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Pasco and his grand daughter waiting for the start of the Illuminated Boat Parade



Langley Bread

The New Year is like having a fresh sheet of paper to start planning what is to come.

This coming year is significant for many to be able to mark Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

I have been working alongside other Council members and representatives from our community to start planning what will be the commemoration of a remarkable individual, and we certainly hope to be able to come together to celebrate such a milestone. We will release more information in the coming weeks.

I want to thank some people with whom I have had the pleasure of working over the last few months, who I feel have made a real difference.

Firstly, a huge congratulations and sincere thanks to Michael, Angie and the team behind the town's Christmas lights. I am sure you will agree that the town looked incredible, and many of you have said that they were the best yet. I can't wait to hear and see what is planned for 2022. Both Michael and Angie will be working with us on the Jubilee celebrations.

Many of you will remember the incredibly difficult time during Christmas 2020, with many properties and businesses

affected by significant flooding. I want to extend the hand of gratitude and thanks to Mathew Setchell who has been instrumental and a very active campaigner, lobbying the authorities to get works underway and completed to prevent this from happening again.

I was saddened to learn of the devastation caused by the flooding and the terrible situations families found themselves in, and I wanted to see why it was happening. I have stayed in contact with Mathew to be kept up to date with developments.

I have been able to see first-hand some of the incredible work that our charitable organisations and community groups have been able to demonstrate during a time like no other. You should be very proud to say that you live in St Ives.

I was honoured to attend events marking Remembrance Sunday and to see so many people there to join us to mark this important occasion.

The long-standing tradition of distributing the Langley Bread in St Ives took place in January at the Corn Exchange, which saw 120 bags of selected groceries distributed to widows and widowers who reside within the parish boundary of St Ives and are on the electoral roll. Co-operative Food, St Ives, donated the produce for these bags for the third year running.

Finally, we are all still being asked to keep safe, be cautious, carry on testing and to look after each other. The guidance and rules are changing frequently, and we are continuing to monitor and responded to the current situation.

Best wishes to you all. I hope that the New Year is a better one for all of us.

Kind regards,

Pasco Hussain

St Ives Town Mayor

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Clerk's Corner

First of all, let me wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2022!



Nicci Sewell
LOCUM CLERK

As I write this, I have been in the role of Locum Clerk now for little more than three months and I can say that it has been a real whirlwind. While the threat of coronavirus still hangs over us one thing that remains strong is the spirit of St Ives and its inhabitants.

Despite restrictions over this short period, I have had the pleasure of meeting many of the amazing people that live and work in this town and have been utterly blown away by your commitment and passion to driving improvement across St Ives and ensuring your Town Council operates efficiently and effectively.

From the excitement of the Michaelmas Fair to the beautiful display of handmade poppies that adorned the Town Hall in November, the spectacular Christmas light switch on event which provided everyone with a joyful distraction from the dark winter nights and the impressive arrival by Santa and his flotilla at the Quayside.

What a privilege it has been to witness these events.

But enough of looking back - what about 2022?

Well in December, the Council set the precept for the forthcoming financial year at £837,007, which sees a rise of just under 1.95 per cent on last year's request, which relates to an approximate increase of £2.04 per household based on a Band D charge. This small increase was only made possible through a commitment from your Councillors to keep the budget down in recognition that 2021 had been a tough year both financially and personally for so many people.

You can see a full breakdown of our budget published on our website: www.stivestowncouncil.gov.uk but here are a few headlines about what the money will be used for.

A total of £91,000 has been allocated for grants, which will help fund numerous groups and organisations that provide support and advice to residents of the town, as well those groups who work hard to make St Ives an interesting place to live and visit such as Christmas Lights, Carnival, FESt, Town Team and St Ives in Bloom.

£10,000.00 has been added to the Town Celebrations fund and will go towards a £30,000.00 budget set aside for Platinum Jubilee celebrations in the town.

The main events will take place on Saturday 4th June and be kicked off with the 42 Engineer Regiment exercising their Freedom of the Town in the morning. This will be followed by a street party to remember with entertainment, stalls, music and food to represent the diversity of the town's residents.

Work continues toward the Neighbourhood Plan which should be finalised this year and £10,000.00 has also been given over to see this through.



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Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting this year will take place at The Corn Exchange on Saturday 12th March 2022. It will follow shortly after the Community Fair, which will run from 3pm-6pm.

The Community Fair allows community groups around St Ives to showcase new events, update people on their activities and what they are looking forward to doing, too. The event allows them to provide any support, advice and help needed - and to look for more volunteers.

The Annual Town Meeting gives local councils and authorities the chance to update St Ives on what they have been doing over the past 12 months and also gives you a chance to ask questions directly to the relevant people.

