

# TORPOINT NEWSLETTER



*June 2023*





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# Update from Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel



Pictured: Torpoint Diverse  
Advisory Panel Member  
accessing Thanckes Park  
Playing Park.

The Panel has now met several times, and after completing an Accessibility Audit with a member from disAbility Cornwall & Isles of Scilly, around Torpoint, an Accessibility Statement has been produced, which is being regularly updated. The panel decided that their April meeting would include an accessibility tour around Thanckes Park play park, endeavouring to make access from the car park to the play park more appropriate for less able-bodied individuals. After spending time on site it was clear there is potential for this happen - keep your eyes peeled for further updates.

'Thanckes' to the Friends of Thanckes Park for their extremely kind donation from the Co-op, the process of changing the gates at the tennis courts and enabling the top court to be fully accessible for wheelchair users, is underway.

Torpoint Community Day will be taking place at the Torpoint Library and Community Hub on Tuesday 18th July 2pm to 6pm and will be showcasing information on the steps that are being taken to ensure the inclusivity of the Town. The new 'Inclusive Community Partner' sticker scheme is also being launched. The scheme is designed for Torpoint businesses to actively display stickers that show their support, reducing the stigma that can be attached to disabilities and providing acceptance within the town.

An important plea is to ask all Torpoint residents and visitors to be considerate when parking in and around Torpoint, this includes parking on pavements and close to junctions.



**VALLEY SPIRIT**  
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### Beginners Welcome

Join our friendly community and  
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**Try Your First Session for  
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**Torpoint Council Chambers**  
1-3 Buller Road, PL11 2LD  
Thursdays at 7pm / 60 mins

Email – [valleyspirithaf@outlook.com](mailto:valleyspirithaf@outlook.com)  
Phone – 07928469575  
Facebook – [/valleyspirithaf](https://www.facebook.com/valleyspirithaf)

£10 per session or £30 per month

# DIARY DATES

To add an event to this diary please email  
[admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk)

JULY | JUNE

**Sunday 25th**

**TORPOINT LIBRARY  
& COMMUNITY HUB** | 10am – 2pm

**Friday 7th**

**SUMMER CRAFT FAYRE**  
Torpoint Library & Community Hub  
10am – 4pm

**Saturday 15th**

*Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions Club*  
**SUMMER FAYRE**  
Torpoint Community College  
Sports Field | 12pm – 4pm  
[torpointramelions@outlook.com](mailto:torpointramelions@outlook.com)

**Sunday 16th**

**TORPOINT CIVIC SERVICE & PARADE**  
Service St. James Church | 11am

**Tuesday 18th**

**TORPOINT COMMUNITY DAY**  
Torpoint Library | 10am – 6pm

**Friday 28th**

**TEA HUT OPENING**  
Benodet Park | 10am – 12pm  
Contact [friends@thanckes.co.uk](mailto:friends@thanckes.co.uk)

**Sunday 30th**

**TORPOINT LIBRARY  
& COMMUNITY HUB** | 10am – 2pm

**Sunday 6th**

**TORPOINT COMMUNITY CINEMA**  
Council Chambers. To book tickets, email  
[torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com](mailto:torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com)

**Sunday 20th**

**CHARITY DOG SHOW**  
Bénodet Park | 2-4pm

**Sunday 27th**

**TORPOINT LIBRARY  
& COMMUNITY HUB** | 10am – 2pm

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

**Saturday 23rd**

**TEAM RUBICON SKATE PARK EVENT**  
with Friend Of Thanckes Park  
Torpoint Skate Park | 10am – 3pm

**Sunday 24th**

**FREEDOM OF TORPOINT PARADE**

**Sunday 24th**

**TORPOINT LIBRARY  
& COMMUNITY HUB** | 10am – 2pm

**Friday 30th**

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**  
Torpoint Library & Community Hub  
9:15am – 4pm

**Third Thursday of each month**

**TORPOINT COUNCIL MEETING**

Committee Room | 7pm  
An open forum will precede the meeting.  
Members of the public wishing to put a  
question to the council can do so, 24hrs  
prior to the start of the meeting, in writing  
to the clerk.

**Last Sunday of each month**

**March - November**

**TORPOINT STREET MARKET**

Fore Street | 10am – 3pm  
Contact [torpointmarkets@gmail.com](mailto:torpointmarkets@gmail.com)

**Fourth Wednesday of every month**

**TORPOINT & RAME U3A**

Council Hall | 10am – Midday  
[u3asites.org.uk/torpoint-rame/groups](http://u3asites.org.uk/torpoint-rame/groups)

**Fortnightly from Wednesday 28th June**

**MAN DOWN**

**Supporting men's mental health**  
Mayor's Parlour Council Chambers  
7.30 – 9.30pm



## FRIENDS of thanckes park

On Tuesday 4th April approximately 200 children and their families enjoyed an Easter trail all around Thanckes Park, provided by Awenek Studio CIC.



