

TORPOINT NEWSLETTER



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Update from Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel



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



Hatha Yoga Class

For all abilities

Beginners Welcome

Join our friendly community and
get in shape this year.

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**Try Your First Session for
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**Torpoint Council Chambers
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Thursdays at 7pm / 60 mins**

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**Email – valleyspirithaf@outlook.com
Phone – 07928469575
Facebook – /valleyspirithaf**

DIARY DATES

To add an event to this diary please email
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

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

Sunday 30th

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

Sunday 6th

TORPOINT COMMUNITY CINEMA
Council Chambers. To book tickets, email
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

Fourth Wednesday of every month

TORPOINT & RAME U3A

Council Hall | 10am – Midday
u3asites.org.uk/torpoint-rame/groups

Fortnightly from Wednesday 28th June

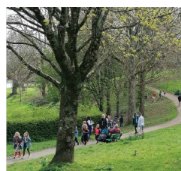
MAN DOWN

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.





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 or email 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 10th READERS
NEEDED!! Summer
Reading Challenge Launch**

Mon	Tue	Wed
3 MON 10th READERS NEEDED!! Summer Reading Challenge Launch	4 Benefit Check and Support Drop-in - 0930—12pm U3A Games Group 2-4pm <i>CHAT Bereavement Group (St James Hall 10-12)</i>	5 Rhyme Wellbe
10 Torpoint chapter book club 11- 12pm (1st Mon) Family History Group 2pm Summer Resding Challenge Launch – Come Register	11 Benefit Check and Support Drop-in - 0930 -12pm U3A Games Group 2-4pm <i>CHAT Memory Group (St James Hall1- 3pm)</i>	12 Rhyme Wellbe
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24 Social Prescriber Drop-in 12- 2pm	25 Benefit Check and Support Drop-in - 0930—12pm U3A Games Group 2-4pm Chess Club 10am and 3.30PM <i>CHAT Memory Group (St James Hall 1-3pm)</i>	26 Rhyme Wellbe

Community Hub - July 2023 What's on

Art Mon to Fri 0915–1630



	Thu	Fri
<p>etime: 0930-1130; ing Group 1-3pm</p>	<p>6 Benefit Check and Support 0930-12pm;</p>	<p>7 Summer Craft Fair: 10-4pm; Home Group/Housing (1st Fri) AM</p>
<p>etime: 0930-1130; ing Group 1-3pm</p>	<p>13 Benefit Check and Support 0930-12pm; Kate Ewert, County Councillor Clinic 10-12pm Crochet Group 10-12pm</p>	<p>14 Art Group 10-12pm Macular Society (2nd Fri)</p>
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<p>etime: 0930-1130; ing Group 1-3pm</p>	<p>27 Benefit Check and Support 0930-12pm;</p>	<p>28 Art Group 10-12pm</p>
	<p>SUN 30th SUSTAINABLE SUNDAY & REPAIR CAFÉ!! Last Sunday of Month 10-1pm</p>	



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www.whitsandbayfort.co.uk
facebook: Whitsand Bay Fort Holiday Village



Contact Us: 01752 822597 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**



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Community Gateway >

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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

f Torpoint Library

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