



LANNER PARISH COUNCIL

Improving our community

Lanner Parish Council Newsletter Autumn 2021

Welcome to another edition of the Newsletter from Lanner Parish Council. We hope it offers news and updates about the work of council and our community. Please remember that your representatives have been elected to represent your views and ambitions so do make sure you get in touch about what matters to you. With resources for communities becoming stretched still further take a look at what you can get involved with to support living and working in Lanner.

Council is considering many aspects of its work in response to the Climate Emergency. If you would prefer to receive your Newsletter electronically, please contact us with your home and email address and we will try to deliver a paperless copy in future!

Community Awards 2021

This is your chance to say well done to members of our community.

Nominations are invited for several Community Awards to give recognition to members of the community who have offered/continue to offer a significant contribution within the parish of Lanner.

Nominations are invited in the following categories:

Young person of the year (under 18 years)

For example, this could be for undertaking caring of a relative, volunteering, making a significant contribution to school life.

Outstanding Neighbour

This could be for looking out for one or more people in the community, contributing to small maintenance projects to look after a small area for the benefit of neighbours or carrying out a significant act of care or kindness

Outstanding Contribution to a Community Project/s

This is for someone or a small group of people that have made outstanding efforts to deliver a project in Lanner

Parish Council Award - Outstanding contribution to the community

This is for someone who has made significant contribution to the work of Council or as a member of an organisation and has surpassed 'usual' expectations.

Nominations must be submitted on the approved form, which is available on the website, and at the rear of this Newsletter. There must be no self-nomination or nomination of Members or Officers of Council. Proposers must submit brief reasons for their nomination and photographs may be included if desired. The 'activity' of the nominee must take place within the parish although the nominee may be resident outside of the parish of Lanner.

Selection of the recipient will be made by a panel of 'judges'. This will consist of a members of the community and Parish Councillors.

Community Speed Watch

The new Community Speed Watch Team led by Lanner Parish Council continue to be active in trying to educate drivers of the 30mph speed limit in Lanner.

Patrols completed in July provided the following results:

10.07.21 - 167 vehicles monitored - 2 speeding - fastest 44mph

17.07.21 - 295 vehicles monitored - 16 speeding- fastest 41

28.07.21 - 322 vehicles monitored - 8 speeding - fastest 46

Overall percentage 3.3% speeding.

The messages remains – please **SLOW** down!

The more volunteers there are to operate over three different approved locations the more patrols that can take place. If you have a couple of hours to spare in a month please sign up as a volunteer.

Contact Council or Cllr Chris Bosworth.



Littering

A Massive Thanks and a Huge Well Done!

There are an ever-increasing number of 'wombles' that are continuously picking up litter strewn along our roads and pathways.

The difference this is making to our environment is striking and a **massive thank you** is due to each and everyone that takes the time and trouble to collect the items that are carelessly discarded, thrown from vehicles, or left behind after dog walks or picnics.

The efforts of everyone are greatly appreciated. The Council contracts litter picking/bin emptying in as many areas as possible but without a huge increase in budget and therefore your council tax there is no way of covering all areas and especially the footpaths and trails network.

In a mass effort to clean up Lanner there will be a Community Litter Pick held on **Saturday 23 October**. Meet at Lanner Village Hall to collect litter picking sticks and bags and confirm where to go. Returning with full bags, return of equipment and a rewarding cuppa no later than 12 noon.

Volunteering

Your chance to make a difference in your community!

The event of Covid-19 has made many reflect on their lives and demonstrated the need to stand ready as a community to help and support each other. Whatever time you have, whatever skills you possess, whatever you can offer we would be delighted to hear from you so you can be involved in any of the projects we are embarking and building on.

The Emergency Plan:

This aims to offer us some resilience in the face of short- and long-term emergencies. We know that the climate crisis we are in will mean flooding, loss of water supply, power cuts and other challenges in the future. Road traffic accidents will happen along with other incidents that may require instance response that is not always available from over stretched services.

Please find out more, help us to build a network of community wardens, first aiders, be part of the planning group and share your expertise.

If you can offer our community any support, please contact Council as soon as possible so we can begin building resilience for our community.

