



BODMIN TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER BODMIN

There is a lot happening in our town...

In this edition find out about recent events in our area as well as upcoming projects and community initiatives that you can get involved with.

Shire Hall opening times

The historic court house is where you will find our Community Services Team and Town Council's reception. We are here to help and support you, as well as to give a friendly welcome to visitors in the town.

Monday - Saturday 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.
Closed on Sunday

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Local community events

We are fortunate to have so many community organisations here in Bodmin putting on events and celebrations in our town every week. Please visit their individual websites or social media platforms for further information and times, or ask us for more details.

30th July	Alstock Music Festival, Priory Park
Every Monday	Community Bingo*, Shire House Suite
Every Tuesday	Priory Toddlers Group, ages 0-5 years, St Petrocs Parish Centre
Every Tuesday	Age Concern, friendship and lunch club at Shire House Suite
Every Tuesday	SkillSHARE, from Bodmin Light & Life Church, 81a Fore Street
Every Wednesday	Bodmin Way - Time Together, Café & Day Centre, Shire House Suite
Every Thursday	Stay and Play, intoBodmin, The Old Library
Every Thursday	Gardening Club, intoBodmin, The Old Library
Thursday 5-6:30pm and Friday 9-11am	Bodmin Way - Community Larder, St. Petrocs Parish Centre
Every Friday	Bodmin Lions Bingo, Shire House Suite
Every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month	Cuppa Companions, intoBodmin The Old Library
2nd Saturday of the month	Bodmin Way Youth Club, St Petrocs Parish Centre
1st Saturday of the month	Bodmin Craft Market, intoBodmin The Old Library
3rd Saturday of the month	Farmers Market, Bodmin Nursery
The last Saturday of the month	Bodmin Market, Mount Folly Square

If you have a future community event that you would like us to share, please get in touch.



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings take place in the Shire House Suite at 6.30 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public who are encouraged to attend. Occasionally, a meeting with a presentation will start earlier at 6.00 p.m. or may need to be relocated. Please check our website for up to date information, agendas and supporting documents.

July

Thurs 07 Community Services Committee
 Weds 13 Planning Committee
 Thurs 21 Full Council Meeting

August

Weds 03 Planning Committee
 Thurs 04 Estates Committee
 Thurs 18 Policy & Resources Committee
 Weds 24 Planning Committee

September

Thurs 01 Community Services Committee
 Weds 14 Planning Committee
 Thurs 15 Full Council Meeting

Well done to Bodmin Hospital League of Friends

A fantastic amount of £3851 was raised at their recent summer fete held at Fair Park. It was great to see the site used for this worthwhile cause.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Wow! What a fantastic time to be elected as Mayor of our wonderful town. As a 'Bodmin Boy', it is extra special, being the Queen's Jubilee Year. My wife Carolyn, the Mayoress and I, have had a very busy and hectic couple of months, travelling the length and breadth of the County, promoting our town at events, and supporting fellow Mayors.



What a brilliant community we have. We are blessed with so many individuals, groups and clubs that selflessly give their time to benefit others. This was exemplified by the four-day Queen's Jubilee celebrations - A huge thank you to all involved.

It has been an honour and a privilege to attend and support local events including the Falklands Remembrance service, Thomas Flamank Memorial Service, attending Bodmin Hospital Fete, Bodmin Fire Station Open day and the Bodmin Bowling Clubs centenary event. It has also been great to attend and support the opening of new businesses, breathing new life into our town centre.

We are eagerly anticipating Alstock on the 30th - a fantastic music festival, which is a charitable event raising money for local and national charities. We are also looking forward to restarting the Councillor engagement sessions on Mount Folly and of course the first of what will become a regular monthly market on the last Saturday of every month on Mount Folly, also starting on 30th July.

I have also attended Christmas Lights and Fireworks Committee meetings with both groups planning to deliver exciting events again this year.

Cllr Phil Cooper

BODMIN TOWN CENTRE CHARETTE

Bodmin residents and business owners were invited to have their say on the vision for the future of the town centre during a five-day community planning event held in March.

