



St Ives Town Council

Annual
Review
2025-26



Introduction from Mayor Johnnie Wells



Town Mayor
Johnnie Wells

It has been a true privilege to serve as Mayor of St Ives, and I look back at my final year with enormous pride in all that we have achieved together.

One of the most significant developments in this term has been the introduction of the St Ives Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. I know there has been much public debate, but there has been positive feedback on some or all measures, not just opposition! I continue to believe that it is important to take difficult decisions to make change happen and prepare for our town's future responsibly. There is still work to do around signage, layouts and navigation systems, but early indications, after a busy Easter, are positive. I would like to thank everyone who has engaged constructively as the scheme beds in.

We have also continued to make real progress through devolution. Richmond Park has been a wonderful example of this, and seeing local children enjoying the newly refurbished play area has been especially rewarding. Our first full year of operating the Sloop Car Park has also had a positive impact on Council finances, so that we can afford to take on the management of more parks and green spaces.

Across the town, practical improvements have made a visible difference. The launch of our blue bins, managed by a local company, is helping keep the town cleaner and smarter. I am also particularly proud of the refurbishment of the Cornerstone building, home to St Ives Library and Tourist Information. Delivered again with local contractors it has given this important public building a new lease of life.

This year has also brought sadness. We said goodbye to our Deputy Mayor Kenny, whose passing at Christmas was deeply felt, and we also remembered former Mayor Ron Tully, with a tree planted in his memory. Both gave so much to St Ives and will not be forgotten.

There have also been proud moments, including the honour of making Tony Mason a Freeman of the Town, attending civic events across Cornwall, and welcoming a peer review following our Gold Standard Council recognition.

Looking back over my time as Mayor, one of the things I am proudest of is helping establish closer connections between the Council and the community. I have always wanted the Council to feel open, approachable and connected to the community it serves. Whether in meetings or simply being stopped in the street for a chat, I hope people feel that progress has been made.

I am also mindful of the loss of the Times & Echo and its editor Toni Carver, both leave a real gap in community life that many of us will feel for some time.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all of our Council officers, whose professionalism, dedication and support have been invaluable throughout my whole time as Mayor. Their hard work behind the scenes keeps the town moving forward every day. I would also like to thank my wife and Consort Sarah, fellow councillors past and present, and the many volunteers who do so much to make St Ives such a special place.

To have served as your Mayor has been the greatest honour, and I will always be proud to have played a small part in the story of our amazing town.

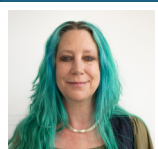


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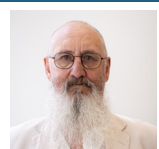
Introducing the New Council

Following elections in 2025, 14 Town Councillors were elected and the two vacant seats were filled by co-option (advertising vacancies locally). The Council welcomed new councillors Josette Fuller, Martin Van Staeyen, Paul Kennedy and Amanda Walsh who serve for the first time. However in tragic news late in 2025, the Council marked the sudden death of one long serving councillor Ken Messenger, Deputy Mayor, active ward councillor and chair of the planning committee, Ken left a big hole in the life of the Council and the town. His seat is currently vacant.

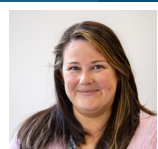
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Josette Fuller



Martin Van Staeyen



Kirsty Arthur



Lisa Smith



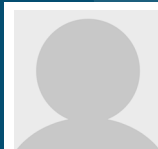
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Paul Kennedy



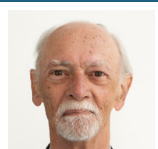
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Vacancy

St Ives West

East & Carbis Bay



James Ryall



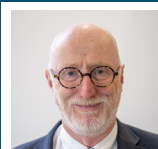
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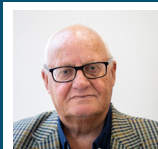
Sinead McNamee



Amanda Walsh



Steve Hynes



Tony Harris



Johnnie Wells



Paul Viney

Lelant

About the Town Council

St Ives is a Town Council with 16 councillors, supported by a town clerk and 28 council employees.

