

PARA Email News Letter 26/14

Here is an update from the Polzeath Marine Conservation Group;

We have **produced and are now distributing our 2014 events programme and leaflet**. So far, 4 events have taken place this winter, included our joint event with PARA in January. Thank you so much for PARA's support with that event. Our **next event is set for next Thursday 13th March, 7.00pm, Tubestation**, with a talk from a marine biologist about her research of Polzeath's' shoreline and the amazing things she found there, well worth attending! Huge thank you to the Tubestation for their support with these talks, and Martins Valley Camp site for their continued support.

The **Marine Centre is getting its annual tidy up at the end of this month on Friday 28th March, 2pm. We will then open for the Easter holidays**. Anyone is welcome to pop down on Friday 28th March and say hello and find out what we are about. Plus we are still desperately looking for more volunteers to help open the centre – training and support given. Please email polzeathmc@gmail.com if you are interested.

Volunteers have been attending training days and surveys over the winter to help monitor the environment in and around Polzeath. Sarah Millward is still doing a super job trying to organise the monthly boat surveys which has been a nightmare in the weather we have been having!

We have **sent out a letter to all key local schools** about the opportunity to come on a Seashore Safari this spring and summer with the Group. Beachcare and the National Trust are helping to support the Group in running these sessions which is fantastic news.

Nick's Beachcare work is going brilliantly, with new volunteers joining and lots of rubbish being brought off the beaches – so important after this winter. We are also so pleased to hear that the Tubestation has started a regular beach clean, Polzeath is very lucky to have so many people who care about the local environment!

Jo Arvor has been incredibly busy with her fundraising team, establishing how they can raise the funds we need to maintain our programme of events and running of the marine centre.

We estimate that we need approximately £1200 per year to keep going. We have approached local Parish councils and previous funders, as well as have organised some fantastic fundraising events such as our raffle which will take place on 29th May during our annual Marine Discovery Day on Polzeath beach, and a big fundraising event at Wadebridge Town Hal on Saturday 26th July 2014 (please come and support us!). If PARA are able to consider a donation to the Group for 2014 that would be wonderful, but a huge thank you for all your support to date which has been incredible.

Kind regards,

Abby (Chairman of the Polzeath Marine Conservation Group)

Polzeath Voice

It has been a fairly quiet year for Polzeath Voice. Members of the team alerted neighbours via the Blogspot and newsletters about different planning issues in our local housing, and reminded them about the stages of the Neighbourhood Development Plan as it progressed. A small group of us has been working on a local landscape survey of Polzeath and New Polzeath which will reinforce the NDP in future planning decisions. We monitored some adverse parking beside Atlantic Terrace in New Polzeath that was damaging the grassy cliff top. One of our members has kept us up to date with planning applications for proposed wind turbines and a solar farm in the wider local area that will impact on the

landscape. Finally, the owners of the Atlantic House Hotel are currently submitting a revised application for the hotel with some modifications to the extant plan.

All the best,
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BEACHCARE & PRIDE IN POLZEATH Report

The monthly formal Beachcare survey and tidy is now in its 3rd year and continues from strength to strength, with now over 50 supporters and with a good turnout each month.

We continue to be fully supported by Keep Britain Tidy, welcoming Neil Hembrow each couple of months.

Mention must also be made of a huge amount of effort by Beachcare members on a daily basis and by many others, including a regular Sunday turnout by Tubestation congregation.

All these efforts are ensuring Polzeath beach area is amongst the cleanest and most litter free in Cornwall, despite many people's apparent indifference to the impact on littering, particularly at sea and around the coasts and the fact that Cornwall Council does not have a litter clearance programme in the winter months.

The strong winds and tides of the last few months, now at last back to normal, has had a major impact on the topography of the beaches and has brought in a massive amount of additional sea-borne litter.

Most has been deposited in Baby Bay, a real sink beach, as it is directly in line of the prevailing wind and generally northerly tidal movements.

On top of that over 50 dead seabirds, so very badly affected by the weather, and mostly guillemots and razorbills, were collected and officially reported to Strandings.

Over the last 3 years the group has officially picked up, during the monthly clearances in excess of 4 tonnes of litter. As much and more has been picked up outside that.

