

Village and Local Facilities

You told us in 2007 that you were mostly concerned about:-

- *The Village Halls in Devoran and Carnon Downs and the Church Hall at Feock are well used meeting most of your local social needs but the Devoran Hall building and facilities need improving*
- *The area's social needs are reasonably well catered for but there are opportunities for improvement. At Carnon Downs a social club and informal meeting place would be welcomed by all age groups and at Feock the needs of young children and adults are not fully met*
- *There is interest in the provision of sports facilities and pitches for older children throughout the Parish area and for young children at Point*
- *Advice is available to meet most local needs but a list of good local tradesman would be useful*
- *A resident NHS Dentist would be welcomed to the Parish area*

You also told us that you were concerned about:

- *Recycling facilities are well used but could be further developed*
- *The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is valued but some of you are not sure who to contact*
- *More contact with the Community Police would be helpful*
- *A greater sense of community could develop from improved local communications about all aspects of village life*
- *You would like to see enhancements to Devoran arising from links with the Mineral Tramways Strategy*
- *The new school in Devoran should provide opportunities for community use*
- *The old school in Devoran should provide opportunities for housing, community, and small scale commercial use*

What has been achieved so far?

- *At Devoran, improvements have been made to the area surrounding the village hall and a new gate installed at Carnon Gate*
- *Recreational facilities for young children has been provided at Point*
- *A village survey has been undertaken at Devoran in relation to the use of the Play Field*

- *Safety equipment has been installed at Point Quay*
- *The village hall committees have been encouraged to improve on facilities available to young people and children*
- *The Parish Council's web-site has been improved to provide links to other local web-sites*
- *An initiative has been carried out to clear rotting boats from foreshores*
- *Recycling facilities within the Parish have been improved*

Other achievements so far, include:

- *Provision of additional allotments with no unmet demand*
- *Provision of new Community Notice Boards at Devoran and Carnon Downs*
- *Cosmetic improvements to the Parish Council offices improving the environment for visiting local residents on any issue affecting the parish area*
- *Conservation works to Feock War Memorial*

What is the Parish Council currently working on for completion during 2011/12?

- *Introducing a programme of renewal for Parish Council owned street lights within the conservation area at Devoran*
- *Maintaining and improving facilities and standards at existing play fields within the parish area*
- *Provision of out-door recreational facilities for older children at Carnon Downs (linked to new housing development)*
- *Establishing proper governance arrangements around the ownership and management of Devoran playing field*
- *Encouraging local clubs and societies on an ongoing basis to develop their facilities and to support them through the Parish Council's Small Grants Scheme where appropriate*
- *Ongoing support given to village hall committees to maintain/improve their vitality and relevance to local community needs*

Other current initiatives include:

- *Promoting the possibility of enhancing community facilities as well as providing small scale business use at Devoran through utilisation of the old school site*
- *Ongoing support to local churches, chapels and other meeting places to sustain their future*

- *Opening up and developing an ongoing dialogue with local businesses to offer support wherever possible with their continued existence and development of local markets*
- *Improving local communications through the production of regular newsletters, improvements to the Parish Council's web-site and more extensive use of Parish notice boards*
- *Assisting community groups to adopt the redundant public telephone kiosks at Feock Churchtown and Point Green*
- *Identify community opportunities for specific Jubilee initiatives (2012) – possible grant funding opportunities*
- *Evaluating opportunities for developing partnership arrangements with Cornwall Council in the delivery of the following services:-*
 - *Amenity area grass cutting*
 - *Maintenance of Street Trees*
 - *Hedge Trimming*
 - *Maintenance of Public Conveniences*
 - *Local Recycling*
 - *Public Service Points (potential rural outreach support points)*
 - *Tourist Information*
 - *Property Management*
 - *Community Emergency Planning and Responding*

What further Village and Local Facilities issues will the Parish Council be looking to complete by 2014 ?

- *Improving the aesthetics of Forth Coth, Carnon Downs to include the reinstatement of grass verges, flower beds and seating to create a natural village centre and reducing the impact of urbanisation by planting alongside the main routes. Also to make provision for low pollution/eco friendly street lighting*
- *Create natural 'Gateways' at the entrance to Carnon Downs and Feock (Penelewey) providing a connection with the rural/historic nature of the respective villages and their surrounding areas*
- *Pursue the improvement of available facilities for older children and adults through possible arrangements with Truro College (Tregye), the new Devoran School and Caravan Tourist sites in the area.*

Your views are valued

Do you agree with the current plans set out by the Parish Council for Village and Local Facilities?

Do you believe that the Parish Council's involvement continues to be necessary to ensure that Village and Local Facilities are being adequately provided in the area?

In what other ways do you feel that the Parish Council might develop its role in the provision of Village and Local Facilities?

Are there any other Village and Local Facilities issues that you would like to see changed or added to the Parish Plan?

Please let us have your views, they will make a difference.

Please complete the questionnaire, or the comments box if responding online.