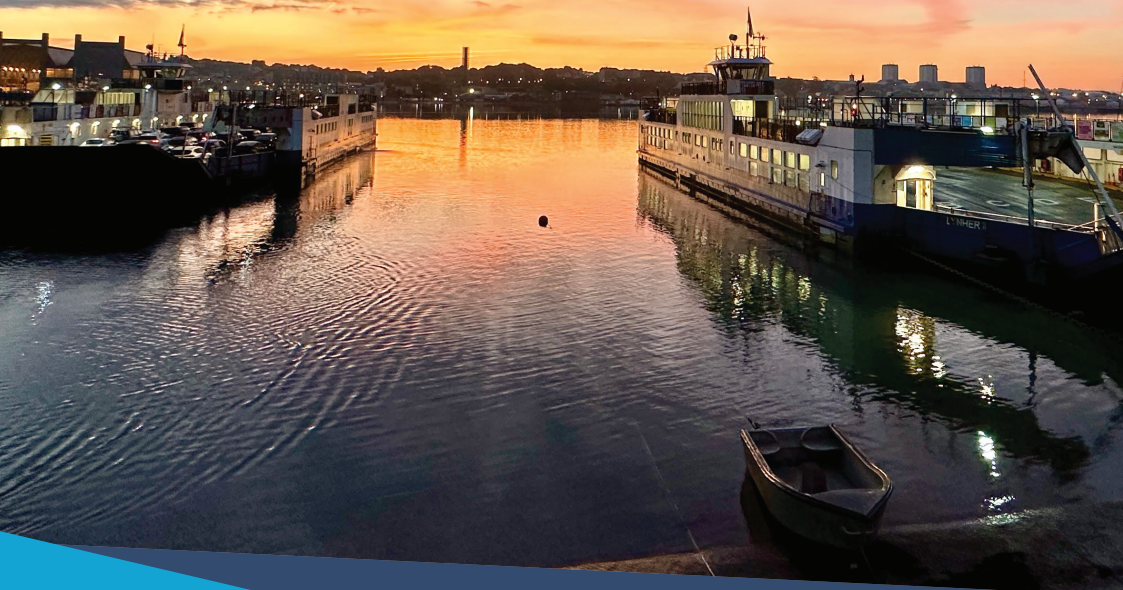


TORPOINT NEWSLETTER



September 2023



DIARY DATES

To add an event to this diary please email
admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 24th

FREEDOM OF TORPOINT PARADE

Sunday 24th

TORPOINT LIBRARY

& COMMUNITY HUB | 10am – 2pm

With Repair Café

Friday 29th

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Torpoint Library & Community Hub

9:15am – 4pm

Saturday 30th

TEAM RUBICON SKATE JAAM!

with Friends Of Thanckes Park

Torpoint Skate Park

Monday 23rd

HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

Bénodet Park | 10am – 12pm

Contact Friends of Thanckes Park

friends@thanckes.co.uk

Saturday 28th

TORPOINT COMMUNITY CINEMA

MINIONS THE RISE OF GRU

Doors open 4.30pm, Council Chambers.

To book tickets, email

torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com

Sunday 29th

TORPOINT LIBRARY

& COMMUNITY HUB | 10am – 2pm

With Repair Café

Saturday 4th

LANTERN MAKING WORKSHOP

Council Chambers | 10am – 3pm

Saturday 11th

ARMISTICE DAY

Sparrow Park | 11am

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER

Sunday 12th

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Friday 17th

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Torpoint Library

& Community Hub | 9:15am – 4pm

TORPOINT LADY SINGERS

Cabaret Evening, Council Chambers | 7.30pm

(proceeds to Shelterbox)

Contact - curlybo@btinternet.com

Saturday 18th

CHRISTMAS NOT CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Council Chambers | 10am – 3pm

Contact friends@thanckes.co.uk

Saturday 25th

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Fore Street and Santa's Grotto at

Torpoint Library and Community Hub

Sunday 26th

SANTA'S GROTTTO

Torpoint Library and Community Hub

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



Regulation 14 Consultation



Torpoint Neighbourhood Plan

Torpoint Town Council, supported by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, has prepared a Neighbourhood Plan for the Torpoint Parish.

The plan sets out a vision for the future and outlines the planning policies which will be used to determine local planning proposals. Comments are invited on the proposals in this pre-submission before being submitted to Cornwall Council for formal consideration and wider consultation.

