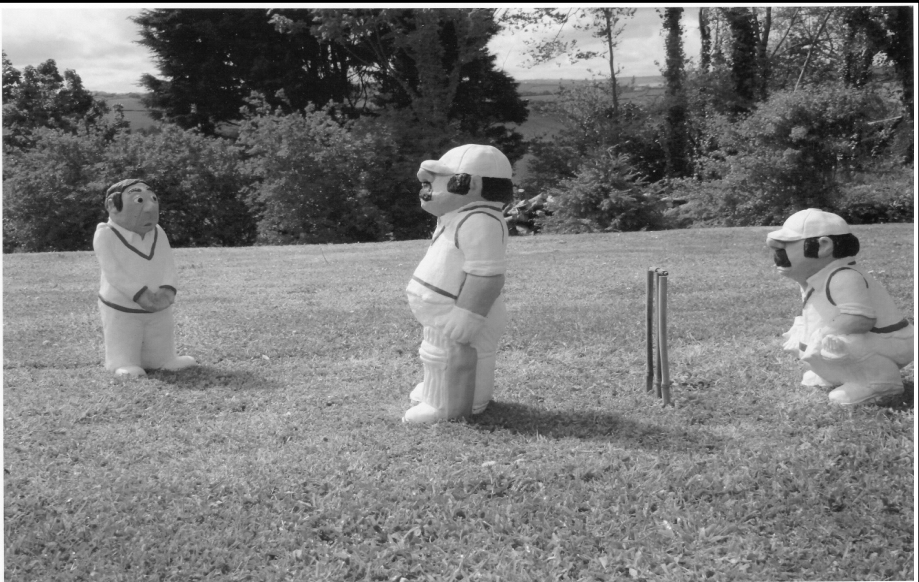


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Welcome to the Summer 2024 edition

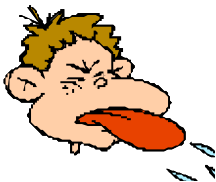
In this issue you will find the Annual Reports from the Annual Parish Meeting held in April. This year I have not included the minutes in full as they are available on our website. Also in this issue is Jenny's History Snippet about our ever changing shoreline, a tasty recipe and plenty more to read, I hope you enjoy it.

Planning Applications

Two applications were received. They were: Siting of six timber camping pods at Bay View Farm and for the construction of a garage at Tighna-Mara, Millendreath.

Donations

The Parish Council agreed the following donations: Millendreath in Bloom £250, Victim Support (Cornwall) £50, Cornwall Air Ambulance £50, and a special donation of £100 to Liskeard Hospital League of Friends was made in the memory of our former Parish Councillor Ronald Matthews who died on 25th February 2014 at Liskeard Community Hospital after a long illness.



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Elected officers

The Annual Parish Council Meeting resulted in The Chairman Robert Henly and Vice-Chairman Roberta Powley being re-elected to serve for another year.

The Parish Magazine

Again this year the Parish Magazine is self financing through the sale of advertising. All Profits are being set aside to help finance a play area for No Man's Land once a suitable site has been found.

Neighbourhood Plan

No decision has been made and further discussions are due to take place at the June meeting.

Parish Council Meetings

You are always welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings, however requests to speak must be made in writing or by email to The Clerk at least 48 hours in advance (contact details on page 2), failure to do so could result in your request being refused. The next three meetings are on 12th June, 3rd July and 4th September 2014, No Man's Land Memorial Hall.



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Chairman's Annual Report

This has been another busy year for the Parish Council. The regular monthly meetings have been well attended by both Councillors and the general public. It is good to see members of the public with an interest in the running of the parish bringing topics to the Council during the Public Question Time at the beginning of each meeting.

The three notice boards within the parish at No Man's Land, Windsworth and Millendreath help to keep residents informed of activities within the parish and the work of the Parish Council.

We still await a formal planning application for affordable housing in No Man's Land. Such an application may give us some leverage to address traffic problems at the Holland Farm junction. It may also give us opportunity to provide a much needed play area, the funds for which we already have ring-fenced.

