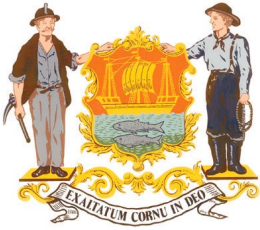


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**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE TRURO CITY COUNCIL
TO BE HELD AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 30 OCTOBER 2023 IN THE LARGE COMMUNITY
ROOM, TOP FLOOR, TRURO PUBLIC LIBRARY, UNION PLACE**

For the transaction of the under-mentioned business:-

- 1 **Prayers**
Prior to the formal business of the Council, Reverend Simon Clarke, the Mayor's Chaplain, to say prayers.
- 2 **To receive apologies for absence**
- 3 **Disclosure or Declarations of Interest**
Councillors will be asked to make disclosures or declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.
- 4 **To confirm the Minutes of Truro City Council held 25 September 2023. (Appendix 1)**
Page Nos: 66-72 (Minute Nos: 164 – 179) (*Confidential minute sent separately*)
- 5 **Open Session for Cornwall Councillors verbal, written or tabled reports (15 minutes)**
This is an opportunity to discuss Cornwall Council issues relevant to the Council. If there are any matters that require a Council decision, please notify the Town Clerk four working days before the meeting.
- 6 **Open Session for Electors of Truro – Verbal Questions (15 minutes)**
This is an opportunity for electors to raise issues with the Council. The Council is unable to make any resolutions at this meeting on any issues raised.
- 7 **To receive Communications from the Mayor** *(Appendix 2)*
- 8 **To receive Correspondence**
- 9 **Question Time pursuant to Standing Order No. 6k – Written Questions only**
Councillors may ask the Mayor or the Town Clerk questions in writing. A minimum of four clear working days is required, unless the matter is urgent, when the question must be received by the Town Clerk before twelve noon of the day of the meeting.
- 10 **To receive information and/or determine action as appropriate in the following report:**

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD 5 OCTOBER 2023 (*Appendix 3*)
Page Nos: 73-76 (Minute nos: 180-187)

MEETING OF THE PARKS & AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD 9 OCTOBER 2023
Page Nos: 77-79 (Min nos: 188 - 196) *(Appendix 4)*

MEETING OF THE FURNISS COAL COMMITTEE HELD 16 OCTOBER 2023

Page Nos: 61-65 (Min nos: 151 - 163)

(Appendix 5)

MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD 16 OCTOBER 2023

Page Nos: 80-82 (Min nos: 197 - 207) *(Confidential minute sent separately)*

(Appendix 6)

- 11 **Proper Officer's Report** *(Appendix 7)*
Parks & Amenities Manager to report.
- 12 **Community Area Partnership**
Councillor Roden to report.
- 13 **D DAY 80 - 6 June 2024** *(Appendix 8)*
Members to consider the attached.
- 14 **Climate Change and Ecology Bill** *(Appendix 9)*
Members to consider the attached.
- 15 **Polling Districts and Polling Places Review** *(Appendix 10)*
Members to consider the attached.
- 16 **To receive verbal or written reports of meetings or conferences attended by members**
If members wish the Council to pass resolutions based on their reports, the reports must be in writing and submitted to the Town Clerk at least four clear working days prior to the meeting.
- 17 **To authorise the sealing of documents to give effect to any Resolutions passed by the Council at this meeting.**

DATED this Twenty fifth of October, Two Thousand and Twenty Three



Proper Officer

**MEETING OF TRURO CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2023 at 7.00 pm
in the Large Community Room, Top Floor, Truro Public Library**

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor), Honorary Freeman Councillor Wells, Councillors Ambler, Biscoe, Mrs Carlyon, Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, Green, Nolan, Mrs Nolan, Pascoe Rabey (Deputy Mayor), Rich, Roden, Ms Southcombe, Unwin, Walker-Sunderhauf, Webb and Ms Wetherill

Also in attendance: Richard Budge, Proper Officer
Reverend Simon Clarke, Mayor's Chaplain
Mrs Joanne Trevelyan, Financial Officer

APOLOGIES: Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Hall, La Borde, Roby, Mrs Stokes, Sealy, Tamblyn

PRAYERS

Prior to the formal business of the Council, Reverend Clarke, The Mayor's Chaplain, said prayers

164 DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Committee Reports – Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, 11.09.23 (Minute 154)

Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor) declared an interest in the above item as she had received complimentary tickets, in her role as Mayor, to a recent concert held by the City of Truro Male Voice Choir

165 MINUTES OF COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24 July 2023 together with a separate confidential minute

The minutes of the above Council meeting held 24 July were received by Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor), seconded by Councillor Unwin and

RESOLVED that the Public Minutes of Council held 24 July 2023 and the associated confidential minute were considered a correct record with the following comments or corrections:

Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee 10 July 2023 (Minute 118, page 48)

Councillor Mrs Carlyon asked when the meeting referred to under minute 105, page 41 would be convened. The Proper Officer advised that as the issues were complicated the meeting could not take place until either the Town Clerk had returned, or an appointment had been made to cover the post and the postholder reviewed the issues.

Meeting of the Emergency Committee 17 July 2023 (Minute 118, page 50)

Councillor Biscoe questioned whether 'trusted' was the appropriate term to use when referring to an officer undertaking amendments, as delegated, to the Emergency Plan. The Mayor advised that she would feedback his comments to the Emergency Committee but the term had been approved as a correct record by that Committee and the Council could not amend the minutes in retrospect.

166 CORNWALL COUNCIL

Councillor Rob Nolan, Cornwall Councillor for Boscawen & Redannick

Councillor Nolan reported that there was an unauthorised encampment at County Hall and that discussions were underway with those staying there and the relevant agencies to move them on to appropriate accommodation.

On Thursday 28 September the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be discussing the issuing of body worn cameras to Anti-Social Behaviour Officers.

He had received a request to meet with the developers of Dudman Farm. Whilst he is aware there is no consensus of view with regards to the proposed development, he was willing to attend the meeting.

A Member asked a question about the progress of the narrowing works on Newham Road, Councillor Nolan agreed there was much work taking place for what appeared to be little gain to traffic management and had been advised that the BID were seeking an injunction to halt the works but had no further details.

A Member asked if the recent statement by the Prime Minister regarding the growing number of household bins would impact the implantation of the new Cornwall Council household waste collection arrangements. Councillor Nolan advised that he had attended a recent briefing on waste collection, the changes would be introduced incrementally across Cornwall and Truro would be one of the last areas. Personally, he felt the changes should be welcomed, food waste would be kept in a sealed container away from vermin, and it would help improve recycling rates across Cornwall.

Councillor Rich, Cornwall Councillor for Tregolls

Councillor Rich expressed his concerns regarding the future of the Truro Park and Ride following a statement by First Bus who run the service in which they state it is unsustainable in its current format. Changes in commuting patterns had impacted the demand for the service and he had attended a meeting with Cornwall Council officers and the Portfolio Holder for Transport where he had been advised that they remain committed to the service. He was concerned about the impact on traffic in the city centre if the service was withdrawn.

A member added that the Park and Ride had never marketed itself as an urban mass transport facility and if it did that would encourage more people to use it. Councillor Rich agreed however there was the issue of competition laws as it was not allowed to provide a bus service within its route, however some passengers did use it in this way. A member advised that he was aware of discussions around a proposed solution which was to allow the existing bus services to stop in the park and ride locations – this could result in an improved service including a Sunday shopper service. Councillor Rich thanked the Members for their views and said that the Park and Ride needed a viable and affordable fare structure designed to increase patronage. A member questioned if the views of the employees of Treliske, who were significant users of the service, would be engaged with during any future discussions, Councillor Rich agreed to put this point to the Portfolio Holder for Transport. A member advised that Greater Manchester Council were taking over control of their city's busses and Cornwall should consider this approach.

He had attended a successful cycling workshop at Malpas before the summer, which was both valuable and informative, this had been combined with a beach clean. He added that the issue of pollution in the Truro River was concerning him, and he would investigate this further as he was aware of anecdotal evidence of people getting ill after using the river.

Councillor Wells Cornwall Councillor for Moresk & Trehaverne

Councillor Wells reported that he had also attended the briefing regarding the future of the Park and Ride service and the views of Treliske have been taken into included, in particular because the original hours of service had been increased to support those on night duty. He has asked that when the future of the service has been secured that it be relaunched and promoted in Cornwall, as it was when it first started.

He advised that he was delighted that after 15 years of hard work the roads in Treffry were now all adopted by Cornwall Council to the relief of the residents of the estate.

A Member added that two Cornwall Council Highway and Infrastructure Adoption officers had worked incredibly hard to achieve this outcome and the Mayor agreed to write to thank them on behalf of the Council.

167 OPEN SESSION FOR ELECTORS OF TRURO

There were no questions or comments

168 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor's written communications were considered. A Member asked when the Council would receive an update on the Town Deal. Councillor Wells replied on behalf of the Mayor that the Lead Officer would attend to brief the Council at its next meeting in October when there would be more progress to report. It was agreed that this briefing be held at 6.30pm prior to the start of the Council meeting.

169 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

170 QUESTION TIME PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 6K – WRITTEN QUESTIONS ONLY

There were no written questions submitted.

171 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Minutes of the meetings of the under-mentioned Committees were received by the Council, with recommendations adopted except where otherwise stated.

MEETING OF THE TRURO CITY COUNCIL

3 August 2023

A Member made a comment regarding minute 132 in that he felt the outcome was regrettable and in future a wider strategic picture should be considered when making such decisions.

It was proposed by Councillor Roden, seconded by Councillor Ambler and

RESOLVED that the minutes and separate confidential minute of the Council held 3 August 2023, were considered a correct record

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

3 August 2023

As there were no recommendations to resolve, the minutes were noted

MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

7 September 2023

As there were no recommendations to resolve, the minutes were noted

MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

11 September 2023

The Mayor advised that there was a typographical error in the minutes of this meeting whereby under minute 155, 157, 158, 159 and 160 where the resolutions stated 'resolved' they were in fact 'recommended to Council'.

The Mayor advised that the confidential recommendations would be considered at the end of the agenda.

Item	Min No.	Page no.	Recommendation from Committee	Resolution
Grants	154	61	that the £500 requested is approved	This recommendation was approved Proposer: Councillor Biscoe; Seconder Councillor Roden
Management Accounts April – August 2023	155 i) & 155 ii)	62 - 63	to note the draft statement of accounts from April – August 2023 to note the report and instruct the Proper Officer to commission an urgent report on the operation of the Café for consideration by Full Council to include options to meet the budgeted financial return to the Council	These recommendations were approved Proposer: Councillor Carlyon; Seconder Councillor Ambler
Resident's Survey	156	64	not to progress a residents survey	This recommendation was approved Proposer: Councillor Carlyon; Seconder Councillor Ambler
Communications	157	64	to defer consideration of the communications policies to a future meeting	This recommendation was approved Proposer: Councillor Carlyon; Seconder Councillor Ambler
Correspondence	158	64	to note the correspondence; to delegate the Proper Officer to start a dialogue with the appropriate officers at Cornwall Council to discuss the matter arising from the work and to consider commissioning specialist advice	This recommendation was approved Proposer Councillor Carlyon; Seconder Councillor Ambler
CCTV	159	64	to delegate the Proper Officer to contact Newquay Town Council to discuss the possibility of them providing	This recommendation was approved

			CCTV services and consider a report on CCTV services at a future meeting	Proposer: Councillor Biscoe; Seconder Councillor Wells
Organisational Change	160	65	to note the report of the Organisational Change Working Party	This recommendation was approved Proposer: Councillor Pascoe; Seconder Councillor Ambler

MEETING OF THE PARKS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

18 September 2023

Prior to the consideration of these recommendations the Council received a presentation on the installation of Solar Panels at Boscawen Park and Idless by the Zero Carbon Officer.

Following a discussion, the Zero Carbon Officer confirmed that Cornwall Council would own the panels and be responsible for all maintenance and repairs to any damage. Details and implications of the fact that Cornwall Council owned the panels would be detailed in any lease. He would explore the possibility of putting solar panels on other Truro City Council buildings. He was unaware of how much income Cornwall Council would make on the project; however, Councillors should note that Truro City Council did not have the funds to implement the scheme itself, all Councils taking part in the scheme had been offered a similar deal which was not negotiable.

Item	Min No.	Page no.	Recommendation from Committee	Resolution
Installation of Solar Panels – Boscawen Park and Idless	167	66	a)The Cornwall Council project to install solar panels on the rooves of Café in the Park building, Boscawen Park and Fozzard’s Field Nursery building at Idless, be approved b)The income generated by Café in the Park be allocated to the Café budget	Following discussion, it was proposed that the recommendation be agreed in principal but amended to add the following c)A report outlining the legal implications of Cornwall Council owned solar panels being installed on a Truro City Council owned roof be considered at a future meeting of the Parks and Amenities Committee Proposer Councillor Swain (Mayor); Seconder Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons
Friends of Newbridge Park	171	68	the draft constitution as amended above, be recommended for approval by the Friends of Newbridge Park	This recommendation was approved Proposer: Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons; Seconder Councillor Rabey

MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

19 September 2023

Due to staffing issues the minutes of this meeting were not yet available.

172 PROPER OFFICER'S REPORT

In response to a question from a Member the Proper Officer reassured the Council that any impact of the proposed strike by Unite member could be mitigated and would not impact Council services.

Members agreed that their thanks be placed on record for the continued hard work and commitment of all staff and in particular the Parks and Amenities Manager (Acting Proper Officer) and the Financial Officer during recent weeks.

It was proposed by Councillor Biscoe, seconded by Councillor Webb and

RESOLVED that the report of the Proper Office be noted

173 COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Roden advised that due to an error he had not received an invitation to the first meeting of the CAP but now had the dates and would attend future meetings when possible. In his absence he had been nominated as a member of the Funding Panel. The CAP had also established a Zero Carbon working group which held its first meeting on the 20 September and was open to all Councillors to attend. The Zero Carbon Officer may also attend future meetings.

174 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF TRURO TICKET OFFICE

Councillor Mrs Swain, Mayor, introduced the item and explained that a consultation process started in July 2023 on an industry wide set of proposals. Whilst the Council had not been able to meet to debate the consultation prior to the closing date she has been approached by the local organiser of the RMT Trade Union to ask whether Truro City Council would be prepared to pass a resolution regarding the proposals.

During discussion a number of points were made, including the following:

- The role of the ticket office staff was more aligned with that of a travel agent as they could be reassured to put together complex journeys at the most economical ticket price
- The half hour shuttle service through Truro had increased passenger numbers above the national average
- Not all passengers had access to a smartphone or computer to enable them to access electronic tickets
- The experience of those using traveller assistance at stations with staffed ticket officers was much more efficient than those without – even when assistance had been booked in advance
- There had been mis-information circulated informally to Members as jobs were not at risk, the consultation was regarding the transition of ticket office staff to multi-skilled roles therefore providing more services to passengers
- The issue was not about redundancies but about restrictive practices. The plan is to use staff to work flexibly across the station rather than remain behind the counter.