Local Town and Parish Councils form the second tier of local government. Unlike the Unitary Cornwall Council, which has to deliver statutory services like housing, planning and waste, Town Councils focus on very local services.

From benches to footpath cutting, running the skate park to the library - we use our well-being powers to help our communities.

Committees

The Council manages its work in 6 Committees. Each of the Committees completes work and makes decisions which help the Council deliver. Each has priority projects and an annual work programme

The Community and Environment Committee

Is responsible for social, cultural, community and environmental issues and projects

The Facilities Committee

Is responsible for the repair and maintenance of Council's physical assets and properties and how they are run. It also looks after weddings, events and live performance at the concert hall

The Planning Committee

Is responsible for commenting on planning proposals and implementing and reviewing St Ives Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Finance and General Purposes Committee

Is responsible for the Council's spending, land and property, policies, and strategies

The Staffing Committee

Is responsible for dealing with all staffing matters, both policy and operational

The Devolution and Place Shaping Panel

Is responsible for taking the lead on discussions and negotiations with Cornwall Council for devolved services, facilities and functions.

A Year in Pictures

May - Attending the St Ives Food & Drink Festival in the community tent



May - The Annual Town Meeting and Q&A



June - Yonkers Youth team attend school transition day on Porthminster Beach



June - Up Next! Youth music event at Trewyn Gardens



June - Signing the Armed Forces covenant



July - Youth Council initiative



July - Palemon Best Community Fun Day



July - New town marshalls



August - St Nicholas' Chapel lit up for VJ day



August - Annual Crying the Neck ceremony to mark the traditional end of the corn harvest



August - Repairs to the Old Fire Station roof



September - Annual St Ives Star Award winners



September - Rebecca Cobb book launch & signing at The Cornerstone



October - Halloween Story Time at The Cornerstone



November - Remembrance Day 2025



November - Hayle & St Ives Police team drop-in session



January - Yonkers Youth team's new youth bus project



February - Feast Day 2026



February - Ceremony to admit Tony Mason as an Honorary Greeman of St Ives



March - St Ives Kite Fest 2026



What the Town Council Does

Your council tax pays for the police, Cornwall Council and Town and Parish Councils and it can sometimes be confusing to know who is responsible for what

Cornwall Council is the principal Council in Cornwall. It has a lot of legal duties to deliver services such as schools, care for children and adults, highways, domestic waste, planning and more.

In addition, there are 218 Town and Parish Councils in Cornwall. These are local councils and they don't have many legal responsibilities (things they have to do), but they do have many powers which they can use to help their local communities. Town Councils are becoming more and more ambitious about what they want to achieve for their communities. With large councils having their budgets cut, local councils are stepping into the gap to do more and prevent services being lost. St Ives Town Council currently own, deliver and manage the following services:

- The public CCTV system and funding street marshals
- 8 lots of public toilets in the parish
- The library & visitor information service based in the Cornerstone library building
- The Guildhall concert hall, putting on events and live performance
- Operating a town box office
- Weddings at the Guildhall and chapel blessings at the Island Chapel and the Blockhouse
- Heritage buildings including the two historic chapels, the Guildhall and library, the Huer's Hut, Market House, the Island Blockhouse, the Malakoff, St Ia's well, Knill's monument
- Supporting a local youth engagement team - Yonkers
- 220 public benches
- 74 allotment plots
- Maintaining the Island Community Centre where classes and markets are held
- Funding a community grants programme
- Managing retail and commercial space for rent (eg Market House, the Guildhall, the Island Centre)
- Hosting important traditional events (Feast, Knill, Kitefest, Good Friday boating, mayor choosing, New Year's Eve)
- The Palemon Best park and skate park, Memorial gardens, Trewyn and Richmond Gardens, Chy an Gweal Park
- Managing important open spaces including the Island and Man's Head
- Hosting Farmers & Craft markets
- Providing responses to over 200 planning applications and implementing a Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Maintaining a public car park, cycle racks and two bus shelters
- Maintaining and funding town centre community de-fibrillators
- Waste collection from 30 waste and dog waste bins
- Licensing and enforcement for ticket sellers and street businesses
- Footpath cutting, street weeding and Summer planting schemes