We have finally had confirmation of a traffic calming scheme on the B3253 at No Man's Land. Unfortunately the start of this scheme has been postponed from February due to the traffic

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diversion route caused by the road closure on St Martin's Hill. The new proposed start date is September. The new scheme includes a traffic island and more pavements which should lead to a safer crossing for pedestrians using the shop and buses.

Concerns are continually being raised about the condition of the roads within the parish. Partly due to the extreme winter weather conditions, Cornwall County Council are short of funds to do anything except patch the roads but we will continue to pursue the case for more major repairs. The clerk is continually informing Cornwall Council of the worst potholes.

Developments at Millendreath are continuing slowly. After the devastation caused by the winter flooding, our sympathies are with those affected and we must ensure that steps are taken to ensure a solution is found to stop this happening again.

Our congratulations to the Millendreath in Bloom Committee for enhancing the appearance of the village.

Many thanks to our Cornwall Councillor Armand Toms, for all his hard work in this parish and East Looe, especially with his work with the problems on St Martin's Hill and Sand-



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place Road which greatly impacts on this parish.

We have been approached by Looe Town Council who are preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and wish to include adjoining parishes. We have been examining these proposals and to this end held an open meeting in No Man's Land to gauge the public interest in this matter. This will be discussed later in this evening's meeting.

My thanks to our clerk, Charles Hyde for all the hard work he puts in to enable the smooth running of the Council and all he does to edit and produce the quarterly parish magazine on our behalf. The magazine is now self-financing thanks to the sale of advertising space and is very informative to all parishioners.

Six members of the Council were re-elected un-opposed at last year's election. This left one vacancy which was filled by John Broad who we welcomed to the council.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their regular attendance and their endeavours throughout the year.

Robert Henly, Chairman.

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Millendreath In Bloom Report

Started up in March 2013 with an invite to all interested residents to come and form a team of volunteers. First meeting held in one of Millendreath bungalows courtesy of Espalier attended by owner occupiers from the holiday village and residents on the east side of the valley. The MiB Committee is now formed with a Chairman, Hon Sec and Treasurer. Requests for funding to enable to planting to begin resulted in donations from the local Parish Council and local business. Boats and troughs were quickly built and installed followed by purchase of compost and plants. Volunteers brought their own tools and started to fill containers along the grass verges leading from the Millendreath sign towards the beach.

Included in these activities is the local Community college who garden their own plot as well as regular litter picks along the verges. As blooming progressed entries were submitted to RHS Britain in Bloom 2013 and South West in Bloom 2013 resulting in success in categories for both entries plus an additional award by Caradon Tourist Board.

It was good to receive the many compliments from visitors and residents while volunteers were working on the troughs.

As Chairman I would thank the volunteers and all those who have supported us to make it such a successful 1st year. 2014 continues in the same vein although the bad weather damaging plants has meant a fresh start later than hoped this year and has also meant repairs and painting too. We are grateful once more to local Councils and local businesses and funding has been received enabling planting to commence and we look forward to another successful colourful year.

This year MiB will be adding extra troughs, a wild flower meadow and eagerly anticipated street furniture built by local students to commemorate 1914 planted with red poppies, additionally the RHS celebration of fields of gold with sunflowers.

The building of a greenhouse and shed has enabled us to store and propagate cuttings from our own plants saved from last year and also sow new seeds. This will reduce costs.

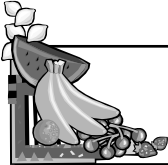
Millendreath In Bloom Report

The volunteers are committed to maintaining this venture however more people are asked to pop along and join us on our social monthly meetings or if unable to attend just stop and ask one of us as we are gardening. Rest assured you will be most welcome.

John Broad. Chairman Millendreath in Bloom.

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Easter 2014 will be the 41st AGM of Millendreath Owners' Association, which was created to protect the interests of the Chalet Owners.

This winter has been particularly difficult. The valley floor properties were badly flooded twice within weeks, leaving families homeless.

We are grateful to both local councils for their support, and we hope the promised flood alleviation measures will soon be in place.

This year has also seen the 100% council tax levy on our properties, with the Chalets contributing more than £150,000 to the council coffers.

The resident population provides security for the site and a cheery welcome for owners and visitors throughout the year.