It was proposed by Councillor Ambler, seconded by Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons that the consideration of any wording of a resolution be deferred until after the publication of the results of the public consultation. On a vote the proposal was lost.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor), seconded by Councillor Biscoe and

RESOLVED to:

- oppose the proposal to close ticket offices, due to the lack of a detailed assessment of the impact on those most vulnerable people in society, who may struggle to access the alternative ticket purchase options
- make further representations to the Department for Transport, the Disability Unit (Cabinet Office) and the Rail Delivery Group, should the exceptional and negative public response to the closure plans be ignored by the Government

175 MEETINGS OR CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY MEMBERS

Councillor Rabey reported on the successful recent visit by representatives from Morlaix to celebrate the twinning agreement between Truro and Morlaix. On Saturday 16 September he had attended the Climate Change event at Heartlands which was very informative.

Councillor Wetherill advised that she had attended the Roseland and Truro CAP Zero Carbon meeting and found it very useful. They intended in future to hold workshop style meetings, each concentrated on an individual topic.

176 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor) and

RESOLVED that in accordance with s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items by reason of their confidential nature

177 MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

11 September 2023
Confidential Minute

178 READMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Wells, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor) and

RESOLVED that the press and public be invited back into the meeting

179 COMMON SEAL

It was proposed by Councillor Rich, seconded by Councillor Carlyon and

RESOLVED that the Common Seal be affixed to any document or documents necessary to give effect to the resolutions passed by the Council at this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

MAYOR

Communication from the Mayor

The last few weeks have felt especially busy, but thoroughly enjoyable.

The highlight of the month has to be Truro being this year's hosts for South West in Bloom, including hosting the Mayor's Evening Reception for the judges, followed by the magnificent Presentation Ceremony held in the Cathedral the next day.



At the former, I had the joy of singing along (in sign language) with the Truro Male Choir, and at the latter my legs got very tired as I stood for over 2 hours handing out the awards, shaking hands and being photographed with the recipients.



All four entrants in the Champion of Champion Category received a Gold Award, but the Truro team were pipped at the post as overall winner by Exmouth in Bloom



More recently, a group of us joined the various media organisations at City Hall to show off and celebrate the completion of the newly refurbished Clock Tower. Each of the media teams wanted to carry out a separate interview with me, and it was a bit hard not to become repetitive when expressing my delight that the iconic structure is once again fit for purpose in the 21st century, and at hearing the chimes ringing out again across the city.



There have also been a particularly large number of ceremonial events, with a number of “openings”, including the new Climate and Eco Hub in St Austell Street, the Celebration of Culture Day on Lemon Quay and the Cornwall Federation of Women’s Institutes Annual Meeting, at which actress and historian Lesley Smith entertained us in her role as Queen Elizabeth the First.



The Mayoress and I recently spent a morning in Falmouth, where we were taken on a fascinating Tour of the Docks by the Resident Naval Officer, Trevor Brookes. I had no idea how integral Falmouth now is to the effective functioning of so many of our naval vessels.

This photograph could never have happened, as the Mayoress's phone nearly got dropped over the edge of the dry dock. Well caught, Madam Mayor!



The Mayoress and I also attended the Battle of Britain Memorial Service in Falmouth on 1 October, the Hayle Civic Service on 22 October and the Graduation Ceremony for the students of Truro & Penwith College, held on 14 October in the Cathedral under the full splendour of the Gaia installation. I doubt that any of the students will ever forget that.

The most Mayoress and I will be attending the Truro Branch launch of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal on October 29. Next month we will be taking part in the full programme of Remembrance events, including the dedication ceremony for the Field of Remembrance, and the RBL wreath laying ceremonies in the mornings of Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday as well as the Parade, wreath laying and Cathedral Service on the Sunday afternoon.

I would like to say a big “Thank you” to my support team and everyone else within the Council and beyond, who has helped me to show Truro at its very best during all these events.

Turning to the non-ceremonial side of my role, as well as the normal cycle of monthly council, committee and working group meetings, a number of important meetings have taken place this month regarding the various Towns Fund schemes, with the aim of sustained progress towards implementation and the achievement of each scheme’s objectives and outputs, despite the constraints some schemes are facing due to the worsening of the UK’s overall economic situation over the last few months and years.

Carol Swain
The Mayor of Truro
25 October 2023

Mayor's Diary Commitments September - October 2023

- 25-Sep Truro City Council meeting
- 26-Sep Town Centre Weekly meeting
- 28-Sep TCC Manager's meeting
- 29-Sep Mayors of Cornwall in person meeting
- 30-Sep Opening Mid-Cornwall Climate & Eco Hub
- 30-Sep Opening Celebration of Culture Day

- 01-Oct Battle of Britain Memorial Service, Falmouth
- 02-Oct Cornwall Federation of Women's Institutes Annual Meeting
- 02-Oct Mayor's reception prior to SWIB Awards
- 03-Oct Town Centre Weekly meeting
- 03-Oct SWIB Awards Presentation Day
- 04-Oct Meeting re Towns Fund New Life for City Buildings
- 05-Oct Langarth Stewardship Working Group
- 05-Oct Planning Committee
- 09-Oct Parks Committee
- 09-Oct Meeting with Ward Williams re Towns Fund Boscawen Park
- 10-Oct Town Centre Weekly meeting
- 10-Oct Walk around with Cllr Wells and a Cormac representative to review the condition of various pavements in the city centre
- 11-Oct Meeting with Resident Officer at Falmouth Docks
- 12-Oct TCC Manager's meeting
- 12-Oct Monthly communication meeting
- 14-Oct Truro & Penwith College Graduation Ceremony
- 16-Oct Furniss Coal Charity
- 16-Oct F & GP Committee
- 17-Oct Town Centre Weekly meeting
- 17-Oct Media session to celebrate completion of Clock Tower reconstruction
- 17-Oct Quarterly Liaison meeting with Truro BID Manager
- 19-Oct TCC Manager's meeting
- 19-Oct Towns Fund - Lemon Quay Design Workshop
- 19-Oct Lemon Quay Stakeholder Group
- 19-Oct Langarth Stewardship Working Group
- 22-Oct Hayle Civic Service
- 23-Oct Town Deal Projects Update
- 24-Oct Town Centre Weekly meeting
- 26-Oct TCC Manager's meeting
- 29-Oct Launch of British Legion Poppy Appeal
- 30-Oct Truro City Council meeting

**MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD 5 OCTOBER 2023
at 7.00 pm**

PRESENT: Councillors Ambler, Mrs Carlyon, Pascoe (Chairman), Sealy, Mrs Swain (Mayor), Wells and Wetherill.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors La Borde and Nolan
Mr Richard Budge, Proper Officer

APOLOGIES: Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Hall, Rabey (Deputy Mayor), Sunderhauf and Webb

180 DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures or declarations of interest.

181 PLANNING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 7 September 2023 were considered for accuracy.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor), seconded by Councillor Mrs Carlyon, and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held 7 September 2023 were considered a correct record.

182 PLANNING CONSULTATION

(a) Schedule 1A

Further to all Councillors of Truro City Council being given the opportunity to submit comments to applications in their Ward (by an agreed deadline), and for Members of the Planning Committee to comment on this Schedule prior to publication of the agenda for this meeting, it was proposed by Councillor Ambler, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sealy, and that it be

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained within Schedule 1A, as proposed by the Chairman, be adopted by the Planning Committee.

(b) Schedule 1B

The TCAAC recommendations for the October meeting cycle were as follows:

*(i) PA23/06035 – 12 Victora Square
Approval – No objections in principle. Subject to comments and/or conditions*

*(ii) PA23/06453 – 14-15 Lemon Street
Approval – No objections in principle. Subject to comments and/or conditions*

*(iii) PA23/06454 – 14-15 Lemon Street
Approval – No objections in principle. Subject to comments and/or conditions*

*(iv) PA23/06566 – Land to the rear of Halifax (Pydar Mews), 13-14 Pydar Street
Deferral with request to see again.*

*(v) PA23/06774 – Barclays, 20-21 Lemon Street
Approval – No objections in principle. Subject to comments and/or conditions.*

(vi) PA23/06896 – 81 Lemon Street

Approval no objections in principle. Subject to comments and/or conditions.

*(vii) PA23/07123 – Tregolls Road Milestone
Refusal – not acceptable in its current format.*

*(viii) PA23/07622 – Flat 2, Gwendroc House, Barrack Lane
Approval – no objections in principle. Subject to comments and/or conditions.*

Further to comment on this Schedule prior to publication of the agenda and at the meeting having heard the comments of the TCAAC, it was proposed by Councillor Ambler seconded by Councillor Mrs Carlyon), that it be

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained within Schedule 1B, as proposed by the Chairman, be adopted by the Planning Committee, except for applications 5a&b, which would be transferred from Schedule 1B to Schedule 2, to be considered during the meeting.

(c) Schedule 2

The Committee considered plans submitted in accordance with the planning consultation procedure, details of which are attached (Schedule 2), and, that it be

RESOLVED that Cornwall Council be informed of the following recommendations as voted upon by Truro City Council's Planning Committee: -

(i) Land End, School Lane (1)
(PA23/06374)

Approval recommended for the first floor extension subject to the larger balcony being removed, a condition that the annex cannot be sold as a separate dwelling, building hours being only between 10am and 4pm and no works carried out at weekends.

Proposer: Councillor Pascoe (Chairman)
Seconder: Councillor Ambler

(ii) Langarth Garden Village, A390, Threemilestone (2)
(PA23/06512)

Refusal recommended. Members expressed the following concerns:

1. All paths should be tarmac, gravel is not suitable;
2. the proximity of water elements to residential developments posing a danger;
3. clarification required of the effect of extensive cut and fill to the area;
4. all primary NMU networks should be considered for segregation and a clear explanation given for why this will not be achieved;
5. powering of the estate has not been finalised, an energy infrastructure should be put in place; and
6. allotments being on the north facing slope which is not the best location to grow food.

It was agreed the Chairman and the Mayor would write a detailed letter to the Case Officer to sit alongside the City Council's refusal. Members were asked to submit any comments they wished to be included in the letter by midday on Monday 9th October.

Proposer: Councillor Swain (Mayor)
Seconder: Councillor Ambler

(iii) Land South of Lamorran, Old Falmouth Road (3)

(PA23/06605)

Approval recommended for the outline planning permission with all matters reserved for construction of three dwellings subject to the dwellings being single storey, having no adverse affect on Old Falmouth Road and Arch Hill, adequate and secure drainage and storage being provided for bicycles.

Proposer: Councillor Wells
 Seconder: Councillor Mrs Carlyon

(iv) 14 Newbridge Lane (4)

(PA23/06792)

Approval recommended for the construction of a shed/outbuilding subject to it being solely used as ancillary and storage, not as habitable accommodation.

Proposer: Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor)
 Seconder: Councillor Pascoe (Chairman)

(v) 15 Gwarak Tewdar (5)

(PA23/06836)

Approval recommended for proposed extension to the existing dwelling.

Proposer: Councillor Ambler
 Seconder: Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor)

(vi) 11 Huthnance Close (6)

(PA23/06840)

Deferral recommended due to a satisfactory report having not yet been received from the Tree Officer.

Proposer: Councillor Pascoe (Chairman)
 Seconder: Councillor Ambler

183 TRURO TRANSPORT STRATEGY WORKING GROUP**Standing Item for Updates/Discussion**

There was nothing to report.

184 CORNWALL COUNCIL NOTICES**(i) Five Day Notices and Licensing.**

The report was noted.

(ii) Premises Licence Application – Walkers Fish Restaurant, 10 Bridge Street

It was proposed by Councillor Pascoe (Chairman), seconded by Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor), and

RESOLVED that the licensing application for Walkers Fish Restaurant to sell alcohol on the premises only, be approved.

185 CORNWALL & IOS NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY CONSULTATION

It was explained by a Member that Cornwall Council were running a consultation on their Nature Recovery Strategy, which would directly feed into planning and development, by guiding which areas were set aside for biodiversity offsetting and nature.

It was agreed it would be beneficial for the City Council to offer a joint response to the survey as well as identify what Members feel is important for Truro and incorporate into the Kenwyn & Neighbourhood plan.

It was proposed by Councillor Wetherill, seconded by Councillor Ambler, and

RECOMMENDED that the City Council:

- 1) Write to the local Nature Recovery Strategy team to express its interest in taking part in the Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation in respect of Truro;
- 2) Identifies its areas of priority for nature recovery on the consultation's interactive map;
- 3) Offers a joint response to the full Nature Recovery Strategy Consultation once launched.

186 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to report.

187 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman informed Members that Cornwall Council had stepped up their enforcement and were now paying attention to works being carried out without planning permission. He explained that Councillor Nolan has agreed to forward details of the enforcement notices he receives as a Cornwall Councillor for reference.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm.

Chairman

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARKS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM IN THE LARGE COMMUNITY ROOM, TOP FLOOR, TRURO COMMUNITY LIBRARY, PYDAR STREET, TRURO

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons (Chairman), Green, La Borde, Mr Nolan, Mrs Nolan, Roby, Roden, Sealy (Vice Chairman), Ms Southcombe, and Swain (Mayor).

APOLOGIES: Councillor Tamblyn.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Biscoe & Mrs Carlyon.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Budge, Parks and Amenities Manager.

188 DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

189 OPEN SESSION FOR ELECTORS OF TRURO RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA - VERBAL QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

190 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2023 AND ITS ASSOCIATED CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons (Chairman), seconded by Councillor Swain (Mayor) and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parks and Amenities Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2023 were signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments: (a) the addition of Councillor Mr & Mrs Nolan to the list of apologies & (b) Minute 172, page 68, first line deletion of "Deputy" and fourth line addition of "Deputy" before "Mayor".

191 BOSCAWEN PARK – CAFÉ IN THE PARK

The Chairman asked the Committee to consider whether dogs should be allowed in the Café in the Park because trade from regular dogwalkers was being lost to other establishments. The Parks and Amenities Manager informed Members currently dogs were not allowed in the Cafe following the advice provided by Cornwall Council's Health & Hygiene Officer. This was because dogs walked in the park, along riverside walk, on public footpaths & in the vicinity of the park tended to be dirtier than dogs visiting a City Centre café & the potential of contamination of customer's food when shaking off.

During discussion, concern was expressed at the loss of potential income to the Council, it was commented that most cafes allowed well-behaved dogs to visit & it was suggested that an area of the café could be allocated to dog owners.

It was proposed by Councillor Roden, seconded by Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons and

RECOMMENDED to Council that dogs be allowed in the Café in the Park provided they were (a) kept under control at all times & (b) kept on a lead.

192 BOSCAWEN PARK – ANNUAL END OF YEAR PLANT SALE

The Parks and Amenities Manager reported the plant sale would take place on Saturday 14 October 2023 & asked the Committee to consider nominating a charity to receive the profits. This was a resolved item due to the timescale.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons (Chairman), seconded by Councillor Swain (Mayor) and

RESOLVED that monies raised by the End of Year Plant Sale scheduled for 14 October 2023 be equally allocated to St Petroc's & Truro Foodbank Charities.

193 STANDING ITEMS**(i) BOSCAWEN PARK – DREDGING OF THE SWANPOOL – UPDATE**

The Parks and Amenities Manager reported no further work had been actioned since the meeting in September.