Community Gardening:

There are many open spaces that are managed and maintained by Council and to keep costs as low as possible we are delighted to work with volunteers.

If you have some time to spare and would like to join us for some light gardening, planting, and pruning do get in touch. We offer interest, friendship and a chance to be part of shaping our community.

Watch out for details of events on our website, FB page or give us a call to learn more.



Work Experience

In July 2021 Council was delighted to host a pupil from Camborne Science and International Academy for a week as part of a Work Experience Programme. This was a first for us and it was a delight to welcome such a willing and enthusiastic student who was keen to learn about local government and the work of the Parish Council.

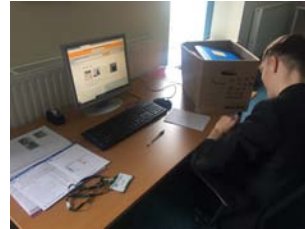
Kieran followed a full and detailed itinerary and completed his busy schedule in style. Before he started Kieran told us:

“I am looking forward to my work experience to see what the working world is like. I would like to learn about what the Parish Council does in the community. I am excited to see what the Parish Council is like, but I really hope I don't have to pick up dog poo!”

We are delighted to say that dog poo didn't feature too much, and we certainly missed having him in the office – he made great coffee too!

Kieran will remain with us as a volunteer – in fact he helped with the distribution of this Newsletter!

Well done and a huge thank you for such commitment and effort.



Lanner Playing Field, Parking and the Loos!

It has been great to see so many visitors to the playing field over the summer months and the equipment continues to be well used and enjoyed.

Why not let us know what your favourite equipment is or what additional facilities you would like to see installed. Council allocates funds each year to both maintain and deliver improvements so its always good to hear your views. If you are happy to share your photos it would be great to include these on our website too.

We hope that most people can arrive at the playing field without the use of a car as we know parking is always available in this area. Residents expressed grave concerns about vehicles parking on the pavement which often blocked safe passage to the gateway, crossing the road and limited the use of the pavement by pedestrians. The police regularly patrol in this area, and we thank drivers for heeding the signage, avoiding fines and helping our community to stay safe.

To deliver high standards of cleanliness and ensure covid security Council was delighted to engage the services of Sandra Green. The toilets are cleaned each day to an exceptional standard and Sandra has taken incredible pride in her role. Not only does she freshen and flush but a full litter pick is done around the field and to make the area attractive, Sandra has provided hanging baskets complete with pretty displays for us all to enjoy.

Well done and thank you Sandra!

Please make sure that after using the facilities the door is closed, this maintains security and stops the opportunity for vandalism.

Strawberry Fields Recreation Ground.

The tree planting team have been very busy here and have planted a variety of hawthorn, blackthorn and dog rose to eventually provide a robust hedge and wildlife haven. Just outside the play area more mature trees now enhance the verge and volunteer gardeners have certainly improved the area too.

Don't forget this area has a range of adult fitness equipment available for all to test their skills and reap the health benefits. Anyone willing to run fitness classes here?

Two BBQ's were installed for community use and sadly due to abuse the racks had to be removed. Perhaps there are residents or local clubs that would like to see this facility returned - why not contact Council to discuss so this could be possible from next spring.

Huge thanks to those that voluntarily work so hard to litter pick and protect this recreation facility.

During the autumn two benches will be installed to allow a stop for a natter and enjoyment of the views across the valley. Watch out on our website and FB page for more news on this.



Plant Swap Stand

You may have already seen that Lanner Village Hall is playing host to the Plant Swap! Just outside the hall, you will find a stand full of little pots waiting to be swapped! From butternut squash to roses, there's a little bit of everything for those with experienced green fingers or those just having a go!

If you have an abundance of plants and fancy another then bring your pot, clearly labelled, along to the stand, leave it there and pick what you'd like to take home.

Let us know if you have any other swapping ideas!



Speeding

Residents repeatedly tell us about their concerns about the speed and increasing volume of traffic travelling throughout the village.

Update on the A393:

The excessive speed travelled by some vehicles along the A393 is well debated and documented and every effort continues to be made to secure the implementation of effective measures to slow traffic.

