

## **Platinum Jubilee – Beacon Report**

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### **Condition of the old beacon**

The old beacon was removed from its original location around 5 years ago. The oak post that was underground looked a little rotten, but the reality is that it was almost certainly strong enough. The main issue with using the beacon was that the boat park had been created after it was installed so the location became unsuitable for any realistic use.

The beacon parts were retained and stored at the cemetery. After inspection they look like they are reusable. The oak post is 3.5m now, probably a bit shorter than originally. The basket is usable if a little rusty and the sign is good. SDM is supportive of reinstalling it, subject to agreement at Services.

### **Possible new location**

I have marked a star where I think it could go on/near Jubilee Green as this is where we have chosen for the main STC celebrations. This would of course need the permission of Cornwall Council, and fairly swiftly too, along with a design of how it would be installed.

I think it would all be much better in that area if the scruffy bush was removed. I can't see it brings any significant benefit. In fact CC have to trim it a lot as it overgrows the path and car park. It looks like it is responsible for that bit of the car park being quite messy too. It is also something for people to hide behind.

If it were taken out entirely then I think there would be enough space to place it in that corner, away from the other small tree and the festival light string.

If installed here, the area lends itself to being fairly easy to cordon off when the beacon is to be used with good line of sight from Jubilee Green and Old Ferry Road.

### **Costs**

Installation costs are not yet clear, but will involve a digger to form the foundations and some concrete to give a stable base. If we chose to continue then I would suggest we could delegate the detail and installation to the Service Delivery Manager.

### **Budget**

£500 was allocated towards the Jubilee beacon costs in January

£1440 is available in the 6573 SE EMF Public Art & Maintenance budget

Further budget could be made available from a Grounds Maintenance budget

If the Services committee wish to proceed then I suggest we allocate a budget of up to £xxx (how much do we want to spend) from the above available budget lines to ensure a timely delivery.

### **Alternatives**

If we choose not to install the beacon, or if it cannot be installed for any reason, the alternative is to purchase the Jubilee gas beacon at £500, or reuse the Town Councils current gas beacon. Having reviewed the current beacon I can confirm that it is extendable to beyond 2.5m in height and would be entirely suitable.