(ii) COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2022-2025

The Parks and Amenities Manager tabled copies of the updated plan at the meeting. He provided the following updates:

2. Boscawen Park (page 1) – The building was complete. The Changing Places Toilet was scheduled to be started by January 2024.

3. Various Allotments (page 1) – Plans for a new allotment had been drawn up & would soon be presented to Cornwall Council's Planning Department. It was anticipated cultivating would commence in the winter 2023 in preparation for letting the plots in the Spring.

11. Idless (page 3-4) – The greenhouses were being installed

13. Treffry Road (page 4) – A grant had been successfully applied for the fencing & signage was expected to be complete by January 2024.

14. Newbridge Lane (page 5) – A community group had been formally established on 4 October 2023.

A number of points were raised during discussion.

1. Various (Leats system) (page 1) - The Parks and Amenities Manager advised plans & costings were awaited from Mulberry Slip Eng. Ltd. He reminded Members this related to the supply of water to the Leats & RAM chamber. It was planned to install a separate pipe to feed the RAM because there was insufficient water currently. He agreed to add an explanatory note on the plan. He reminded the Committee that Cornwall Council had responsibility for maintaining the street leats in the City Centre & they were due to reset the granite setts which had been damaged by buses. The City Council was responsible for the water system from the Weir to the Leats (Castle Street).

2. Boscawen Park (page 1) - The Parks and Amenities Manager advised the cost of tarmacking the carpark was approximately £80K & funding would be recouped from the Towns Fund in due course. The job had been advertised on contract finder & 3 or 4 bids for work had been received. The Parks and Amenities Manager stated tarmacking of the carpark was necessary due to the Council's normal liabilities.

4. Boscawen Park (Towns Deal) (page 2) - The Parks and Amenities Manager reminded the Committee future Councils would agree which projects went ahead. Further, the Mayor announced a Special Council meeting would be scheduled for mid-November when further information about the Boscawen Park project was expected to be available. In the meantime, work was on-going.

The Parks and Amenities Manager confirmed projects covered by the work plan were funded from the Council's Capital Maintenance budget.

In relation to Daubuz Moor & the bridge project, the Parks and Amenities Manager advised the matter of transfer of land currently lay with Cornwall Council & was anticipated to take place in 2-5 years' time.

194 INFORMATION ITEMS**(i) BOSCAWEN PARK NEW TENNIS PAVILION PROJECT AND TIMELINE**

An update was covered at Minute 193 above.

(ii) IDLESS NURSERY - PROJECT AND TIMELINE UPDATE

An update had been circulated to the Committee in advance of the meeting and also mentioned at Minute 193 above.

(iii) PARKS AND AMENITIES MANAGER'S REPORT

The Parks and Amenities Manager report was tabled – See Appendix 1 to the minutes. The report was noted.

195 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no matters of correspondence.

196 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – PARKS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday 6 November 2023 starting at 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

-----CHAIRMAN

FINAL DRAFT

**MEETING OF THE FURNISS COAL DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
HELD 16 OCTOBER 2023 at 6.30 pm**

PRESENT: Chairman Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor), Councillors Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, Sealy, Ms Southcombe, Unwin, Rabey

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Richard Budge, Proper Officer
Mrs Joanne Trevelyan, Financial Officer

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Green.

2 DISCLOSURE OR DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures or declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 17 October were noted as a correct record.

4 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR 2022-23

Discussion took place around the funds available for distribution this year which stood at £15,900. It was noted that £1,489 was distributed in 21/22 and £3,740 in 22/23 and that this was lower than the anticipated income in the current financial year.

It was proposed by Councillor Swain, seconded by Councillor Sealy, and

RECOMMENDED that the Financial Accounts be noted.

5 REPORT FROM COMMUNITY ENERGY PLUS ON ACTIVITY IN 2022-23 and CONSIDERATION OF PROCESS FOR THE 2023-24 DISTRIBUTION

Members discussed the report from CEP, noting that 73 households was not a significant number bearing in mind the number of local households believed to be in fuel poverty. They noted that the map of the distribution of support across Truro showed it was an even spread. It was suggested that the reason for Councillor Rich having substantially more referrals than other Members was due to his higher profile as a Cornwall Councillor. Members stated that they had learned of reports from residents stating that the process was cumbersome, and issues had been encountered when communicating with CEP. Members felt that the scheme was poorly advertised and not necessarily reaching the most vulnerable households.

The Chairman referred to a letter she had received from Councillor Biscoe, copies of which were circulated, tendering his resignation from the Committee. In the letter he expressed a belief that the charitable disbursement should be administered directly by Truro City Council. He also expressed concerns regarding discussions between the agents and recipients regarding fuel choices which he felt was not in accordance with its Charitable aims.

Discussion took place regarding the effectiveness of CEP. CEP reported that they had encountered difficulties making third-party payments directly to fuel suppliers. The Chairman advised that CEP had stated that in future they would only offer the following options for support and would no longer provide a direct supply of coal or direct payments to energy suppliers:

1. Charis top up voucher for those with pre-payment gas or electric meters

2. Digital pre-paid Mastercard (via Charis) for households with a credit electric or gas meter
3. £50 voucher which could be redeemed for cash at a Paypoint to be used to pay for gas or electricity or to purchase coal.

During discussion Members expressed concerns regarding the restrictions put on the scheme by CEP, including the stopping of direct coal supply and direct payments to energy suppliers, regarding the risk that a redeemed cash sum might be spent on something other than fuel and about whether there might be capacity to administer the scheme directly within Truro City Council. It was felt that further discussion with CEP about the offer and an investigation of the Council's capacity to administer the scheme in house should take place before any firm decision was made for the coming year.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6.55pm and advised that the Committee would reconvene on Monday 30 October 2023 at 6.30pm.

**MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON
MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM**

PRESENT: Councillors Ambler, Biscoe, Mrs Carlyon, Mrs Eathorne-Gibbons, Rabey, Roden (Chairman), Mrs Swain (Mayor), Unwin, Webb (Vice-Chairman), Wells,

Also in attendance: Councillors Wetherill and La Borde
Mr Richard Budge, Proper Officer
Mrs Joanne Trevelyan, Financial Officer
Mr Glenn Caplin-Grey, Service Director for Economy and Skills,
Cornwall Council
Mr Matthew Pitt, Project Manager for the Town Deals, Cornwall
Council

APOLOGIES: Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Rich and Stokes

197 DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons declared an interest in Grants (item 11) due to her relationship with Truro in Bloom and Councillor Biscoe also declared an interest in Grants (item 11) due to his relationship with Truro Old Cornwall Society. Both advised that they would leave the room during the relevant discussion and debate.

198 OPEN SESSION FOR THE ELECTORS OF TRURO

There were no electors of Truro present.

199 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Roden, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor), and

RESOLVED that in accordance with s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item by reason of its confidential or special nature

200 NEW LIFE FOR CITY BUILDINGS

The Committee considered a confidential report.

201 POTENTIAL PROPERTY PURCHASE

The Committee considered a confidential report.

202 READMITTANCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was proposed by Councillor Roden, Seconded by Councillor Swain (Mayor), and

RESOLVED that the press and public be invited back to the meeting.

203 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MINUTES

Accuracy Minutes

Councillor Webb advised that he had tendered his apologies for the meeting and asked that this be noted.

It was proposed by Councillor Roden, seconded by Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor), and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 11th September 2023 together with separate confidential minute are signed as a correct record.

204 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2023

The Financial Officer advised that under Parks and Open Spaces the 2023-24 actual costs for wages should read £326k not £334k which meant that the variance was not as great as stated in the management accounts. Members noted that the Café had made a profit in August of £295.

The Financial Officer outlined her concerns arising from a number of ongoing projects that could cause cashflow issues at the year end. She had been seeking external professional support to assist her in the production of the accounts and consideration of the Council's reserves during the absence of the RFO. She had also approached the Council's internal auditors to see if they could provide the necessary support and reassurance. She advised that it was proving difficult for her to predict the year end position.

The Committee wished to place on record their gratitude to the Financial Officer for stepping up in the absence of the Town Clerk and offered her their sincere thanks.

It was proposed by Councillor Roden, Seconded by Councillor Biscoe and

RECOMMENDED to note the Management Accounts April – September 2023

205 AUDIT

The Chair advised the Committee that the current external auditors had not been able to complete their review work in time to enable publishing of the required documentation in line with statutory requirements. He added that the auditors had recently changed and that the current provider was experiencing issues nationally and the issue of non-completion was in no way reflective on the quality of the Council's accounts.

It was proposed by Councillor Roden, seconded by Councillor Biscoe and

RECOMMENDED that the External Auditor Reports for 2022/23 and 21/22 be noted and the Internal Audit Proposal for 2023 be approved.

206 GRANTS

In response to a question from a Member the Chair advised if Councillor had any questions or concerns regarding the planting in Truro, they should raise this with the Chair of the Parks Committee.

As Councillor Eathorne-Gibbons had declared an interest in the above item she left the meeting. Following discussion Members agreed they were in full support of this application for Grant Funding.

It was proposed by Councillor Ambler, seconded by Councillor Unwin and

RECOMMENDED that the sum of £1,000 be granted to Truro in Bloom.

As Councillor Biscoe had declared an interest in the above item he left the meeting. Following discussion, Members agreed they were in full support of this application for

grant funding. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Swain (Mayor), seconded by Councillor Unwin, and

RECOMMENDED that the sum of £300 be granted to Truro Civic Society.

207 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chair advised that no correspondence had been received.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

CHAIRMAN

Full Council Meeting**30th October 2023****Item 11****Proper Officer's Report****Acting Proper officer**

Unfortunately, we have received notice of absence for the Town Clerk for a further period. We are all wishing him a speedy return.

I am happy to continue for a further period to cover this role until such time we appoint a Deputy Town Clerk. The sifting process will take place on Wednesday the 1st November.

The Town Hall clock

Last week we had a small ceremony for the unveiling of the refurbished Town Hall clock. Kier have to return to undertake some snagging work and Fox Construction will return in three weeks to paint the new plaster in the Council Chamber, once dry.

National Britain in Bloom results

The Chairman of Parks, a member of the parks staff and myself attended the presentation at the RHS Headquarters in Vincent Square, London.

I am pleased to report we received a Gold award, one of only three awarded in our category of ten entries.

Responsible Finance Officer

We have been in the process of trying to appoint a temporary RFO to help us prepare our estimates. Hopefully I will be able to update further verbally at the meeting.

RECOMMENDED:

That the report be noted.

Richard Budge
Acting Proper officer
25th October 2023

Council
30 October 2023

D DAY 80 – 6 JUNE 2024

On 6 June 2024, the nation will be marking the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed.

Starting on that date, Operation Overlord saw around 4,000 ships and landing craft set down about 132,500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation.

The bravery and sacrifice of those people in securing the peace and freedom we enjoy today will be observed by the lighting of beacons around the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

This is our city and our country's opportunity to remember over 209,000 Allied casualties of Operation Overlord. This includes nearly 37,000 ground forces and 16,714 air forces killed in the invasion of Normandy's Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches, and the long and bloody campaign that followed.

Beacons will be lit on all five beaches to remember those who died or came home wounded.

In addition, villages, towns, cities and organisations of all sizes throughout the UK have been asked to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day by lighting a beacon at 9.15pm on 6th June 2024, in celebration of the 'light of peace' that emerged out of the darkness of war, followed by an event to commemorate one of the most momentous achievements in living memory.

Details of how to participate are given on pages 31 and 32 of the attached Guide document.

Recommendation

That the Proper Officer

- i) works with the Mayor, the Town Crier and the Events team to engage with partner organisations, including the Lieutenancy, Cornwall Council, the Truro Branch of the Royal British Legion and Truro BID, to develop a programme of activities to mark the anniversary of D Day, including as a minimum the reading of the Proclamation at 8 am and the lighting of a beacon at 9:15 pm followed by the reading of the Tribute.
- ii) submits a fuller report to the Finance & General Purposes Committee in January including the estimated costs that would fall on the City Council and the source of funding that has been identified.

Cllr. Carol Swain

The Mayor of Truro

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D-DAY 6 JUNE 2024

THE LARGEST NAVAL, AIR AND LAND OPERATION IN HISTORY

In association with
 The Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers Charity, RAF Benevolent Fund, The Merchant Navy Association & The Normandy Memorial Trust

U.S. troops landing on Omaha Beach.
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*British troops landing on Gold Beach.
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THE PRIME MINISTER

I am honoured to support the 80th anniversary celebrations to commemorate D-Day.

D-Day on 6 June 1944 was the largest Naval, Air and land Operation in history, involving many hundreds of thousands of brave men who had to leave their families at home, not knowing if they would ever return home, a feat we hope will never have to take place again.

The heroism of those who landed on the shores of the Normandy beaches, represented a beacon of light for the world during a particularly dark period of war. It is therefore fitting that local communities throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and those along the shorelines of Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches in Normandy, France, should light Beacons on 6 June 2024, in 'tribute' to the light of peace that they brought out from the misery of darkness during that dreadful campaign, of which many unfortunately did not return.

I am therefore delighted to support this initiative and I urge communities across the country to support this event. I would like to pay particular tribute to Pageantmaster, Bruno Peck for his tremendous efforts in leading these historic celebrations. It also gives me great pleasure in congratulating The Royal Naval Association, The Merchant Navy Association, The Royal Airforce Benevolent Fund and ABF The Soldiers Charity for their remarkable efforts in supporting our service personnel, along with their families.

As we look forward to the future, I believe we should take strength from the shared hardship of our experience during World War II. That future is why so many of our service men gave their lives – and protecting the peace they fought for is the greatest way we can honour those who fell.

February 2023

The Royal Navy

Admiral Sir Ben Key KCB CBE ADC - First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff



On 6 June 1944, Operations Neptune and Overlord unfolded. Meticulously planned over the course of years, they set the stage for one of humanity's most audacious military campaigns as the Allies sought to retake Western Europe from the Nazis. In planning and execution, the synchronised movements of hundreds of thousands of personnel and millions of tonnes of steel by sea and air onto the land, paved the way for extraordinary success.

In 2024 we will gather to celebrate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The numbers of those who remain grow fewer every year but their deeds remain as inspiring as ever. They sailed offshore, flew overhead and stormed the beaches, facing down incredible odds with unwavering resolve. Their footsteps are forever etched in history's sands and their bravery reflects the highest of human courage and determination.

