



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2026

MINUTES

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Martin Ley and Cricket Club members- meeting clashed with a rescheduled cricket match.

2. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY

Please find speeches at end of these minutes

1. Friends of Meudon Woods (PRESENT)
 - a. See presentation at end of minutes by Nick Penn.
2. Mawnan FC (PRESENT).
 - a. Mawnan FC had a big boost at the start of the season when we acquired a new Storage Container thanks to grant money awarded by the Parish Council and the Football Foundation. The playing season was badly affected by the extreme winter weather with frequent postponements. However, the First Team had an excellent season finishing runners up in St Piran's League Division One West and the Reserves achieving a very creditable 6th place in Division Two.
3. Helford Marine Conservation (NOT PRESENT)
 - a. Cllr Stabbins spoke briefly in the absence of HMC representatives. She focused on the Voices of Water campaign along with other work the HMC has been doing in the past year.
4. The Anvil Trust (PRESENT).
 - a. See report at end of minutes by David Morgan.
5. Mawnan Community Garden (PRESENT).
 - a. See report at end of minutes read by Anne Marie.
6. Mawnan Emergency Group (PRESENT).
 - a. Paul Glover spoke and the group thanked the Parish Council for the £400 grant towards meeting room hire and promotional printing etc. The group have a Facebook page with a QR code enabling people to sign up. They are in need of more volunteers to be local coordinators in an emergency. The biggest achievement so far is arranging and running a Defib and CPR day in the

Memorial hall which has resulted in 40 people in the village now being qualified to use the defib and perform CPR.

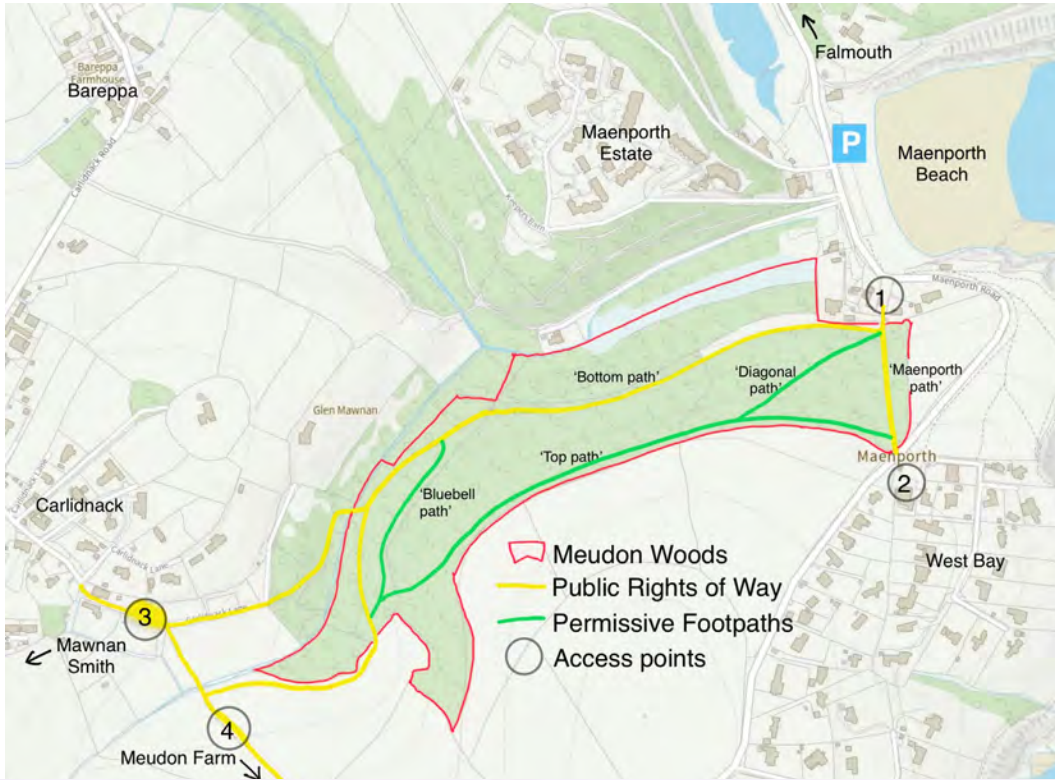
7. Mawnan Snooker Club (PRESENT).
 - a. Roger Weeks spoke briefly, thanking the Parish Council for the grant in the previous year which went towards a ball cleaning machine and a new table cover. The snooker club is going strong and has around 35 members.
8. Friends of Abbeyfield (PRESENT)
 - a. See report at end of minutes by Margaret Lugg.
9. Mawnan First Responders (PRESENT).
 - a. See report at end of minutes by Jo Parsons.
10. Mawnan Table Tennis Club (NOT PRESENT)
 - a. See report at end of minutes.
11. One Bag Beach Clean (NOT PRESENT)
 - a. See report at end of minutes by Carol Hurst.
12. Mawnan Methodists (PRESENT)
 - a. See report at end of minutes by Margaret Lugg.
13. Mawnan WI (NOT PRESENT)
 - a. See report at end of minutes by Gil Druce.
14. Mawnan Cricket Club (NOT PRESENT)
 - a. See report at end of minutes by Martin Ley.
15. Helford Scout Group (NOT PRESENT)
 - a. See report at end of minutes by Erica Veale.
16. League of Friends of Falmouth Hospital (NOT PRESENT)
 - a. See report at end of minutes.

