

# Councillor Report – June 2026



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*Division: St. Columb Major, St. Mawgan-in-Pydar & St. Wenn*

## Introduction

Welcome to my June 2026 report for residents of St. Columb Major, St. Mawgan-in-Pydar and St. Wenn.

This report provides an update on local issues, council activity, community news and priorities from the past 28 days, together with a look ahead to the coming month.

## Your Councillor Activity

During the past month I have:

- Worked with St. Columb Major Town Council and Cornwall Council officers regarding overnight street lighting arrangements.
- Continued discussions on planning matters affecting Mawgan Porth and the wider division.
- Assisted residents with highways, planning, environmental and community issues.
- Attended Cornwall Council meetings, briefings and committee business on behalf of residents.
- Worked with parish councils across the division on local concerns and ongoing projects.
- Continued to monitor highways maintenance and road safety matters across the area.

## Local Council Updates

### Street Lighting Update – St. Columb Major

Many residents have contacted me regarding Cornwall Council's overnight street lighting policy.

Following concerns raised by residents and a unanimous resolution from St. Columb Major Town Council, Cornwall Council has agreed to a trial amendment to the overnight lighting arrangements within the town centre.

Under the revised arrangements, selected lights will remain illuminated at reduced brightness between midnight and 5am on Friday and Saturday nights. These lights will continue to switch off during the same period on other nights, whilst the wider countywide policy remains unchanged. Cornwall Council has confirmed that this trial will commence during June.

This is a positive example of residents, the Town Council and Cornwall Council working together constructively. I will continue monitoring feedback and discussing the results with officers and the Town Council over the coming months.

## Cornwall Council Annual Meeting

Cornwall Council held its Annual Meeting on 19 May 2026.

Key topics included:

- Road maintenance and road safety.
- School and college transport.
- Mental health and wellbeing in schools.
- Housing and infrastructure.
- Council governance and standards procedures.

The Council also established its committee structure for the forthcoming municipal year and confirmed Cabinet appointments. A new advisory group was approved to examine mental health and wellbeing in schools and colleges across Cornwall.

## Highways and Road Maintenance

Road conditions remain one of the most common issues raised by residents.

Cornwall Council has reported continued progress in reducing the backlog of highway defects following the severe weather experienced earlier this year. Reported defects have reduced from 2,472 to 2,034, representing an 18% reduction. The Council expects this figure to continue falling towards normal seasonal levels.

I continue to raise local concerns directly with officers and encourage residents to report potholes and highway defects whenever they are identified.

## Planning Matters

### The Park, Mawgan Porth (PA25/06843)

Planning discussions have continued regarding proposals at The Park, Mawgan Porth.

The application seeks to replace 20 static caravans with 11 larger holiday accommodation units together with associated parking and infrastructure works.

During consultation, concerns were raised regarding the scale of the development, landscape impact, visual appearance, flood-risk considerations and the site's location within the Area of

Great Landscape Value. The planning officer subsequently advised that she intended to recommend approval and commenced the formal 5-Day Protocol process with the Parish Council.

Planning matters can often involve balancing a range of competing considerations. I continue to monitor significant applications affecting the division and ensure local views are properly represented through the planning process.

## Community News

### Royal Cornwall Show Success

Congratulations to Lanherne Convent following outstanding success at this year's Royal Cornwall Show.

The convent's cider won:

- First Place in the Dry Cider Class.
- Champion Best in Show.

This is a tremendous achievement and excellent recognition for a local producer with strong ties to our community.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

### St. Mawgan-in-Pydar

Alongside planning matters in Mawgan Porth, the parish continues to be well represented through its Parish Council and active local organisations. I continue to work closely with local councillors and residents on issues affecting the area.

### St. Wenn

No major Cornwall Council matters specific to St. Wenn arose during this reporting period. However, I continue to monitor issues raised by residents and remain available to assist with local concerns.

## Casework & Resident Issues

During the reporting period I dealt with enquiries relating to:

- Street lighting.
- Potholes and highways maintenance.
- Road safety concerns.
- Planning applications.
- Environmental issues.
- Community infrastructure.
- Public services.

Individual casework remains confidential, but I continue to work with officers and partner organisations to seek practical solutions wherever possible.

## Current Priorities

I am currently working on:

- Monitoring the St. Columb Major streetlighting trial.
- Pursuing highways and road safety concerns raised by residents.
- Following planning matters affecting Mawgan Porth and the wider division.
- Supporting parish councils and community groups.
- Monitoring progress on highway maintenance and pothole repairs.
- Representing residents at Cornwall Council meetings and briefings.

## Events & Activities (Next 28 Days)

### St. Columb Major Community Events

St Columb Church continues to host its popular “Just Be” community sessions, providing an opportunity for residents to meet, enjoy refreshments, take part in crafts and spend time together in an informal setting.

Upcoming sessions are scheduled for:

- Thursday 11 June – 2:00pm
- Thursday 25 June – 2:00pm

All are welcome.

### Parish Council Meetings

Parish councils across the division continue to meet regularly throughout the month.

These meetings provide an opportunity for residents to hear about local projects, planning matters and community issues, and to raise concerns directly with elected representatives.

Residents are encouraged to check their parish council websites and noticeboards for agendas and meeting details.

### Summer Activities

The summer season is now underway and a range of community events, fundraising activities, village gatherings and seasonal attractions are taking place across the division.

Mawgan Porth and surrounding communities are expected to see increased visitor numbers as the holiday season gathers pace.

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## Summer Traffic

As visitor numbers increase across Cornwall, residents should expect higher traffic levels on many local roads, particularly at weekends and during holiday periods.

Please allow extra time for journeys where necessary.

## Upcoming Meetings

Over the next month I expect to attend:

- Cornwall Council committee meetings.
- Parish and town council meetings across the division.
- Community meetings and engagement events where local issues are being discussed.

Residents are always welcome to contact me if there is a matter they would like raised.

## Contact Details

If there is a local issue you would like me to raise with Cornwall Council, or if you require assistance with a council-related matter, please get in touch.

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