

Councillor Report – August 2026



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

Introduction

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

This report covers the main matters from approximately the last 28 days, from 13 July to 10 August, together with community information and events taking place over the next 28 days.

At a Glance

Over the last 28 days: Key work has included public-realm reporting, housing policy following Full Council, the St. Columb Recreation Ground refurbishment, policing concerns and the introduction of temporary hosepipe restrictions.

Over the next 28 days: I will continue following up policing and public-realm issues, monitor housing delivery plans, support local councils and keep residents updated on matters affecting the division.

Local Council Updates

Please report local problems

One point I particularly want to emphasise this month is the importance of reporting local problems directly to Cornwall Council.

As I understand the current arrangements, the way some routine public-realm maintenance is scheduled has changed, making issues formally logged with Cornwall Council increasingly important. The Council also advises residents to use its online forms for road and pavement problems, with online reporting the quickest and most convenient route for most issues.

The reporting system covers potholes, overgrown hedges and verges, blocked drains, damaged road surfaces, streetlights, road signs and markings, street furniture and other highway problems.

If you see something that needs attention, please report it. Using the Council system means the issue is formally recorded and can be followed up.

[Cornwall Council – Report something](#)

For something causing an immediate danger or a highway emergency, Cornwall Council advises residents to telephone 0300 1234 222 rather than using the normal online reporting process.

Housing – Giving Councils the Tools to Build Homes

One of my main pieces of Council work during the past month was the Giving Councils the Tools to Build Homes motion considered at Full Council on 21 July.

The motion was passed and called for local authorities to have access to the same type of low-cost housing finance available to registered housing providers. Amendments also sought consideration of the 2012 Housing Revenue Account debt settlement and whether Treveth could access lower-interest lending to support social-rent housing.

During the same meeting I asked for greater clarity about the delivery plans for Homes Cornwall and Treveth. The meeting response indicated that a one-year Treveth delivery plan would be presented to Cabinet, with full three-year business plans expected in December. I will continue to follow this as those plans come forward.

St. Columb Recreation Ground

St. Columb Major Town Council announced on 5 August that it is inviting tenders for Phase II of the Recreation Ground refurbishment. Detailed tender information is available from the Town Clerk.

Policing and Community Safety

The policing situation remains under review. I will report back to residents when further confirmed information is received.

Residents should continue to report emergencies by calling 999. Non-emergency matters can be reported by calling 101 or through Devon and Cornwall Police's online reporting routes.

Community News

Temporary hosepipe restrictions

South West Water introduced temporary hosepipe restrictions across Cornwall from 00:01 on Saturday 8 August because of the dry conditions and pressure on water supplies.

The restrictions include using a hosepipe for activities such as watering gardens, washing cars, filling paddling or swimming pools and cleaning patios or driveways. Water can continue to be used normally for drinking, washing and cooking, and residents can use alternatives such as watering cans or buckets where appropriate.

Residents should check the latest South West Water or Cornwall Council information for the current position and any exemptions.

Events and Activities: Next 28 Days

Upcoming events between Tuesday 11 August and Monday 7 September 2026.

Date	Event or meeting	Details
Wednesday 12 August	Partial solar eclipse	A major partial solar eclipse will be visible from Cornwall in the early evening, weather permitting. Use proper eclipse glasses or an indirect viewing method; never look directly at the Sun.
Saturday 15 August	Falcon Fest, St. Mawgan	The Falcon Inn lists its final Falcon Fest event of 2026, with live music, food and local ales and ciders. Entry is listed as free.
Sunday 23 August	Rose Morran Gardens, Talskiddy	National Garden Scheme opening from 2pm to 5pm. Adult admission is listed as £6, with children free.
Tuesday 25 to Saturday 29 August	Classic Cornwall, St. Columb Major	Classic Cornwall 2026 is scheduled at St. Columb Major Parish Church, with three chamber-music concerts during the week.
Thursday 27 to Monday 31 August	Cornwall Folk Festival, Wadebridge	The Cornwall Folk Festival returns over the August Bank Holiday period, with concerts and other music events around Wadebridge.

Casework and Resident Issues

Over the last 28 days, resident issues have continued to include public-realm maintenance, highways and road defects, policing concerns, planning matters and other local service issues.

Where a problem falls within Cornwall Council's responsibility, using the Council's online reporting system is particularly helpful because it creates a formal record and provides a route for checking progress.

I cannot share details of individual casework, but the wider themes residents raise continue to inform the issues I take up with Cornwall Council and partner organisations.

Future Priorities

Over the next 28 days I will:

- continue to follow up policing concerns and report confirmed developments to residents;
- encourage residents to log highways and public-realm issues through Cornwall Council's Report It system;
- monitor the next stages of the Council's housing delivery plans following the July Full Council discussion;

- support town and parish councils with planning, highways, rights of way and local maintenance issues;
- continue to raise local casework and service concerns with Cornwall Council and partner organisations.

Message to Residents

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me this month about local issues. Your reports, questions and feedback help identify problems and make sure local concerns are raised with the relevant council services and partner organisations.

Useful Links

- [Cornwall Council – Report something](#)
- [Cornwall Council Planning Portal](#)
- [Roads and Transport Information](#)
- [Waste and Recycling Services](#)

Contact Details

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Staying Updated

For the latest verified information on services, emergencies and council announcements, residents can check the Cornwall Council website or follow official Cornwall Council social media channels.

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