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facilities in place, but owners are still unsure of the future. Piece-meal planning initiatives have left members concerned about lack of consultation, misleading information and the erosion of established practices, affecting access and parking.

Our freeholder now takes responsibility for site management. MOA have been proud to provide essential ground maintenance for the past twelve years (including regular digging out of the beach-head culvert!) and has kept our estate presentable for its many members and visitors. Our changing role will be a topic of our upcoming meeting.

Ian Ward, Secretary, MOA.

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13th August	British Firework Championships, Plymouth.
30th - 31st August	Blandford Steam Fair.
5th - 7th September	Burghley Horse Trials, 3 days half board.
9th September	Widcombe Fair.
5th October	Rosemoor Apple Day.
8th October	Goosey Fair, Tavistock.
November	Turkey & Tinsel.
1st November	Bridgwater Carnival.
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No Man's Land Hall Report

Once again it has been a busy and successful year for the hall committee.

Jumble sales have been well attended and profitable; both flower shows were well attended with plenty of entries, despite the bad weather. Our 'Bumper Jumble' for Children's Hospice South West raised over £700. Attendance at both the Easter and Christmas Bingos were a little down but to be expected in the harsh financial climate. The hall has been well used by outside organisations plus many private bookings.

All of the allotments are occupied and there is a waiting list if any become vacant.

Sadly this year we have lost 'stalwarts' of the hall committee, Ronald Matthews who retired only last year as Vice Chairman and Ron (Rusty) Drown, both sadly passed away. Therefore the Committee is a little thin on the ground, if you know of anyone willing to give the hall committee a few hours a month we would love to see them join us.

We hope to start a gardener's get together once a month, if you would like to come along please contact a member of the hall committee.

We are in the process of looking for funding to repair rain damage to the billiard room, once the work has been carried out the billiard room will once again be open for use, would anyone in the Parish be willing to start up a snooker club? We have a full size snooker table and pool table.

We are saddened to note that we don't see many of the residents of the Parish at the hall, this is the hall for the Parish and we want to see it well used.

Personally I would like to thank all of the very hard working committee for their time and efforts over the last year, without them the hall would have to close.

Support your hall; it is a fundamental part of the village and Parish.

Tracy Chudleigh, Chair of the Hall

No Man's Land Hall News

To mark the 100 years of W.W.1 the Hall Committee has commissioned two large planters, which this year will be planted with red poppies. They have been sited in the Memorial Hall car park. This was very much a community effort, the timber was donated by Bond Brothers of Bake. They were made by Morley Stevens who put in many hours of work. Andrew Chudleigh prepared the ground



and sited the planters, Steve Humpfrys donated the compost and Roger Holland and Kath Wiltshire did all the planting. The project was inspired by Roberta Powley who like so many had relatives serve in the armed forces.

If you feel inspired, and feel you can make a difference to the way the hall serves its community, then why not join the Hall Committee, new blood is always welcome; who knows maybe you could inspire No Man's Land to enter Cornwall in Bloom and follow the excellent work carried out in Millendreath.

We are still looking for someone to help us run the snooker/ darts room, please call 01503 240650 or 240704 if you can help.

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No Man's Land Hall Events Diary

August 9 th	Summer Flower Show.
26 th September	Car Park Closed
28 th September	Harvest Festival. Sunday 3pm
25 th October	Big Jumble Sale for Children's Hospice.
9 th November 2014	Remembrance Service 6-30pm.
6 th December	Christmas Fair.
19 th December	Christmas Bingo

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Councillor Powley attended the last meeting and reported that there was no meeting in 2012. In March 2013, grants of £1,200 were awarded to students. In October 2013 a further £1,250 was awarded to students in the Parish. There were a total of 9 students who benefited from the grants, some attended Looe Community Academy and Looe Primary School. Also benefiting were G.F.S (Girls Friendly Society) and also 4th Looe Brownies.

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A quick glance at the '5 fathom' line on the old OS maps shows that there was once a headland running out from Seaton to form Looe Bay. It mirrored the curve of Looe Island and would have formed a sheltered anchorage.

