

Wendron Parish Council
Parish Meeting 12th May 2025
Chairman's Report

Welcome to the annual Parish Meeting of Wendron Parish Council, and a special welcome to those who have just joined us.

The county has seen a dramatic change in its political landscape in recent elections and we wait to see what impact these might have locally.

Much of the work done by the Parish Council is routine in nature, but even so must be carried out to the best of our ability. In the case of planning applications, the Parish Council has benefitted in the past from the commitment and attention to detail of Mrs Sheila Moyle. Sheila has now stepped down from Parish Council duty after 24 years, and I would like to thank her for all her hard work over this period.

Maintenance of our public rights of way is another routine task, and one in which we are fortunate to have a contractor – Bob Sanders – whose team does an excellent job in often very challenging circumstances. Much time and effort has also been devoted to improving countryside access through clearing overgrown paths and trying to open up new routes, such as the one at Trewennack.

Looking back over the last 12 months, a number of significant issues and events spring to mind, in particular, the work carried out jointly by Wendron Parish Council and Helston Town Council to maintain the leats and kennels. Also, the establishment through some of our villages of 20mph speed limits is a step towards improved safety for riders and pedestrians, though the overall standard of driving on our rural roads remains a cause for concern.

Driving in the parish has been challenging in other ways, due to the number of roads that have been dug up in order to lay electric cables from Rame to Camborne. We are grateful to the landowners who allowed the contractor to lay the cables across their land, saving further massive disruption at a very busy time.

Much thought has gone into the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Wendron. This has not all been plain sailing – partly due to shifting political sands at a national level – but we hope to see a draft plan later this year.

In closing I would like to thank our recently re-elected Cornwall Councillor, Loveday Jenkin, and also our Parish Clerk, Jane Richards, for their hard work and support. And as a final thought, I would like to ask residents of the parish of Wendron to consider stepping up and volunteering to serve on their Parish Council.

Ross Durkin

Chairman – Wendron Parish Council

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