The Royal Navy is delighted to participate in the lighting of beacons on 6 June 2024 to pay tribute to all those who took part in D-Day, whether as part of the landings or supporting from the United Kingdom. The values that those involved were fighting for are ones that we continue to uphold – peace, freedom and democracy. Through this endeavour, we can connect communities across the country in memory of all those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Admiral Sir Ben Key KCB CBE ADC
First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff



Introduction

Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster

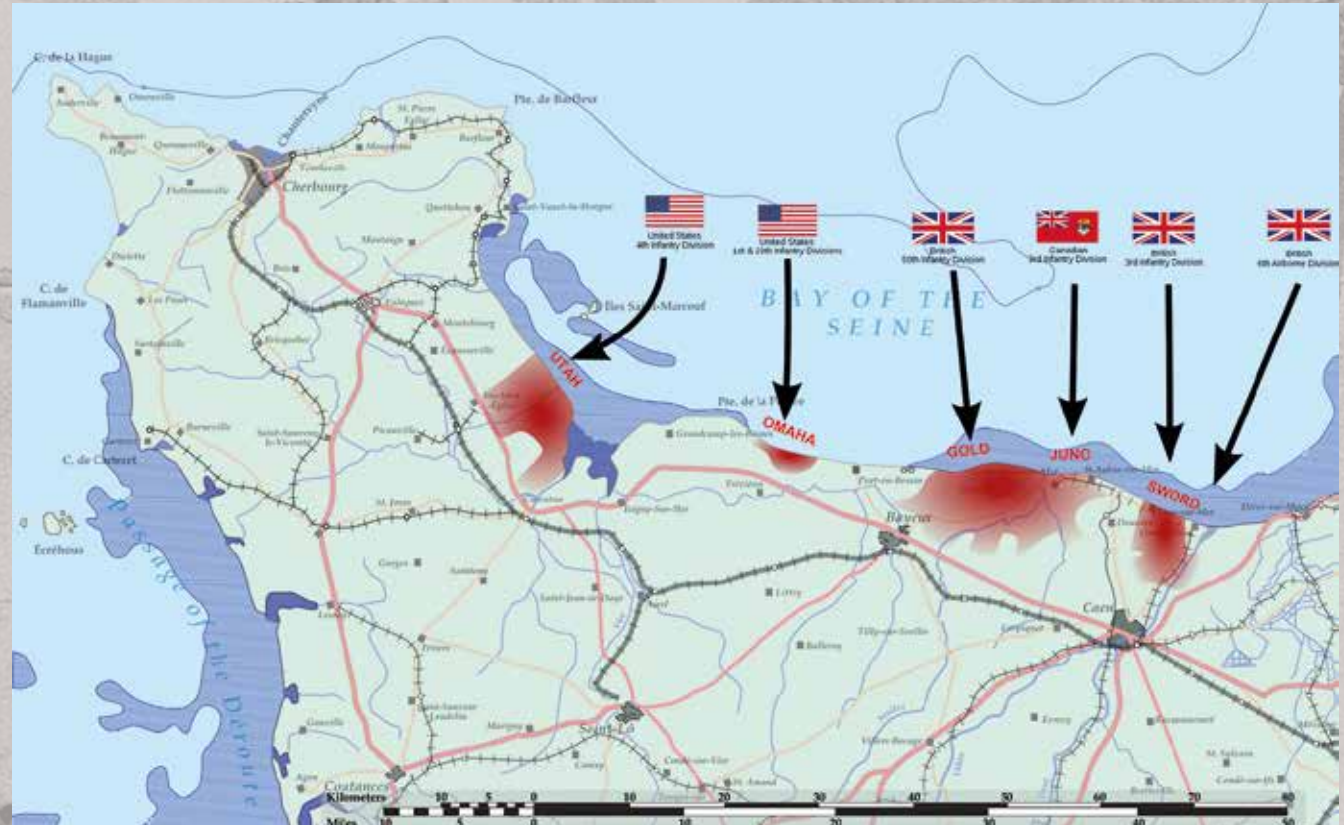


The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed. In 1944 Operation Overlord saw around 4,000 ships and landing craft set down about 132,500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation.

The bravery and sacrifice of those people in securing the peace and freedom we enjoy today will be observed by the lighting of beacons around the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. I hope your community will join us.

We are asking villages, towns, cities and organisations of all sizes to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day by lighting a beacon at **9.15pm** on 6th June 2024, in celebration of the 'light of peace' that emerged out of the darkness of war, followed by an event to commemorate one of the most momentous achievements in living memory. Your event could be devoted to raising valuable funds for The Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers' Charity, The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and The Merchant Navy Association. You will find details of how to participate on **pages 31 and 32** of this guide.

It is our country's opportunity to remember over 209,000 Allied casualties of Operation Overlord. This includes nearly 37,000 ground forces and 16,714 air forces killed in the invasion of Normandy's Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword beaches, and the long and bloody campaign that followed. We plan to light beacons on all five beaches to remember those who died or came home wounded.



Plan for landings in Normandy June 1944. Background photo: British troops landing on Sword Beach. © Robert Hunt Library/Mary Evans Picture Library.

The statistics behind the successful operation, which eventually convinced the Nazi high command that their defeat was inevitable, are both shocking and awe inspiring. German defence forces were drawn away from Normandy by distraction tactics as resources were secretly built up on the English coast.

Nine million tonnes of supplies and equipment were shipped across the Atlantic and 1.4 million American servicemen arrived to

join a substantial contingent of Canadian forces. By 1944 over two million troops from 12 countries were in Britain preparing for the invasion. On D-Day, American, British and Canadian troops were augmented by personnel from Australia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, the Netherlands, France, Greece, New Zealand, Norway, Rhodesia and Poland. Soon after midnight on 6th June, more than 180,000 Allied paratroopers were dropped into the invasion area, and Allied air crews flew 14,674 sorties to support the landings.



Operation Neptune, the naval phase of the campaign, saw nearly 7,000 vessels, including battleships, destroyers, minesweepers and assault craft, escorting and landing the ground troops on the beaches and bombarding German coastal defences.



There were approximately 156,000 Allied troops that landed in Normandy by sea and air on D-Day, of whom around 130,000 landed on the beaches, so you might be surprised to learn that despite the extraordinary courage displayed by so many on 6th June 1944, just one Victoria Cross was awarded. It went to **Company Sergeant Major Stanley Hollis** of the 6th Battalion, The Green Howards, who landed on Gold Beach. During an intense day of fighting, Stan Hollis took two enemy pillboxes and a field gun and crew, capturing 30 Germans single-handedly. The citation for the Yorkshireman's VC, presented by King George VI, says: "It was largely



Company Sergeant Major Stanley Hollis VC. © Imperial War Museum.

through his heroism and resource that the Company's objectives were gained and casualties were not heavier, and by his own bravery he saved the lives of many of his men."

Already battle-hardened at the age of 31, Stan should have been one of the most famous soldiers of WW2 but was a naturally modest man and after the war worked in a number of trades before becoming a publican.

His earliest job, however, was working in his father's fish and chip shop in Robin Hood's Bay. Fittingly, fish and chips will play a major part in the



D-Day 80 commemorations. They were never rationed during the war and the words were even used as code by British paratroopers dropped behind enemy lines to identify friendly soldiers nearby – one calling out 'fish' and hopefully getting the reply 'chips'.

Thanks to the generous support and involvement of National Fish and Chip Day and the National Federation of Fish Friers, many thousands of fish and chip shops around the United Kingdom will take part in the day's activities. Schools, pubs, hotels and restaurants etc, are also encouraged to get involved by serving up this great British tradition in tribute to those who gave so much, and to raise valuable funds for the four charities involved.



Cap badge of the Yorkshire Regiment.

The International 80th Anniversary D-Day Beacon will be lit in Normandy at **8.15pm** (British Summer Time), at the British Normandy Memorial overlooking Gold Beach, with the other Beacons located on Utah, Omaha, Juno and Sword beaches being lit at **8.30pm** BST, followed by the Principal United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man Beacon at Portsmouth, England at **9.15pm** BST. As the Beacons are lit, we would ask all communities in France and the UK to stop what



they are doing and undertake **The International Tribute**, using the wording found on **page 18**. This could be undertaken by your Lord Mayor, Mayor, High Steward, Town and Parish Clerk, Town Crier, Pub Landlord or even a young person from one of your local youth organisations etc, paying their tribute to those who gave so much to enable us to enjoy the many years of peace and freedom we have enjoyed since the Second World War. Pubs up and down the country will be marking this moment too, involving their customers.

D-Day was a monumental campaign to rid Europe of Nazi horror, and the 80th anniversary of this remarkable operation deserves the recognition and gratitude of our country. Please join us on 6th June 2024 to commemorate the sacrifices made by so many in our name.



Bruno Peek

Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR

Pageantmaster

D-Day 80 Anniversary 6 June 2024

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Women who played key roles during D-Day

Women played key roles in D-Day, the Allied assault on Nazi-held France that is the largest amphibious invasion in history.

People tend to think women were just secretarial couriers and messengers. No, there were female special forces agents on the ground and working to keep the Allies from being blown back into the water.



Sister Mollie Evershed.

Among those who lost their lives during D-Day and the Battle of Normandy are two women, both nurses, 27-year-old **Sister Mollie Evershed** and **Sister Dorothy Anyta Field**, 32.

Sister Evershed was on a Hospital Carrier ship, the Amsterdam, treating casualties from Juno Beach when the ship hit a mine.

As it sank, she and another nurse went below decks and carried 75 men to safety, helping them into a waiting lifeboat. But she and her fellow nurse went down with the ship.

She was posthumously mentioned in dispatches and awarded the King's Commendation for Brave Conduct.



Sister Dorothy Anyta Field.

In addition to the men who took part in that invasion, many women – including Women Airforce Service Pilots – also risked their lives on June 6, 1944. Women also played pivotal roles in war efforts throughout history, assuming the roles of nurses, spies, code breakers, journalists and so much more.



Lise de Baissac.

37-year-old **Lise de Baissac**, the daughter of a wealthy family in British-ruled Mauritius, was in France when Hitler's troops moved into Paris in 1940. She fled to the south and then to London. When the SOE started recruiting multilingual women as agents, she joined the fight.

After parachuting into Central France, de Baissac set up an Allied safe house for agents in the town of Poitiers in western France, selecting an apartment near Gestapo headquarters - a hiding-in-plain-sight strategy she felt would arouse less suspicion.

She bicycled around occupied territory as a liaison among different underground networks, often riding 60-70 kilometres a day and carrying contraband. On one occasion, a Nazi stopped her and her clandestine radio operator, patting them down. The officer searched them for guns, which they didn't have, so he let them go. She'd later report that a radio crystal fell out of her skirt as she was leaving but that she leaned over, grabbed the crystal off the ground, and pedalled on.

In August of 1943, when her network in Poitiers was blown, the SOE airlifted her back to England by Lysander aircraft. She trained new female SOE recruits in Scotland. In April of 1944, after recovering from a broken leg, she jumped back into occupied France. She made her way to Normandy, joining her brother, fellow SOE agent Claude de Baissac, in leading a network of Resistance fighters in Normandy. They carried out attacks to weaken Nazi communication and transportation circuits, strategically cutting phone lines and blowing up roads, railways, and bridges to hinder the movement of German reinforcements Hitler was ordering to the beaches.

On June 5, 1944, de Baissac was in Paris recruiting when she learned D-Day was imminent. She biked for three days, speeding through Nazi formations, sleeping in ditches, and reaching her brother and their Resistance circuit headquarters in Normandy.

As the bloody Normandy campaign raged and the Allies struggled to penetrate the Axis front, the de Baissacs continued leading espionage and sabotage operations. They gathered intelligence on enemy positions and transmitted messages back to England, helping lay the groundwork for Operation Cobra, the Allied breakout in which U.S. Army forces came out of the peninsula and pierced Hitler's front line seven weeks after D-Day.

After the war, she worked for the BBC.



Martha Gellhorn.

Martha Gellhorn was not ready to bow out.

On the night of June 5, 1944, before the ships departed for Normandy, Gellhorn made her way to the waterfront on the pretext of interviewing the nurses aboard a hospital ship. Once on board, she hid herself in the bathroom. Gellhorn knew that if she got caught, she would lose her accreditation

and might even get deported back to America. Still, to witness the great invasion was worth the risk. Gellhorn remained in her hideout for several hours and only emerged when the ship was well on her way to France. Later that night, after the troops had landed and the massacre on the beach was finally over, Gellhorn sneaked ashore with a couple of doctors and medics as a stretcher bearer to collect the wounded. In the chaos of the war, nobody gave a damn that Gellhorn was a woman.



D-Day 80 Proclamation

8am - 6th June 2024

Oyez, Oyez, Oyez

Today we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France - an incredible achievement in military planning and logistics uniting brave service personnel from air, sea and land forces at the beginning of Operation Overlord.

By the day's end, over one hundred and fifty thousand Allied troops had successfully stormed the now famous Gold, Juno, Sword, Utah and Omaha beaches to achieve a toehold in France.

In the weeks that followed, the Allies fought bitterly against a determined foe from the unforgiving countryside of Normandy to the liberation of Paris two months later.

We should all remember and never forget the selfless sacrifice and courage of all those involved and use this Commemoration to pay our tribute to those who gave so much to secure the freedom we all enjoy today.

God Save the King

Christian Ashdown

Ex Household Cavalry



Poem for Schools D-Day Heroes

To be undertaken by Schools at 11am - 6th June 2024

It is D-Day, the Sixth of June Nineteen-Forty-Four.
Operation Overlord commenced, leaving the world in awe.
The planning started in Nineteen-Forty-three.
Bringing Allies together, to make our World free.
Deception was used, codenamed Operation Bodyguard.
Making rubber tanks and wooden planes as a façade.
An American unit was formed for General Omar Bradley.
Then a web of lies was spread, by his Ghost Army.
Much more was done, to keep the Germans in the dark.
Before the Allies on foreign shores, could disembark.
Everything was Most Secret and kept Hush Hush.
As Allies gathered resources, for their big push.
The Allied Supreme Commander was General Dwight Eisenhower.
With General (Monty) Montgomery as Temporary Ground Commander.
Eleven Thousand Aircraft and Gliders with Paratroopers and Soldiers.
Were dropped behind enemy lines to secure the area.
More than Five-thousand ships, the biggest Armada ever seen.
Sailed from British shores and our fields of green.
Monty's battle plan was written, on one sheet of paper.
Set for June the Fifth, the Day of their departure.
But bad weather, caused a Twenty-four-hour delay.
Then conditions changed, and they got underway.
British, American, Canadian and many other countries, were together thrown.
Going to fight a War, something many had never known.
Over One Hundred and Fifty-Thousand men of every creed.
Will perform acts of courage, that must succeed.
There were Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and the Merchant Navy.
Many Civilians who volunteered to fight against Nazi tyranny.
Over the English Channel and to Normandy, France will go.
To land on beaches called Sword, Gold, Utah, Omaha and Juno.
Were they afraid? Yes! they most certainly were.
But the world must be saved, that was their spur.
The German defences were called, the Atlantic Wall.
Hitler told Field-Marshal Rommel, he must, the Allies stall.
The Allies landed Twenty-Four-Thousand troops on D-Day.
Commencing at Six-Thirty, then things went into disarray.
Wind and rough seas helped landing craft, miss their mark.

Putting the plan in jeopardy from the start.
Fierce resistance was put up, by Germans guarding the beaches.
The time had come to fight, no further need for speeches.
Beaches were Mined, Barbed wire laid, metal tripods and many hazards.
Were set to kill, maim and make things awkward.
Over Ten-Thousand casualties, the Allies had that first day.
With over Four-Thousand dead, a heavy price to pay.
D-Day made Heroes, in that hell unknown.
Helping turn the Tide of War, as the Enemy were overthrown.

Roy Palmer - Chelsea Pensioner and Herald
Royal Hospital Chelsea.



Poem for Schools D-Day Heroes

Bramble Hall

Children's Pre-School and Nursery

School first established in 1864



During the Blitz there were 7,736 children killed by enemy actions. A further 7,672 were recorded as being seriously injured, with many of them being orphaned and others losing brothers and sisters.