Every year the sea claims about a metre of shoreline. So we can calculate that when St Kaynne first founded a church here, the beach was the best part of a mile beyond today's shore. Bodigga manor would have been much larger and the lands of Keverall may have extended across rolling downs.

'Penhale' is a name steeped in Cornish roots. Cornish was spoken here since the year dot until about 900AD. 'Pen hey!' translates as 'the head of the tidal estuary with mud flats'. This could have well described the scene with Looe River and the waters of Millendreath meandering across an expanse of shallow coastal marshes.

Millendreath is Cornish for 'The Mill on the Beach' - a Celtic tide mill. It was operated by harnessing the tide in a 2-acre enclosure



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and releasing it through a gap that housed the wheel. Tide mills had to be sited in a sheltered estuary where the even the neap tides would fill the pond. There is no written record of the mill, but I expect there are traces of it somewhere in the Bay!

Another off-shore name on the map is Colmer Rocks below Bodigga Cliff. 'Col mere' is Saxon for 'Charcoal Pit'. Saxon became the local language from about 900AD. Charcoal was made to smelt iron. Bucklawren was referred to as 'Botcoleur' – the home of the colliers - and down in the valley Philip de Bodrugan had a mill and 2 acres of aldergrove. Coppiced alder was used for charcoal. Bands of ironstone are still in the cliff. So I think that, once upon a time, we had an industrial heartland significant enough for its memory to withstand both time and tide!

Our ancient trackways heading south converge below Murraytown where the map marks 'Salter Rocks'. Pilchards were salted for the Mediterranean market. But local fish businesses were called 'palaces', so our Salter would have been making the salt! Drying sea water – a skilled job – needed south-facing shallow pools and pans in a sheltered estuary. Salt was an essential ingredient of Medieval life. If you had salt, the world and his wife would beat a path to your door.

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The Cuckoo

As a child, way back in the early 1950's, growing up in rural Essex, hearing the first Cuckoo in Spring sometimes went without mention. Walking the two miles to School, along lanes lined with deciduous copse and hazel hedges, my mother and I would hear the call of the male bird so clear and often so close, but rarely would we catch a glimpse of this enigmatic bird.

The Cuckoo is a Dove sized bird with blue grey upper parts, head and chest, with dark barred white underparts. With their sleek body, long tail and pointed wings, they are not unlike a Kestrel and Sparrow Hawk. Sexes are



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Over the last fifteen years, the common Cuckoo has declined by 50% in Great Britain, putting the bird on the red list of declining species. The population in England has been worst hit with nearly two thirds of Cuckoos gone, while in Wales there has only been a 30% decline. The Scottish Cuckoo population is apparently doing fine.

The most obvious reason for the Cuckoos demise in England is loss of habitat. The Scottish Highlands still have native grass-lands teeming with their favourite food, the hairy caterpillar and the Emperor moth, while England is much more developed. Because Cuckoos are brood parasites –laying their eggs in other bird's nests and leaving that bird to care for them – they only spend approximately six weeks in Great Britain. Their journey back to the Congo, where they will spend the Winter months, is fraught with dangers, from drought, extreme weather and wild fires. Climate change is also wreaking havoc on the Cuckoos delicate

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timing – the rains in West Africa are determined by the movement of the sun in the Spring and will remain constant even in the face of changing climate. Spring however is coming earlier and earlier to Northern Europe which means that by the time the birds have fattened up, with the help of the African rains, they may miss the English Spring altogether.

It is a sad fact that most of us will never again hear that most familiar heralding of Spring.

David Keeble

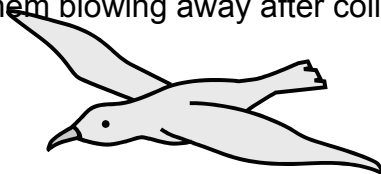
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(Lauren & Rosie Fund)
and other local charities

For more information
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Morval Vintage Rally