The newly renovated Cornerstone building

Community & Environment Committee



Committee Chair
Sinead McNamee



Committee Aims

- To improve the quality and number of community facilities in the parish
- To develop closer links with community initiatives and voluntary sector groups
- To respond to the declared climate change emergency

What We Said We'd Do

- Deliver the Richmond Park project
- Continue to manage and improve Palemon Best Rec including resolving the community cafe project
- Consider the case and support the development of a voluntary forum
- Implement the Council Climate Change Action Plan and working with partners
- work to identify options and scope for an additional allotment site
- Tender a new open spaces and grounds maintenance contract
- Support and seek to implement speed measures for Halsetown and Lelant
- Develop and launch a community engagement plan
- Identify sites which could support local businesses and generate revenue exploring leasehold and pop-up site models
- Work with the community to progress play and green spaces plans

What's Happened This Year

- Secured over £200,000 and delivered phase one of Richmond Park with a new playpark
- Repaired and upgraded the play park at Penbeagle (Palemon Best) park
- Commissioned a tree plan and planned redesign of Memorial Gardens
- Supported the youth team to secure £20,000 funding for a bus cafe project
- Worked with Cornwall Council and the Harbour to manage trading licencing arrangements
- Employed multi-skilled enforcement officers to look after the streets
- Progressed carbon reduction plans including solar panels on the Old Fire Station and a 100% renewables energy tariff ring fenced funds for a second electric vehicle.
- Funded footpath cutting on coastal and parish paths and street weeding
- Worked with BID to invest more in Summer planting for the town centre
- Secured £250,000 of funding for a pioneering parish project to help to identify plots for 250 local affordable homes
- Hosted, funded and supported many local events including Kite Fest, September Festival, May Day and New Year's Eve
- Supported advice and help through Citizens Advice and Barclays in the library
- Continued to fund older persons and youth groups such as Hayle Day Care, Edward Hain, the food share and food bank projects
- Supported heritage projects including a new heritage plaque for Troika and began heritage lottery funding for the Huer's Hut

Facilities Committee



Committee Chair
Kirsty Arthur

Committee Aims

- To improve the quality and energy performance of the Council's property and buildings
- To manage high quality facilities available for the benefit of the community and which deliver income to support service delivery
- To increase the number of community buildings and spaces

What We Said We'd Do

- Progress the Guildhall renovation project
- Refurbish the Island Blockhouse and open up its use as a venue
- Roll out modernisation of public conveniences
- Refurbish Market House and access for the first floor to relocate the Archive
- Complete an upgrade to the sea railings at the Fishermen's lodges
- Renovate the Old Fire Station and install new solar panels and roof
- Complete electrical hard wire testing, ensure LED lighting in all buildings
- Purchase an electric vehicle & charging infrastructure
- Secure funding and deliver the Cornerstone as a smart skills centre
- A repair and maintenance programme to improve new devolved property
- Recruit an additional senior maintenance officer

What's Happened This Year

- Progressed the Guildhall project and tackled structural issues on site
- Appointed architects and worked with the Heritage Lottery on the Huer's Hut project
- Held 42 weddings at the newly refurbished Island Blockhouse events venue
- Introduced toilet charges at two new sites and took back Trenwith toilets
- Adopted the Council's first capital programme of works
- Delivered Market House as a newly refurbished home for St Ives Archive
- Completed the refurbishment of the Cornerstone Building and digital skills centre.
- Fully refurbished Barnoon Studio and the Old Fire Station as lettable spaces for local businesses.
- Leased the management of the Porthmeor putting green as a new wellness sauna
- recruited a new Senior Maintenance Officer
- Extended programme of activities and events in the Cornerstone
- Ran a successful St Ives Box Office to sell tickets on behalf of local venues
- Hosted weekly wedding ceremonies across our sites and buildings