3. TO DISCUSS PRIORITIES FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

The main call for the following year was for more first responders in the village. Clerk agreed to put the call out in the next mailing list.

Friends of Meudon Woods presentation by Nick Penn.

a. Please visit <https://www.meudonwoods.co.uk/> for more information

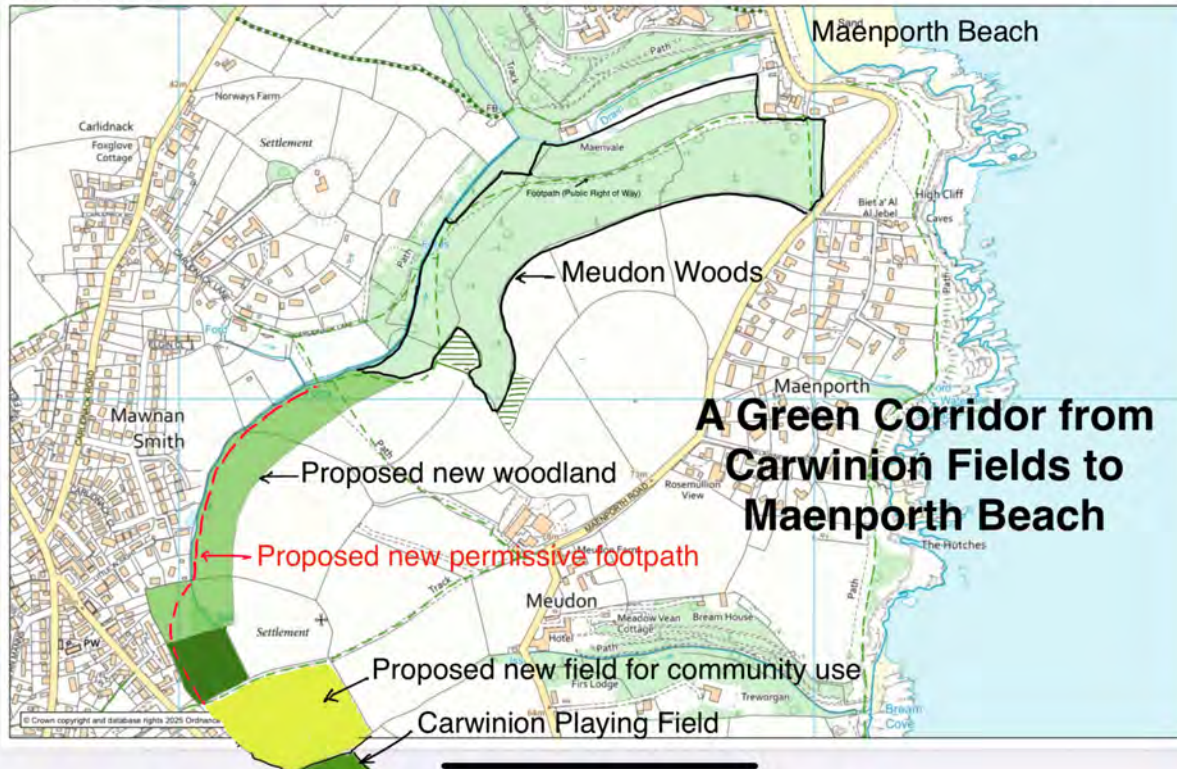


Cornwall Council County Farm Woodland Creation Programme

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Meudon Woodland Creation
Potential 4.58ha

