



TORPOINT

Newsletter - December 2023



DIARY DATES

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

DECEMBER 2023

Monday 4th – Thursday 21st

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St James Church | 3pm - 6pm

Contact - janeKent59@yahoo.co.uk
or 01752 974 200

Friday 15th

TORPOINT LADY SINGERS, CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Cornerstone Church | 7.30pm

(proceeds to Shelterbox)

Contact - curlybo@btinternet.com

Saturday 16th

BAZAAR & TABLE-TOP SALE

St James Church | 10am – 2pm

Contact – janeKent59@yahoo.co.uk

Friday 22nd

TORPOINT COMMUNITY CINEMA

Council Chambers

Elf doors open 3.30pm.

To book tickets, contact

torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com

Tuesday 26th Boxing Day

TOOLSTATION WESTON LEAGUE

TORPOINT AFC V MILLBROOK AFC

The Mill, Torpoint | KO @ 11am

Torpoint Mayor's Charity fundraiser for
the 3G Football Turf Pitch.

Monday 22nd

CORNWALL COUNCIL WASTE ENGAGEMENT ROADSHOW

Torpoint Library and Community Hub,

10am – 4pm | An opportunity to learn

and ask questions about the changes

being made to waste collections in

Torpoint in 2024.

Thursday 8th - Saturday 10th

TORPOINT PLAYERS

ANNUAL PANTOMIME

Council Hall

MARCH

Saturday 23rd

TORPOINT TOWN MAYOR'S CHARITY SPRING BALL

Torpoint

APRIL

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JUNE

Thursday 6th

D-DAY 80 BEACON LIGHTING

Details to follow

Saturday 29th

ARMED FORCES DAY

Details to follow

JANUARY 2024

FEBRUARY

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

SEASONS GREETINGS!



From fundraising to volunteering, a big thank you to all those involved with helping to organise the Christmas Lights Switch On event on Saturday 25th November 2023.

It was a wonderful community event and very well supported.

Torpoint And Rame Peninsula Lions even managed to arrange a visit from Father Christmas at the Torpoint Library and Community Hub despite his busy winter work schedule!



Photo Credit: Andy Campfield



Local park tennis courts in Torpoint set for renovation

- Torpoint Town Council and the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) agree partnership to breathe new life into local park tennis courts in Torpoint.
- The project will see £60,000 of investment into the tennis courts in Thanckes Park.
- Investment comes from the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation's Park Tennis Project, being delivered by the LTA.



Torpoint Town Council and the LTA have today announced a partnership to invest in and refurbish public park tennis courts in Torpoint. In total, two tennis courts will be renovated, with investment of £60,000 helping ensure that quality facilities are available for the local community.

The project is part of a nationwide investment by the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation, delivered by the LTA, to refurbish public tennis courts across Great Britain, and open up the sport to many more people. This investment will see thousands of existing park tennis courts in poor or unplayable condition brought back to life for the benefit of communities across the country through renovation works, and improved court accessibility with new gate-access technology and booking systems.

Park tennis courts are vital in providing opportunities for children and adults to get active, delivering significant physical and mental health and wellbeing benefits to participants. Accessible facilities in parks are particularly critical to opening up the sport to those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds and women and girls.

In addition to investment of £40,000 from the UK Government and LTA Tennis Foundation, £20,000 will also be invested by Torpoint Town Council, this includes donations received for the project.

Alongside the investment, Torpoint Town Council will also work with the LTA to deliver a range of activity on these tennis courts.

This will include weekly organised free park tennis sessions for all ages, playing levels and experience where equipment is provided, meaning that people will not need someone to play with or their own racket. Local Tennis Leagues will also provide friendly, sociable, opportunities to get active through local competition.

The park courts being renovated are located in Thanckes Park. The courts will have online booking found via the LTA website lta.org.uk/play and Torpoint Town Council website. This will make it far easier to find and book a tennis court or activity in at Thanckes Park.

Work on sites is anticipated to start in the New Year and be completed ready for Spring 2024.

Councillor Rachel Evans, BEM, Chair of the Development and Localism Committee said:

"Torpoint Town Council is delighted to be working in partnership with the LTA on this project. Thanckes Park is one of Torpoint's greatest assets and enhancing its beauty and facilities is a project in our Vision for Torpoint which sits within the draft Torpoint Neighbourhood Plan. We are grateful to the LTA for recognising the importance of these courts to our community and their upgrading will bring so many positive benefits to all our residents. A key part of this refurbishment project will be to ensure that the courts are accessible to all and the Town Council is also grateful to The Rame Group Practice, Torpoint Street Markets and Friends of Thanckes Park (FoTP) for the additional funding support they have provided to ensure this happens. I will be looking forward to playing and watching many games at this fantastic venue once they are completed."