We will be keeping the town updated with panel members, Community Fair stall holders and more. We are continuing to keep a close eye on the COVID restrictions and will follow all Government

guidelines. This may include other restrictions, the need to limit numbers or cancellation at short notice.

If you would like to know more about booking a stall for your community group or you want to send questions in advance, please contact Emma at the Town Hall on 01480 388929 or you can email her on admin@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk



Do you care about keeping our town litter free?

In January 2021 St Ives in Bloom, St Ives EcoAction, St Ives Rotary Club, St Ives Town



Council and the Huntingdonshire Green Party launched St Ives Against Rubbish (STAR), a local community-led campaign to raise awareness of litter and littering in our town, and to try to find ways of tackling this issue together. We organise regular group picks, and we ask that individuals who pick on their own to post their picks on the STAR facebook page. This helps us to identify litter hotspots and to take action.

For more information, please email stivesecoaction@gmail.com or join STAR on facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/stivesagainstrubbish. Small actions taken together make a big difference!

Climate Cafés

Join the conversation in 2022 to help to shape our local climate action plan. We may not have all the answers but we've lots of ideas, and your voice matters!

The third Saturday of every month, 10am-12pm

St Ives Free Church, Market Hill, St Ives Climate Café dates for 2022:

February - Saturday 19th
March - Saturday 19th
April - Saturday 16th
May - Saturday 21st
June - Saturday 18th



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Acorn Cancer Support Group St Ives Mayor's Charity 2021/2022

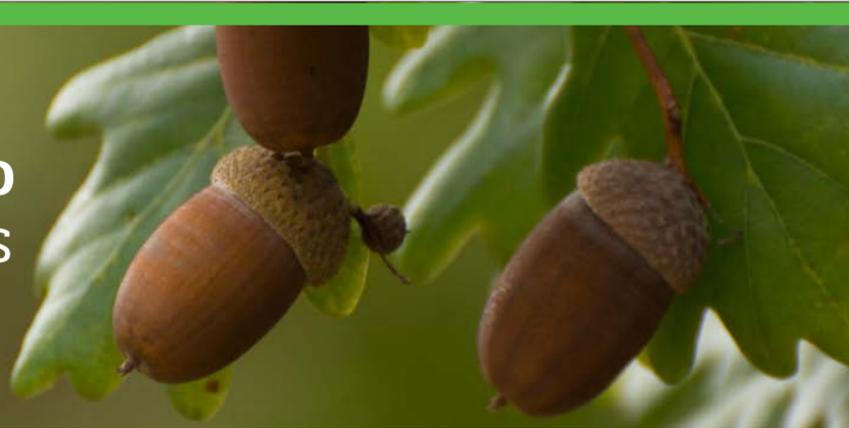


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The Acorn Cancer Support Group were delighted and honoured to have been chosen as one of Councillor Pasco Hussain's charities in his year of office as Mayor of St Ives.

The support group was started approximately 24 years ago in St Ives by a Macmillan nurse and community physiotherapist who realised that there was a large gap in the support the NHS was able to give to cancer patients in the local area.

The mission statement was "To help alleviate the physical and emotional distress of cancer patients and their carers". Since then, this aim has been pursued by the governance of Acorn, and the group has opened regular support group meetings in Huntingdon and Ramsey in recent years, too.

As is the case with all charities the pandemic has made giving support very difficult, but meetings and quizzes have been conducted by Zoom to try and

relieve the loneliness that many patients feel during their pathway through cancer after diagnosis.

Fundraising has been difficult over the past two years so, as we open our meetings up again, the Mayor's generosity will be extremely well received by the group. Macmillan now tell us that one in two of us will be diagnosed with cancer at some point in our lives, so it is vital that groups like ourselves survive to help deal with this situation. One of the main lessons we have learned is that early diagnosis of cancer is the key to survival. We would like to broadcast this message to you all. Our meetings are designed to offer a social aspect where you will be able to talk to others in a similar situation, or just relax and socialise generally.

We have relaxation therapists on duty who have had specific training with particular emphasis on the special care needed for people with cancer. Seated exercise instructors generally offer gentle exercise to the groups so that appetites are developed. We provide a light lunch towards the end of the meetings.

We also run social outings during the year, from afternoon teas, or meals out, to days on the river with the Ladybird Boat Charity. Summer and Christmas lunches are also normally held to bring all the groups together and to thank our volunteers and therapists who work so hard during the year.

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor to give a presentation at our 2020 summer lunch.



Photo by Ross Parish

Delivering the Langley Bread

The long-standing tradition of distributing the Langley Bread in St Ives took place on Wednesday 5th January 2022 at the Corn Exchange, The Pavement.