DRAFT PROPOSAL - Pending consultation with Parish Council



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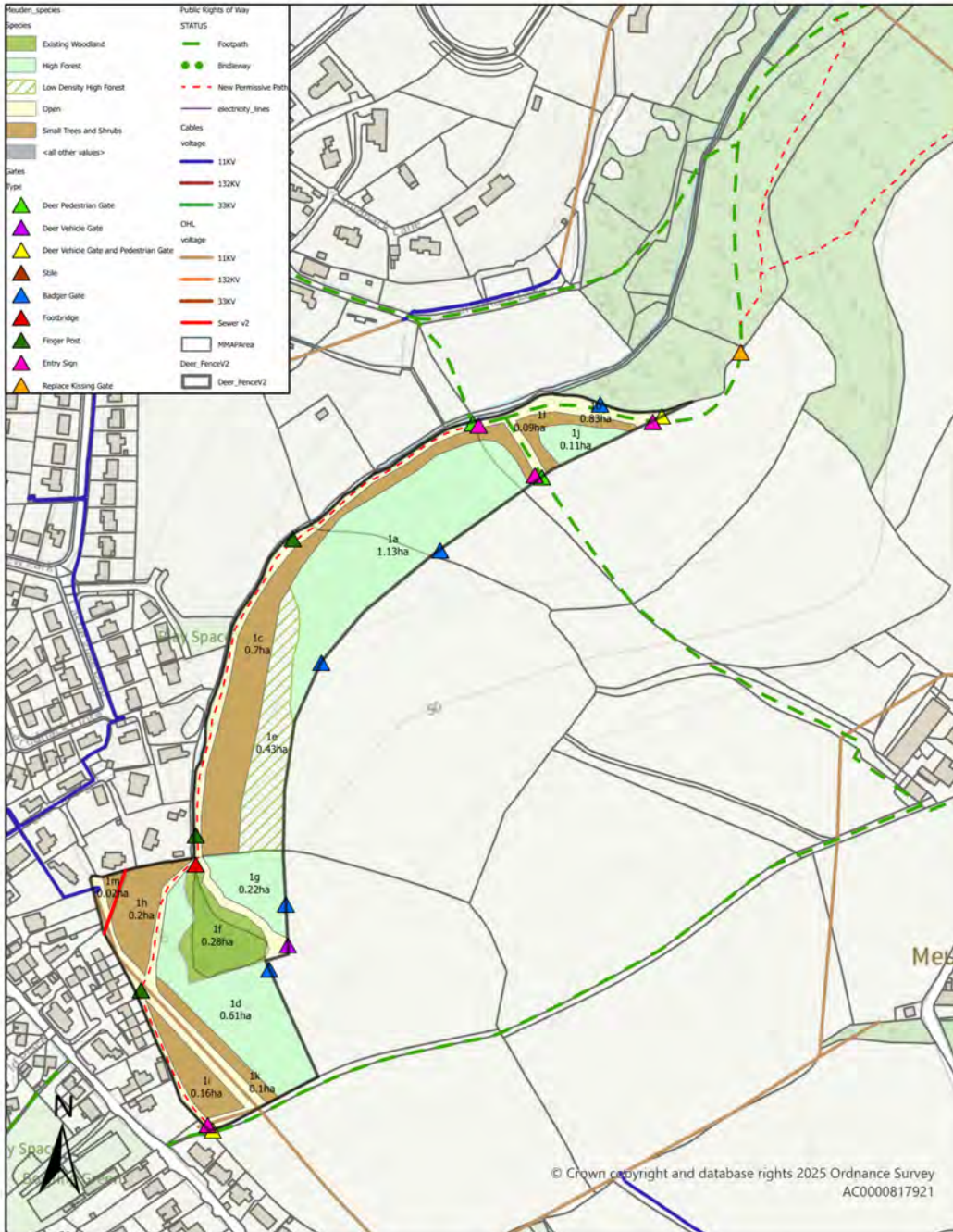
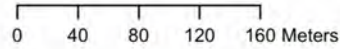
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Map 1 of 1

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The Anvil Trust (PRESENT).