Over 1.5 million evacuees, or 'unattended children' as they were called at the time, were transported from towns and cities to the countryside.

D-Day or Operation Neptune was the largest amphibious invasion in the history of warfare and could not have been achieved unless victory had been achieved in the Battle of the Atlantic in May 1943.

The children listened to the poem written by Roy Palmer Herald and Chelsea Pensioner, The Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and would like to encourage every school of all ages in the country to take part in this unique 'tribute' to the many thousands of children killed by enemy action and over 1.5 million evacuees, or 'unattended children', at 11am on 6th June 2024.

They all made their own union flags, and the poem could be read out by the form teacher, or a pupil.

The children will also be served fish and chips with mushy peas for lunch that day, as they want to support the fishermen who fished the seas avoiding the mines and the German submarines, along with the men and women who farmed the fields to keep the nation fed, not knowing if their loved ones would return.

The poem can be found on page 9 of this guide.



John Sail MNM MNI MloS

Managing Director
Bramble Hall Day Nursery,
Station Road, Sutterton, Boston, England.



A Fisherman's Tale

by The National Federation of Fisherman's Organisations

11 months of hard fighting and sacrifice still lay ahead before the fall of Berlin in May 1945, but D-Day, on 6th June 1944, marked the beginning of the liberation of Europe from Nazi tyranny. Fishermen played multiple roles in holding off the aggressors and in the final defeat of fascism in Europe. Skilled seamen in their own right, many fishers fought directly in the Royal Navy and other services in multiple theatres of war. Famously, trawlers and their crews were requisitioned and adapted to minesweeping and coastal patrol functions, defending our coasts until the fight could be taken to the enemy. Many fishing vessels from the continent escaped as the Nazis advanced, to continue fishing from ports like Fleetwood in the Irish Sea, helping to break the U-boat blockade

and its attempt to starve Britain into submission. The Shetland Bus, run on fishing vessels, was an essential escape route, then a key element in the Resistance in Norway.

Famously, fishing vessels were prominent amongst the flotilla of small boats which helped embark the embattled army from the beaches of Dunkirk, allowing Britain's survival as a fighting force and ability to return on D-Day to begin the liberation.

We, in the fishing industry, would like to add our voice to those who mark this pivotal day in world history and salute all who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our freedoms and urge all those taking part in the 80th anniversary commemorations on 6th June 2024, to serve up and eat Fish and Chips with Mushy Peas on board ship that evening, along with lighting a ship's lantern at 9.15pm. This will coincide with the lighting of the beacons throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and on the five beaches in Normandy, France, in celebration of the 'light of peace that emerged from the darkness of war'. We will use this historic occasion to pay tribute to the brave fisherman that fished the dangerous seas during the difficult time of war, having to leave loved ones at home, to keep the nation fed. (We also ask those taking part to sound their ships horn at 9.15pm).

Paul Gilson
President of the
National Federation of
Fishermen's Organisations



*British trawlers minesweeping
in the North Sea. © John Jones.*



Lydia Eva steams ahead in tribute to the fishing industry

The Lydia Eva & Mincarolo Charitable Trust is extremely delighted, honoured and proud to be involved in the D-Day 80 Commemorations on 6 June 2024, by inviting guests on board that evening for a Fish & Chip supper, along with lighting a brass ships lantern at 9.15pm to coincide with the thousands of Beacons being lit at that time throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Oversea Territories on the five following Beaches in Normandy, France - Sword, Utah, Omaha, Gold and Juno, representing the 'light of peace that emerged from the darkness of war'. (The ships horn will also be sounded at 9.15pm).

The Lydia Eva, the world's last surviving steam-powered herring drifter, was built in 1930, fished along the East Coast of the North Sea for nine years and was bought by The Royal Air Force in 1939, using her to maintain and service buoys around the West coast.

In 1942 she was requisitioned by the Ministry of War Transport and became engaged in salvage work. In 1966 she was transferred to the Marine Services Division of The Royal Navy where she was fitted with a new boiler.

It is only fitting therefore, that she should play this unique maritime role in D-Day 80, enabling her crew and those guests on board to pay their 'tribute' to those brave

seaman who fished the dangerous seas and assisted in the D-Day landings, constantly having to dodge the mines and the German Submarines eighty years ago on 6th June 2024.

With the above in mind, we would like to encourage the whole of the UK fishing fleet and maritime world to join us in this special, simple, but meaningful way in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings on 6th June 2024.

Paul Mitchell
Chairman,
The Lydia & Mincarolo
Charitable Trust





NATIONAL FISH & CHIP DAY

The biggest food awareness day of the year, National Fish and Chip Day, will be back in 2024 for its 9th year and we are delighted to be moving the day from its traditional Friday slot to Thursday 6th June 2024, in support of the D-Day 80th celebrations.

National Fish and Chip Day has always brought the nation together to celebrate this iconic dish, and because of the strong links fish and chips had with WW2, we knew we wanted to be a part of this commemoration. Fish and chips are often considered the British national dish and this humble meal was a vital ingredient of the war effort in both the First and Second World Wars. The British Government safeguarded the supply of fish and potatoes during both world wars to ensure the dish remained a boost to morale and these foods were among the few not to be subject to rationing during both world wars.

One of the highlights of National Fish and Chip Day has always been the London roadshow, held at Trinity House, a charity dedicated to safeguarding shipping and seafarers, providing education, support and welfare to the seafaring community. During WW2, Trinity House worked extensively with the Admiralty to decide which lights on the many lighthouses and lightvessels should be merely dimmed, and not extinguished, to aid navigation for Britain's merchant and fighting ships. Trinity House Pilots worked through the nights to get ships into safe ports, and Trinity House Tenders worked

to help clear minefields, evacuate the occupied Channel Islands and take part in the events of D-Day. So, this spiritual home of the London Roadshow will be even more significant next year.

National Fish and Chip Day recognises and thanks everyone involved in bringing fish and chips to the centre of every community; from the fishers who go out in all weathers to catch the delicious fish, and the farmers who grow and harvest the perfect potatoes and peas, to the fish and chip shops and restaurants who take those fresh ingredients and create our family favourite.

What better way to do this in 2024 than by helping to sell 150,000 portions of fish and chips on Thursday 6th June to mark the number of Allied troops that landed in Normandy by sea and air on D-Day. To join this celebration on the 80th Anniversary of D-Day marks our appreciation for the incredible sacrifice made by so many to secure the freedom that we all continue to enjoy today.

National Fish and Chip Day is championed and run by trade organisation, **The National Edible Oil Distributors' Association**, who founded the Day in 2015 and since its inception, more than half the population have seen, heard or read about National Fish & Chip Day.

Visit www.nationalfishandchipday.org.uk to find out more.



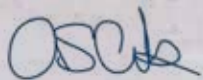
National Federation of Fish Friers

For over 160 years fish and chips have been a firm favourite of the British public providing nourishment for the nation. This was never more important than during the war years where the ingredients were left unrationed to help feed those involved in the war effort and keep the country and our factories working.

The National Federation of Fish Friers is proud to be involved in the commemorations to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on 6th June 2024, and we would encourage all fish and chip outlets to get involved to show our appreciation for what those brave souls did to protect our freedom and our thanks for the continued protection provided by our armed forces.

There were approximately 156,000 Allied troops that landed in Normandy by sea and air on D-Day, so we are hoping to sell 156,000 portions of fish and chips (and mushy peas) across the country that day representing a portion for each one involved in the landings. For each portion sold, we ask that £1.00 be equally divided between the four charities involved - The Royal Navy and Merchant Navy Associations, Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund and ABF The Soldiers' Charity.

This will just form part of what promises to be an amazing event and a fantastic opportunity to show the important role our industry has played and why we hold a special place in the heart of the nation.



Andrew Crook

President of the National Federation of Fish Friers



There can be no greater coincidence that during WW2 Winston Churchill coined the term 'Good Companions' for the traditional British dish of fish and chips and the connection with the only recipient of the Victoria Cross on D-Day, CSM Stanley Hollis VC, who had started his working life in his father's fish and chip shop in Robin Hood's Bay.



Let us all Dig Deep for Victory

It was with great delight that Chippy Chat have been asked to be part of the D-DAY 80 Anniversary on June 6, 2024. We will join forces with our friends and colleagues at the National Federation of Fish Friers and NEODA to encourage as many people as possible to eat fish and chips on the day and for our shops to donate a percentage per portion to raise as much money as possible for the four charities.

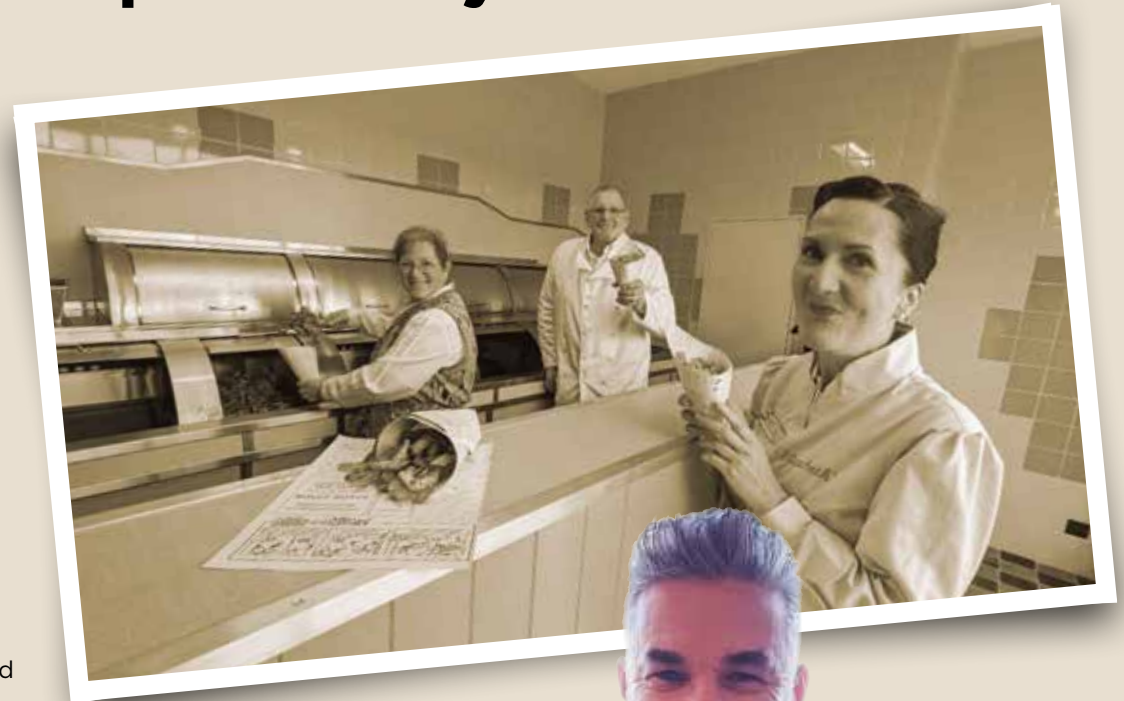
My name is Austen Dack and I am the Publishing Editor of Chippy Chat. Our fish and chip platform is read by over 50,000 people a month both online, in print and across numerous social network sites. I'm proud to work with Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster back in 2000 when he championed the mighty fine beacon campaign. He has lost little of his enthusiasm in the ensuing 20 years and very few would turn down a phone call of help once again from such a legend.

The owners of Chippy Chat are Isle of Ely Produce. They grow and sell over 2000 tonnes of chipping potatoes every year for fish and chip shops and food service. That's 80m portions of chips. Chippy Chat is used by IOE to nurture and grow partnerships across the industry. We are very passionate about the journey of a potato, all the way from seed to the frier. So much so we have sponsored an award at the NFFF National Fish & Chip Awards for the chip shop who has the best all round knowledge of potato varieties, storage, prepping and of course frying. We are joined in this sponsorship by chip variety Babylon from Agrico.

We deal with over 300 merchants and farmers. We will be asking them all to help us raise awareness of this important day and in turn encourage the UK's 10,000 fish and chip shops to take part. As we speak the 2024 crop is now being planted. A big percentage of the chipping potatoes needed to feed the UK are grown in the East of England. We are based in Ely, Cambridgeshire where some of the best varieties are grown in the region's dark peaty soils.

AJ Dack

Austen Dack Publishing Editor Chippy Chat



Country Women Countrywide 'dig up' the Nation's favourite



What a privilege it was when Bruno Peek, Pageantmaster of D-Day 80 invited Country Women Countrywide to design a menu to accompany the national lighting of beacons event for D-Day 80. It was an added honour that we were also asked to relate our suggestion to the memory of the only serviceman to receive the esteemed Victoria Cross for his heroic actions on 6 June 1944 – D-Day. Our brief required us to create a simple readily accessible menu to include quintessentially British food.

It was clear that some research into the background of this brave, yet modest, soldier would be necessary and we could never have guessed where the information gained would lead us. It would indeed take us to a simple, yet hugely significant, solution.

'Our soldier' Company Sergeant Major (CSM) Stanley Hollis VC had served in The Green Howards throughout WW2. Looking at his background prior to joining the army it was revealed that Stanley had assisted his father in the family's fish and chip shop in Robin Hood's Bay, in Yorkshire. Would this be our first clue? Where to next?

We all took on board this connection and following contact with the President of the Federation of Fish Friers discovered another interesting fact. 'FISH' and 'CHIPS' had played a significant role in ensuring the safety of our troops whilst on foreign soil. When a soldier was aware of others in the vicinity but unaware of whether they were friend or foe he called out 'FISH'. If the response was 'CHIPS' he could be pretty certain that this unseen person was a 'friend'. If no response was received then it would be highly likely that there was a 'foe' nearby and extreme caution was essential.

So, should we be taking the connection with fish and chips more seriously? There was clearly resonance with our soldier, Stanley.

The next fact to emerge was that during both the World Wars fish and chips was considered so key to maintaining the morale of the nation that, unlike meat, cheese, eggs and other sources of protein, fish was never rationed. During WW2, the Government of the day, led of course by Winston Churchill, was committed to safeguarding the accessibility of fish and chips because the nation needed it to maintain spirits. It was Winston Churchill himself that coined the phrase 'The Good Companions' to refer to fish and chips, further highlighting its importance to the nation's morale.

However, whilst the main ingredient – the fish – was not rationed, it was expensive which rendered it out of reach financially for many and it would not have been economically possible to live on fish and chips. Whilst we can accept that the waters around our island would not be the safest place to be during WW2 it was also the case that many fishing boats particularly trawlers were requisitioned, along with their crew, for war service not least during the evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940. This left a smaller fishing fleet often run by the wives of the now serving fishermen; those wives would have in the past been engaged in making and repairing nets and gutting the fish once landed. Now they were fishermen as well. This reduced



Sir Winston Churchill was sure that fish and chips helped keep national morale high and called them our 'good companions'.

fishing activity and the inevitably limited safe waters in which to fish reduced the catch and had the knock on effect of increasing the price. Even if a family could afford fish and chips it was likely that a single portion would be shared between parents and a number of children. It was even more likely that a portion or two of much cheaper mushy peas would be purchased to stretch the meal further.