Some 120 bags of selected groceries were distributed to widows and widowers who reside within the parish boundary of St Ives and are on the electoral roll. For the third consecutive year, The Co-operative Food, St Ives donated produce to make up these bags, which included, sugar, teabags, biscuits, bread and butter.

St Ives Town Council Groundsmen also delivered over 40 bags to residents at Broadleas Court and Harvest Court.

The annual tradition goes back to 1656 when Robert Langley, who was a prominent St Ives citizen, left money to be distributed to the poor widows and the fatherless children of St Ives on a January day.

It is also said that Robert Langley left money for the bell ringers of St Ives's parish church.

Legend has it that Langley was lost in a snowstorm one day on Hemingford Meadow, while he was walking to St Ives, and he heard

the bells in the parish church that guided him to safety. So, in gratitude for that, he left money to the bell ringers.

On one day in January bell ringers at the church still ring a peel just in case someone else is lost on the ancient meadow.

We would like to thank all those involved this year, including The Co-operative Food, St Ives for their continuous support and donations.

Our monthly meetings are held as follows:

ST IVES	HUNTINGDON	RAMSEY
Support Group 3rd Wednesday of each month 11.00am to 1.00pm	2nd Wednesday of each month 11.00am to 1.0pm	1st Monday of each month (2nd Monday if Bank Holiday) 11.15am to 1.15pm
Film Club 1st Wednesday of each month 1.30pm to 4.00pm	MS Centre Mayfield Road Huntingdon PE29 1UL	Rainbow Resource Centre, 1 Stocking Fen Road Ramsey. PE26 1SA
St Ives Methodist Church The Waits St Ives PE27 5XG		

Contact details:

Acorn General Enquiries Mobile 07739934524 Website: www.acornsupportgroup.org.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/siacsg Twitter: @acornscg

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St Ives Town Council: Becoming a Councillor



St Ives is served by three authorities – Cambridgeshire County Council, Huntingdonshire District Council and St Ives Town Council. All three authorities serve the local community and have different areas of responsibility. See the ‘Who Does What’ section on the back page.”

The Town Council is often the first point of call for residents’ queries and concerns and takes its duty to serve the people of St Ives very seriously. We want to see our town flourish, so we encourage people to come forward to let us know what they want from us and suggest ways that we could do things better.

What matters to you matters to us. So, whether that is about access to allotments, maintenance of our burial grounds, more recreational facilities for young people or better services for older people, we want you to tell us about it.

Once every four years, the residents of St Ives are given the opportunity to be nominated for election onto the Town Council, the next election being May this year. St Ives Town Council is made up of 17 members, some of whom also sit on one or more of the four main council committees.

If you would like to join us as a Councillor read on...

What it means to be a Town Councillor

Town Councillors have a real opportunity to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of the people in their community. Councillors are people like you that live or work in the town, who have a passion to see St Ives thrive.

It’s so important that we represent the interests of the whole community and getting to grips with the town’s diverse groups is key to being a Councillor. We want people who can bring their own strengths and ideas to the table, but also who engage with their electors to ensure that every voice gets heard.

Forget any stereotypes you may hold about the sort of person that stands to be a councillor, we celebrate our diversity and make better decisions because of it. You don’t need any particular abilities to be a Councillor however having or being able to develop the following skills, knowledge and attributes will help you in the role:

- ✓ **Good communication**
- ✓ **Problem solving**
- ✓ **Team working**
- ✓ **Organisational skills**
- ✓ **Ability to engage with your local community**

at St Ives Town Hall from 8pm. More recently, due to coronavirus restrictions most of our full Council meetings have been held at the Corn Exchange to allow for the necessary measures needed to prevent the spread of the virus in public places.

Why not come along to see the Council in action? Our Councillors are always happy to answer any questions and tell you what their experience of being a Councillor is.



What does a Councillor do?

A Councillor is elected for a four-year period and represents the people of the St Ives. Councillors attend full Council meetings, which occur 11 times a year, and they may also be required to attend Advisory Groups and Committee meetings. Most meetings take place in the early evening, and the average length of a meeting is two hours. Councillors spend time dealing with the problems and issues of the people they represent, which is done through post, emails and phone calls or through drop-in surgeries, which allow the community to air their views.

Legal requirements to becoming a councillor

There are some legal requirements to become a Councillor.

✓ You must:

- Be a British subject, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union;
- Be 18 years of age or over;
- Have during the whole of the 12 months preceding occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the Council area; or
- Have during that same period had your principal or only place of work in the council area; or
- During that 12-month period resided in the town (or within three miles of the town boundary) of St Ives. In the case of a sitting member of a town council you can also satisfy the criteria to be elected if you have lived in the Council area or within three miles of it for the whole of the 12 months preceding.

✗ You cannot stand for election if you:

- Are the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order.
- Have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.
- Work for the Council (you can work for other local authorities, including the principal authorities that represent the same area).