Comments on the draft plan can be made online at app.gocollaborate.co.uk/cornwall/torpoint-ndp. The plan is available to view at www.torpointplan.org.uk or by visiting the exhibition stand at Torpoint Library and Community Hub where hard copies are available.

If you have any questions about the consultation or for further information please email clerk@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk.

**The consultation opens at 12 noon
on Tuesday 22nd August 2023
ending at 5.00pm on Tuesday 17th
October 2023.**

SCAN ME



[app.gocollaborate.co.uk/
cornwall/torpoint-ndp](https://app.gocollaborate.co.uk/cornwall/torpoint-ndp)



Civic Service & Parade 2023

The community of Torpoint excelled themselves on Sunday 16th July with a fantastic turnout for the annual Civic Service and Parade.

Led by Torpoint Sea Cadets – T S Ramehead Cadet Band, Mayor and Mayoress of Torpoint Councillor Gary Davis and Mrs Victoria Davis were accompanied by the Town Mayor's Deputy Consort Master George Davis, Deputy Mayor Councillor Mrs Julie Martin and Consort Andy Martin.

Dignitaries attending included the High Sheriff of Cornwall Toby Ashworth, Commanding Officer Captain Jane Roe from HMS RALEIGH and Sheryll Murray MP accompanied by Bob Davidson. Councillor Pauline Giles, Chairman of Cornwall Council accompanied by her Consort, also the Plymouth Lord Mayor accompanied by the Plymouth Lady Mayoress. Also, visiting Mayor's from Launceston and Saltash, the Deputy Mayor and Portreeve from Callington, plus the Deputy Mayor of Liskeard. Honorary Freeman of Torpoint Mike Pearn MBE, Honorary Burgess of Torpoint John Crago, the Chairman of Antony Parish Council, the Chairman of Sheviocck Parish Council, plus the Vice Chairman of Millbrook Parish Council were supported by Torpoint Town Councillors, the Town Crier, plus Cornwall Councillors Kate Ewert and John Tivnan BEM. Additionally, former Town Mayors attended and paraded to the Church.

The Reverend Michael Woodall, the Mayor's Chaplain and the Reverend Annabel King led the Service at St. James Church, with a beautiful performance from the children from Torpoint Nursery and Infant School.

Councillor Rachel Evans BEM presented the Civic Awards for 2023. Friends of Thanckes Park was awarded the Organisation of the Year, for successfully organising a myriad of events and collaborating with other organisations, ensuring that our wide and diverse community continue to enjoy and benefit from one of Torpoint's real gems, the Field in Trust, Thanckes Park.

The Person of Courage Award was awarded to Katie-Marie Martin. Councillor Evans explained that 18 months ago this beautiful young lady was about to embark on an exciting new promotion in a job she adored when, unexpectedly, she became unwell. Unfortunately she was diagnosed with a spinal tumour known as Sacral Chordoma. For those of you that do



not know, Chordoma is a cancer, diagnosed in one in a million people around the world, more commonly aged 40-75! She was 23!

Councillor Evans has sponsored a new Youth Achievement Award, as during her years as Mayor, she recognised there are many young people in our community quietly doing great things and she wanted to continue to encourage them to be the best they can. Awarding Ernie Eastment the award, Councillor Evans highlighted that Ernie is a great Ambassador for young people in our town, someone who constantly displays values such as integrity, respect and care. As a Special Patrol Leader in the Scouts, he has been described as the epitome of a great Scout, a valuable team player who is extremely supportive of his peers and leaders.

The Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Jenny Hughes, who is always first in the queue when it comes to volunteering, tirelessly putting herself forward to help any organisation that needs an extra pair of hands, as well as organising many fundraising events themselves. Over the years Jenny has raised thousands of pounds for a variety of organisations and charities and has been the lead fundraiser and champion of getting life-saving defibrillators across Torpoint. Jenny has devoted over 27 years to the Scouts, giving young people an opportunity to enjoy fun and adventure whilst developing skills to last them a life time.

The Mayor said "Thank you to everyone for coming along today and supporting my Civic Service and the procession through the town. I am immensely proud of everyone in our community and all the organisations they represented." Summarising the projects currently being undertaken in the town, the Mayor explained the church collection will be going towards the Mustard Tree and All-Weather Pitch project.