Julie Porter, Chief Operating Officer at the LTA, said:

"We are delighted to be working with Torpoint Town Council to improve their park tennis facilities and provide more opportunities for anyone to pick up a racket and get active. This investment is part of the UK Government and LTA's Parks Tennis Project, and will mean that courts will be available for people to use for years to come. We will also be working closely with Torpoint Town Council to ensure that the local community have a range of accessible opportunities to get on court, and open up our sport to many more people."

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Liskeard & Looe foodbank
now open in Torpoint



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next to the ferry lanes. The library staff
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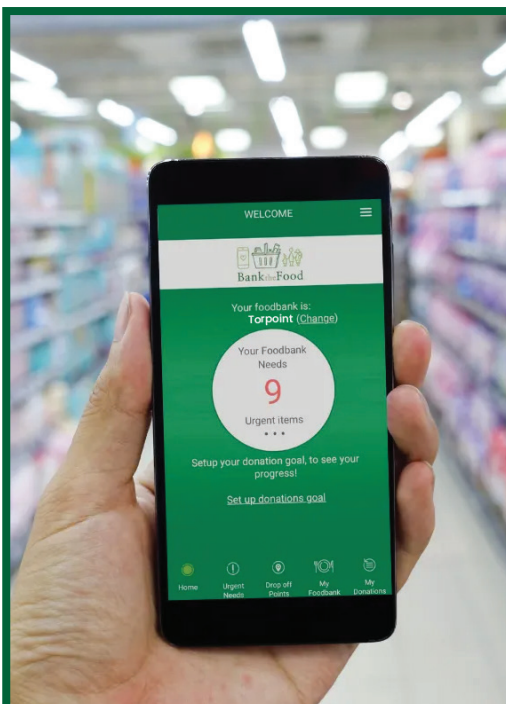
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E liskeard.foodbank@gmail.com

Mon/Wed/Fri
9:30 - 12.30

Collection Baskets

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Sunday 24th September

Freedom of Torpoint

Under blustery skies and threatening clouds, the Mayor of Torpoint invited the Captain of HMS Raleigh to exercise the honour of the Freedom of Torpoint. First granted to HMS Raleigh in December 1996, the privilege allows the establishment to parade through the streets with "drums beating, colours flying, and bayonets fixed."

The Town Mayor, Councillor Gary Davis, welcomed the parade saying, *"The close affiliation that exists between Torpoint and HMS Raleigh extends back many years, and we both benefit from the bonds of friendship between us,"* adding *"Torpoint is a Naval town through and through, and indeed many of the residents either are or have served in the Armed Forces. As the starting point of every Rating's career in the Royal Navy, HMS Raleigh should be justifiably proud of all they achieve, and we are honoured to be affiliated with this success."*

In response, Captain Jane Roe ADC Royal Navy declared, *"The bonds between HMS Raleigh and the town of Torpoint are inseparable; every sailor who joins the Royal Navy travels through the town on their way to the start of their Naval career, and the memory of crossing the Tamar, disembarking from the ferry and moving up through the town remains strong with every Rating."*

Thanking the Town Mayor and the Council, she continued, *"Torpoint is part of Raleigh, and Raleigh is part of Torpoint; it is a bond we do not take for granted. Thank you for your unwavering comradeship and dedication to the Armed Forces and the Royal Navy in particular."*

Photo credit Andy Campfield.



The parade, consisting of over 300 sailors and Royal Marines, accompanied by the Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines Plymouth, marched from Thanckes Park to the parade area by the Torpoint Ferry.

After the formal ceremony, the sailors then marched back through Torpoint, poignantly saluting the town's war memorial before the Mayor and Captain took the salute outside the Old Comrades and United Services Club on Antony Road.

With the rain holding off (just) the entire parade then enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Town Council back at Thanckes Park, where the Service personnel were treated to a pasty and a drink before heading back to HMS Raleigh, and for the recruits the continuation of their training.



Tuesday 26th September

Torpoint Town Council hosted a public development update.

Residents were invited to come along and find out about the plans happening within the town and surrounding area.

They were invited to discuss the plans with representatives from Torpoint Town Council and external partners involved in future development and were given the opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback, and have their say in order to help shape the future of Torpoint.

The Town Council and partners were very pleased with the level of attendance, engagement and constructive feedback that was received.



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by Town Mayor,
Cllr Gary Davis

Photo Credit: Katie Martin
Promotions and Photography



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Local Warm Hub

at Torpoint Library & Community Hub

Come in from the cold and ask for a free tea or coffee daily and a cup of hot soup on a Friday. Ask for a token from the front desk or approach a staff member.