Standing for election

To stand for election you will need to collect and return a nomination paper, which will be available a month before polling day. Your nomination paper will require subscribers from within the area you are standing to support the nomination.

The deadlines in the election process are absolute, so it is important to adhere to them.

For more information about the elections process please contact the Clerk at St Ives Town Council contact the Town Clerk on **01480 388929**, email **clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk** or call in at our office in the Town Hall, open between 10.00-16.30 Mons to Thurs and between 10.00 and 16.00 on Fri (except bank holidays).



Other ways to get involved

You don’t have to be a Councillor to get involved in our work. If you want to keep abreast of decisions, all our meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity for public participation if there is something you want to bring to the Council.

Our meetings are publicised on our noticeboards at the Town Hall, Ramsey Road, Hill Rise and Burleigh Hill as well as on our website. You’ll find our minutes published on the website too.

Our Annual Town Council meeting on March 12th (see page 5) is a little less formal and gives you the opportunity to speak to other organisations working in the Town. Previous meetings have included participation from the Police, District and County Councils and the Eco Action Group.

Using your vote

In the UK, there are three different ways you can vote:

Most people vote in person at a polling station.

If you are unable to get to a polling station in person on the day of the election you can apply to vote by post; or

Proxy (where someone else votes on your behalf).

Forms for post and proxy votes are available from Huntingdonshire District Council.

Which ever way you choose to vote is entirely down to you, but please ensure that you do vote for your local representative.

**Remember -
your vote is your voice.**



New at the Norris

New Exhibition: Unseen Collections

The Norris Museum are proud to present their first new exhibition of 2022, 'Unseen Collections'. Behind the doors of the museum lies a treasure trove of items. It's not possible to display them all, but the museum is their guardian for us now, the future, and for researchers. This exhibition explores how thousands of objects, artworks and books have come to the museum over the years, and how they are cared for. The exhibition will run from **22 January until 26 March 2022**



Twilight Half-Term

Saturday 12th to Saturday 19th February

Twilight Half-Term: Gallery Trails and Take Away Craft Packs

Complete the solar system trail to earn space stickers - free!

Twilight Take Away Craft Packs - create your own space mobile - available to purchase for just £3.50 from the museum shop



Tuesday 15th February - 10am to 11:30am & 1:30pm to 3pm

Twilight Half-Term: Night Owls

Create a family of these sweet clay owl hanging decorations, decorate with feathers, beads, buttons and more

1x child = £7.50

2x children (at the same table) = £14.00

Suitable for children aged 5+

One accompanying adult to every two children required

Wednesday 16th and Friday 18th February - 6pm

Twilight Half-Term: Twilight St Ives

Take a tour round St Ives as it gets dark and see the town in a different light, perhaps learn about some of the darker things that have gone on in the past... or have they?

£5.00 per person

Suitable for adults and children aged 12+

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Saturday 19th February - 10am to 11:30am and 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Twilight Half-Term: Mark Making and Messy Play by Amy Fennell

Enjoy a range of tactile twilight-themed art activities from your own activity tray

£10 for one child - £12.50 for two children (using the same tray)

For ages 1-5yrs

Each tray must have at least one accompanying adult



Thursday 17th February - 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Twilight Half-Term: Twilight Story Time

Join us for candlelight storytelling in our Community Room, explore the darkened museum with torches, hunt for hidden night-time creatures, and create a puppet to tell your own stories with

1x child = £10.00 2x children = £18.00 3x children = £26.00

Suitable for children aged 3+

One accompanying adult to every three children required

Limited places for these events - online booking essential
<https://the-norris-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Creative Writing Workshop
FOR 11-19 YEAR OLDS
(SCHOOL YEARS 7-13)

Have you ever wanted to give Creative Writing ago?

Where you will get to experiment with different forms of writing, explore character and plot creation, whilst using the museum objects as inspiration.

Then join us on
Saturday 26th February at 10am-12 O'clock
or
Saturday 19th March at 1-3pm

Limited Spaces available
Book via email
communities@norrismuseum.org.uk
Cost is £3 per session

Developed by the Youth Panel

Men's Group

This group is where men can meet and socialise with like-minded people and take part in an activity!

Activities could include games, object handling, talks and making items.....

When:- 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month
6th Jan, 20th Jan, 3rd Feb, 17th Feb, 3rd March, 17th March, 7th April, 21st April, 5th May, 19th May, 2nd June, 16th June, 7th July, 21st July, 4th Aug, 18th Aug, 1st Sept, 15th Sept, 6th Oct, 20th Oct, 3rd Nov, 17th Nov, 1st Dec and 15th Dec 2022

Time:- 1.30-3pm

Where:- The Norris Museum, St Ives

All Men Welcome
Donation of £5 to cover the cost of refreshments and materials.