Introduction

As most will know, The Mawnan Anvil Trust is a charity that was formed in the early 2000s to purchase and restore the dilapidated smithy.

After five years of fund-raising, site clearing and building, the smithy (*a Grade 11 listed building*) was, by 2007, a working forge once again.

Three adjacent work units were also created, forming the small complex known as 'The Old Smithy Workshops'.

2025 / 6 HIGHLIGHTS

The Craft Workers

Craft workers move on from time to time, with a temporarily empty Workshop depriving us of income but the Trust is happy to report that all four Workshops are fully occupied.

Workshop 1 – Jim Head, wood sculptor left in August last year being replaced in October by Rae Weaver, a traditional weaver.

Workshop 2 – Abigail Brown, silversmith continues her long-standing tenancy.

Workshop 3 – Sheila McCann-Downes, sign-writer has been in place for a similar period as Abigail.

The Smithy – blacksmith Jeremy Cash left in August last year. Blacksmiths are hard to find but thankfully, a recently qualified young blacksmith, David Coates, took on the tenancy in January this year and has settled in very well.

If you have not visited the Workshops recently, please do so....take the children / grandchildren.

Maintenance / Improvements / Replacements

Since last May's Report, the Trust has:

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| - refurbished the block paved courtyard | £729 |
| - replaced nearly all of the old, failing Christmas light strings: | £315 |
| - printed a new Leaflet, courtyard Poster and replaced the torn Banner | £442 |
| - replaced the defunct external sign light: | £274 |
| - replaced essential forge equipment inc. a blower, water tank,
the motor for the belt drive and various electrical control units | £1,141 |
| - replaced two rotting wooden planters with galvanised steel troughs | £ 216 |

Total Cost of above works: £3,117

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The Trustees (all volunteers) carry out as much ongoing maintenance work as possible themselves, but engage specialist services e.g. qualified electricians when necessary.

Works due

A mandatory periodic Electrical Inspection is due.
Quotes are being obtained. Estimated cost circa £900.

Fundraising

An Open Day was held at the Workshops on 14th January, primarily to promote the arrival of the new blacksmith and for the benefit of the other craftworkers.

A good number of visitors were attracted however, there was no income for the Trust.

Owing to the damage caused by Storm Goretta, the usual annual 'Penwarne Garden Open Day' event, could not go ahead this Spring, thereby depriving us of expected income of around £1,000. Furthermore, the property is on the market, so this may no longer be a fund-raising opportunity in the future.

Parish Council Grant

The Trust is very grateful for the Parish Council Grant of £250 received in July last year towards the cost of the Courtyard Refurbishment. Other than the cost of the periodic Electrical Inspection already mentioned, an annual Fire Equipment inspection cost circa £400 and the inevitable annual insurance cost circa £2,000, also due in September, no further significant expenses are expected in the remainder of this year. Therefore, the Trust is not likely to seek a grant from the Parish Council in the short term.

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Mawnan First Responders (PRESENT).

The Mawnan Community First Responder group has been going for over 20 years now and I was one of the original group of 5 or 6 volunteers. At one time we had at least 8 members and were able to provide cover most of the time. Sadly, we are now down to Mark and I, who work as a pair and have many other commitments, meaning that the level of cover for our community is not what it should be.

Responders support the ambulance service and can be asked to respond to certain 999 calls. The nearest available ambulance is always mobilised but, due to our village location, this may not arrive at the patient as quickly as someone living in or close to the village. This is particularly important in the case of a stroke, heart attack or cardiac arrest where time really is vital to ensure the best possible outcome. We have found that just having someone in a uniform turn up and take control helps the family and patient enormously. Volunteers undergo full training and, once qualified, still have training meetings with other local groups every other month. The next full training sessions are being run towards the end of this year and, if we can find some local people willing to be on call for a total of at least 6 hours a week, this would make a massive difference to our group. If anyone would like to consider becoming a CFR they are very welcome to contact me directly and we can have an informal chat about what we do.