We are watching you!



As the winter months draw in, please respect the town by picking up all of your dog fouling and disposing of it properly.

Please report those who do not clean up after their dog to Cornwall Council, you will need the date, time and location of the offence and a brief description where possible.



Scan QR to report
an irresponsible
dog owner

Torpoint Environmental Action Group (TEA)



Torpoint Environmental Action Group (TEA) gather every Tuesday at 10am in Thanckes Park Car Park, Torpoint.

We litter pick from 10am until 11:30am and then meet at the Library and Community Hub for a cup of coffee.

All equipment is provided and everyone is welcome.

We are delighted to announce that we now have 15 members and together since we have started litter picking, we have collected a staggering 1,379.01kgs or rounding up, 1.4 tonnes of rubbish from the streets of Torpoint.

Please contact chris.goodman@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk if you would like to join the group or just turn up!

REMEMBRANCE OBSERVATIONS TORPOINT 2023



On Armistice Day, Saturday 11th November, a short service was held at 11.00am at Sparrow Park, observing the national two minutes silence.

The Remembrance Parade in Torpoint took place on Sunday 12th November with organisations formed up in Albion Road from 10.20am onwards before setting off at 10.45am, followed by a service at St James Church before returning to the Torpoint Comrades & United Services Club. Thank you to Andy Martin Production Support who volunteered his services on the day by providing a live audio and visual link into the church for those unable to stand outside.

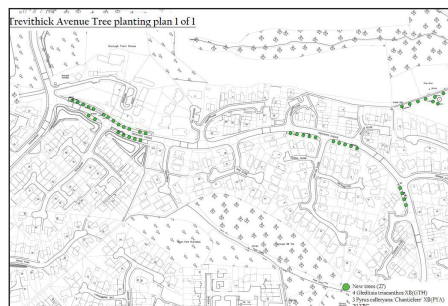
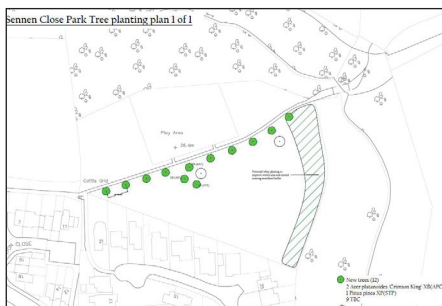
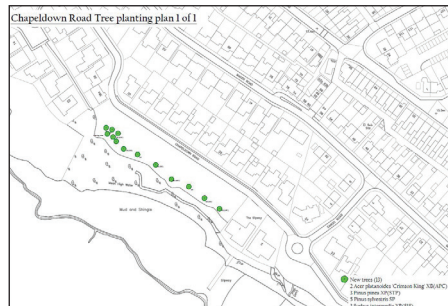
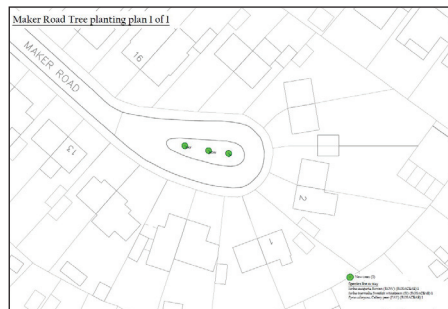
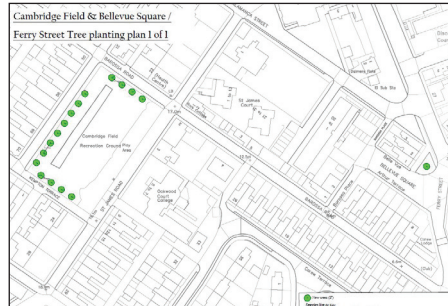
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URBAN TREE PLANTING

Following feedback from the initial consultation for planting as part of the Urban Tree Challenge Fund, Forest for Cornwall and Torpoint Town Council have been working together to identify further locations to increase urban tree canopy cover in the area in order to tackle the ecological emergency and the impacts of climate change.

Tree species are selected using the *right tree, right place* principle and to increase resilience against the increasing threats of new pests and diseases. We are planning to plant a range of sites across Torpoint over the next 12 months and welcome anyone who would like to either assist with community planting or to become a 'Tree Guardian'.

All feedback on these proposals is welcomed. Email admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk by midday on Friday 5th January 2024.



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ARMED FORCES & VETERANS BREAKFAST CLUBS

TORPOINT



ARMED FORCES Veterans Breakfast Club is available to all Serving and Ex Members of the Armed Forces.