On Saturday 15th July 2023 Torpoint Town Crier David Green took part in The Ancient and Honourable Guild of Town Criers Annual Championship Competition in Calne, Wiltshire. Twenty-eight Town Criers from across the UK and from Australia, Bermuda and Canada,

too presented a First Cry of 'My home town' and a Second Cry with the theme 'Cry me a river'. Having competed for and won awards in local Crier Competitions, this was David's first Guild Championship attendance and first competition representing Torpoint. He was eligible for entry to the prestigious National Award of the Bob Walker Trophy and took 1st Place.

Meet the Operations Team

(By Philip Griffiths Operations Manager)

Hopefully you will have spotted the Town Council van being driven around and wondered what the Operations Team do. Well, let me introduce you. They are the friendly Town Council staff who take care of the daily maintenance within the town, from opening and closing the buildings and facilities to the all-important task of keeping the public conveniences clean, they've got it covered! They also inspect the play park equipment and lend a hand with road closures for street markets and parades. The Operations Team supports the Friends of Thanckes Park and their events, during the festive season they team up with a group of volunteers to bring magic to the town by putting up the Christmas Tree and Christmas Lights and helping with the Christmas Lights Switch On!

They come from diverse backgrounds, each bringing unique skills to the team, making them truly invaluable and are always ready to take on any challenge, their flexibility and kind nature makes them very approachable. So, if you happen to see one of these friendly faces during their duties, don't hesitate to say hello or ask them a question. They're here to make our community a better place for us all.



TORPOINT DEVELOPMENT

TUESDAY 26TH

6PM - 8PM

TORPOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

COME ALONG AND FIND OUT ABOUT THE EX

Neighbourhood
Development Plan

3G Pitch Project

Town Centre
Improvements

Police Station
Update

REFRESHMENTS

HELP SHAPE |



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

14TH SEPTEMBER

3:30PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CITING PLANS HAPPENING IN YOUR TOWN

**Tennis Courts
Improvement**

**Defiance
Development**

**'The Gardens'
Development**

Bike Hubs

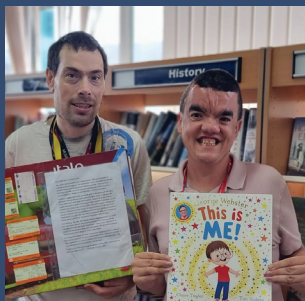
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HAVE YOUR SAY

**Torpoint
Town
Council**



Update from the Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel



At the last meeting the panel discussed the inclusive partner sticker scheme launch and are looking to encourage as many organisations and businesses to sign up - more information on the scheme is available at Torpoint Library and Community Hub where sign-up forms can also be collected.

The panel are continuing to pursue the improvements needed to enable manual wheelchair access to Thanckes Park play park and priority is also being given to improving accessibility to some of the shops and businesses in Fore Street.

A massive well done to Christopher and Stuart for their amazing exhibition and displays of art in the library celebrating learning disability awareness. Lots of people came to take a look at Chris' artwork and Stuart read 'This Is Me' to a crowd of little ones at rhyme time, thank you also to Awenek Studio CIC and Mencap for supporting this event.

The next meeting is being held at Penntorr Health Centre, panel members are very much looking forward to seeing their new health and wellbeing garden.

When parking in and around Torpoint please be mindful of accessibility for our disabled residents and families with pushchairs, this includes parking on pavements and close to junctions.

*Living
Wage
Foundation*

Torpoint Town Council is now accredited

Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions Club News



Hi everyone, it has been a long time since the Lions Club has had a chance to get in touch with you. To bring everyone up to speed with what has been happening with your club, it is with great sadness that we report that Lion President Clive O'Shaughnessy found his peace earlier this year after a protracted fight with cancer, the Lions club will miss him dearly as I'm sure those of you who knew him will too.

Our current President is Annette Evans, who took on the role 6 months early and has just taken on her own 12-month post as our CEO. We all wish her well and every success in the role, she has been a credit to the club and works hard to make sure everything works well. We are actively looking to recruit new Lions within Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula! Recruiting new members is the lifeblood of this great service organisation. New members revitalise clubs by offering new energy and new ideas, and thus providing a much greater impact on our communities.

For more information about the Torpoint and Rame Peninsula Lions Club or to enquire about joining please contact Richard Pymm on richardpymm@gmail.com.

A Message from the Torpoint and Rame Community Nurses Friends

It is with a mixture of sadness and delight that we wish to inform everyone that Torpoint & Rame Community Nurses Friends have been dissolved after 34 years.