Introducing St Ives Flood Action Group



Christmas Eve 2020 as everyone's attention was on the river and people living in St Ives town centre were receiving Government flood warnings, little did we realise that areas that were considered safe were getting contaminated water flooding their homes.

This article is to introduce you to St Ives Flood Action Group (FLAG); explain what we believed caused the flooding in St Ives that Christmas and what we have been doing to try to prevent it happening again and protect our community from future flooding.

The St Ives FLAG was formed from the Facebook page 'St Ives Action Support Team' that was set up to help, support and connect people after the Christmas Eve 2020 flooding. On this Facebook page people could share experiences in a community context and get support and advice from one another. It became clear that there were some major issues with surface water drainage throughout the town, therefore a few of the members created a steering group which now has a constitution, with the primary aim to try and reduce/prevent the risk of the issues re-occurring in the future.

Some flood victims have only moved back into their home one year later. A number of homes were flooded by sewage and surface water, which is time consuming and costly to repair. The businesses in St Ives that were flooded last year made an insurance claim for approx. £3.8 million and some homeowners made individual claims that were over £200k. A homeowner in Farthing Lane who was not insured for flooding had to pay £53k to repair flood damage to their home. Many people are now struggling to secure insurance for flooding.

Another Farthing Lane resident stated "We all made the effort to contact different authorities but no one was willing to listen or take responsibility and some even said they had no idea that we had been flooded".

St Ives FLAG have focused on media publicity to make people aware of the issues. The Hunts Post have been running a flood news campaign, and we appeared on the ITV local news with stories from local residents.

It has been officially reported that 32 properties experienced internal flooding (15 of these were commercial) and 64 had external flooding all during a COVID lockdown. The map illustrates the red circled areas, where properties were reported flooded. It is our

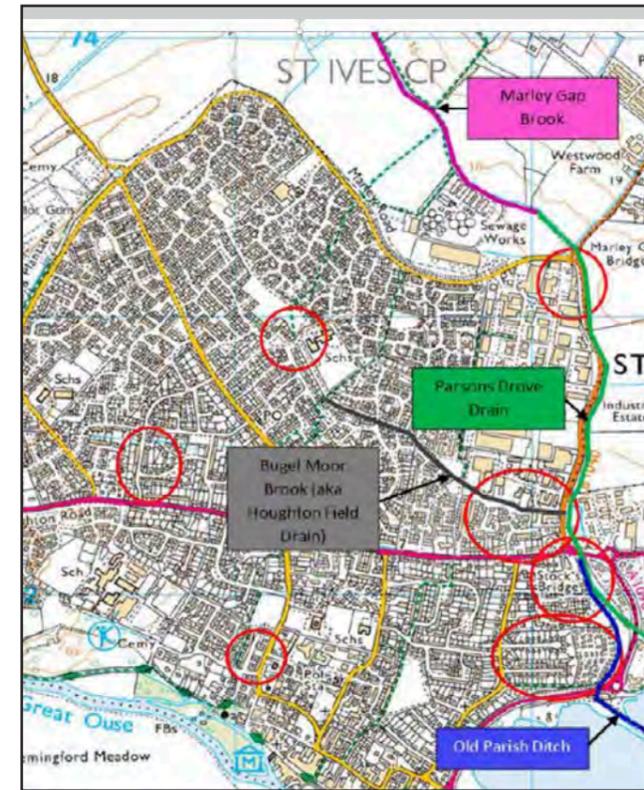
understanding that the flooding was more widespread because some went unreported.

We believe that the main causes of flooding in August and December 2020 was a cumulation of high levels of rainfall, on 23.12.20 we had one month's rainfall on that day; combined with some poorly maintained assets. Heavy and consistent rain caused the surface water drains to fail in some areas in St Ives and the surface water ditches to overflow, such as Parsons Drove Drain (drawn in green) and The Old Parish Ditch (drawn in blue), which we conclude also contributed to the flooding.

St Ives has grown from a population of 7,048 in 1971 to 17,022 in 2020. As the town developed, parts of Houghton Field Drain (HFD) (drawn in black) became an enclosed drain, reducing its capacity (because it could not flood adjacent land) thus causing a greater demand on Parson's Drove Drain (PDD). PDD is a key open water course that takes the majority of the surface water from St Ives, discharging into the Great Ouse near Holywell. The rest of the surface water discharges into the Ouse via the Old Parish Ditch (OPD).