The ground-breaking event, known as a charrette, was staged in the town to bring local people together to create a design and plan for the town centre.

The Bodmin Town Centre Charrette was led by JTP, architects and placemakers, with a strong track record of working with communities to help them shape their local surroundings. This was supported by Cornwall Council, Bodmin Town Council, Bodmin Town Team and Bodmin Chamber of Commerce.

Visit <https://www.jtp.co.uk/projects/bodmin> for further information.



Bodmin Town Centre Charrette

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Be part of the journey

Call for working group members

The Neighbourhood Plan is underway and we are looking for people who would like to join a small team covering 7 different themes and areas, supported by Town Councillors, members of the local community and our consultants.

If you have an interest in any of these areas, or perhaps have some experience or skills that could help the working group, then we would like to hear from you.

Please visit our website for further information.

Town Centre and Tourism

Identify important areas and sites for regeneration and improvements

Housing

Support the delivery of homes to meet the needs of local people.

Movement and Accessibility

Improve access to public transport and improve safety in the town.

Open Space, Greening and Biodiversity

Develop a green space strategy for the town.

Regeneration and Employment

Identify key sites for employment development and regeneration

Design and Heritage

Prepare guidance to improve the quality of design of important areas in the town.

Community Infrastructure and Education

Identify sites for new community infrastructure and facilities.



MAYOR CHOOSING



Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor 2022

The Mayor Choosing Ceremony took place this year on Thursday 19th May 2022 in St Petroc's Church, Bodmin.

We were delighted to welcome the Deputy Lieutenant and High Sheriff to the event, along with recipients of community awards, invited guests and representatives and students from local schools.

Bodmin Town Councillors elected Cllr Phillip Cooper as Mayor of Bodmin for the coming year. Cllr Mike Barbery was elected as Deputy Mayor.

The outgoing Mayor Cllr Jeremy Cooper who completed a three-year term, presented cheques to his nominated charities Mind, Cove, and Bodmin Relief In Need. Over £14,000 was raised by Mrs Nicola Cooper over this period.

The Mayor's nominated charities for the forthcoming year will be Bodmin Relief in Need and Little Harbour Children's Hospice.

We would like to thank all those who attended and St Petroc's Church for allowing us to hold the event there.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The Mayor Choosing Ceremony was also an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the work of organisations and individuals who have made a positive impact in our community. It is extremely important for us to congratulate and thank our volunteers for their dedication and commitment.

The Following Awards were presented:

- 40 Years of Service Award - Ron May
- Community Services Award – The Volunteers at Bodmin Foodbank
- Outstanding Volunteer Award – Sarah Home, Bodmin Tidy It Team
- Outstanding Volunteer Award – Rachel Sharman, Bodmin Boxing Club
- Team Spirit Award – Bodmin Hospital League of Friends
- Mayors Special Achievement Award - Bodmin Rugby Football Club

THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

We cannot let this special celebration pass without saying a final THANK YOU to all of the wonderful community organisations and businesses who came together to celebrate with four full days of entertainment and activities.

We had proclamations, an indoor street party in St. Petroc's church, walking trails, a Beacon Lighting, arts and crafts at multiple locations, a photographic gallery, Sports in the Park, Music for All event, a Community Fun Day with a Family Arts Festival, circus skills and stilt walking, face painting, a Social Car Run to Penzance, ending with a great Big Jubilee Lunch on the Folly!

There really was something for everyone. Thank you if you were involved with organising an event in our town, and if you enjoyed attending one or more of the events put on. We could not have achieved this without you.



THE QUEENS GREEN CANOPY

In March we took part in the Queens Green Canopy, encouraging people to 'plant a tree for the Jubilee'. A variety of 450 tree saplings were given to us by The Woodland Trust.

These were then passed to many local community groups and organisations, who planted these across Bodmin, creating a large scale tree planting.

Thank you to all who were involved with this event.

