

St Ives Town Council Animal Charter

1. Toiletries and cleaning products:

St Ives Town council will use environmentally friendly cleaning products that have not been tested on animals whenever possible.

2. Fur:

If replacements for ceremonial robes are needed, they should be replaced with man-made alternatives and the council should not be seen to promote the wearing of fur in the future.

3. Humane wildlife management:

Regarding seagulls, the council should endeavour to support humane controls such as education and poster campaigns etc.

4. Plastic Bags

St Ives Town council will continue to promote the use of re-usable bags and actively promote this issue within the town. The town council will also encourage businesses to use re-usable bags and not give plastic bags out to the public. They will also encourage the use of biodegradable packaging for take-away shops. St Ives Town Council will work towards becoming a plastic bag free zone.

5. Marine conservation:

The town council will not support or hold balloon releases.

The Council will encourage the public not to feed the seals in the harbour. This is something The Wildlife Trust have been trying to work with the Harbour Master on for several years now and is not only a public health risk (seals can bite and carry some horrible bacteria and diseases), but is also very bad for the wild seals too.

The Council will support the Marine Wildlife Code of Conduct to avoid disturbance to marine life from water users.

The Council will support the Seashore Code to protect seashore life, keep the beaches clean and enjoy the coast in a safe but fun manner.

The Council will support local businesses in the use of local, sustainably caught seafood which helps conserve fish stocks and ensures continued support for the sustainable fishing fleet.

6. Foie Gras and Veal

St Ives Town council will not allow these dishes on the menu at any council events.

7. Cruelty towards animals:

St Ives Town Council will not support or promote any organisations that endorse cruelty to animals – for example, stop wild/exotic animals being used in shows - so it would cover the use of tigers, elephants etc. in circuses, but not for example dogs/cats/rabbits or domesticated animals in acts and performances. This should include a ban on pets being given as prizes.