We consider the junction where HFD meets PDD, near compass cars, is badly engineered and on 23rd December 2020 this caused a backlog and build-up of water enabling surface water to course through locations like the BP station and across into Needingworth Road flooding the Anglia water pumping stations. This resulting in sewage backing up into the nearby homes as well as surface flood water (hardest hit Elsworth Close and Needingworth Road). This surface water continued to flow down into Abbey Park "McDonalds" site, flooding the Old Parish Ditch causing flooding into the gardens of the Farthing Close's, Farthing Lane and Berkley Park. This compounded the issues in Farthing Lane and Berkley Park because it was flooded from both the OPD and PDD.

It is essential the open surface water drains are clear and maintained, to take surface water from the town to discharge into the Ouse. The photo below of Parsons



Drove Drain is an example of the many blockages and problems in these drains.

Members of St Ives FLAG have spent the past year requesting that the Environment Agency (EA) and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) provide who is responsible for the main water courses that take the water out of St Ives Parsons Drove / The Old Parish Ditch. we are currently working with the EA and CCC to determine who is legally responsible for the assets. Due to research undertaken from members of the group we believe that the EA are legally responsible for PDD and Huntingdon District Council are responsible for OPD. We have requested confirmation that this is the case, at time of going to press neither agency could confirm.

The St Ives FLAG is working with Anglian Water / EA / CCC to provide increased monitoring/alerting at key points on the network. The test locations are planned for PDD and other strategic locations throughout the town. This is great news as it will provide the much-needed early alerts for residents and assist with the modelling work that is taking place this year.

The St Ives FLAG are working with the St Ives Town Council and all associated agencies to create a flood resilience plan, with this we will have access to equipment to assist residents who become or are at risk of flooding, by providing pumps / sandbags and other materials. We would like to pay particular thanks to Hilary Ellis at CCC and her team enabling this to



happen and to Jen Woodward and her team at the EA for providing the funding for the flood packs.

Until the underlying problems are resolved, whenever there is consistent rain, many who were flooded remain filled with anxiety, unable to sleep, worried it will happen again. St Ives FLAG will continue to campaign for the changes needed for our town.

Important Flooding Contacts

Our surface water and sewage system are not the responsibility of St Ives Town Council.

Call the **Environment Agency Incident Hotline 0800 807060** to report:

- Blockage or obstruction on a main river that is or could cause flooding to people or property or impact navigation (where the river is navigable)
- You think a flood defense is damaged or not working properly
- Flooding of important infrastructure

Cambs County Council Highways if local roads are flooded **0345 045 5212** during office hours or **101** if the flooding is out of hours.

Anglian Water on **03457 145145** to report sewer concerns/overflows

Hunts District Council **01480 388388** during office hours or **01480 434167** out of hours to report flooding in residential areas

Register with Environment Agency Flood Warnings Direct service by visiting GOV.UK website:

www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings or call **Floodline** on **0345 988 1188**

Magpas Air Ambulance

Saving lives in St Ives for more than 50 years



Local air ambulance charity, Magpas Air Ambulance, is based just up the road from St Ives at RAF Wyton. It provides critical medical care to patients in life-threatening emergencies in and around the east of England and is available 24/7.

The charity, which relies on the support from the community within which it works, has been saving lives for the past 50 years. It is made up of the most advanced doctors and critical care paramedics - who train for years and travel across the country, and the world, to work with the charity - providing specialist pre-hospital emergency medical care to patients.

Responding with a state-of-the-art air ambulance or one of the charity's rapid response vehicles, the medical team are able provide treatments and surgical procedures wherever their patients' life-threatening incident occurs and attend a huge range of medical emergencies.

Providing around the clock care, there's always a doctor-paramedic team on shift to respond to 999 calls and a flight crew - made up of a pilot and technical crew member who fly Air Ambulance across the region and airlift patients to appropriate hospitals, as our clinicians continue to provide vital care in the air.

Magpas serves the communities of Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and across the East of England and is dispatched by both the East of England and the East Midlands Ambulance Service Trusts - caring for a population of over 10 million and receiving emergency calls, on average, four times a day.

If a serious incident occurs in St Ives that requires additional medical skills and equipment that the

ambulance service don't routinely carry, the Magpas advanced medical team are called.

In 2021 the charity was activated 1,264 times and calls to incidents in Cambridgeshire accounted for almost half of them. In St Ives, the team treated patients who had suffered cardiac arrests, had been injured in road traffic collisions, sustained an accidental injury, been hurt in a sport and leisure accident, or had been a victim of assault or self-harm. They were called to incidents in St Ives at all times of the day and night, with 47 per cent occurring between the hours of 7pm and 7am. On average it took Magpas Air Ambulance just 9 minutes and 36 seconds to reach the patient in need.

The organisation has saved more than 60,000 lives since its inception in 1971 and it continues to work every day of the year to keep St Ives, Cambridgeshire and the rest of the East of England safe. We are thrilled to have the support of the town behind us.

