for one another is what makes Cornwall's communities so strong, and this guide

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can help ensure more people stay warm, well and supported throughout the year."

For more information visit <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/public-health/public-health-campaigns/winter-wellbeing/>

Anyone needing additional support with heating or insulating their home can access free and independent advice from Community Energy Plus by emailing advice@cep.org.uk or calling 0800 954 1956.

Thousands more children in Cornwall will now receive free school meals thanks to a new Council process.

Introduced in July, the Free School Meals (FSM) Auto Award automatically checks whether some children are eligible for free school meals and enrolls them if they qualify. The process has identified and signed up a further 14,000 children who may otherwise not have been receiving them, saving their families a total of £6.9m a year (£495 per child).

This means there are now 17,485 children across Cornwall who receive free school meals.

It also means schools stand to receive substantially more money as 'pupil premium funding' from the government is directly linked to how many of their pupils receive free school meals.

In fact, Cornish schools are set to receive an extra £11.9m because of the extra 14,000 children now enrolled for free meals.

Over the six-year period for which FSM eligibility can attract pupil premium funding, this equates to around £71.3 million in additional funding for schools.

The FSM Auto Award process sees the Council use information it already holds to identify children who may qualify, such as households that receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support.

Cllr Hilary Frank, Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families, said:

"It's fantastic news that 14,000 more children across Cornwall will now receive free school meals, without their families having to fill in any paperwork. That could save families nearly £500 a year per child, helping to ease the pressure on household budgets. It will also bring substantial additional pupil premium funding into Cornish schools, helping them provide extra support where it is most needed."

FSM Auto Award was implemented ahead of new national eligibility rules introduced by the Department for Education from September this year.

Under the new rules, all households receiving Universal Credit become eligible for free school meals, with the current household income threshold being removed. Eligibility will also be reviewed at the start of each academic year.

For more information about free school meals and the new Auto Award process, visit the [School Meals webpages on the Council's website](#).

End of report – Cllr Paul Cadour