



# ONECORNWALL

## Parish and Town Council Communication

### Issue 4: December 2007

This is the fourth in a regular series of newsletters produced by officers of the One Cornwall team to keep parish and town councils up to date with the transition to a unified council. We would welcome any feedback from you on this newsletter and any ways in which you think it might be improved.

### Parish Survey

We received around 100 responses to Sections 1 and 4 of the survey prior to the deadline of the 17<sup>th</sup> December. However, no fixed deadline was placed on the other sections to allow your Councils to have an opportunity to properly assess and respond to the questions posed.

We look forward to receiving further responses on all sections so that we may draw them together in order to provide a better overview of how we can best develop the opportunities that are available.

If you have any queries with regards to the survey please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Liaison Team on the number below.

### Programme Development Team

Further appointments have been made to the Programme Development Team and it is hoped that in the New Year the Team will be up to strength.

With regards to the Parish Liaison Team, Martin Eddy has been appointed as the Parish and Town Council Lead Officer. Martin is the Customer Services Manager from Caradon District Council and will be full-time in his new role within the One Cornwall Team from the New Year. Steven Ford will be remaining in the Team as Senior Parish Liaison Officer. Other appointments will be made in the New Year to the Parish Liaison Team in order to build further capacity.

Other positions of interest to parish and town councils have been finalised and the officers responsible are as follows:-

Community Network Lead	-	Rob Andrew
"Customer First" Lead	-	Morwenn Evans
Property Leads	-	James Wakeham and Adam Birchall

### Parish consultation

It is our intention in the Spring to undertake further meetings with parish and town councils in community network areas. These meetings will introduce you to the new officers within the Parish Liaison Team and update you on various issues including the boundary review which will help shape the final makeup of community network



areas. These sessions will also continue to be an avenue for us all to engage in detailed discussion.

### **Electoral Matters**

At the beginning of the month John Healey, Local Government Minister announced his final decision on local government re-structuring and confirmed that Cornwall County Council's proposal has been successful, along with 4 other county proposals throughout the country. His statement confirmed that elections for Cornwall will take place in May 2009.

The next stage is to present The Cornwall (Structural Change) Order 2008 before Parliament, which will take place very soon. Part of the Order addresses electoral matters which will confirm the status for both District and Parish and Town Councils elections. It is expected, although this is not certain until the Order is passed, that elections for district councils will be cancelled for 2008 with their term of office ending on the 1 April 2009. It is also expected that parish and town council elections will not be held in 2008, and that elections will synchronise with those of the new authority. Once more details are known you will be updated accordingly.

### **Interim Joint Committee**

The next meeting of the Interim Joint Committee is due to take place at 10 am on the 17 January 2008 at the Caradon District Council Offices, Liskeard. These meetings are open to the public with agenda, reports and minutes being available on the County Council's website at <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=40375>

Once the Order has been passed through Parliament the Interim Joint Committee will be known as the Implementation Executive. The Order will also formalise its role and outline its responsibilities.

### **Town and Parish Forum**

Perranarworthal Parish Council has set up a forum for discussion regarding the One Cornwall process, and it can be accessed at the following address <http://cpatc.14.forumer.com/>. This is not a Cornwall County Council site, but it provides a useful forum through which local councils can express their views.

### **Can You Help?**

In order to be able to reach the electorate of Cornwall to keep them up-to-date on One Cornwall issues it would be appreciated if you could please inform us of any local parish/town magazines so that we may include regular update bulletins. Please either forward this information to us via our One Cornwall email address (outlined below) or by post to Parish Liaison Team, Cornwall County Council, Room 225 New County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY.

***Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!***

*If you wish to contact the One Cornwall Team, please use the following email address: [onecornwall@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:onecornwall@cornwall.gov.uk) Steven Ford, Senior Parish Liaison Officer can be contacted directly on 01872 322283.*