And so, our journey has led us to identify, not a menu, but a single dish to link 'our soldier' to the beacon lightings across the land - and clearly that dish must be 'fish and chips' – potentially with the added and equally traditional mushy peas which helped to bulk up a meal for a very hungry population during the times of rationing.

Given that the beginnings of our organisation date back to 1948, under the name of Farm Women's Club, it is fitting that Country Women Countrywide was invited to become involved in this historic event. Some of our older members will have first-hand memories of growing up in the war years, possibly 'digging up spuds' or harvesting peas. For others it would have been their mothers, aunts and grandmothers who were working the land at a time when many of the menfolk were away at war – and possibly did not return.

And now there is a challenge for all of us. Fish and chips has been decided upon in honour of CSM Stanley Hollis VC and brave and decorated though he was, he was just one soldier. There were approximately 156,000 Allied troops that landed in Normandy by sea and air on D-Day, of whom around 130,000 landed on the beaches, so wouldn't it be a fitting tribute if we could honour their bravery by consuming a total of at least 156,000 portions of fish and chips (and mushy peas) on 6th June 2024.

Christine Bish
on behalf of Country Women Countrywide



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D-Day 80 on Hadrian's Wall



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The communities along Hadrian's Wall will be lighting beacons on 6th June 2024 to commemorate this important 80th anniversary, acknowledging the men and women, families and communities who all contributed to Operation Overlord. We are pleased to support the military charities and the VC & GC Association and there is no better way to do that on Hadrian's Wall than with fish and chips (with mushy peas) and beer!

Jane Gibson

Jane, Lady Gibson OBE
Chair, Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site Partnership Board



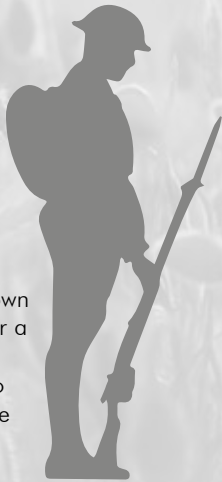
D-DAY 80 ANNIVERSARY 6 JUNE 2024 - THE LARGEST NAVAL, AIR AND LAND OPERATION IN HISTORY

The International Tribute








To be undertaken at 9.15pm alongside the lighting of a Beacon - 6th June 2024



When the International 80th Anniversary D-Day Beacon will be lit at **8.15pm** (British Summer time), at the British Normandy Memorial overlooking Gold Beach, with the other Beacons located on Utah, Omaha, Juno and Sword, in Normandy, France, being lit at **8.30pm** BST, followed by the Principal United Kingdom, Channel Island and Isle of Man Beacon at Portsmouth, England at **9.15pm** BST, we would ask all communities in France and the UK to stop what they are doing and undertake **The International Tribute**, using the wording found on this page. This could be undertaken by your Lord Mayor, Mayor, High Steward, Town and Parish Clerk, Town Crier, Pub Landlord or a young person from one of your local youth organisations etc, paying tribute to those who gave so much. In doing so, we commemorate D-Day and give thanks for eighty years of peace and freedom.



The Tribute

-  Let us remember those who gave their lives at home and abroad during the D-Day landings, whose sacrifice enables us all to enjoy the peace and freedom we have today.
-  Let us remember those who came home wounded, physically and mentally, and the friends and family who cared for them.
-  Let us remember those who returned to restore their relationships and rebuild their working lives after years of conflict and turmoil.
-  Let us remember the families that lost husbands, wives, sons, daughters and sweethearts.
-  Let us remember the servicemen and women and merchant seafarers of all faiths and nationalities - from all countries - who fought, suffered and died during the D-Day landings and six years of war.
-  Let us all remember those in the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force, Merchant Navy, and our Allies - the brave people who kept us safe on the home front and abroad and those in reserved occupations during the difficult time of war.
-  Let us remember the brave doctors and nurses who cared for the wounded, the men and women who toiled in the fields, the coal mines, the factories and the air raid wardens, police officers, firemen, ambulance drivers and the young people of the Scouts and Guides who all played such a vital role in the war.



Bonfire Beacon

Locate the bonfire at least 60m away from buildings, roads, railways and public rights of way, and a safe distance from dangerous materials and overhead power lines. Ensure it has good access for the transportation of materials for the bonfire and sufficient space for spectators to stand upwind.

Obtain the landowner's permission and involvement.

Liaise with your local fire brigade and all emergency services in your area, presenting them with your plans, and seek their advice and support.

1 Prepare site by removing top layer of turf and stack away from fire area. Obtain seven poles, 5-6m in length. Attach four guy ropes to top of one pole and anchor as shown.

2 Erect remaining poles as shown, ensuring tops are secured in place.

3 Use either pallets or suitable lengths of timber, spreading them over ground area of beacon for a good through draught. Secure timber horizontally between poles as shown, preventing material placed over the framework from dropping through. Construct access tunnel to the middle of the beacon. Keep middle empty

until required. Always construct the bonfire so it collapses inwards as it burns.

4 Use only wood for combustible materials. Do not burn dangerous items such as foam-filled furniture, old tyres, aerosols or tins of paint. Build upwards until height of centre pole is reached. Materials around top should be loosely packed to allow air flow. Cover bonfire to keep it dry.

5 Fill centre with suitable, dry combustible materials. Check construction is stable and remove any unsuitable materials that may have been added. Look specifically for fireworks, aerosols, highly inflammable materials or containers with such materials.

6 Construct a safety barrier out of ropes and stakes or scaffold poles to ensure public is kept at a safe distance from the fire.

7 *In daylight, and for several hours, and up to lighting, check that there are no children or animals, such as hedgehogs etc playing or hiding in or round the bonfire. Arrange for at least 12 marshals to be in attendance, and undertake a sufficient safety briefing before lighting the beacon.*

8 The person looking after the fire should not wear lightweight clothing that could

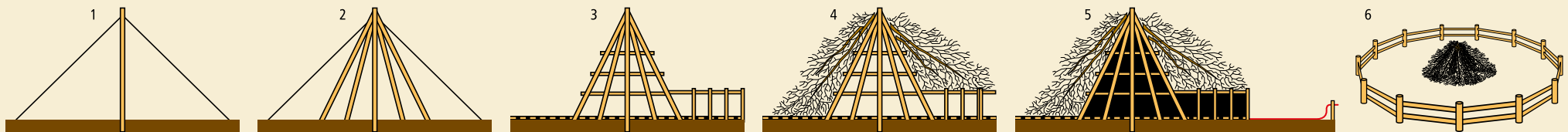
ignite easily. They should wear a substantial outer garment of wool, or other material of low flammability, and stout boots. They should know what to do in the event of a burn injury, or a person's clothing catching fire, and should have a fire blanket ready in the bonfire area along with a number of fire extinguishers.

9 Lighting: the safest and recommended approach is to use paper and solid firelighters in six places just inside the walls of the beacon to ensure an even burn. Never use flammable liquids such as paraffin or petrol to get it going as this can result in uncontrolled spread of fire or explosion.

10 To light the beacon: from poles 2m in length, prepare hand torches for lighting with paraffin-soaked rags wired around one end. Remember, paraffin is dangerous and great care should be taken. Paraffin can be used as directed, but it is still dangerous and should at all times be treated with great care - for example, always ensure all excess paraffin is drained off rags before use. If spilt on your clothes during the preparation of your beacon lighting you should replace those items of clothing before approaching any naked flames. In particular, always remember to replace the lid on any container of unused paraffin and store it in a safe place away from naked flames. Do not use an accelerant on the fire itself.



Bonfire Beacon, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire, England. In memory of Fred Gardner and Sid Peachey. Photograph by Rob Hadley.



▲ After the event, extinguish fire and collect remaining debris. ▲ Dig over site and re-lay turf. ▲ Leave site clean and tidy.



Your D-Day 80 Bishops Frome Strawman

Ideal for Farms, Stately Homes and Country Landowners

How to Build your Strawman Beacon

This type of Beacon is ideal for farms, stately homes and our country landowners, using it as a fun aspect to celebrate/commemorate and pay tribute to the many that gave their lives unconditionally. It could be a public event or just for family, friends and those that work so hard on the land but in a similar way during WWII to keep the Nation fed during those difficult times when many of the men of the land were out defending our country overseas, never to return.

Obtain the landowners's permission and involvement then ensure you locate your Bishops Frome Strawman at least 60m away from buildings, roads, railways and public rights of way, and a safe distance from dangerous materials and overhead power lines. Ensure it has good access for the transportation of materials for the bonfire and sufficient space for spectators to stand upwind.

Liaise with your local fire brigade and all emergency services in your area, presenting them with your plans, and seek their advice and support. In the event of dry weather, high winds and a heightened wildfire risk on the day of the event, please carefully consider scaling back initial plans where appropriate.

1 Prepare site by removing top layer of turf and stack away from fire area.

2 Use only wood and straw for combustible materials and wrap steel banding around them all to hold the bales together

while burning to stop them from falling away. Please dispose of the bands responsibly after the event.

3 Construct a safety barrier out of ropes and stakes or scaffold poles to ensure public is kept at a safe distance from the fire.

4 In daylight, and for several hours, and up to lighting, check that there are no children or animals playing or hiding in or round the Strawman. Arrange for at least 12 marshals to be in attendance, and undertake a sufficient safety briefing before lighting the Strawman.

5 The person looking after the fire should not wear lightweight clothing that could ignite easily. They should wear a substantial outer garment of wool, or other material of low flammability, and stout boots. They should know what to do in the event of a burn injury, or a person's clothing catching fire, and should have a fire blanket ready in the Strawman area along with a number of fire extinguishers.

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Gas-Fuelled Beacon

Bullfinch Gas Equipment

The beacon's burner-head is in the shape of a globe, surrounded by a D-Day 80 banner. It is of lightweight construction and comes assembled and complete, with the exception of the gas cylinders, which must be purchased separately. 2 x 19kg full cylinders of propane are recommended to give a full flame for a good three quarters of an hour. If you wish for less than this then one 19kg cylinder or 2 x 13kg cylinders should be sufficient. These should be full or nearly full.

These cylinders can be purchased from good lp gas (propane and butane) stockists and dealers. Do order early to ensure you can get availability.

The Gas Torch needed to light your beacon safely requires a 400g cylinder of propane with CGA600 fitting - Bullfinch No 1644 or Rothenberger or equivalent. Travis Perkins, Screwfix, Plumb Centres and some DIY stores should have these as stock items, or you can purchase from us.

The D-Day 80 Gas-Fuelled Beacon Package contains:

- Burner unit with D-Day 80 insignia
- 2m high stand
- Ground anchor and rope for fixing the stand to the ground
- 10m hose with the regulator for connecting to the gas
- Gas torch for lighting
- Spanner
- Leak detecting fluid
- Hose assembly and Y manifold to link 2 cylinders
- Lighting and safety instructions



Photograph: Andrew Williams - Bullfinch Gas Equipment.

The above items are packed into 2 strong cartons. The tripod describes a circle area of about 1.32m diameter and the beacon has an extended height of about 2.15m.

We have made many different beacons over the years. The flames are very stable in winds and the structures are also wind stable. The beacon is supplied with a ground anchor and rope for securing to the ground if this is possible, or we would recommend the use of sandbags. Full instructions are provided for this. The beacon must be supervised by two people at all times when lit and a fire extinguisher must always be available. It is important that supervision should be undertaken by those who are competent and it is essential that a lighting trial takes place before the event to ensure that everyone is fully trained and familiar with the operation.

The price of a gas-fuelled D-Day 80 Beacon is **£549** plus VAT, including carriage to your door within UK mainland (Highlands and Islands excluded). There will be an extra charge for other areas.

Some of the benefits of this style of beacon are that it can be seen for miles once lit, is suitable for all manner of high and low locations, is easily collapsible and once used can be stored away for later use.



Gas-fuelled Beacon on a Church Tower.

To order your beacon please contact:
Bullfinch Gas Equipment,
Kings Road, Tyseley, Birmingham, B11 2AJ.

Tel: 0121 765 2000
Fax: 0121 707 0995
Email: sales@bullfinch-gas.co.uk
Web: www.bullfinch-gas.co.uk

Payment by cheque, BACS transfer, or Credit/Debit Card.

Please order by 30th April 2024 to guarantee delivery by 26th May. However please enquire after this date for availability.



Gas-Fuelled Beacon

21CC Group Ltd

D-Day 80 beacon being lit on Edinburgh Castle.



The beacon will come ready for easy assembly, designed with a commemorative top and a special anniversary plaque underside. The beacon will burn for approximately 1 hour using two 13kg standard propane gas cylinders, which are available from most gas stockists and petrol stations around the UK. The gas assembly is easily connected to the burner by a quick release fitting. The beacon is inherently stable; however, we recommend the use of anchors on soft ground or sandbags on hard ground for additional stability. Full set-up instructions are included within the pack and we recommend a trial set-up and lighting before the actual event to familiarise yourself with the set-up and operation. We have included two long-reach lighting sticks so that you can practice lighting the beacon in advance. We would also recommend that a fire extinguisher is available when lighting the beacon and whilst it is burning and that two people are always present.

The D-Day Beacon package contains:

- Assembly, lighting and safety instructions
- 2m high stand and burner
- 5m hose with the regulator for connecting to the gas
- Two long-reach lighting sticks
- Spanner and leak detection fluid
- Hose and Y splitter manifold to link 2 cylinders
- No additional connections required - all you need is in the box

Beacon Price:

The price of our beacon is **£549** + vat, including carriage within the UK mainland. An additional charge may be applied for other areas.

Ordering & Payment

To order your D-Day 80 beacon, please contact 21CC Group Ltd by phone; **0131 331 4509** or email our beacon team on beacons@21ccgroup.com. Additional information can be found on our website at www.21ccgroup.com/D-Daybeacons. Payment can be made in all the usual ways including BACS, cheque and credit/debit card. Orders received before the **3rd of May 2024** will be delivered by **31st May 2024**. All orders received after 3rd of May 2024 will be accepted on a case-by-case basis depending on stock levels available.



Message from the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth

Councillor Tom Coles



On behalf of the City of Portsmouth, I am both pleased and honoured that our great city has been chosen as the location for the lighting of the D-Day 80th Commemoration Principal UK Beacon. Portsmouth played a very significant role in the preparations for D-Day and consequently is proud to have been, over many years, the focus of international commemorations of D-Day.



Portsmouth was, indeed, at the very heart of D-Day. Allied commanders held meetings at nearby Southwick House. Thousands of troops camped in the woods north of Portsmouth before they embarked from the city on their way to Normandy, with the people of Portsmouth waving them off. Local furniture makers built Horsa glider components, and Portsmouth Dockyard played a key role in modifying, maintaining and repairing the ships and landing craft that took part in the landings. Moreover many of the wounded from the D-Day landings and the whole Normandy campaign were treated in our hospitals.

Portsmouth also has had a lengthy association with Normandy, going back over 800 years, and we are proud of our long and close relationship with our twin city of Caen. At the heart of this relationship is the suffering which both cities endured during the Second World War, and the part that both played in the liberation of Europe.

I strongly encourage all the cities, towns and villages throughout the UK, Channel Islands, Isle Man and UK Overseas Territories, to join with Portsmouth City Council and light beacons within their locality and to organise community celebrations around those beacons. It would be good if this occasion could be used to raise valuable funds for Forces and Merchant Navy charities thus continuing to honour and remember the tremendous sacrifice of those whose lives were touched and so often changed by D-Day.