We meet at the Carbeile Inn, Torpoint on the first Friday of each month at 09:00hrs. It is free to join, all you pay for is your breakfast **£10**.

Come along and enjoy the banter that goes on between the services!

For more information please contact prideauxcolin97@gmail.com

Torpoint & Rame Branch Royal Naval Association

Once Navy, Always Navy



Greetings to everyone.

The Royal Naval Association (RNA) exists to promote its core values of Unity, Loyalty, Patriotism and Comradeship. The Torpoint & Rame Branch, one of over 250 branches, is led by our chairman, Shipmate Bob Brotherston (we refer to each other as "Shipmate").

The Branch meets on the last Friday of most months of the year, usually at Torpoint Comrades' Club although we do venture out to the 200 Club for our annual barbecue and Trafalgar Night Dinner. The meetings promote the core value of comradeship, whilst supporting local good causes either through fundraising or taking part in community events. For example, the Branch recently donated £250 towards the long-awaited all-weather pitch; we also take part in the annual Civic Parade and Remembrance Sunday commemoration. Another community support effort is our sponsorship of the two flower beds that adorn the forecourt of the Comrades' Club.

New members are always welcome, so if you would like to know more about the Torpoint & Rame Branch RNA, please contact our Branch Secretary, Shipmate Paul Carter at paulctr@btinternet.com.

TORPOINT LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

Christmas Edition Kids Club

Wed 20th 10am-12pm Festive Treasure Hunt
Rudolph's Rhyme Time
Weds 20th 1-3pm Christmas Crafts with
Awenek (booking online)
Thursday 21st 10am-12pm Lapland Lego Club
Friday 22nd 10am-12pm Christmas Crafts

We also have festive colouring and a selection of Christmas books available throughout December.

Food Bank Donations for Christmas

We are collecting food items and advent calendars for our local foodbank to help people over the Christmas period. Please give generously if you can.

What's on in January and the New Year

Seated Pilates with Isla Sell Physiotherapy -
Monday 8th January 10.30-11.30am Pay as you
Feel (booking required).

Armed Forces Family and People Support -
Various organisations drop-in. Tuesday 9th
January 10am-12pm.

Women's Wellbeing Hope Group - Thursday 18th
January for 6 weeks - 6-8pm. For all women who
would like support from other women. Any
issues from low mood, anxiety and health, or
caring and parenting (booking required).

Cornwall Council New Waste Scheme Roadshow

Monday 22nd January 10am - 2pm and
Wednesday 10th April 11am-3pm. Information
about the roll-out of the new waste collection
service.

South West Water Drop-in - Wednesday 24th
January 09.30-11.30am. Help and support with
paying water bills, money saving tips.

Help and Support - We offer a daily support service for money, health and general advice. If
you are struggling come and see us or alternatively call

Cornwall Gateway helpline on 01872 266383 (8am-8pm 7 days)

We are open Mon - Fri 9.15am - 4.30pm. Closed from 22nd Dec, 4.30pm - 2nd Jan, 10am.
Please email or call with enquiries: torpoint.library@liscornwall.org.uk | 01752 812 215

Monday

Quiet Library and café.

Tuesday

1:1 Support and Benefit Checks;
09.30am-12pm (weekly)
Armed Forces Support 10am-12pm
(2nd Tues of month)
Awenek Art for Wellbeing
10am-12pm (weekly)

Wednesday

Rhyme Time 10-11am (weekly)
Friendship Group 1-3pm
(1st & 3rd Wed per Month)
Dementia Singing Group 1-3pm
(2nd & 4th Wed per month)
Police Drop-in 1st (10am) and 3rd
(1pm) Weds of Month.
LEGO CLUB 3.30-5pm

Thursday

1:1 Support and Benefit Checks
09.30am-12pm (weekly)
Knit and Natter 1-4pm Drop-in
(weekly). Brew and Banter (veterans
support, 3rd Thursday of month
10am-12pm)

Friday

Quiet Library and Café
Art Club 10am-12pm (weekly)

Sunday

Sustainable Sundays
and Repair Café
10am-2pm (Last Sunday of
Month)

BORROW A FREE BLOOD PRESSURE MONITOR

Now available at Torpoint Library and Community Hub.
You can now check out more than just a book. 1 in 10 adults don't know they have high blood pressure. Speak with staff for more information.



TORPOINT ATHLETIC FC

VS

MILLBROOK AFC



Raising funds for The Torpoint Town Mayor's
Charity to support the development of a 3G
Artificial Football Turf Pitch in Torpoint.

BOXING DAY

KICK OFF @ 11am

Christmas Party 12noon – 6pm

The Mill, Torpoint