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One Bag Beach Clean (NOT PRESENT)

One Bag Beach Clean is a local community beach clean group set up in 2018 by Carol Hurst

We regularly clean our local beaches Maenporth, Durgan, Grebe and Helford Passage, we also run a Halloween beach clean at Poldhu

We don't just clean the beaches however, we also clean the surrounding lanes, coast path and car parks!

Since 2018 we have had 1648 volunteers attend our clean ups and removed 1194.6 kg, that's over 1 tonne of rubbish from our local environment

One of our big issues is the number of bags of dog poo that people just leave on a path, hung in a hedge or a tree or hidden behind a bush! These bags DO NOT decompose unless they are in an Industrial composter.

Last year we picked up 122 bags of dog poo!!

Please please, dispose of your dog poo in the bins provided. It isn't good for the environment, it isn't good for wildlife, it's a danger to human health and it isn't a nice job for us to keep picking it up.

We have also found some very interesting things-

A 1978 vintage Matchbox locomotive train at Durgan

A 1982 Golden Wonder Crisp bag found buried at Helford Passage

A gold wedding ring (we managed to reunite with its very grateful owner) at Maenporth

I would like to say a big thank to Mawnan PC for their ongoing support

Please come along and join one of our events, meet like minded people, get out in the fresh air, have some gentle exercise and do something good for the planet

All our events are on our Face Book - One Bag Beach Clean

Also on Instagram @onebagbeachclean

Remember, always take your rubbish home with you!

Helford Scout Group (NOT PRESENT)

We currently have around 50 young people Scouting with us on a regular basis, in our Cub and Scout section. Unfortunately we are unable to currently offer the youngest section, Beavers, due to not being able to find any extra volunteers to help run it; if anyone knows of someone who might enjoy spending an hour a week with 5-8 year olds, let us know!

The rest of the group have had a varied and exciting year, with several camps and weekly events covering tasks such as knot work, gardening (Peas are sprouting well), navigation (which was well used on our first district night hike camp, plus the recent Coast to Coast camp, which was an epic 36 mile walk from Mevagissey to Porthtowan), and electronics (successfully making and racing electric mini vehicles made from recycling).

We are back on the water this term, in Canadian canoes and Kayaks, and this weekend are setting off on a Canoe expedition from Loe Beach to a camp site at St Clements.

The grant from Mawnan Parish Council enables us to subsidise many of these camps for those who would otherwise not be able to afford to attend, ensuring that we can continue to make sure finances are not a barrier to Scouting. For that, we are very thankful.

League of Friends of Falmouth Hospital (NOT PRESENT)

On behalf of all the patients and staff at Boscawen Ward, Falmouth Hospital, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your generosity in providing the new aerials.

Thanks to your support, our patients can now enjoy the television with a much clearer and reliable signal. For many, watching TV offers not only entertainment but also comfort, company, and a valuable connection to the outside world during their stay in hospital. This improvement has already brought smiles and lifted spirits across the ward.

Your kindness has made a genuine difference to the day-to-day lives of those in our care, and we are truly grateful for your thoughtfulness and support.

Report on Mawnan Community Garden for Mawnan Parish Council 2026.

Another year gone, and our small and very friendly group of dedicated volunteers continue to make what we hope gives pleasure to residents and visitors of Mawnan alike.

It is a joy to see folk sitting on the benches and at the table and chairs enjoying the surroundings.

Ideally, we would like a few more volunteers to help make our dreams come true! We wonder if, because we are at St Michael's, that people think it is only for 'churchy' people! Very much the contrary! We are open to anybody who cares for nature and the environment.

We would welcome anybody to come along on a Tuesday afternoon to see 'what's what' and have a chat and possibly think of joining us. You do not have to be a good gardener! We would also welcome folk on an *ad hoc* basis to make signs, repair seats and benches and maintain equipment. We always end our sessions with tea/coffee and biscuits so there is an opportunity for a *chin wag* too!



John Keith,
who made
our sign,
has just
made us
this
wonderful
bird table!



After work refreshments!

Last year we were fortunate to have a grant from the Mawnan Parish Council, and purchased a *Stihl* battery operated lawnmower. This year, again with the help from the Parish Council, we bought a *Stihl* strimmer which uses the same battery packs as the lawn mower. In addition to these great power tools (thank you so much MPC!), one of our best supporters, Eileen Mould from Abbeyfield, bought us a *Stihl* blower. Having all these quality tools will make our endeavours this year that much easier.