**Lord Mayor of Portsmouth
Councillor Tom Coles**



Messages from the five Charities

The Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers Charity, RAF Benevolent Fund, The Merchant Navy Association & The Normandy Memorial Trust



There has been no greater combined air, sea and land operation in the history of warfare than Operation Overlord – codename for the invasion of Normandy.

The seaborne element of the invasion – Operation Neptune – required 6,833 vessels from great battleships pounding German defences, down to small floating galleys, salvage tugs and landing craft. The naval force was crewed by Frenchmen, Norwegians, Dutch, Poles, Greeks, Americans, but especially Britons and Canadians, who accounted for nearly 80 per cent of all the sailors taking part.

The Royal Marines played a vital part too. Of the hundreds of landing craft sent against the beaches of Normandy, two out of every three were crewed by Royal Marines.

With ever diminishing numbers of Naval veterans who survived this great victory, it is vital that we pay tribute to those who died on this great endeavour, are no longer with us or are not well enough to attend in person.

**Vice Admiral (Retd)
Duncan L Potts CB**
National President,
Royal Naval Association.



The D-Day landings in June 1944 paved the way for the liberation of North-West Europe and, ultimately, victory in the Second World War. To this day, our charity remembers - and will always remember - the courage and sacrifice of those Allied soldiers who took part in what was the largest amphibious operation in the history of warfare. Our charity was established during the same year as the D-Day landings, with HM King George VI as Patron, to ensure support would be available for soldiers, veterans and their families in peacetime – and our founding purpose remains the same to this day. Thank you to everybody who participates in this important national campaign to remember the greatest amphibious operation in history, and the beginning of the end of the Second World War.

**General Sir James Everard
KCB CBE**
President,
ABF The Soldiers' Charity.



On behalf of the RAF Benevolent Fund, I am proud to support the D-Day 80 Commemoration event. On D-Day over 11,590 Allied aircraft of all types were involved, 5,656 of these were Royal Air Force. What is often forgotten is that over 1,800 RAF personnel and 456 vehicles landed on the beaches and by 9 June, this had increased to over 3,500 RAF personnel and 815 vehicles in Normandy, working on airfield construction, aircraft servicing and forward controlling. As the accounts of the men and women of that fateful time drift further into the past, we must continue to share their stories with our future generations and ensure that their sacrifices for our country are never forgotten.

**Air Vice Marshal Chris Elliot
CB CBE DL**
Controller of the RAF Benevolent
Fund.



The men of the Merchant Navy and the merchant fleets of the other allied countries were a major part of the seaborne force. Merchant ships were among the first vessels to arrive off the beaches on D-Day. Their crew were civilians without the support of military discipline and training, yet they faced the dangers and did not waver. Never was there a lack of willing hands to man the ships though they knew the horrors of an enemy attack at sea. They took troops to the scene of battle and sustained them as they fought. Tugs brought over the sections of the Mulberry harbours. During the Invasion, between 6th June and 30th August 1944, 180 MN seamen sacrificed their lives whilst many more were lost bringing supplies across the Atlantic. Around 50,000 men manned the 835 ships that carried the troops and over half a million tons of cargo from ports between the Bristol Channel and Thames Estuary. We are proud today to be known as the Fourth Service. Their efforts and sacrifices must never be forgotten.

**Captain Ian Hodge
M.Mar, MRIN, MNI**
Chairman,
The Merchant Navy Association.



The Normandy Memorial Trust was set up in 2015 to realise the ambition of Normandy Veterans for Britain finally to have a national memorial in Normandy which brought together the names of all those in British units who lost their lives in the D-Day landings and the subsequent Battle of Normandy.

The completed memorial was opened by the then Prince of Wales on 6th June 2021. Inscribed on its walls and pillars are the names of 22,442 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of Western Europe's freedom in the summer of 1944.

Few events in European history can match the significance of what happened on the D-Day beaches and in the towns and villages of Normandy.

I hope you will visit the British Normandy Memorial and, with us, reflect and give thanks for the sacrifice which it commemorates.

**General The Lord Dannatt
GCB, CBE, MC, DL**
Chairman of Trustees,
The Normandy Memorial Trust.



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LEN'S STORY

Second World War veteran Len took part in the Normandy landings and Operation Market Garden.

Now in his nineties, he lives at Care For Veterans in Worthing, one of the charities we proudly fund.

Our ongoing support for Care for Veterans provides funding towards its specialist care services for disabled military veterans, enhancing their daily lives by improving independence, dignity and self-esteem.

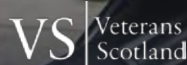
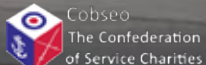
Read Len's full story at soldierscharity.org/stories

Since 1944 we have supported soldiers, veterans and their families in times of need. We have supported many D-Day veterans and continue to provide support to soldiers to this day.

As the Army's national charity, you can be sure that any donation made to us will be used to provide this vital support whenever it is needed.

To learn more about our work, to donate or to take part in a fundraising event please visit soldierscharity.org

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Merchant Navy Association



The main Aims and Objectives of the Merchant Navy Association Charity are for public benefit, to provide charitable support and services to the Association's members, other connected persons, or associations, societies or other bodies whose aims and objectives are similar. We also are able to relieve and assist all serving and retired seafarers and their dependants who are in hardship or distress by;

1. fostering comradeship and consideration to all those in the community of the sea,
2. endeavouring to assist members and when appropriate other eligible persons, to find access to information and practical support on such matters as pensions, health, social security, debt management and other subjects affecting their welfare and,
3. endeavouring to provide grants to assist members and other eligible persons in financial need for the purchase of goods, services or facilities or, in exceptional circumstances payment of priority debts. This may also be undertaken in partnership with other charitable organisations.

Next year (2024) on the 6th June, sees the Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landing. The aim of this event is to commemorate and celebrate the many thousands of Servicemen that gave their lives during this important turn in WW II, but NOT forgetting the amazing involvement and the important role the Merchant Navy Seamen that took part too, not knowing if they would return home to their wives and loved ones.

The Merchant Navy Association will be playing an equal role in these commemorations alongside the Royal Naval Association, ABF The Soldiers Charity and the RAF Benevolent Fund.

Your valued support, especially during this Commemorative campaign, will help British merchant seafarers and their families. Please direct your donations, however small to; The Seafarers' Charity website;

<https://www.theseafarerscharity.org/merchant-navy-fund/home>

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How to take part and register your involvement

Step 1: To confirm your involvement and make important communication as easy as possible please register your involvement, providing the information below, direct to brunopeek@mac.com as soon as possible please, but **no later than 30th May 2024**.

If your event is a private occasion and NOT open to the public, and you do not want your involvement shown on any public or media listing, it is important that you confirm this when providing information. Your participation will still be noted as part of this historic occasion but NOT made public. However, if your event IS open to the public, your contact details will be shared with the media so that they can contact you direct to arrange any publicity and/or coverage of your event.

Name and Job title of contact/coordinator
Name of Council, School, Pub, Organisation etc
Name of Country - ie England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Channel Island, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territory
Name of County
Name of Parish, Town, Borough, District, Community, or County Council etc
Full Postal address including post code
Telephone number - Landline/Mobile
Email

Will you be having Fish & Chips as part of your Beacon lighting YES/NO

Will your School be involved in the reading of the Poem at 11am, found YES/NO

Will your School/Pub/etc/ event be involving the eating of Fish & Chips during the day YES/NO

Will your event involve the reading of the International Tribute at 9.15pm YES/NO

Public event

Private event

Public or private event & legal essentials

Ensure you have undertaken all the legal essentials and safety requirements on **page 32** before lighting your beacon. Alert the emergency services, including the Fire Brigade, undertake any

risk assessments required and ensure everyone involved is happy and familiar with your plans. **(This is your responsibility as coordinator)**. In the event of dry weather, high winds and a heightened wildfire risk on the day of the event, please carefully consider scaling back initial plans where appropriate.

Beacon lighting ceremony - 6th June 2024

Please light your Beacon and undertake the Nation's Tribute using the wording found on page 18 at 9.15pm.

The Beacon lighting ceremony and Nation's Tribute should be undertaken as follows:

Step 2: Invite your Lord Lieutenant, DL, Lord Mayor, Sheriff, High Steward, Lord Provost, Chairman or leader of the Council or another of your choice from within your local community to light your Beacon and undertake the Nation's Tribute at **9.15pm**, using the wording found on **page 18**. Alternatively, you may wish to organise a competition in partnership with your local media, with the winner having the honour of lighting the beacon and the Nation's Toast.

Step 3: You might consider having professional photographs taken during your event. Immediately after, please send no more than two high quality, copyright-free photographs to brunopeek@mac.com, including the name of the photographer, the beacon location, county, country and postcode, along with the name of the council or organisation.

Step 4: If appropriate, use social media channels - Twitter, Facebook etc - to promote your event. On Facebook, post photographs of your beacon lighting ceremony.

Step 5: Publicise your event. We will provide you with a Press Release template which you can localise, providing as much information as you wish regarding your event, but including your contact details. You can send this to your local media to enable them to get in touch with you direct.



Legal Essentials and Safety (This is your responsibility)



Above and background: The Tower of London built by William the Conqueror in the early 1080s. Through the centuries, successive monarchs have added to the fortifications.

If you are inviting personal guests to your home it is worth checking with your household insurer that you are covered in the unfortunate circumstances that there should be an accident. If your event includes inviting the public, or it is a third party venue then, where applicable, the following advice should be heeded, to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable event for everyone involved.

Licensing

Generally, all public entertainment has to be licensed by the local authority. The law on this aims to ensure the safety of the public and performers. Local authorities treat each event individually, and what one will allow another will not. Do not be put off by the length of some of the forms - the licensing officer is there to help you.

The licensing officer's job is to advise the local authority's licensing committee on the granting of public entertainment licenses. For small scale events he or she, in effect, makes the decision. Only if your event is contentious will the licensing committee decide to consider the application in detail. Talk to the licensing officer as soon as possible. In Northern Ireland, if you plan to sell alcohol at an event, you will need to apply for an occasional liquor license from the Northern Ireland Court Service.

Insurance

Unfortunately, accidents can happen at even the best organised events. Therefore, you will need to consider and obtain insurance cover for your event, whether you are holding an event on your own premises or someone else's. beacon/bonfire events require specialist public liability cover. If you hire a park or venue or use land owned by a third party for your activity, they are likely to require you to have your own suitable insurance to cover your liability for any injury to the public or damage to other people's land or property.

If hiring equipment for the event, you may need to insure these items; you may also need to consider cover for loss of any financial outlay you incur if the event has to be cancelled for reasons beyond your control, or loss of money, particularly if you are holding a fund-raising event. Therefore, to help you obtain the appropriate insurance, and risk management advice, we are working closely with Unity Insurance Services, which is a specialist insurance broker in the voluntary and non-profit sector.

They have developed a range of bespoke insurance covers specifically for the Beacon/Bonfire events. Unity is owned by a charity and donates all its profits back to charity, so to obtain a quote or for more details or advice on the insurance cover you may need, please visit Unity's website or telephone them on 0345 040 7702.



Alternatively, the licensing officer may be able to direct you to a suitable specialist company or broker, but you should not try to source this kind of insurance from a non-specialist.



Emergency Services

Tell your local Fire and Rescue Service and Police Force well in advance about the type of event you are planning, and get in touch with your local community police officer. Ensure that access for emergency services is maintained for your event. Write to the local fire brigade and ambulance service, particularly if you are planning to have a beacon/bonfire, fireworks, or an event that will attract a large crowd. St John's Ambulance and the British Red Cross will provide first aid and sometimes a vehicle. In some areas they are simply happy to receive a donation. In others, expect a fee to be charged.



Food and Drink

Basic food hygiene guidelines should be followed at all times if you are providing food and drink. Caterers must have food hygiene certificates. Advice on this subject can be obtained from your local council environmental officer.



Alcohol

If you want to sell alcohol you will need to secure a licence. From February 2005, licenses are granted by the local authority rather than the Magistrates Court. You should therefore contact your local authority licensing section and seek information from them on how to apply. During 2005 all existing licenses have to be renewed and this will inevitably lead to long lead-in-times. Please apply as early as possible.



Site Clearance

The local authority will arrange for clearance and disposal of litter after your event if it is on public ground (check for possible charges). You can help this process by arranging litter bins or recycling bins around the site, and a crew to clear up throughout the event.



Hiring or Borrowing Equipment

Your local authorities, or local event organisers may be able to help you with contacts for supplies such as marquees, portable toilets, barriers and bunting, or may in some cases have these for you to hire and borrow. You may also need to consider generators, a public address system, and emergency flood lighting. If you need to arrange insurance for your hired equipment, Unity Insurance Services can arrange this for you too.



All Ability Access

Access for people with a disability is very important. Many local authorities run community transport schemes. Talk to them about arranging transport. On greenfield sites, access may be improved by cutting the grass before the event.



Legal Essentials and Safety

This aspect of your event is your total responsibility, so please ensure you have undertaken all the necessary risk assessments and respective insurance etc, to reflect this.



Hospital Radio



The sacrifice and dedication of all those involved in D-Day can never be underestimated.

As Healthwatch Norfolk, we also want to acknowledge the efforts of those in the medical and caring professions who did so much to help those injured in the huge air, sea, and land operation.

The doctors, nurses, orderlies and their teams were the hidden heroes and heroines of this huge operation.

Often soldiers had been transported for several days to wards in this country with burns, fractures, and disfiguring injuries.

As well as the surgery and treatment, these healthcare staff provided care, reassurance and emotional support to those who had gone through so much to serve their country.

We would ask people to remember these caring, dedicated and passionate people alongside the many who gave so much on D-Day to help the liberation of Europe.

With this in mind therefore, we would like to encourage every Hospital Radio throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, to join this event by reading out the poignant 'International Tribute' at **9.15pm** on D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024, as the Beacons are being lit, enabling those in hospital that evening, to feel part of this important anniversary, paying tribute to those who gave so much to ensure the freedom we all share today.

Alex Stewart, Chief Executive,
Healthwatch Norfolk



Our tribute to the many who gave up so much that we are enjoying a carefree life.

As Norfolk has a high incidence of older people and some of them hospitalised, they very often request this song. We here at Hospital Radio Norwich feel the words gave hope to the country during that time and certainly must have done so after D-Day. It seems the song and its poignant words and will never be forgotten...

There'll be bluebirds over
The white cliffs of Dover
Tomorrow, just you wait and see
There'll be love and laughter
And peace ever after
Tomorrow, when the world is free
The shepherd will tend his sheep
The valley will bloom again
And Jimmy will go to sleep
In his own little room again
There'll be bluebirds over
The white cliffs of Dover
Tomorrow, just you wait and see
The shepherd will tend his sheep
The valley will bloom again
And Jimmy will go to sleep
In his own little room again
There'll be bluebirds over
The white cliffs of Dover
Tomorrow, just you wait and see

*Songwriters: Nat Burton / Walter Kent
Rest in peace, brave souls, and thank you so much for our FREEDOM!*

Irene Batch, Hon. Secretary



We are all aware of the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by those who fought for our freedom during the Second World War. As we approach the 80th anniversary of D-Day in 2024, we have a unique opportunity to pay tribute to those who gave so much.