If you would like to help continue Magpas Air Ambulance's vital work, there are lots of ways you can get involved. From volunteering for a few hours a week at fundraising events or in the office, to taking on an exciting new challenge and ticking a skydive, trek, half marathon or firewalk off of your bucket list, to simply just donating. Every penny really does count. Head to www.magpas.org.uk for all the information you need or get in touch by emailing fundraising@magpas.org.uk or calling 01480 371060.

What's on?

February 14th

Memory Lane Singing Café - Burleigh Hill Community Centre, 10am-12pm

February 16th

Rhymetime - St Ives Library. 10am-10:30am, 11am- 11:30am

February 18th

Craft & Vintage Market, Corn Exchange, 9am-1pm

February 23rd

Rhymetime - St Ives Library. 10am-10:30am, 11am- 11:30am

Bridge Hooks & Needles, Bridge Church, 1:30pm-3:30pm.

St Ives Table Top, Corn Exchange, 7:30pm-10:30pm

February 25th

Craft & Vintage Market, Corn Exchange, 9am-1pm

Chapel Arts, Corn Exchange - The CBT Quartet. Cambridge-based jazz quartet CBT is fronted by the amazingly versatile vocalist Lizz Taylor. Specialising in songs from the great American songbook the quartet also features guitarist and vocalist Nick Barraclough and saxophonist Myke Clifford who also sings and plays clarinet and flute.

March 2nd

Rhymetime - St Ives Library. 10am-10:30am, 11am- 11:30am

Bridge Hooks & Needles, Bridge Church, 1:30pm-3:30pm.

March 4th

Craft & Vintage Market, Corn Exchange, 9am-1pm

March 8th

Huntingdon Carers Hub, 10am-12pm, Cambs Therapy Centre, Bradbury House, Mayfield Road, Huntingdon, PE29 1UL

March 9th

Rhymetime - St Ives Library. 10am-10:30am, 11am- 11:30am

Carers Mixed Hub - 10:30am-11am. Please contact: hello@caringtogether.org

Bridge Hooks & Needles, Bridge Church, 1:30pm-3:30pm

St Ives Table Top, Corn Exchange, 7:30pm-10:30pm

March 11th

Craft & Vintage Market, Corn Exchange, 9am-1pm

March 12th

Annual Town Meeting and Community Fair, Corn Exchange. Community Fair 3-6pm. Annual Town Meeting 6pm. Come and see what community groups are doing in and around St Ives. Join in the Annual Town Meeting to find out what new things are coming to St Ives and what your local authorities have been doing over the last 12 months. Contact: 01480 388929 or admin@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk for more details.

March 14th

Memory Lane Singing Café - Burleigh Hill Community Centre, 10am-12pm

March 16th

Rhymetime - St Ives Library. 10am-10:30am, 11am- 11:30am

Bridge Hooks & Needles, Bridge Church, 1:30pm-3:30pm

March 18th

ABBA Chique, World Class ABBA Tribute, Burgess Hall, 8pm. Tickets: 07555 394697

Craft & Vintage Market, Corn Exchange, 9am-1pm

March 19th

Best In comedy! Burgess Hall, 8pm. Tickets: 07555 394697

March 23rd

Rhymetime - St Ives Library. 10am-10:30am, 11am- 11:30am

Bridge Hooks & Needles, Bridge Church, 1:30pm-3:30pm

St Ives Table Top, Corn Exchange, 7:30pm-10:30pm

March 25th

Craft & Vintage Market, Corn Exchange, 9am-1pm

Chapel Arts, Corn Exchange, 7:30pm. Daniela Rossi, Classical Guitarist

March 30th

Rhymetime - St Ives Library. 10am-10:30am, 11am- 11:30am

Bridge Hooks & Needles, Bridge Church, 1:30pm-3:30pm

April 1st

Craft & Vintage Market, Corn Exchange, 9am-1pm

April 6th

Rhymetime - St Ives Library. 10am-10:30am, 11am- 11:30am

April 8th

Craft & Vintage Market, Corn Exchange, 9am-1pm

April 11th

Memory Lane Singing Café - Burleigh Hill Community Centre, 10am-12pm

April 13th

Rhymetime - St Ives Library. 10am-10:30am, 11am- 11:30am

St Ives Table Top, Corn Exchange, 7:30pm-10:30pm

April 15th

Craft & Vintage Market, Corn Exchange, 9am-1pm

April 16th

Charity Party in support of British Heart Foundation. A brilliant charity party night full of live music from The What's That Band! In support of British Heart Foundation. Doors open at 7pm and tickets are £10

April 20th

Rhymetime - St Ives Library. 10am-10:30am, 11am- 11:30am

Bridge Hooks & Needles, Bridge Church, 1:30pm-3:30pm

April 22nd

Craft & Vintage Market, Corn Exchange, 9am-1pm

April 27th

Rhymetime - St Ives Library. 10am-10:30am, 11am- 11:30am

Bridge Hooks & Needles, Bridge Church, 1:30pm-3:30pm

St Ives Table Top, Corn Exchange, 7:30pm-10:30pm

April 29th

Craft & Vintage Market, Corn Exchange, 9am-1pm

Chapel Arts, Corn Exchange, 7:30pm. Dickie De Vere & The Dorchester Mavericks Swing Band

COUNCIL MEETINGS DIARY Council and Committee meetings are now being held face to face either at the Corn Exchange or at the Town Hall. Please check our website for further details nearer the date of each meeting.