Agreement has been reached that any such measures will be introduced in stages. Phase 1 would aim to achieve a reduction in the speed limit from 50 to 40 mph along the Lanner/ Comford stretch. This would certainly have an impact on slowing traffic approaching the 30mph speed limit throughout Lanner.

This has been supported by Lanner & Gwennap Parish Councils, former Cllr Kaczmarek and Ward Member, Cllr John Thomas.

The latest information received from Cornwall Council advises that the detailed design of highway improvement proposals are currently underway. There are a host of matters that must be addressed in the design process, but it is sincerely hoped that public consultation will take place in the autumn months and will achieve a satisfactory outcome during public consultation.

The major hurdle will be to secure the required funding and whilst this has been secured to complete both the detailed design and consultation stages, capital funding for the delivery of this scheme has not yet been secured.

There is plenty of hard work ahead!

Penance Road:

Residents and visitors have expressed grave concern about the hazards caused on this road by parked vehicles, speed of travel and the lack of protection for pedestrians. Concern has also been expressed about the use of this stretch of highway by Heavy Goods Vehicles, some of these vehicles are making deliveries to the Carharrack Feedstores and Jason & Sarah Andrew continue to work in a collaborative way to minimise deliveries, arrange an alternative route while still ensuring they meet the need of a loyal customer base. There are of course similar vehicles such as waste collection trucks that must have access to serve the needs of residents.

Working with Cllr John Thomas, council have continued to petition for measures to be taken to update the data held from the last count in 2016. Radarclass will now be deployed in the coming months to measure speed and volume of vehicles, and this will be supported by data recorded by the Mobile Speed Activated Sign.

There is no simple solution to the complex nature of the problems of traffic management on this road and securing funding to implement any measures will be very difficult in times of very restricted budgets. Once the data has been collected and reviewed, designs can be drawn, and all parties consulted on the proposals. As much as we would like to see measures installed as soon as possible due process and securing funding don't come quickly!

Your views and suggestions are always welcome.

Footpaths, Bridleways and Trails

The maintenance and repair of all paths and trails remains the statutory responsibility of the Local Authority - Cornwall Council but resources for this provision are ever decreasing.

Council works in partnership to maintain the 12 miles of paths in Lanner. For almost 20 years Mr Anthony Strick has played a major role in this maintenance and many of you will have met him when twice a year he has cut the vegetation to allow us all to access the network across the parish. Anthony has always taken enormous pride in his work, keeping the paths to a high standard, and alerting us to any remedial action required. Unfortunately, for us all, Anthony made the decision to retire in January this year. Working with Anthony has always been a real pleasure and he is greatly missed but naturally we wish him a happy and healthy retirement enjoying his hobbies and family life.

Look out for our new contractor Mr Malcholm Heather, who is known to many in Lanner and the surrounding areas.



An application to secure funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy fund was made last year and we greatly hoped to secure financial support to improve the surfaces of trails at Tresavean and Carn Marth that are in places badly eroded. We weren't successful last time but remain undaunted and will be submitting a fresh application in the coming months. Look out for updates on our progress.

Twelve paths that are well established and well used in Lanner are currently not included on the Definitive Map. Applications for paths to be added will not be permitted after 2026 and so Cllr Liz Repper is leading on a project to submit these paths for inclusion. This is no mean feat, and a great deal of evidence must be collated to ensure the best chance possible is given to securing addition on the map.

If you would like to know more, are willing to offer written testament of use of these paths or have photographs or old maps you can share please contact Council – Liz will be delighted to hear from you.



Christmas Lights

Switch on of Christmas Lights will be on **Friday 10 December!** The parade leaves Lanner School at 6.30pm for switch on at 7pm at Lanner Playing Field. Watch out for updates on our website and FB page.

Why not join in by decorating your house and gardens and spread the blue and white twinkles through Lanner.

Our Environment

Council is always keen to improve our local environment and have undertaken several projects this year. None of this could have been achieved without the hard work of volunteers, Councillors and local businesses who have generously supported these efforts.

A huge thank you to them all.

Please let us know your thoughts and if you like the results.

