



Carn Brea Parish Council

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Winter Newsletter 2024



Merry Christmas

2025 Local Council Elections

On **1st May 2025** local elections will take place.

If you are interested in becoming a Councillor and representing residents in your area, **watch out for publication of the Notice of Election**, that will be placed on our noticeboards, website and Facebook at the **end of March 2025** in order to make your submission of nomination papers.

COULD YOU BE
A PARISH
COUNCILLOR?

To be able to stand as a candidate at a Parish Council Election you must be at least 18 years of age and meet other criteria.

Full Details of eligibility criteria, can be found in our Elections – ‘Get Involved’ document on our website.

How Much Time Does It Take Up?

The amount of time you commit to your role as a Councillor is largely up to you and will depend on the different committees you choose to be on.

The Parish Council usually meets once a month for the Full Council meeting and the meeting may last approximately two hours, depending on how many items of business to discuss are on the agenda.



As a Councillor you are expected to attend meetings of the Full Council as a minimum, however you will be invited to all Committee and Working Party meetings should you wish to attend. Membership of Committees and Working Parties are elected annually. You may wish to attend other meetings representing the Council, for example acting as a representative on an outside body, community activities or helping develop a new project for the community.

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Being a Councillor can be varied, highly fulfilling, exciting, challenging, interesting and even frustrating at times. But above all it is the chance to make a real difference in the community by bringing your energy, passion, knowledge and hard-working attitude.



WHY BECOME A
PARISH
COUNCILLOR?

You don't need any experience or special qualifications. The role supports and helps you to gain lots of new skills, experience, knowledge and confidence.

You can make a real difference to the local community and wider society in many ways. You could become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support, with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement



What Support
Will I Get?

The Council is supported by a team of employees headed up by the Parish Clerk.

A Council laptop will be issued which will have a full range of information to support you in your role. You will also be issued a Councillor email address.

There is mandatory training if you sit on committees that deal with Planning, Staffing and Finance and induction training will take place after elections.

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WHAT CAN MY LOCAL COUNCIL DO?

The powers of a Parish Council are varied.

The Council exists as the most localised form of government and is there to serve and represent the Parish.

- Allotments
- Commons
- Open Spaces *
- Street Lighting
- Playing Fields *
- Special Projects*
- Churchyard and cemeteries
- Halls *
- Traffic Calming
- Local Transport
- Parking
- County, Government and Planning consultations *
- Forming Local Policy, Neighbourhood and Emergency Plans*

These are just some of the areas where your Parish Council can improve its amenities and support to local people. The Parish Council also plays a major role in local consultation.

*These denote services provided by Carn Brea Parish Council.

Being a local Councillor can be a rewarding experience, why not come along to one of our Council meetings and see for yourself?

DATES OF MEETINGS:

Full dates of all meetings can be found on our website or within the Annual Report.

Our next Full Council meetings will be held on: 12/12/24, 16/1/25, 20/2/25, 20/3/25 and 16/4/25

Are YOU or ANYONE you know losing the Winter Fuel Allowance?

The Winter Fuel Allowance will only be paid to those State Pensioners who are in receipt of Pension Credit or any of the following means-tested benefits:-

- Income Support
- Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance

Although the qualifying week for this year's Winter Fuel Payment has now passed, you may still be eligible for the payment if you successfully apply for Pension Credit by 21st December 2024. That's because claims for Pension Credit can be backdated by up to three months, provided you would have been entitled to the benefit at the earlier date.

What to do?

If you believe you will lose your **Winter Fuel Allowance** then get **advice/help** from any of the following organisations so you can apply for **Pension Credit**:-

- **Citizens' Advice** 0808 812 7156
<https://citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk>
- **Age UK** 01872 266 383
<https://www.ageuk.org.uk>
- **HM Government** 0800 991 234
<https://www.gov.uk/pension-credit>

What have we been up to?

Since the last newsletter in May 2024, the Council have been working hard on various projects and here's just some of what the Council have been up to.....

Hanging Baskets:

This year the Council added 40 additional baskets around the Parish and received lots of positive feedback on how great they looked!

Litter Picking:

The Grounds Person litter picks every week around the Parish to help keep the lanes and villages as tidy as possible.

New Bins:

To help encourage everyone to dispose of their litter responsibly, the Council has purchased and installed 2 new litter bins this summer on Grenifer Road and on the corner of Chapel Terrace & Chariot Road.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP):

After many years of hard work, the Carn Brea Parish NDP went to a Public Referendum on 1st August 2024, and 87.95% voted in favour of the plan which is an excellent result! The Plan was officially 'made' by Cornwall Council and implemented on 16th September 2024.

Wheal Fortune Park:

Following several public consultations, work on the NEW play park installation at Wheal Fortune Park began on 1st September 2024 and at the time of writing, despite the Cornish Weather the installation has gone very smoothly!



We welcome nominations for the following awards:-



The Clarence Coombe Memorial Award is in memory of the late Clarence Coombe, a well-respected Councillor who served Carn Brea Parish for many years.

The award will be presented to a person or persons, who has served in Carn Brea Parish and who has given lifelong service, performed a heroic deed, or attained individual achievement through work, study, conquest of illness or disability etc.

The Marise Levenson Memorial Award is in memory of the late Marise Levenson. The award recognises the contribution of young people in the community, and will be presented to a young person under the age of 18 who has served in Carn Brea Parish and who has contributed to the local community through charitable acts, altruistic caring acts, or unrecognised achievements etc.



Marise Levenson
Memorial Award




The Local Achievement Award is to recognise the contribution by an individual where they have gone above and beyond for an individual or group in their local community.

If you wish to nominate someone, this should be done in writing by letter or email to the Clerk stating the award nominated for and the reasons for the nominations.

All nominations should be received by 14th March 2025.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 14th April 25 at 7pm at Treloweth Community Hall, Pool, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 3QB.



Annual Parish Meeting
Come along and have
your say.

This is an opportunity for the Parish Council and other local organisations to present what they have been doing over the last year.

At the Annual Parish Meeting we will present awards, receive Carn Brea Parish Council's Annual report, invite local organisations to give a report and provide residents of Carn Brea Parish the opportunity to raise any matters of interest or concerns.



A Councillor -
Who Me?

Local Council Elections take place on 1st May 2025. Information on being a Councillor is inside this newsletter and on our website.

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