After a very wet winter, when we have some time off, we have started weeding, mowing, strimming and planting.

Last year we bought some bare root hazel plants and planted them on three sides of a rectangle to make a sheltered, hedged seating area. (Optimistically named the Hazel Arbour.) Ideally we would like a wooden bench like the one that Eileen from Abbeyfield bought us. We thought to apply for a grant from Mawnan Parish Council!
The plants are in leaf now and when they are a bit stronger we will take down the protective barrier.



The (soon to be!) Hazel Arbour.

Strimmer in Action!



Beds prepped and planted, slugs keep off!

We would like to thank all benefactors for gifts of various kinds and especially Eileen, and the Mawnan Parish Council for their continued support.

Catherine Arrondelle and the Wonderful Mawnan Community Gardeners!

May 2026

Annual Report From Friends Of Abbeyfield

May 19th 2026

We are pleased to report Scott House is full and all the residents are grateful for the last annual grant from this Parish Council

This will be spent on new chairs for their conservatory

As Friends of Abbeyfield Society we try to provide a varied programme of outings, social gatherings and participating in village activities as much as possible for the residents.

This past year they have had several visits outside the village, we often help with their transport costs, one popular one being the Sunday summer band concerts at the Falmouth Pavilions, plus the annual visit to the Pantomime here in Mawnan.

We organise a monthly bingo session open to the villagers as are the coffee mornings, we are holding one this year to celebrate Abbeyfields 70th anniversary in June.

We also have a local singing group

who entertain the residents monthly, also they have gentle keep fit sessions

Mawnan WI provide each month an afternoon tea which Trebah Gardens host which our residents really enjoy.

We provide transport and accompany them to Penryn College Christmas concert which they look forward to.

Our residents take a keen interest in village affairs and are interested in the development in the Junior Playing Field.

Like wise they are concerned that there isn't a safe crossing outside the school and their exit on to the busy main road they are delighted that the speed awareness camera had been installed and now working.

We are so fortunate they have such a dedicated and caring staff who provide an excellent lunch and tea everyday using local products whenever possible.

Thanking you once again for the support you give to Scott House

Margaret Lugg (Member of Friends of Abbeyfield Society)

MAWNAN Table Tennis Club

Mawnan Smith Parish Council AGM

19 May 2026

Hello Everyone

Mawnan Table Tennis Club has been going quite a few years now after being established by a group of friends who just wanted to enjoy playing 'ping pong'.

We currently meet on Monday evenings 7-9pm, September to May at the MCA Hall. We have two tables, bats and balls and we are always busy.

After a little publicity last year we welcomed several new members including some very keen juniors.

We invited a local Table Tennis Coach to visit us this spring and I think all who attended found her pointers useful.

Going forward, we would like to be able to take on more members and to find a second, perhaps daytime slot for more playing. But so far, everyone wants different days. Look out for posters in the village in August/September.

Pippa Colton-Taylor

Chair MTTC



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Mawnan Methodists Annual Report

For Mawnan Parish Council 2026

Mawnan Methodists continue to have a presence in our village following the closure of our Chapel 3 years ago.

We worship twice monthly on Sundays at 10.30 am in Falmouth KCM Hall as we now have a class of Falmouth Methodists, the other two Sundays we are grateful to our Anglian friends, who allow us to worship at a very reasonable rent at St Michael's at 10.30 am

We unite together if there is 5th Sunday in the Month and on special occasions such as Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest and Nativity.

We are delighted to see the renovation of our Chapel being restored into a dwelling.

Falmouth Methodist Church have now purchased a property behind Falmouths Kimberly Park, plans are now in place to start the conversion as soon as possible.

A warm welcome is extended to all who wish to attend our services.

Margaret Lugg (Steward of Mawnan Methodists)

WI

Report for Parish Council Meeting 19th May 2026

You only need to look at our WI programme to see the vast array of our regular events. Each month members of Mawnan WI are treated to coffee meet ups, book club discussions, trips to Falmouth Art Gallery and various local gardens and places of interest.

There are also regular monthly meetings, speakers, lunch dates and we have continued to take part in local community events including Run Mawnan, the Christmas Lights Switch On and supporting the school and the PTA by listening to children reading, by helping with Secret Santa present wrapping, serving refreshments at their Sports Day and their Summer fund raising events.