New and exciting things are happening at Morval rally this year. We are having a Cornish producers' tent with local produce to buy, giving us all the chance to support all things local and really try something different. Also we will be having a ploughing demonstration, horses versus tractors to really show how ploughing was done walking behind the horses and how it has evolved to using tractors. Also to do with horses we will have a blacksmith on the field and he will demonstrate how they make the horse's shoes and also he will be shoeing horses. We are very excited about our chosen charity this year. It is a new one to many of us, but we are sure when you read about it you will agree it is a very worthwhile one - it is called LARF. This stands for Lauren and Rosie Fund. Lauren & Rosie were two young girls who met when having treatment for cancer. Sadly both girls died, Lauren at seventeen and Rosie at sixteen. This charity has been set up by their families to raise funds to help all young people in Cornwall with cancer through the Royal Cornwall Hospital. They can help to pay to have nurses to be there for the families who go through so much. The Trustee of this charity will be at the rally and will be happy to explain all about what they do.

We aim to make Morval rally a great fun day out at very little cost but unfortunately cost do need to rise and so after much thought we have had to raise our prices to adults £5 and children over seven £3. We are still in the throws of finalising more things so watch out for the bright yellow posters and we look forward to seeing you all
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An enjoyable and educational day out was had by these children at last years show

Scams Awareness Campaign...



Photo above shows samples of scam mail that can be taken to libraries for Trading Standards

Cornwall Council Trading Standards service has launched its annual Scams Awareness Campaign to run throughout May as it invites people who have received scam mail to bin it at local libraries throughout Cornwall.

The team is also running a competition giving entrants the opportunity to win a state of the art call blocking device which blocks unsolicited calls getting through to potentially vulnerable elderly residents. In independent trials carried out by Trading Standards, one particular model, aimed at protecting older and vulnerable consumers, was able to block 98% of nuisance calls.

Julia Groves, Trading Standards Authorised Officer, says “We have seen how successful these call blockers can be in reducing nuisance calls and we thought that a competition would give us the opportunity to highlight how beneficial their installation can be – especially for elderly residents. The trials have taken place on models costing as little as £40 for simple versions, up to £120 for

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the more specialist equipment. The specialist models allow family members to view and monitor received calls remotely, using the internet. This is particularly useful where they have an elderly or vulnerable relative living on their own.

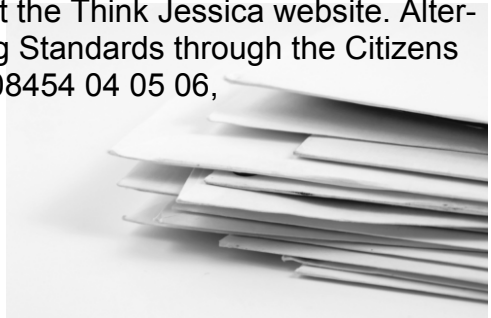
Scam mail continues to be a problem for all Trading Standards authorities but it is challenging to both identify and then offer assistance to victims who often don't recognise that they have been scammed. The national campaign, along with our work with the National Scams Hub, helps us to track those local residents that are responding to scam mail and provide information and advice in a more targeted approach. Hopefully this year we will be adding to the National Scams Team's database with intelligence obtained from our interventions, with a view to this information being used to take enforcement action."

Julia goes on to say "We would encourage family and friends to look at those dear to them who may be dealing with excessive amounts of scam mail or phone calls. Often those caught up in receiving and responding to scams are encouraged to be secretive about what they are doing and can often be in denial that they are falling victim to these scams."

Competition information and entry forms, with a chance to win one of the top of the range call blockers, can be obtained at local libraries.

Further information on the latest scams can be found on the Action Fraud website.

Anyone wishing to know the full impact that becoming a scam victim can have is urged to visit the Think Jessica website. Alternatively you can inform Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08454 04 05 06, or email them to scams@cornwall.gov.uk



New Potato Salad Recipe

allbritishfood.com

Tiny potatoes, coated in a rich, piquant dressing, for a tempting early summer salad. The warm climate of Cornwall produces tender young vegetables earlier than other parts of the UK. Buy the smallest freshest potatoes you can find and cook them the same day. For a luxury touch use clotted instead of double cream. Dress the potatoes while, still warm, even if you are serving them cold. Serves 4 - 6.

