

Councillor Report – July 2026



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

Introduction

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

This report covers local council activity, highways, public realm issues, policing concerns, community updates, events and the main priorities for the next 28 days.

At a Glance

Over the last 28 days: The main local issues have been potholes and road defects, rapid vegetation growth, weed management, Trekenning Roundabout, policing concerns in St. Columb Major, planning matters, street lighting, and local transport disruption.

Over the next 28 days: I will continue following up these matters with Cornwall Council, Highways, Cormac, town and parish councils, and police partners where appropriate.

Local Council Updates

Highways, potholes and road defects

Cornwall Council's Cabinet Member for Transport, Cllr Dan Rogerson, has provided an update on the countywide pothole position following the difficult winter and spring. In the first three months of the year, Cornwall Council received around 30,000 pothole reports. Live defects on the system peaked at around 6,000 after storms and prolonged rainfall, but this has now reduced to 708. This is welcome progress, and I will continue to raise local highways and road-safety concerns where they affect residents in our division.

Residents are encouraged to keep reporting potholes and other road defects through Cornwall Council's online reporting system. Cornwall Council says potholes can develop quickly, that online reports help inspectors identify issues, and that urgent problems or emergencies should be reported by calling 0300 1234 222.

Public realm, vegetation and Trekenning Roundabout

A warm early summer has followed a particularly wet winter and spring. This has led to significant vegetation growth on verges, roundabouts, footpaths and other parts of the public realm.

I am pleased to confirm that, after representations to Cornwall Council Highways, vegetation on and around Trekenning Roundabout has recently been tended to. I would like to thank the Highways team and Cormac for responding quickly.

Please continue to report public-realm issues directly through Cornwall Council's online Report It system. This is important because routine maintenance is increasingly being prioritised around logged reports, so issues that are not reported may not be picked up as quickly.

Cornwall Council's road and pavement reporting page includes options for potholes, hedges, verges, overgrown vegetation, street lights, road surfaces, drainage, road signs, temporary road works and public rights of way.

Weed growth and glyphosate

Weed growth remains a concern across parts of the public realm. Cornwall Council is reviewing its approach following the recent Full Council motion on public-realm weed treatment, which called for proposals to be paused and reconsidered to allow greater consultation. Cornwall Council reported that the motion was carried by 61 votes to seven, and that Cabinet would consider the points raised.

In the meantime, I am working with colleagues and local councils to understand the practical implications for town and parish areas.

Street lighting in St. Columb Major

Street lighting remains an issue I am monitoring closely. Last month's report confirmed that, following concerns raised by residents and a unanimous resolution from St. Columb Major Town Council, Cornwall Council agreed a trial amendment to overnight lighting arrangements in the town centre.

Under the revised arrangements, selected lights remain illuminated at reduced brightness between midnight and 5am on Friday and Saturday nights, while the wider countywide policy remains unchanged.

I will continue to monitor feedback from residents, the Town Council and Cornwall Council officers during the trial period.

Local council meetings and planning

St. Columb Major Town Council has a Full Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 7 July 2026 at 7pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Market Place, St. Columb Major. A Notice of Vacancy was also published on 19 June 2026 for the South Ward following the resignation of Christopher John Bonner.

St. Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish Council met on 10 June and has its next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 8 July 2026 at 6.30pm at St. Mawgan Community Hall. The draft agenda includes police and Cornwall Councillor reports, public participation, planning, amenities, transport and rights of way, beach and environment matters, finance, and correspondence.

St. Wenn Parish Council met on 9 June and has its next Full Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday 14 July 2026 at 7.30pm at St. Wenn Women's Institute.

St. Mawgan bus diversion

Cornwall Council's public transport disruption information continues to list an obstruction in St. Mawgan affecting Go Cornwall Bus service 56. Due to scaffolding restricting the road width, buses are unable to serve St. Mawgan village and are being diverted between Mawgan Porth and Carloggas via Trevarrian in both directions.

Residents using the service should check the latest travel information before setting out.

Policing and Community Safety

I am aware of several incidents in St. Columb Major during June. The policing situation is currently under review, and I will seek further updates from police partners and local council colleagues. I will report back next month.

St. Columb Major Town Council's Mayor's Report, published on 17 June, also raised concerns about visible policing and public confidence in the town.

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

No update this month.

I remain keen to include verified updates from local groups, schools, parish councils, churches, charities and community organisations in future reports.

Events and Activities: Next 28 Days

Upcoming meetings and local events between Tuesday 7 July and Monday 3 August 2026.

Date	Event or meeting	Details
Tuesday 7 July	St. Columb Major Town Council Full Council	7pm, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, St. Columb Major.
Wednesday 8 July	St. Mawgan-in-Pydar Parish Council	6.30pm, St. Mawgan Community Hall. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.
Sunday 12 to Tuesday 14 July	St. Mawgan Flower Festival - History and Heritage	Open 10am to 5pm from 12 to 14 July, with a singalong concert listed for 14 July at 6pm.
Tuesday 14 July	St. Wenn Parish Council Full Council	7.30pm, St. Wenn Women's Institute.
Friday 17 to Sunday 19 July	Falcon Fest, St. Mawgan	Visit Newquay lists Falcon Fest at The Falcon Inn, St. Mawgan, from 17 to 19 July.
Saturday 1 to Monday 3 August	St. Columb Carnival Week begins	The organiser's public listing indicates that St. Columb Carnival Week runs from 1 to 8 August. Residents should check the latest organiser information for confirmed times and activities.

Casework and Resident Issues

Over the last 28 days, the main resident themes have been highways, potholes, road safety, vegetation growth, weed management, public-realm maintenance, policing concerns in St. Columb Major, planning matters, local transport disruption and street lighting.

I cannot share details of individual casework, but the wider themes residents are raising 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 in St. Columb Major;
- monitor public-realm maintenance, including vegetation and weed growth;
- encourage residents to log issues through Cornwall Council's Report It system;
- keep the St. Columb Major street-lighting trial under review;
- support town and parish councils with planning, highways, rights of way and local maintenance issues;
- monitor the St. Mawgan bus diversion and any wider transport disruption affecting residents.

Message to Residents

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me this month about local issues. Your feedback helps ensure Cornwall Council remains accountable and responsive to rural communities like ours. Please do continue to share any concerns or ideas — particularly as we look ahead to the festive season and beyond to 2026.

Useful Links

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

Contact Details

If you'd like to get in touch, please contact me at cllr.rowland.oconnor@cornwall.gov.uk or by phone on 01872 322222 (say my name).

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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