

Monthly Report: Caradon

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<p>Rural Tax Credit Project Launch</p> <p>On the 11th November, Cornwall Council, in partnership with Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Cornwall hosted a presentation to launch this important project which will offer dedicated advice and support to people living and working in rural areas.</p> <p>The project which is operated by CAB Cornwall, employs two part-time advisers to work with partners to target farmers, agricultural workers and people living in rural areas and advise about claiming tax credits and any other benefits to which they may be entitled. It started in July this year and will run until December 2011. The previous Working Tax project, which operated across the former Caradon District Council area, brought in over £575k in Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.</p> <p>Funding for the project has been by East Cornwall Local Action Group, with contributions from the CAB and local Cornwall Councillors', including Councillor John Turner from the Caradon Community Network Area, through their Community Chest grants.</p>					
<p>Floods</p> <p>Network staff joined other localism colleagues to assist in the multi-agency response to the floods which affected several parts of Cornwall. Their work included staffing community information centres in St Blazey, Lostwithiel and Mevagissey, coordinating public surgeries where residents and businesses could get advice, and working with the Voluntary Sector to coordinate offers of help and requests for assistance.</p>					
<p>Council and Police combine efforts during Community Action Week</p> <p>With a focus on supporting vulnerable people, anti-social behaviour and firework safety, Cornwall Council's Fire Service and Community Network Officers co-ordinated activities with the Police over the period 31st October until 5th November.</p>					

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<p>During this period covering Halloween and Bonfire Night, as well as going around and offering support, advice and reassurance to individuals, a multi-agency information morning was held in the foyer of a supermarket in Callington, and the Police, Council staff and local school children conducted a litter pick around Kit Hill.</p> <p>This is just one example of how the Police and other Council services are working closer together to help improve the health, cleanliness and safety of our local communities.</p>			✓	✓	✓
<p>Further funding boost for Delaware Community Learning Centre</p> <p>A grant of over twelve thousand pounds has been secured from the East Cornwall Local Area Grant (ECLAG) to provide photovoltaic tiles for the Delaware Community Learning Centre.</p> <p>The grant, secured with the support of Cornwall Council's Localism Service, will go towards providing the tiles which convert sunlight into electricity which will be used by the centre, making it more efficient and cheaper to run.</p> <p>The Centre has recently received funding totalling over £27,000 including a £500 contribution from Councillor Russell Bartlett through his Councillor Community Chest.</p>				✓	✓
<p>Its warming up nicely at St. Dominic Church</p> <p>A <i>heavenly</i> twenty five thousand pound grand has been secured for St. Dominic Church and will go towards a tower screen, to prevent heat loss, an improved heating system and a family area for the Church.</p> <p>The grant, secured with the support of Cornwall Council's Localism Service, has been secured from Viridor's grant scheme funded through the Landfill Tax Credit process. The improvements will make sure that all of the Churches visitors now received an even warmer welcome.</p>				✓	✓

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