Ingredients

700 g (1 1/2 lb) small new potatoes
large pinch of cayenne pepper
1.25 ml (1/4 tsp) anchovy essence
150 ml (5 fl oz) fresh double cream

2 hard-boiled egg yolks
5 ml (1 tsp) caster sugar
15 ml (1 tbsp) herb vinegar
snipped fresh chives, to garnish

Method

1. Cook the potatoes in their skins, in boiling salted water for 10-15 minutes, until tender.
2. Meanwhile, make the dressing. Mash the egg yolks, cayenne pepper and sugar to a paste with the anchovy essence, the vinegar and 5 ml (1 tsp) cold water. Stir in the cream.
3. When the potatoes are cooked, drain thoroughly and toss with the dressing. Serve warm or cold, garnished with snipped chives.

VARIATION: Replace the fresh cream with fresh soured cream or natural yogurt and substitute the anchovy essence for 15ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh herbs: tarragon, chives, mint or parsley.



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Who can solve a mystery?

At the last Parish Council meeting our history expert Jenny Wallis asked, “does anyone know when did Millendreath Holiday Village acquired the beach?” It belonged to The Duchy of Cornwall and the foreshore belonged to two landowners – east and west.

Then the whole beach going down to the Victorian low tide line belonged to Mr. West of Millendreath Holiday Village, now Espalier.

The Duchy of Cornwall sold the east side to the Railway Co, who subsequently gave the eastern cliffs and foreshore at Bodigga to the National Trust.

Several people have asked “why is it a private beach”. Jenny can’t find any clues in Luxstowe House, does anyone know the answer? Please contact the Jenny or the Clerk, contact details on page 2.







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St Martin's Road reopened

The final phase of works to stabilise St Martin's Road in Looe have been completed, enabling the road to be reopened two months earlier than originally scheduled and in time for the Bank Holiday weekend.

The programme was originally scheduled to take 18 weeks, with completion expected at the beginning of July. However -thanks to the combination of fine weather and the commitment of staff from CORMAC Solutions Limited and its subcontractors who have worked extended hours, including weekends and bank holidays, to complete the works as quickly as possible, it will be completed in just 10 weeks.

"St Martin's Road has been a very complicated job with competing pressures extending the time it has had to take. It is finally done, and both the Council and our contractor, Cormac, thank the residents, traders and visitors to Looe for their patience" said Bert Biscoe, the Council's Cabinet Member for Transport and Waste. "Cormac has brought the job in eight weeks ahead of schedule, which means that the road will be open before Whitsun - hoorah for this Cornish company which is so committed to keeping Cornwall moving with commitment, skill and tenacity. Looe is open - time for business!"

Armand Toms, the local Member for Looe East, said "This road closure has had a big impact on Looe and the surrounding area and especially the residents of St Martin's and Sandplace Roads. Having visited the site at least five times a week since they started I know how hard Cormac and the contractors have worked to complete the works in such a short time. I would like to thank them all for their efforts to complete these engineering works in such a short time. I know the people of the area will be pleased with this news."

Edwina Hannaford, the Cornwall Councillor for Looe West, Lansallos and Lanteglos said, "The works have also had an effect on the residents of my division so I am relieved the works have run so smoothly that the re-opening of the road has been brought

ahead of schedule

forward. I would like to thank all the staff and contractors for their hard work and for the forbearance of residents in west Looe and Polperro. The re-opening of the road before the Whit bank holiday is particularly welcome after a very trying year all round”.

The works, which began on 10 March, have included using soil-nails to stabilise the slope supporting St Martin’s Road, constructing a faced retaining wall with a stone parapet at the site of “Veronica”, stabilising the edge of the road next to “Boundary Bungalow” and installing raised kerbs along the edge of the road. The Council also carried out a package of measures to support the local residential and business community. These included a positive campaign to promote Looe, Polperro and the surrounding area to visitors and concessionary parking around school drop off and collection times.

David Bryan, the Mayor of Looe Town Council said “It is really good news to hear the road will be opening so far ahead of schedule. I would like to thank the crews for all their hard work .

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All we need now is a good summer to bring tourists in down the road to visit Looe .“

Jim Candy, the local Member for the Trelawney electoral division, said “ I would like to thank the residents on the diversion route through Morval for their patience coping with increased traffic, and users of the route for showing consideration to local residents.”

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