As a prize they received an Easter egg kindly provided by Torpoint Community Markets and Tamar Clean SW. The Friends of Thanckes Park group provided games, pebble painting, low-cost refreshments along with free tattooing!

The weather was glorious and everyone had a lot of fun!

### TORPOINT RAMPS FORUM PRESENTS

## “Young people start to shape the future of the local skatepark”

Thanks to a successful application to the Commissioner's Community Grant Scheme two trips to local skateparks saw young people begin the search for a really good skatepark!

A Friends of Thanckes Park volunteer, with help from a parent, arranged for over 20 young people to visit Prime indoor skatepark in Plymouth and Bodmin outdoor skatepark. The aim of the trips was to listen to what young people want in developing new skatepark facilities for Torpoint.

Feedback from parents and children revealed a range of views; from how skating improves self-esteem to the need for safe spaces for everyone to enjoy hobbies together. The next steps for the young people that attended the sessions will be to form Torpoint Ramps Forum to explore new opportunities for trips and working with the local council to improve skatepark facilities. In Dorchester, where the Town Council had built a new skatepark in 2009, the local police discovered that the investment reduced anti-social behaviour in the local area by 33%.

Torpoint Town Council is committed to providing young people safe spaces to feel part of the local community and has already started to ring-fence funds towards a better facility in the town. If any parents or young people are interested in what is next or want to find out more about Torpoint Ramps Forum then get in touch with [skatepark@thanckes.org.uk](mailto:skatepark@thanckes.org.uk).





On Thursday 18th May, prior to the Town Council's Annual Meeting and Mayor Choosing Ceremony, Councillor Rachel Evans BEM was honoured to gather Councillors, Officers, her Mayor's Chaplain and Mayor's Cadet together to mark the end of the 2022-2023 Civic Year.

## MAYOR CHOOSING

Torpoint Town Council's Annual Meeting and Mayor Choosing Ceremony was held on Thursday 18th May in the Council Hall, Torpoint. Master of Ceremonies Town Crier David Green, under the direction of the Town Clerk, announced the proceedings. The retiring Town Mayor Councillor Rachel Evans BEM reviewed her year of office, which included thank you presentations.

The retiring Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Gary Davis was elected to serve as Town Mayor for the civic year 2023-24. He signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office in front of honoured guests, Councillors and residents of the town. Honoured guests, included: Plymouth Lord Mayor Councillor Sue Dann and Deputy Lord Mayor Councillor Chris Penberthy; Sheryll Murray – MP; Mayor of Saltash Councillor Richard Bickford and Mayoress Sarah Bickford, Mayor of Looe Councillor Tony Smith and Consort; Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert; Freeman of Torpoint Mike Pearn MBE and Chair of Millbrook Parish



Council Councillor Nicky Roberts and Joshua Roberts. Councillor Davis introduced Mrs Victoria Davis as Mayoress and Master George Davis as the Town Mayor's Deputy Consort.

Councillor Julie Martin was elected to serve as Deputy Town Mayor and introduced Andy Martin as her Consort. Rev. Michael Woodall will serve as the Mayor's Chaplain and Harry Sprague was chosen to continue to serve as the Mayor's Cadet. The Town Mayor and former Town Mayor toasted each other raising their glasses and drinking a toast to the "Town of Torpoint."

# STARTING THE CONVERSATION

## What is Torpoint Town Council?

Torpoint Town Council meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7.00pm in the Council Committee Room at the Council Chambers, members of the public are welcome to attend and sit in the public gallery. "Full Council" is the term given to the Council as the corporate body and is made up of 16 Councillors.

The Council delegates its functions to three sub-committees: Finance and Operations, Development and Localism and Personnel which meet to discuss and debate matters of the Town. Recommendations arising from these committees are made to Full Council who are responsible for voting on the more important and key decisions which would affect the town. The Town Council is supported by the Proper Officer, known as the Town Clerk, who is knowledgeable in Council procedures and ensures that legislations are adhered to.

Additional working groups include the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group and the Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel plus the Town Team Project Board, which works with external consultants to oversee the Lower Fore Street Redevelopment Project. These groups include both members of the Council and members of the public each providing important, diverse and well-rounded input surrounding the current issues and

future development of Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula.

To find out more about the Council and its Committees, view upcoming agendas, reports and past meeting minutes and learn what the Council is responsible for delivering in Torpoint, please visit [torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk) or email [admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk)

Over the coming months we are looking to use this space in future newsletters to introduce all aspects of Torpoint Town Council, its Councillors, staff, responsibilities, future plans and more. Your feedback as a town is welcomed and encouraged, let us know what information you would like to see here. Send us an email or join the conversation via our Facebook page to get involved.





