



Annual Report

2005/06



June 2006

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Helston Town Council's second Annual Report.

Another busy municipal year began in May 2005 with Councillor Paul Phillips re-elected to serve a second year as Town Mayor and myself as Deputy Mayor. The Mayor and Mayoress, Ruth Bywaters, tirelessly attended civic ceremonies and functions at the invitation of local organisations.

The highlight of the year for both Members and Officers of the Council was being awarded Quality Town Council status and I thank the Town Clerk for his work towards this achievement. Quality Status is a national standard that only a small percentage of town and parish councils have achieved. Quality Councils are in a better position to take on additional responsibilities from their principal councils and preliminary talks have already taken place with Kerrier District Council.

In April 2005 the Council's first Newsletter was published. The aim is to keep residents informed of projects the Town Council is involved in and to publicise forthcoming events. The quarterly Newsletter also contains up-to-date contact details of Councillors. A version of the Newsletters can be found on the Council web-site www.helstontc.com which also includes agendas and minutes of meetings along with other information.

Projects that have been completed during the year include the Falmouth Road to Clodgey Lane by-pass, the pedestrian crossing at St Johns and the installation of a bus shelter in Pendeen Park. Most recently completed was the installation of new play equipment in the Cades Parc Play Area. A major project just underway is the Coronation Park improvement taking in the area formerly occupied by the cattle market. The Kerrier District Council project has been financed from Liveability Funds.

Throughout the year the Council has continued links with local organisations and has contributed towards the establishment of the Helston Business Forum. The Forum continues to grow in strength and has a number of ideas to encourage visitors to the Town.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the achievements of the Rugby Club, Cricket Club and Swallows Gymnastics Club, they are a credit to Helston. Please continue to give your support to *all* the clubs in our quaint old Cornish town.

Councillor Ronnie Williams

Town Mayor

THE COUNCIL

Meetings of the Full Council are held on the third Thursday of every month (except August) and are open to the public. Time is set aside at these meetings for the public to ask questions or to make their personal views known. A representative of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary is usually present to report on crime statistics and to discuss issues as they arise.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Planning Committee, consisting of six Members, meets on the first and third Thursday of every month (except the third Thursday in August) and has delegated authority to consider all planning applications and to make recommendations to the District Planning Authority.

In December 2004 a new approach was adopted to consider planning applications. Applications are categorised into those that are non-contentious (Category I) and those that require more in-depth consideration (Category II). Each Category II application is allocated to a committee member who visits the site and talks to neighbours to establish a balanced view and to make a presentation and recommendation at the Planning Committee meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and again have the opportunity to express their opinions to the Members.

From June 2005 to May 2006, 52 Category I planning applications were considered and 88 Category II.

POLICY, FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Policy, Finances and Resources Committee, consisting of six Members, met on nine occasions during the year to consider new policies, monitor the current budget and consider the draft budget 2006/07. This committee does not have delegated powers and thus makes recommendations to Full Council.

Attendance

<i>Number of Meetings</i>	Full Council		Policy, Finance and Resources Committee	Planning Committee
	<i>14</i>	Absent without apologies		
Cllr P. Phillips (Town Mayor)	13		7	22
Cllr D.J. Eddy	12	1	8	21
Cllr R. Williams	12	1		
Cllr J.H.M. Keay	7			
Cllr Mrs S.M.E. Swift	10		7	
Cllr N.C. Martin	12		9	
Cllr R.J.L. Boase	13			22
Cllr G.F. Dyer	10	3		
Cllr N.J.C. Devenish	14		5	23
Cllr K. Reynolds	12		8	20
Cllr Mrs V.J. Matthew	12			21
Cllr T.J. Clare	7	2		

During the year the Town Council gave financial support to the following organisations:-

Activity Scheme Kerrier (ASK) 2005
Ramblers
Epworth Hall Management Committee
Helston Cricket Club
Helston Youth Centre
Helston Christmas Lights Committee

Helston Skate Park
Kerrier District Citizens Advice Bureau
Cruse Bereavement Care
Helston School Jazz Orchestra
St John Ambulance

FINANCE

Set out below is a summary of the Council's income and expenditure for the financial year 2005/06.

<u>Income</u>	£	<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Precept	121,700	General Administration	83,737
Agency Services	2,556	Agency Services	2,890
Interest on Investments	8,053	Grants	4,618
Grants	7,442	Capital Expenditure	509
Fees & Charges	23,070	Community Support	4,720
		Tourism	2,585
		Grant Funded Projects	7,420
		Property Running Costs	19,540
		Other	1,472
	<u>162,821</u>		<u>127,491</u>

CURRENT TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES AS AT JUNE 2006

Executive Committee – C.A.L.C. and C.A.L.L.C. Cllr Mrs S.M.E. Swift

Helston & Kerrier Youth Club Management Committee – Cllr N.J.C. Devenish

Helston & District Community Association – Cllrs R.J.L. Boase, N.J.C. Devenish, K. Reynolds
& Mrs V.J. Matthew

Helston Harvest Fair Committee – Cllrs R Williams (Town Mayor), D.J. Eddy, N.C. Martin,
R.J.L. Boase & Mrs V.J. Matthew

Helston & District Victim Support – Cllrs P. Phillips & K. Reynolds

Kerrier Citizens Advice Bureau – Cllr Mrs S.M.E. Swift

South Kerrier Alliance – Cllr Mrs V.J. Matthew

West Cornwall Healthwatch Committee – Cllr P. Phillips

West Cornwall C.C.T.V. Group – Cllr D.J. Eddy

Keep Helston Tidy Group – Cllr R Williams (Town Mayor), Cllrs D.J. Eddy & N.C. Martin

Helston Townscape Heritage Initiative – Cllr R Williams (Town Mayor)

Swallows Gymnastics Club – Cllr K. Reynolds

Helston Business Forum – Cllr T. Clare

Helston Welfare Trust – Cllrs D.J. Eddy, R. Williams & N.C. Martin

Nansloe Junior & Infant School Governor – Cllr J.H.M. Keay

St. Michael's V C C of E School Governor – Cllr R.J.L. Boase

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES 2005/06

May	Mayor Choosing Ceremony Beating of the Bounds Flora Day
June	Civic Sunday RNAS Culdrose Freedom Parade
July	Helston in Bloom Competition
September	RAFA Battle of Britain Service
October	Poetry Competition Prize-giving
November	Remembrance Sunday
December	Christmas Lights Switch-on

Throughout the year the Mayor and Mayoress have attended various events as invited.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

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COUNCIL OFFICERS

Town Clerk	Mr Chris Dawson
Administrative Assistants	Mrs Jenni Mole Miss Pamela Lavelle
Senior Caretaker	Mrs Jean Johns
Assistant Caretaker	Mrs Sam Goss
Street Stall Superintendent	Mr Steve C.C. Mole
Town Beadle	Mr Jim Moran
Sergeants-at-Mace	Mr Fred G. Angove Mr Paul J. Cooke
Flag Flyer	Mr Paul Upperton

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