Restoring the Old Fire Station roof



Planning Committee



Committee Vice Chair
Paul Viney

Committee Aims

- To provide meaningful scrutiny and comments on all planning applications
- To support an effective pre-application process
- To be lead committee for the neighbourhood development plan
- To respond to important national and countywide policy documents

What We Said We'd Do

- Review the role and status of the St Ives Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Proactively use planning policy and future investments to protect independent businesses and the high street and meet the needs for affordable housing
- Support affordable housing and local needs housing proposals

What's Happened This Year

- The Committee paid tribute to its long standing chair following his sudden death
- The Planning Committee met monthly and provided comments on 172 planning applications
- Supported community concerns over controversial planning proposals including the Premier Inn, Chy an Porth, Treloyhan Manor licensing and the former Garrack Hotel
- Attended Cornwall Council Licensing Committee to represent the community's views on the impact of a proposed alcohol licence. Wrote to the Secretary of State to call in the Premier Inn planning appeal
- Positively supported proposals which bring community benefits to St Ives including a 62 bed carehome, affordable housing scheme artisan studios and repairs to the Shamrock Lodge roof
- Supported planning conditions which safeguarded new dwellings as permanent homes by applying the H2 planning policy on 70 new homes
- Provided an effective voice in a number of enforcement matters, reporting breaches of planning where they were identified.

Finance & General Purposes Committee



Committee Chair
Tony Harris

Committee Aims

- To ensure we have the financial capacity to deliver devolved services to the community
- To continue to be a low-cost, low-precepting town council and be one of the best value councils in Cornwall
- To review income sources and service expenditure to ensure we deliver better value for money
- To build on past successes in bidding for external project grant funding
- To ensure that our technological support systems are effective in supporting our devolved services
- To work further towards higher accreditation for Quality Council status

What We Said We'd Do

- Increase commercial revenue and make savings in order to keep council tax increases in single figures (%)
- Continue to invest in IT infrastructure and the Council's digital strategy
- Apply for local councils accreditation to improve our performance
- Undertake and authorise all necessary property or contract matters arising from the progress of the devolution process
- Develop a new procurement policy
- Enter into the Council's first commercial waste contract
- Continue work to ensure the Council's property matters are in good order
- Continue to explore commercial income generation
- Develop the Council's CCTV partnership and investment in assets
- Support the community grants process



What We Said We'd Do

- Catalogue our art and sculpture and find ways to open up community access
- Effectively manage the Sloop car park to maximise revenue for other services
- Develop a new medium term financial strategy

What's Happened This Year

- Raised our level reserves to more sustainable levels
- Implemented a three year medium term financial strategy
- Completed a positive and successful peer review process
- Implemented new commercial income streams to reduce the burden on Council tax payers with over £779,000 of commercial income received 2025-26
- Set a Council Tax level of 4.99% in line with Cornwall Council
- Managed our land and property assets effectively with leases, rent reviews and land registrations in place
- Implemented our arts and civic assets plan with more art on public display, restorations commissioned and new display boards.
- Managed a CCTV partnership and secured funding for a 7th camera
- We initiated charges for two further public toilets so that users (including visitors) pay for the service not Council Tax payers
- Provided £19,000 in grant funding to deserving community organisations

Staffing Committee



St Ives Kite Fest 2026



Committee Chair
Steve Hynes

Committee Aims

- To develop policies, procedures and strategies to support the Council's ambition to become an excellent employer
- To recruit and retain staff and support their professional development to better meet the organisation's aims and objectives