FEBRUARY

- 9 Council Meeting and Planning Committee (Corn Exchange)
- 23 Planning and Amenities Committees (Town Hall)

MARCH

- 9 Council Meeting and Planning Committee (Corn Exchange)
- 12 Annual Town Meeting (Corn Exchange)
- 23 Planning and Amenities Committees (Town Hall)

APRIL

- 13 Council Meeting and Planning Committee (Corn Exchange)
- 20 Personnel Committee (Town Hall)
- 27 Planning, Amenities and Property Committees (Town Hall)

MAY

- 18 Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making (Corn Exchange)
- 19 Reconvened Council Meeting and Planning Committee (Corn Exchange)
- 23 Planning and Amenities Committees (Town Hall)

Contacts:

Burgess Hall www.oneleisure.net

Corn Exchange 01480 496454 info@thecornexchange.org.uk

Crossways Christian Centre 01480 454220

Norris Museum 01480 497314 info@norrismuseum.org.uk

St Ives Gardening Club www.sigc.weebly.com

Town Hall 01480 388929 clerk@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

Town Team 01480 383612 www.theoldriverportstives.co.uk

All details of the events listed were correct at the time The Bridge went to press. Please check organisers/venues for final details.

Who does what?

YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Has your local street light gone out? It is sometimes difficult to remember which level of our local government – Town, District or County Council – is responsible for which service area. We hope that this guide steers you in the right direction. We take this opportunity to also list which of your local Councillors serve on which council.

ST IVES TOWN COUNCIL

Telephone **01480 388929** or visit www.stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

- The Waits
- Warner's Park
- Slepe Hall Field,
- Children's play equipment
- Allotments
- Burleigh Hill Community Centre
- Seats
- Cemeteries
- Corn Exchange
- Town Hall
- Norris Museum
- Public toilets

Statutory consultee for planning matters.

Actively supporting the economic development and community well-being of St Ives.

SITC is currently composed of 17 Councillors who represent four wards. The composition of the Council is: Independents 15, Conservatives 1, Green Party 1.

Your Councillors:



Nick Dibben



Angie Dickinson



Tim Drye



Rianna D'Souza



Ryan Fuller



Abid (Pasco) Hussain



Julie Kerr



Margaret King



Shariqa Mokbul



Jonathan Pallant



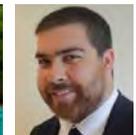
John Parkin



Phil Pope



Carla Pegoraro



Daniel Rowe



Craig Smith



John Tiddy



Nic Wells

Please note that all Town Councillors' email addresses are in the following style Nick.Dibben@stivestowncouncil.gov.uk

correct at the time of print

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Telephone **01480 388388** or visit www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Responsible for:

- Rubbish collection
- Street cleaning
- Planning and planning enforcement
- Housing improvement grants
- Environmental health
- Licensing
- Elections
- Parks and open space
- One Leisure Centre & Burgess Hall
- Housing
- Economic development
- Car parks
- CCTV
- Council Tax
- Wilhorn Meadow & The Thicket
- Building control
- Voluntary sector
- Holt Island Nature Reserve

HDC is composed of 52 Councillors who represent 29 wards across the District.

The current composition of the Council is:
Conservative – 30
HDC Independent Group – 10
Liberal Democrats – 7
Independent – 1
Labour – 3
1 Vacancy

Your Councillors:

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Rianna.D'Souza@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Angie Dickinson

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Ryan Fuller

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Adam Roberts

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Craig Smith

Craig.Smith@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Telephone **0345 045 5200** or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Responsible for:

- Education
- Roads and traffic
- Footpaths,
- Libraries
- Social Services
- Park and ride
- Recycling
- Street Lighting
- Trading standards

CCC is composed of 61 Councillors who cover the five District Council areas across Cambridgeshire.

The current composition of the Council is: Conservatives – 28, Independents – 4, Labour – 9, Liberal Democrats – 20.

Your Councillors:

Kevin Reynolds

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Ryan Fuller

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Farmers Market
of the Year
Winner 2015



Gold Award Winner
2016, 2017 & 2018



2018-2021