From January 1st this year in just 2 months 39 bags were collected as part of the monthly activity and also some 63 (!) reported bags elsewhere.

In conjunction with other interested groups, a mega beachcare has been arranged for Saturday 26th April which will be extended to other local beaches and coves. We also have informal links with a group in Rock/Porthilly.

The importance of maintaining an attractive litter free sea and coastal area cannot be overstressed both from tourist point of view, benefitting the community, the amenity and visual impact, and, most importantly, protecting the marine and coastal ecology.

Conversely, off the beach, there is only sporadic interest in keeping the areas off the beaches litter free (Pride in Polzeath). This also remains a significant issue for the Community.

As an example, in just one 30 yard stretch along the coastal path on the south side of the beach 40 discarded bottles, see photo, and many more cans etc. were picked up.

If anyone has a specific interest here please contact me.

Thank you to everyone who help in this vital area of improving the environment.

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Do you look after someone?

Many people take care of a loved one, neighbour or friend, often without looking upon themselves as Carers.

The Cornwall Carers Service recognises the invaluable work carried out by Carers and offers support to them through a number of Carers' Forums which are held within the county.

The Forums give Carers a voice about the services they receive and any concerns or issues which they may have. All Carers are welcome at the Forums, so please do come along and, if you know someone who is a Carer, please tell them. Expenses will be considered to enable Carers to attend the Forum Meetings.

For further information please contact: Jeanette Toy, Forum and Events Co-ordinator, Carers Rights on 01872 274586 Mobile 07763 668697

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Please use the links below to submit an online form telling us about a problem with a road, highway or footway;

[Report a pothole](#) - report a pothole on any street, or carriageway

[Report a highway problem](#) - this includes;

- Bus shelters – damaged, graffiti or dirty
- Debris – loose stone or other material
- Gullies and gratings – blocked, missing, damaged or rocking
- Kerbs – damaged or rocking
- Manhole covers - damaged, missing or rocking
- Mud
- Obstructions – items blocking the highway
- Signs – any sign on or off highway
- Street furniture – benches, seats, railings etc
- Surface defects – cracked or rocking slabs
- Verges and trees – over grown, over hanging or dangerous
- Water – flooding, ponding
- Weeds – injurious; knotweed ragwort etc
- Other – anything not covered above

[Report an electrical problem](#) - this includes;

- Street light/lamps – not working or columns/mountings damage
- Illuminated street signs – lights not working
- Illuminated bollard – lights not working or missing or damaged
- Traffic Lights – any problems with permanent lights (Streetworks for traffic lights at roadworks)

- Controlled Pedestrian Crossings – any problems
- Bus shelters – electrical issues only
- Other – anything electrical

[Report a street works problem](#) - this includes;

- Traffic lights at roadworks
- Skip defects – not lit or causing obstruction
- Scaffolds – dangerous, unlicensed, unlit or causing obstruction
- Hoardings – dangerous or causing obstruction
- Traffic management at roadworks – cones, pedestrian barriers, unprotected excavations
- Builders' materials – unprotected or causing obstruction
- Footway crossings (vehicular) – dangerous or unlicensed
- Banners or bunting – causing obstruction or offense

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Health is everybody's business, wellbeing is everyone's responsibility. Please follow the link below for the Strategy to Reduce Health Inequalities:

<http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=26765>

Cold homes and Fuel Poverty cause around 350 death a year locally. We can help prevent this - call 0800 9541956 for Winter Wellness. or for more information

www.cornwall.gov.uk/winterwellbeing

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Safer Cornwall and Devon and Cornwall Police are once again giving the public the opportunity to **'Have your say'** through a joint survey to measure how safe people feel living in Cornwall , and to identify the issues that concern them most.

The survey results will be compared with last year and the knowledge gained will be included in the strategic assessment of community safety issues that Safer Cornwall undertakes annually. The Safer Cornwall Strategic Assessment provides a profile of crime and disorder in Cornwall, identifies high-risk people and places, considers future threats and opportunities and the actions that Safer Cornwall and partners are taking to tackle the issues identified.

Members of the public are being encouraged to take part in the survey which is being conducted throughout March. The survey is available through March **online [here](#)**.

Paper copies of the survey are also available by calling 0300 1234 232

Kind regards

Sarah Kind

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