Each month we collect items for the food bank in Penryn - here's a staggering statistic: we take over 50 kgs per month! A team of our members provides refreshments for Cake, Chat and Company which we hold at Trebah House.

We helped at the Panto, put on Pancake Races for the children in the village and supported Trebah Military Day.

All these happen thanks to those who selflessly make them happen. A big thank you goes to them.

In addition here are some highlights since the parish's last Annual meeting:

We held a lovely workshop arranging flowers in memory of Christine Marshall. This was sponsored by her sons.

In June we held the Mawnan Trivia Trail which raised funds for Cornwall Hospice Care.

The following month, our biggest fund raiser took place at Carwinion House in aid of CHSW. This was in memory of Mary Murfin. We will remember our version of YMCA for a long time!

As the summer progressed the President's party was held in Mel's barn where we enjoyed cocktails, cream teas and had a wonderful time despite the weather.

The charity fund raising Christmas Tree made a perfect entrance for the Christmas Gift Fair which was our busiest yet and we also made Christmas care bags for St Petroc's. At the beginning of 2026 we had our annual Meet the Author evening at Kernowine and a wonderful afternoon entertainment with Will Hazell in Sampy's. In February we supported World Cancer Day with a soup lunch at Maureen and Suzanna's; it was also time to celebrate our Anniversary lunch which was held at the Falmouth Hotel. We like to arrange local visits for our members and what a treasure we found in Penryn Museum and what a delightful afternoon was spent at Bonython Garden Estate. Our spirit of adventure will continue tomorrow when we take the King Harry Ferry to St Just in Roseland Church and Interpretive Centre - look out for a report on our Facebook page!

A huge amount of organisation goes in to putting on these activities and events and we are truly grateful to everyone in the community (not just members) who has given so much of their time to make all the arrangements which contribute to our fantastic, energetic and friendly WI. We would particularly like to acknowledge the support of the Hall Committee and say a big thank you to them for the super new kitchen. We feel very fortunate to be able to hold out meetings here in such a lovely environment.

MAWNAN CRICKET CLUB

Annual Parish Council Report 2026

Last year despite being devoid of any honours was an improvement over the previous year.

Once again we fielded two teams in the lower divisions of the Cornwall League.

The 1st team improved their league position by one place finishing a solid fourth of ten teams. They were well adrift of the top three ,not helped by a couple of games lost to the elements. They were in the top three for bowling points but failed to produce that level of performance & consistency in their batting & consequently several games which they should have won slipped from their grasp.

The 2nd team in their second season since reforming once again finished winless & bottom of their league but with several more players signed on during the season they were able to fulfil most of their fixtures & play most weeks with a full team. There were several who were new to cricket so it was the start of their learning curve.

We had one player who for the second year was part of the Cornwall Disability Super 9's team that were once again SW champions & did actually reach the National semi-finals at Kidderminster where they narrowly lost out to Staffordshire.

Over the winter we have signed on 6 new players including the wicket keeper for the Super 9's so this year we should have two representatives in that squad & it shows our commitment to support the English Cricket Board's initiatives on diversity & discrimination.

We now have players from India, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Australia, Norway & Scotland originally so it is like a mini league of Nations!!

Two of the new signings live in the village & a third one has a sister living locally so the number of residents representing the Club is gradually increasing.

However even with just under 50 players in our squad it is still quite a challenge to field two full sides of 11 week after week. Like the Football Club & amateur sport in general, in this day & age of the 7 day a week business culture coupled with the ever increasing variety of leisure choices & the demands of quality family time, getting players to commit week after week is difficult.

Away from the playing side we had our square deep scarified with a specialist machine in the Autumn & reseeded. Last year we found during the prolonged dry spell that the top layer of the wickets were separating from the base due to not reseeding deep enough the previous year to get really strong root growth.

A brand new storage container was obtained in conjunction with the Football Club who obtained grants to cover most of the cost & we would like to thank the Parish Council for the grant to cover the cost of repairing the leaking old container & towards the boarding out of the new one.

We are still waiting on the contractor to repair the old container as they are flat out with work arising from all the storm damages during the winter & also can't effect a repair until there is a sustained dry period of weather.

The boarding out of the new container has been completed.