3rd Bodmin Scouts, Bodmin Airfield, Bodmin College, Bodmin Hospital, League of Friends, Callywith College, Proper Cornish, St Petroc's CofE Primary School, The Hugs Foundation The Rotary Club of Bodmin and Walker Lines Gym.



BODMIN MARATHON

Bodmin's first marathon named Bodmin Way - 'The Beacon Beast' took place on Sunday 24th April 2022. Thank you to the many community groups, organisations and surrounding parishes who worked closely together to deliver Bodmin's first marathon. Over 100 runners took part in this multi-terrain challenge. It is hoped that this will become an annual event with the next one being pencilled in for Sunday 16th April 2023.



Photo by Robert Dawson, Bodmin Camera Club.

PLASTIC FREE BODMIN



**Bodmin Way
Community Larder**
Open Thursdays from 5pm -
6.30pm and Fridays from
9am - 11am.
St Petroc's Parish Centre,
(opposite church and next
to Enterprise).
Remember to bring a bag.

Cllr Pete Skea recently met with the organisers of Plastic Free Bodmin to look at ways to support the initiative and enable Bodmin to be recognised as one of the Plastic Free Communities in Cornwall. A motion was then put forward to the Community Services Committee for Bodmin Town Council to agree to support plastic free community initiatives in the area in collaboration with the Plastic Free Bodmin team.

The Town Council has pledged to lead by example by continuing to remove plastic items from its premises and operations. Through communications and an events charter, the council will encourage others to do the same.

DISCOVERING 42

Congratulations to Discovering 42 for winning the Sustainable Project Of The Year award in the recent prestigious Museum and Heritage Awards held in London. A worthy winner and a fantastic achievement. Well done, we are very fortunate to have you in our town.



ESTATES TEAM

The Estates team have been busy over the last few months making the parks look their best ready for summer. The flower beds have been prepared and planted along with the hanging baskets.



Staff were also involved with the preparation for the Queens Platinum Jubilee weekend. They installed commemorative bunting and assisted with the event over the weekend.

New benches have also recently been installed in Priory Park. They are in a traditional style so that they are in keeping with the historical nature of the park.

The team will be busy over the coming months with the grass cutting rounds ensuring that the parks and open spaces look their best.

COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM

The Community Services team has been working hard towards a number of projects recently which are soon to be completed.

This includes the launch of our new community website and re opening of Court 1 in Shire Hall. One of the projects that we are most excited about is the return of a market to Mount Folly Square. A new Produce and Craft market will take place on the last Saturday of each month.

Historically Bodmin is a market town, and we are looking forward to bringing back a traditional market that has a modern feel. We are very pleased to announce the first market will be held on Saturday 30th July 2022. Our aim is to encourage people back to the high street and become a vibrant market town once again.

Bodmin Town Council Services:

- Car Parking - Priory Park & Rhind Street
- Cemeteries
- Community & Civic Events
- Grants to Voluntary Organisations
- Community Information Centre, Shire Hall
- Markets
- Parks & Open Spaces
- Public Conveniences
- Room Hire Facilities



Did you know our Community Services team are located in the foyer of Shire Hall? They provide a reception service for the Town Council as well as useful services such as National Express ticket sales, local event tickets and information, parking permits for Priory Car Park, room hire facilities and general help and assistance to access services within our town.

BODMIN TOWN MUSEUM

Bodmin Town Museum were pleased to re open their doors to the public after being closed since the start of the pandemic. They are now open Monday - Saturday and look forward to welcoming visitors for the summer season ahead.

Cornwall Council Services:

- Education
- Health & Social Care
- Housing
- Homelessness
- Licensing
- Planning
- Waste & Recycling
- Transport, Roads & Parking





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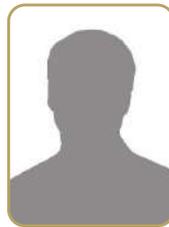
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Councillor Surgeries

Surgeries take place fortnightly on Mount Folly. They are an opportunity for you to meet councillors, ask questions, find out information and voice your point of view.

Visit our website for a full list of dates and further information.

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