What We Said We'd Do

- Appoint a new Deputy Town Clerk to build senior management capacity
- Offer support and training opportunities to help staff to perform at a high level
- Review the Health & Safety framework to ensure best practice and compliance
- Regularly review all HR policies and procedures to support a modern effective workforce

What's Happened This Year

- Concluded all health and safety audits and FRAs and with green ratings
- Implemented new succession plans and recruited a new deputy town clerk
- Supported the professional development of staff through acting up and secondment opportunities
- Increased staff resources for the Maintenance Team
- Delivered professional HR training sessions for the newly appointed committee
- Developed a comprehensive training programme and increased investment in training
- Continued to be a real living wage employer
- Concluded a comprehensive review of staffing policies to align for new legislation and best practice

Devolution & Place Shaping Panel



Committee Chair
Johnnie Wells



Launch of the new Richmond Gardens playground

Committee Aims

Devolution means taking on the ownership and management of Cornwall Council land and property at local level. The Council has an agreed devolution programme. This previously included public toilets, the library and benches and has now extended to community buildings, green spaces and parks. The Council has several aims in doing so:

- Using land and buildings to address economic issues, (eg affordable work space) and prevent them being sold off for holiday/second homes
- Re-imagining and investing in important green spaces to develop parks, allotments, growing spaces and nurseries
- Taking on some income generating assets to create cross-subsidy that funds expanding environmental services, green parks and spaces

What We Said We'd Do

- We will progress an ambitious devolution package to take on the ownership and management of key parks and green spaces and work with the community to re-imagine their future role
- We will manage small affordable commercial and retail spaces to assist local businesses and aim to increase the portfolio through devolution
- Following approval from Cornwall Council, we will develop a detailed programme and identify how we engage the community in our future plans

What's Happened This Year

A groundbreaking Town Package to transfer 49 pieces of land and properties for £1 was agreed in 2023. The land and property has been split into 4 phases and progress made in completing these phases. We have already taken ownership of:

- The Old Fire Station, renovated and let as a as a studio and office space
- The War Memorial and gardens - enhanced with new bins and planting
- The freehold of buildings we already leased including the Guildhall, the Island Centre, Porthgwidden, Porthminster, Sloop & Dove Street toilets
- Richmond Gardens where phase 1 of the park improvements has been delivered.
- The Island and properties on it including the NCI coastwatch and the Battery Blockhouse
- Man's Head
- The Sloop car park and Sailing Club boat pen
- Porthmeor bowling green and the pitch and putt site, leased to community organisations and businesses for recreation and well being
- Chy an Gweal and Trewyn Gardens with planned improvement plans underway

Councillors Attendance

Full Council	12-May	14-May	19-Jun	26-Jun	7-Aug	4-Sep	4-Dec	5-Mar	% Att
Arthur	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Evamy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Fuller	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	75
Harris	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	88
Hynes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Kennedy	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88
McNamee	N/A	N/A	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	67
Mitchell	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88
Rogers	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	63
Ryall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Rogers	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88
Ryall	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Smith	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Van Staeyen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	88
Viney	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	88
Walsh	N/A	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	83
Wells	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100

Planning	29-May	17-Jul	28-Aug	2-Oct	30-Oct	11-Dec	22-Jan	19-Mar	% Att
Fuller	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	88
Hynes	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	63
Kennedy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
McNamee	N/A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Mitchell	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88
Rogers	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	63
Ryall	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	75
Van Staeyen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	63
Viney	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	88
Wells	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	75

C&E	22-Aug	7-Nov	6-Feb	% Att
Arthur	✓	✓	✗	67
Evamy	✗	✓	✓	67
Fuller	✓	✗	✓	67
Harris	✗	✓	✓	67
Kennedy	✓	✓	✓	100
McNamee	✓	✓	✓	100
Ryall	✓	✗	✓	67
Smith	✓	✓	✗	67
Van Staeyen	✓	✓	✓	100
Viney	✓	✓	✓	100