Planters:

To enhance various grass splays throughout the parish flower planters have been installed at Lanmoor, Lanner Hill and Southdowns.

With very generous sponsorship to provide all the plants by **Warrior Garden Centre**, Lanner, colourful displays now feature in these areas and with careful attention continue to flower.



Some of these areas are maintained by Cornwall Council who following public consultation asking residents how they wanted the verges to be managed in the future.

The results of the survey, which received more than 2,000 responses, overwhelmingly suggested that residents wanted to see nature encouraged to flourish.

As a result, Cornwall Council has introduced a new policy which aims to encourage wildflowers and pollinators to thrive, without compromising road safety.

Verges will now be cut two or three times a year, instead of eight, and cuttings will take place after the flowers have finished blooming and seeds are set.



Trees:

Free trees for community planting are often available and we are delighted that with support from the Woodland Trust and I Dig Trees almost 900 trees have already been planted at the Tresavean Trail, Strawberry Fields Recreation Area, Carn Marth.

Support from the GEL community fund allowed the purchase of mature trees, and these native oaks have been planted at the extended Lawn Cemetery. The natural burial area will soon be open, and these trees are already contributing to the beauty of the area.

Another huge thank you to all the volunteers that joined in even when the weather wasn't so kind.

A further 400 trees are set to arrive in November so please watch out for details of the planting event and contact us to register your interest in joining the planting team!

Cllr Chris Bosworth on Community tree planting in Lanner

Lanner Parish Council has over the last year operated a tree planting scheme in and around the village of Lanner. The planting was undertaken by 11 volunteers from the community all of whom were enthusiastic about being part of the scheme. The participants ranged from children to older retired members of the community. Over four days approximately 1500 trees were planted on five sites. The Tresavean trail (part of the mineral tramways trail), The Strawberry Fields playing field, and the new cemetery extension. These three sites are either owned or managed by the parish council. Two other sites owned or leased by a local charity, The Carn Marth Trust (CMT), were also included in the scheme. One of the CMT sites had been planted with whips about three years ago, some of these had died. This was therefore a perfect opportunity to replace these and fill in any gaps.

The trees were whips approximately two years old supplied the Woodland Trust and I Dig Trees. They came with bamboo support sticks and plastic rabbit guards. The trees were a mixture of deciduous native species, and these were sorted for specific sites. The two CMT sites were particularly exposed, so more wind tolerant species were planted on these sites. The plantings in the cemetery extension were mainly hazel for screening together with 4 larger native oak specimen trees, which were funded with grant support from the United Downs Geothermal Project (UDGP).

The pandemic threw our planting plans into confusion, but it was decided that by operating in a COVID secure way and working as family or couple bubbles we were able to continue. As we were outside and socially distancing, face masks were not required at later events.

The feedback from the volunteers was amazing, everyone wanted to be involved in future schemes and some have volunteered to help out with other projects in the parish.

We plan to continue planting on these sites. We also hope to encourage local residents and landowners to take trees for their land and with our helpers we may be able to help those less able to plant on their properties.



Verges and Hedges

Who does what:

Verges and hedges are a joint responsibility. Not all roadside verge maintenance is carried out by Cornwall Council and most hedge cutting along the highway is done by the adjacent landowner. Landowners may cut the verge as well as their hedges. Individuals also cut verges in the vicinity of their properties for aesthetic purposes.

Hedge growth or trees on properties next to the highway is generally the responsibility of the landowner. Regular maintenance prevents side growth and low-lying branches extending into the road. Landowners must take reasonable care to ensure that trees within falling distance of the highway are safe. This responsibility includes trees rooted in Cornish hedges that form the boundary to the highway.

Cornwall Council have the power to ensure landowners resolve problematic vegetation and tree issues. The Council notify landowners under Section 154 of the Highway Act 1980.

Landowners must also comply with legislation relating to the control of noxious and injurious plants. For example, Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Giant Hogweed and Ragwort.

Please remember that there are certain laws regarding hedge cutting which you should be aware of to ensure there is no damage to active bird nests. Some mature hedgerows are protected by law, but this wouldn't normally apply to garden hedges.

We recommend not cutting hedges and trees between March and August as this is the main breeding season for nesting birds, although some birds may nest outside this period.