This charity began in 1989 in response to Margaret Hall, community nurse, commenting to her friends that she was frustrated by the lack of resources for the patients she was caring for, in particular the difficulty in supplying commodes!

From this came the inspiration to create a fundraising group to purchase equipment for all NHS Community staff, Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors, Speech Therapists and Physiotherapists.

So the charity was formed and has raised enormous sums of money over the years, much of it donated by grateful relatives of patients, but also through regular fund raising events in the local area. There have been many people, both NHS workers and others who have given their time, enthusiasm and energy to keep the charity going.

The money has been used to purchase a wide variety of items ranging from simple items such as books for educational purposes used by the

Health Visiting team, to specialist beds for two disabled children. Also, a specialist therapy bike for the physios to expedite recovery from hip and knee surgery, and numerous items of equipment to improve patient care by the Community nurses such as syringe drivers and nebulisers and of course lots of commodes!

However, times change and amazingly the charity is now in a situation where each NHS Trust supplies all necessary equipment and due to infection control regulations, items are not reused in the same way they used to be, so the services are no longer needed.

The charity was left with £4,400 in funds which, according to the Charity Commission and our Constitution had to be given to health-related charities. It has therefore been donated to the Lions to purchase wheelchairs to loan out, to CHAT for the Dementia Group and supplementing the Food Box scheme which was started during the Covid lockdown.

Grateful thanks to anyone and everyone who has contributed to this worthwhile charity, either financially or by giving their time and commitment along the way.



Torpoint Council Chambers
Every Tuesday

8am, 9.30am, 11.30am
Call Lou 07914 320697

3.30pm, 5.30pm, 7pm
Call Rachel 07463 929696

TORPOINT LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

WEEKLY AUTUMN SCHEDULE

Monday

Chair Pilates 1035
(booking required)

Social Prescriber Clinics TBC

Tuesday

1:1 Support and Benefit Checks;
0930-12pm (weekly)

Art for Wellbeing 10-12pm
(weekly)

Wednesday

Rhyme Time 10-11am (weekly)

Friendship Group 1-3pm (weekly)

Digital Inclusion Support (PM)

Social Prescriber TBC

LEGO CLUB 3.30-5pm

Thursday

1:1 Support and Benefit Checks
0930 - 12pm (weekly)

Knit and Natter 1-4pm Drop-in
(weekly)

Friday

Art Club 10-12pm (weekly)

Home Group - housing/finances 1030-
1230 (1st Friday only)

Cost of Living Visitors (weekly/various)
PM

Sunday

Sustainable Sundays
and Repair Cafe

10 - 2pm (Last Sunday of Month)

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 29th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 4th Oct CLOSED (School Workshop)

Friday 13th Oct - Harvest Festival with Foodbank

Wednesday 25th Oct - Peter Pan Panto team visit



Home Library Service/Book Befriending

We are able to take books to people in the Torpoint and Rame Peninsula area free of charge if you have limited mobility or are housebound. Please call the number below and we can ask one of our wonderful volunteers to drop to you. If you know anyone who would benefit from this service please let them know.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR OUR CAFÉ AND HOME LIBRARY SERVICE.
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LOWER FORE STREET REDEVELOPMENT

In 2022, the Town Team Project Board, which includes the Town Council, Antony Estate, third sector organisations and local businesses, produced a Strategic Outline Case for the development of Lower Fore Street. This project continues this work and supports the delivery of a RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) 2 report and feasibility study to develop a community focused facility and housing at the centre of Torpoint. The development site represents the first/last impression of visitors to Cornwall through this gateway and is the focus for mixed use development and public realm enhancement. It is at the centre of 'A Vision for Torpoint', published in March 2016, and is the basis for the Economic Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan.

The project will provide a combined community and housing development overlooking the River Tamar, adjacent to the ferry lanes and at the base of the main shopping street.

The development will contain visitor and transport information, work space for officers, a community hub and library, café, gallery, art and creative studios, office and business start-up units for rent, as well as flexible work space for all sector use. There is also the opportunity to provide up to 50 x 2/3 bedroom apartments providing better living standards and much needed homes in the area.

The aim is to create a community focused building bringing the community together, restoring a sense of pride in Torpoint, creating a visible focus for the town, bringing to life the Vision for Torpoint. The facility will support networking and a creative mix of people from all ages enabling development, increased skills, stronger community and a more prosperous future for all. Importantly it will also enable people of all ages to mix, generating an environment that will help with the increased levels of loneliness identified in Torpoint.