# Torpoint Library and Comm Community Support

**MON 10<sup>th</sup> READERS  
NEEDED!! Summer  
Reading Challenge Launch**

Mon	Tue	Wed
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>Benefit Check and Support Drop-in -</b>            0930—12pm  <b>U3A Games Group 2-4pm</b>  <i>CHAT Bereavement Group (St James Hall 10-12)</i></p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>Rhyme Wellbe</b></p>
<p><b>10</b>            Torpoint chapter book club 11-12pm (1st Mon)            Family History Group 2pm  <b>Summer Resding Challenge Launch – Come Register</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>Benefit Check and Support Drop-in -</b>            0930 -12pm  <b>U3A Games Group 2-4pm</b>  <i>CHAT Memory Group (St James Hall 1-3pm)</i></p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>Rhyme Wellbe</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>Benefit Check and Support Drop-in -</b>            0930—12pm  <b>U3A Games Group 2-4pm</b>  <b>Torpoint Community Day – 2-6pm</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>Rhyme Wellbe</b></p>
<p><b>24</b>  <b>Social Prescriber Drop-in 12-2pm</b></p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>Benefit Check and Support Drop-in -</b>            0930—12pm  <b>U3A Games Group 2-4pm Chess Club</b>            10am and 3.30PM <i>CHAT Memory Group (St James Hall 1-3pm)</i></p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>Rhyme Wellbe</b></p>

# Community Hub - July 2023 What's on

Start Mon to Fri 0915-1630



	Thu	Fri
<p>etime: 0930-1130; ing Group 1-3pm</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>Benefit Check and Support</b> 0930-12pm;</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>Summer Craft Fair:</b> 10-4pm; <b>Home Group/Housing</b> (1st Fri) AM</p>
<p>etime: 0930-1130; ing Group 1-3pm</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>Benefit Check and Support</b> 0930-12pm; <b>Kate Ewert, County Councillor</b> Clinic 10-12pm <b>Crochet Group</b> 10-12pm</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>Art Group</b> 10-12pm <b>Macular Society</b> (2nd Fri)</p>
<p>etime: 0930-1130; ing Group 1-3pm</p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>Benefit Check and Support</b> 0930-12pm;</p>	<p><b>21</b> Art Group 10-12pm;</p>
<p>etime: 0930-1130; ing Group 1-3pm</p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>Benefit Check and Support</b> 0930-12pm;</p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>Art Group</b> 10-12pm</p>

**SUN 30th SUSTAINABLE SUNDAY & REPAIR CAFÉ!!** Last Sunday of Month 10-1pm

## Visit Whitsand Bay Fort Holiday Village

**ALL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
ALL YEAR ROUND**

- Swimming pool open all year round
- "The Fort Inn" Restaurant
- Accommodation and touring pitches:

-Fully serviced touring pitches

-Tent pitches

-6 berth lodges with optional hot tub

-Tamar bedroom suites



Visit our website for more information and opening times:  
[www.whitsandbayfort.co.uk](http://www.whitsandbayfort.co.uk)  
facebook: Whitsand Bay Fort Holiday Village

Contact Us: 01752 822597 [office@whitsandbayfort.co.uk](mailto:office@whitsandbayfort.co.uk)

# TORPOINT COMMUNITY DAY



## LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY?

Join us for an afternoon to celebrate our wonderful Torpoint Community Hub and Library. Hear about the work we have been doing to create a safe supportive environment for everyone to enjoy.



## FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TORPOINT?

Working with Community Health Around Torpoint (CHAT Link) and Cornwall Council Link into Learning we have been granted even more funding to build on the work we have been doing to support you.

## GET INVOLVED

Would you like to volunteer? Come along and have a chat.

## SUPPORT AVAILABLE

- ✓ 1:2:1 Welfare Support
- ✓ Social Prescribing
- ✓ Bereavement
- ✓ Mental Health
- ✓ Loneliness
- ✓ Advice and information
- ✓ Safe Space to be
- ✓ Home Library Service
- ✓ Support Groups
- ✓ IT Support



## INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Our Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel have been working hard to deliver a scheme that involves everyone in our community. Please come and find out more about our 'Inclusive Community Partner' scheme and sign up your business to support diversity and promote equality in our town.

## BOOK BEFRIENDING SCHEME

Combating loneliness our home library service offers support to members of our community who cannot get out of their house easily.



## JULY 18TH TORPOINT COMMUNITY HUB AND LIBRARY 2PM TILL 6PM



# Not just a Library with Books!



## Community Gateway >

01872 266383

8am - 8pm  
7 days a week  
365 days a year

## HELPLINE FOR SUPPORT AND ADVICE

A new helpline connecting you to a wide range of local community support:

- Debt advice
- Healthy food
- Wellbeing activities
- Mental health support

WE ARE OPEN

Monday to Friday  
9:15 - 16.30

T 01752 812215  
E [torpoint.library@liscornwall.org.uk](mailto:torpoint.library@liscornwall.org.uk)

 Torpoint Library

The last Sunday of every month  
10am - 2pm (March to November)