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Seythen Kows Kernewek - Speak Cornish Week

This week is Speak Cornish week.

This year we have chosen beach themed words for you to listen to, and practice at home. Hopefully the sun stays shining, so we can all head to the beach and practice our newly learnt Cornish words.

Watch all of the videos

Cllr Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Council's lead member for the Armed Forces, shares a message for Cornwall on Armed Forces Day 2025.

Armed Forces Day 2025

Tomorrow, Saturday 28 June, is Armed Forces Day 2025.

This annual event is a chance to honour and thank the courageous men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving personnel to Service families, veterans and cadets.

It also marks the culmination of a week of celebrations which included Reserves Day on 25 June, which provides the country with an opportunity to recognise our Reserve Forces.

Cllr Martyn Alvey, our lead member for the Armed Forces, shared a message to mark the day and show our support.

Find out more

Winter Fuel Payment scam alert!

Be scam aware - there's a new text scam to look out for.

If you get a text saying you need to apply for Winter Fuel Payments or pay a fee, it's a scam. Winter Fuel Payments are made automatically, you don't need to do anything.

You can report suspicious texts online at stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk

Report a scam text

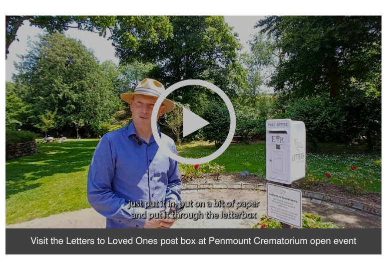
Find out about our new school road safety scheme

Parking buddies improve school road safety

Our new scheme called parking buddies is helping to improve road safety at the school gates.

Trenance Learning Academy in Newquay tells us how these simple signs have made a difference at school drop off and pick up.

Watch the video


Visit the Letters to Loved Ones post box at Penmount Crematorium open event

Letters to Loved Ones post box

A special post box has been installed at Penmount Memorial Gardens so people can send letters to loved ones who have passed away.

Anyone can put cards, notes or letters in the white box while visiting the beautiful 28-acre garden at Penmount Crematorium, which is owned and managed by Cornwall Council.

Inspired by a nine-year-old girl from Nottingham who wanted to write to her grandparents who had passed away, Letters to Lost Loved Ones post boxes have been put in place at several cemeteries and memorial gardens across the country.

It doesn't matter when or where the loved one passed away, or the funeral took place, anyone can put their letters, cards or messages in the box. There's no need to add a stamp, and the messages will not be read by staff. When the box is emptied, the contents are shredded and composted.

Each year the crematorium hosts an Open Garden Event and Remembrance Service. This year's event will take place on **Sunday 29 June,** and marks the launch of the Letters to Lost Loved Ones post box.

Find out more

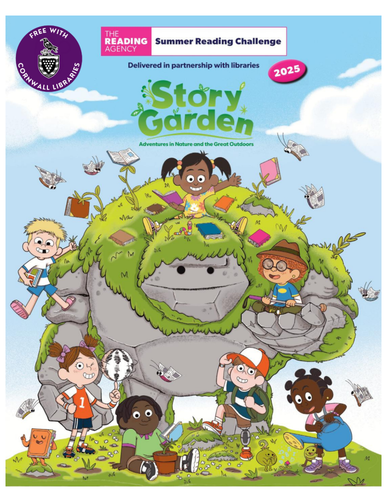
Cornwall leading the way with diabetes support

Around 48,000 people in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly live with diabetes, and an estimated 1 in 5 are deaf or have hearing loss.

That's why NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly has worked with Diabetes UK, Hearing Loss Cornwall and members of the deaf community to create new diabetes educational films in British Sign Language.

It's part of a growing range of local support that is helping people to manage their diabetes and take control of their health – from weekly health walks to diabetes super clinics and support groups.

Find out more



Summer reading challenge

Cornwall Library Service is inviting children across the Duchy to take part this year's 'story garden' Summer Reading Challenge.

The challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with local libraries, encourages children aged 4-11 to keep reading during the break from school. There's also a mini challenge for children aged 0-4.

The challenge officially starts on Saturday 5 July, and this year's theme, Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors, encourages children to explore the magical connection between storytelling and nature.

By enjoying 6 library books of their choice – which can be fiction books, fact books, audiobooks or comics - children collect stickers and earn rewards throughout the summer holidays. Those who complete the challenge will receive a medal and certificate.

Take part

We've received top marks in two national climate reports for our work to tackle climate change in Cornwall.

For the second time, the charity CDP has awarded us an A rating - the highest possible score - in recognition of our work to cut emissions, support communities and organisations to reduce their carbon footprint, and lobby for national support to reach net zero.

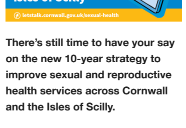
We've also been rated the top-performing rural council and ranked 22nd out of 132 unitary authorities in the Climate Emergency UK Climate Action Scorecard. Find out more about our climate action on our website.

Time2Move Summer Holiday Programme Now Open for Bookings!

Get ready for a summer of fun! The Time2Move Holiday Programme is now live, offering a fantastic range of free activities for children across Cornwall. Designed for families with children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, the programme ensures every child has the chance to enjoy enriching experiences during the summer break.

From sports and outdoor adventures to creative workshops, there's something for everyone. Visit Active Cornwall's website to explore activities near you and secure your child's place today. Booking is simple—just enter your unique code, which you can retrieve via our website.

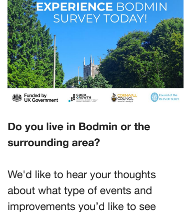
Don't miss out—spaces fill up quickly!



There's still time to have your say on the new 10-year strategy to improve sexual and reproductive health services across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

You can read the draft strategy and share your views at Let's Talk Cornwall.

The closing date to provide your feedback is 11 July 2025.



Do you live in Bodmin or the surrounding area?

We'd like to hear your thoughts about what type of events and improvements you'd like to see happen. This will help us shape the Experience Bodmin programme.

Take our survey Resident Survey - Bodmin town and surrounding area.

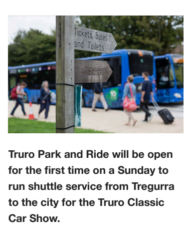
There are up to 40 children in Cornwall now who need a foster home.

Fostering helps children stay close to their friends, schools and communities. Whether you can offer short breaks, short-term care, or a long-term home, we provide training, support and financial allowances.

If you're curious, and what to know more about what is involved, now is the time to find out more.

Our next face to face drop-in is on **16th July 10.30am-12.30pm Truro library.**

Can't make it? We've got online information sessions too. Find out all the future events on our website.



Truro Park and Ride will be open for the first time on a Sunday to run shuttle service from Tregurra to the city for the Truro Classic Car Show.

On Sunday 6 July the Truro Park and Ride will be operating a shuttle bus service from the Tregurra site only (TR1 1RH) to the city centre where the Truro Classic Car Show is taking place.

The Park & Ride will operate frequently between 09.30–16.30 to coincide with the event from Tregurra into Quay St and then returning to Tregurra.

News in brief

The online service residents can use to report highways issues such as potholes and damaged streetlights will be unavailable due to maintenance from 5pm on Tuesday 1 July 2025. The service is expected to be available at approximately **10am on Wednesday 2 July 2025.** During this time, Highway issues and all emergencies can be reported through the Contact Centre on **0300 1234 222**.

We're inviting residents, employers, educators and community groups to help shape the future of skills and employment across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Our refreshed Workforce and Skills Strategy sets out plans to make sure local people have the right skills to succeed in a changing economy, now and in the years to come. **Have your say on Let's Talk Cornwall** by Sunday 20 July.

The Department for Transport has confirmed it will not provide funding for re-routing the A39 Atlantic Highway at Camelford, bringing an end to four years of uncertainty about the project's future. Read more...

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