As hospital radio stations, we have the power to involve our patients and staff in this commemoration.

This year is especially meaningful for Hospital Radio Lynn as we celebrate our 50th year of broadcasting. We believe that this is a wonderful opportunity for all hospital radio stations to join together and remember the sacrifices made by so many.

Together, we can ensure that the brave men and women who fought for our freedom are never forgotten.

David Llewellyn, Chair, Hospital Radio Lynn



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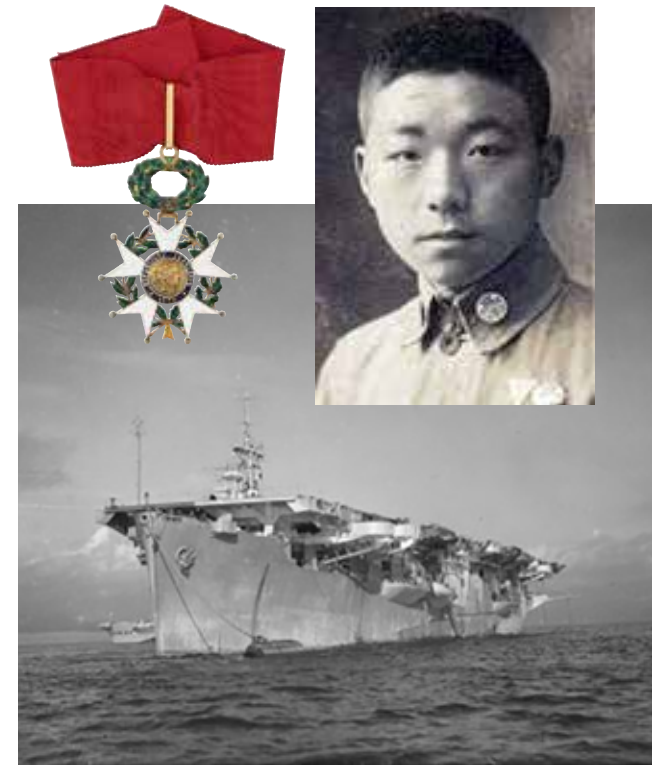
Many have forgotten the sacrifice made by the 24 Chinese Officers that assisted the Allies during D-Day on 6th June 1944.

A Chinese naval officer named Huang Tingxin, with 23 other Chinese officers were among the naval force that successfully supported and participated in the landings on the Beaches of Normandy in 1944.

In recognition of this, the French Consul General Jean-Marin Schuh awarded Huang Tingxin the French Legion d'honneur, the highest order of military and civil honours that France bestows, in 2006.

Aside from pushing back the Imperial Japanese soldiers domestically, China also played a major role in the war with the West. Some 40,000 Chinese soldiers fought in Burma along with British and American troops in 1944 too, so I want to take this special opportunity to show my deepest respect and assist in promoting awareness of the Chinese involvements in WWII, with the sacrifices made by so many, and would urge the whole of the Chinese community of the UK to assist me in this.

Tai Wee Kuang
Director, L Holding Limited



Huang Tingxin served on HMS Searcher, a Bogue-class escort aircraft carrier.
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Chinese Community Tribute



As an individual of Malaysian Chinese descent, I am honoured to convey the significant role played by my grandfather, who selflessly served in the military to safeguard our beloved homeland.

Our generation arose amidst the adversities of scarcity, enduring periods of hunger and deprivation. It is within the crucible of these challenges that I discovered my true purpose in restaurant and food manufacturing.

Jen Scent represents the epitome of my ambitions, striving to create culinary masterpieces that not only tantalise the taste buds but also promote well-being, sustainability, and cultural enrichment. Through Jen Scent, I aim to harmoniously blend flavours and ingredients to deliver dishes that are not only delicious and nourishing but also contribute to the collective knowledge and appreciation of diverse cultures.

I respectfully honour overseas Chinese who bravely fought for peace and call upon the Chinese community to unite in raising awareness for the forgotten Chinese soldiers and labourers of the Western front. Together, let us commemorate them and ensure their sacrifices are not consigned to obscurity.



Bee Fang Tan
 Founder and Director
 Jen Scent (trading name)
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Chinese Community Tribute



Looking back at history, the Normandy landings were the most emblematic operation of World War II, symbolising the power of freedom and democracy against evil and oppression. Eighty years have passed, and we are still deeply moved and grateful for that chapter in history. Today, we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy landings, a pivotal event in World War II. This occasion calls for solemn reflection and gratitude as we honour the brave Chinese soldiers who fought for freedom.

As a Chinese food-delivery company founded in 2014, we remain committed to embodying and promoting the courage and spirit displayed during that historic chapter. Our mission is to provide each customer with exceptional cuisine and service, delivering an authentic Chinese dining experience. We understand that peace, friendship, and understanding are vital in shaping a better world. We extend our deepest respect to the valiant soldiers who dedicated themselves to the cause of freedom, and we express our gratitude to you, our valued customers, for supporting us on this journey. Your patronage enables us to share the flavours of China and foster cultural harmony.

Together, let us honour the heroes of the past, celebrate the present, and build a brighter future hand in hand.



Yuchen Chan
Co-Founder
Fantuan Delivery



Chinese Community Tribute



We pay solemn tribute to the Chinese soldiers who valiantly served in Europe during World War II. Their unwavering courage, resilience, and sacrifice in the face of adversity exemplify the highest ideals of bravery and honour. Their contributions, often overlooked but significant, played a pivotal role in the Allied victory and the preservation of freedom. We express our deepest gratitude for their selfless service and unwavering commitment to defending peace and justice.

These extraordinary individuals, from a distant land, answered the call to defend liberty and democracy alongside their international allies. Their dedication and acts of valour will forever be etched in history, serving as a lasting testament to their contribution and the bond of solidarity forged between nations. In remembrance of the Chinese soldiers who bravely fought on European soil during World War II, we honour their legacy and express our profound respect and appreciation for their invaluable service and enduring legacy.



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Chinese Community Tribute

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As a Singaporean restaurateur with over 15 years of experience in the F&B industry in the UK, my heart has always been intertwined with the spirit of the Commonwealth.

I want to take this opportunity to pay a heartfelt tribute to the courageous Chinese soldiers who served selflessly through remarkable roles in World War II in Europe. Their unwavering bravery and unyielding dedication in the face of adversity will always remain etched in history: this commitment to upholding freedom and justice continues to inspire us all.

Guided by the rich tapestry and roots of my Chinese heritage and driven by the valour and sacrifices of these soldiers, I embark on a passionate mission to curate menus that befit such a momentous occasion. Through the power of cuisine, I hope to weave a strong unity between the Chinese and British communities, fostering greater social harmony for a harmonious future.

Together, let us honour their memory and express our deepest gratitude for their invaluable contribution in shaping a world that embraces peace and tranquillity.



Ellen Chew
Founder of Chew On This group



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D-DAY 6 JUNE 2024

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With sincere thanks for your contribution to D-Day 80
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Despite the extraordinary courage displayed by so many on 6th June 1944, just one Victoria Cross was awarded. It went to Company Sergeant Major Stanley Holt of the 6th Battalion, The Green Howards.

Chinese naval officer Huang Tingren received the French Legion d'honneur, the highest order of military and civil honours that France bestows, 2005 in recognition of his bravery during D-Day.

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Your free Certificate of grateful recognition for taking part.

Please download it, providing copies to all involved in your activities on 6th June 2024.



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In the UK the red poppy is a symbol of both remembrance and hope for a peaceful future and is worn as a show of support for the Armed Forces community.
In France the bleuet de France is the symbol of memory and solidarity for veterans, victims of war, widows and orphans.



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Council
30 October 2023

Support for the Climate Change and Ecology Bill

The attached letter was recently received at the Town Clerks email address, asking the Council to consider passing a motion of support for the Climate Change and Ecology Bill which is about to have its second reading in parliament.

I have discovered that Cornwall Council passed a very similar motion in April 2023, with slightly different wording relating to the stage that the Bill had then reached.

The cross-party group has prepared the following explanatory document:

Climate & Ecology Bill motion

Preamble

Humans have already caused irreversible climate change, the impacts of which are being felt in the UK, and across the world. The average global temperature has already increased by 1.2°C above pre-industrial levels and—alongside this—the natural world has reached crisis point, with 28% of plants and animals threatened with extinction. In addition, the UK is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world as more than one in seven of our plants and animals face extinction, and more than 40% are in decline.

Climate change remains a major concern for UK voters with 66% of people (according to YouGov) expressing they are 'worried about climate change and its effects'. Alongside this, the popularity of Sir David Attenborough's *Save Our Wild Isles* initiative demonstrates public concern that UK wildlife is being destroyed at a terrifying speed.

Climate & Ecology Bill

The Climate & Ecology Bill, a private member's bill currently before the House of Commons, seeks to address the challenges that this situation poses by creating a whole-of-government approach to deliver a net zero and nature positive future.

Based on the latest science, the CE Bill aims to align current UK environmental policy with the need to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030, which was goal agreed to at COP15, via the *Kunming-Montreal Framework* (22 December 2022); and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with the UK's fair share of the remaining global carbon budget to give the strongest chance of limiting global heating to 1.5°C, which was the goal agreed to at COP21, via the *Paris Agreement* (12 December 2015).

By bridging the gap between the UK Government's current delivery, and what has been agreed at international levels, Britain has a chance to be a world leader on climate and the environment; seizing the opportunities of the clean energy transition, including green jobs and skills; reduced energy bills; and boosting the UK's food and energy security.

Members are therefore asked to consider the following motion recommended by the cross-party group:

Truro City Council notes that:

The Climate and Ecology Bill has been introduced in the UK Parliament on four occasions since 2020, including most recently in the House of Commons 10 May 2023. The Bill is currently backed by 180 cross-party MPs and Peers and 237 local authorities, alongside the support of eminent scientists, such as Sir David King; NGOs, such as the Wildlife Trusts, the Doctors' Association, Oxfam, the W.I. and CPRE; businesses, such as The Co-operative Bank, Riverford and The Body Shop; and 42,000 members of the public.

The CE Bill would require the UK Government to develop and achieve a new environmental strategy, which would include:

1. Delivering a joined-up environmental plan, as the crises in climate and nature are deeply intertwined, and require a plan that considers both together;
2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5°C to ensure emissions are reduced in line with the best chance of meeting the UK's Paris Agreement obligations;
3. Not only halting, but also reversing the decline in nature, setting nature measurably on the path to recovery by 2030;
4. Taking responsibility for our overseas footprint, both emissions and ecological;
5. Prioritising nature in decision-making, and ending fossil fuel production and imports as rapidly as possible;
6. Providing for re-training for those people currently working in fossil fuel industries; and
7. Giving the British people a say in finding a fair way forward via a temporary, independent and representative *Climate & Nature Assembly*, as part of creating consensus and ensuring that no one and no community is left behind.

Truro City Council therefore resolves to:

1. Support the Climate and Ecology Bill;
2. Inform local residents and inform local press/media of this decision;
3. Write to **Cherilyn Mackrory MP** to inform her that this motion has been passed, and urge her to sign up to support the CE Bill

Recommended

That the City Council adopts the above motion.

Cllr. Carol Swain

The Mayor of Truro

Initial letter received by email:

Dear Mr Gazzard

I'm writing on behalf of Zero Hour and seeking Truro City Council support for the Climate and Ecology Bill, which is due for its second reading on 24 November.

We recognise that parish and town councils are influential organisations, with links to the local community, regional charities and civic bodies. Truro City Council is on the front line when it comes to protecting the places and communities we love and cherish.

We are writing to ask your council to join the 168 parish & town councils across the UK to support the [Climate and Ecology Bill](#) and add your voice to those organisations calling for joined-up action that provides an adequate, commensurate response to the emergency of our natural world, our parks, villages and towns, our landscapes and wildlife.

We have a draft motion, which you may find useful. If Truro City Council is supportive, we are asking that after the motion is passed, Truro City Council issues a press release that it has done so and writes and requests your MP(s) to also publicly support the CE Bill.

The Climate and Ecology Bill, if made law, would ensure that:

- The threat facing nature is tackled shoulder to shoulder with the climate crisis in a joined-up approach.
- The Paris Agreement is enshrined into law to ensure that the UK does its real fair share to limit global temperature rise to the most stringent end of the Paris agreement - 1.5°C.
- The UK takes full responsibility for our entire greenhouse gas footprint by accounting for all of the emissions that take place overseas to manufacture, transport and dispose of the goods and services we import and consume)-
- The government deliver a climate and nature assembly that is representative of the UK population, working directly with the Government and Parliament to ensure that all voices are heard and that no one is left behind.

A member of Zero Hour, the campaign for the CE Bill would be happy to (virtually) attend a pre-Council meeting and answer questions about the proposed legislation if that would be helpful. More information about the CE Bill and supporting organisations can be found at <https://www.zerohour.uk/>; this [2-minute video](#) or a [15-minute presentation](#) may also prove useful. If you have any questions or require further information about the CE Bill, please do get in touch.

Thank you on behalf of Zero Hour,

If you need any additional information or wish to have a follow-up call, feel free to reach out.

Allan Gray and the Zero Hour Team

Council
30 October 2023

Cornwall Council Consultation Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

The attached letter has been received by email from the Principal Electoral Officer at Cornwall Council.

The aim of the review is to ensure that voting arrangements for future elections suit the needs of the electors in each area.

The deadline is rather tight, as the closing date for responses is in only a week's time.

Recommendation

That members submit their comments regarding the arrangements regarding their own (or any other) ward by email to the Mayor by 5pm on Thursday 2 November, thereby allowing time for responses to be collated and submitted by the closing date.

Cllr. Carol Swain

The Mayor of Truro

Dear Sir/Madam

I'm writing to advise that Cornwall Council is today starting a review of Polling Districts and Polling Places during which we are inviting comments on the suitability of polling stations and voting arrangements at elections. By law, we must conduct this review every five years and one is now due. I attach our notice of the review. More detailed information is available on our website at www.cornwall.gov.uk/review

The consultation period will run from 2 October to 6 November 2023.

We are inviting comments on the suitability of polling stations and voting arrangements at elections. The review will aim to ensure that voting arrangements for future elections suit the needs of the electors in each area.

Arrangements for current polling districts are shown on our website www.cornwall.gov.uk/review in the relevant Acting Returning Officer's Report for each Parliamentary Constituency:

- Camborne and Redruth
- North Cornwall
- South East Cornwall
- St Austell and Newquay
- St Ives
- Truro and Falmouth

We aim to complete our review and publish a new register of electors on 1 February 2024.

We are keen to hear from all town and parish councils because of their local knowledge. We would welcome your response, if only to confirm you are in favour of polling stations and voting arrangements in your area. Please submit your response in writing, either

- by email to: polling.review@cornwall.gov.uk or
- online at: <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/polling-stations-review>
- by post to: Polling Review, Electoral Services, Cornwall Council, 4S, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

All responses to must be received by Monday 6 November 2023.

If you need more information, please contact Electoral Services on [01209 614373](tel:01209614373) or e-mail polling.review@cornwall.gov.uk

Kind regards
Electoral Services