Full details of the requirements can be found at www.cornwall.gov.uk. Reports of overgrown hedges or verges that are of concern can be made to Cornwall Council using the 'Report It' online tool or by calling 0300 1234 222

THINK OF OTHERS!

Hedges that overhang onto the pavements often prohibit use by pedestrians and cause considerable difficulty to those using wheelchairs or mobility scooters. If your boundary hedge is adjacent to these areas, please ensure it is kept trimmed.

Roadside verges are maintained by Cornwall Council and as part of the Making Space for Nature many are now designed to increase biodiversity. For more information visit the Cornwall Council website.

Saying some Goodbyes

At the elections in May 2021 there were several changes in membership of the Parish Council.

Our Chairman for the last 12 plus years, Ashley Wood, decided that it was time to take a break from local government after countless years of service both at Stithians and Lanner Parish Councils to concentrate a little more on work at his organic beef farm. Ashley is always active and continues to serve the wider community working to promote environmental issues and the clear need to address the climate crisis we are in. We also heard murmurings of him writing a book so we will be sure to let you know of any forthcoming publication.

Lanner is certainly indebted to Ashley for his vision, forethought, determination and staying power. A man with a firm belief in making things better within communities, involving residents and achieving a common goal he led the Council to considerable success. There are too many things to list but the most notable must be the compilation of the Neighbourhood Development Plan that was successfully 'made' at referendum and now forms part of planning law. Many were involved in this Plan and much consultation was undertaken but it was Ashley who researched and compiled all the statistics, drew all the thoughts and replies to form policies and wrote the final document for approval. There is no question that without this, achieving a Plan to protect Lanner would have been much more arduous and very expensive!

Ashley is a self-effacing chap and would never seek limelight although he never hesitated to make a stand to defend and protect the environment, community and the wishes of residents. We have lost a very valuable member of Council but remain glad that he is still on hand to offer wisdom and experience and maintain focus on the climate emergency.

Another stalwart at LPC, Mary Anson, decided that she would not stand for re-election this time, although this may also have been due to a lack of time to complete her papers! Not only has

Mary a very demanding business to run in the care sector but she also gives many hours to a range of charities and local causes. Mary brought a great deal of knowledge and experience to debates and was never hesitant to ask questions and offer alternative suggestions to the matters being resolved.

Both former Councillors always worked in harmony with everyone, and their friendship will certainly endure.

Currently we are working on how best to say thank you and recognise such significant contribution and the next Newsletter will update you on how this all goes.

A few Hello's

Following the Community Governance Review an additional two seats were awarded taking the number of seats from nine to eleven.

There were nine candidates for the election who were all returned unopposed, and we are delighted that Matt Barrett and Sam Richards put their hats in the ring and are settling into their roles as Cllrs.

James Biscoe and Alasdair Garnett have since been co-opted to Council, so we are now at full compliment and looking forward to a busy term ahead.

We now have a new Chairman of Council, Cllr Tim Luscombe and Chairman of the Planning Committee, Cllr Helen Bilham.

A message from Tim:

'At this year's Annual Meeting I was honoured to be elected Chair of Lanner Parish Council by my fellow councillors. Ashley did such an exceptional job of leading Council these are big shoes to fill.

I wish both Ashley and Mary all the best in their future, even though I don't think either of them will have quiet and peaceful retirements as they still have huge amounts on their plates to keep them more than busy.

Lanner Parish Council has been hugely proactive in past years and has achieved much for our community. All Councillors remain keen to keep on working in the same way trying to bring benefits for everyone that lives and works in the parish.'

Your Council

The Council Office is located upstairs at Lanner Village Hall. This is our centre for administration storage of archives and key equipment. Our weekly Open Office hours are: Tuesday 9.30am to 12.30pm Thursday 2.30 to 4.30pm We welcome visits from residents who would like information about services, have an issue to raise or just simply to find out more about community life.

Council usually meets on the last Thursday of each month and the Planning Committee on the second Thursday. All meetings start at 19:00 and have a spot reserved for public comment and questions. But do check with website or notice boards to ensure no last-minute changes have been made.

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