Facilities	5-Jun	23-Oct	5-Feb	% Att
Arthur	✓	✓	✓	100
Evamy	✓	✗	✗	33
Harris	✓	✗	✓	67
Kennedy	✓	✓	✓	100
Ryall	✗	✓	✓	67
Smith	✓	✓	✓	100
Van Staeyen	✓	✓	✓	100

F&GP	12-Jun	9-Oct	20-Nov	5-Mar	% Att
Arthur	✗	✓	✗	✓	50
Harris	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Hynes	✗	✓	✓	✓	75
Kennedy	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
McNamee	N/A	✓	✓	✓	100
Mitchell	✓	✓	✓	✗	75
Viney	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Walsh	N/A	✓	✓	✓	75

Staffing	8-Jul	17-Nov	19-Jan	26-Mar	% Att
Arthur	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Harris	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Hynes	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
McNamee	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓	100
Mitchell	✓	✓	✗	✓	75
Wells	✓	✓	✓	✓	100

Devolution	15-Jul	% Att
Arthur	✗	0
Evamy	✓	100
Fuller	✓	100
Harris	✓	100
Kennedy	✓	100
Smith	✗	50
Van Staeyen	✓	50
Wells	✓	100

Resources & Finances

How the Town Council is Funded

The Town Council's budget for 2026-27 is £2,582,502. Unlike some Councils, St Ives is able to raise some of its budget from services it charges for, such as commercial rents, room hire, event and bar income, weddings and blessings. The Council also charges for car parking and toilets. Although no one likes paying for these services, with so many visitors using these facilities, the argument is that they are then funded by people who use them, and not just residents. By maximising our income, the amount needed from the Council Tax is far less. This year, the Council plans to raise £817,830 of its budget from income, that means 32% less comes from Council Tax (also known as the Precept). After income, the balance, £1,764,672 comes from Council Tax. The Town Council proportion (10.75%) is the smallest part of your overall Council Tax bill, paid to Cornwall Council, which is passed onto the Town Council.

In 2026-27, 900 properties owned as second homes in St Ives will also pay double council tax. For the first time, there is a fairer sharing of the cost of local facilities and services between permanent and part time residents.

What is the Council's Budget Spent on?

A significant proportion of the Council's budget goes into running front line services, such as public toilets, the Library and Visitor and Information Service, town centre CCTV and repairing and maintaining local historic buildings, such as the chapels. It cuts footpaths, carries out street weeding and manages the recreation ground and other parks and gardens. It also give grants to local community organisations and the management and improvement of allotments and 220 benches in the parish.

The table on the following page shows the Council's income and expenditure by Committee. Half the Council's budget is allocated to buildings, but this includes the services within them including the library and visitor information and the Guildhall operations. In addition, the Council has committed to a large programme of capital investment. In 2026-27 in buildings and properties we are investing in:

- Upgrading public toilets
- Funds for the modernisation of the concert hall to upgrade the facilities for a new programme of live events
- Over £250,000 investment as we take over the management and ownership of devolved properties including Richmond Gardens, the Island Blockhouse and other significant community assets
- A new £20,000 play equipment reserve to prepare to take on Trewartha and Ayr Field
- Plans to enhancing trees and landscaping at Trewyn Gardens



Resources & Finance

Overview of Proposed Budget 2026-27	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expenditure
Finance & General Purposes Committee		
Administration	45,000	761,497
Community Provision	-	39,920
Planning	-	5,400
Devolution Provision	-	24,750
Sloop Car Park	175,500	41,618
Chy An Gweal Car Park	-	10,000
Use of Reserves	134,886	-
Facilities Committee		
Concert & Guildhall	29,381	230,084
Guildhall Bar	-	-
Library & Information Service	53,775	361,316
Public Conveniences	148,200	335,195
Island Centre	31,015	16,930
Market House, Huers Hut & Lodges	50,600	4,250
Heritage Assets	628	4,250
Old Fire Station	4,800	9,500
Chapels	9,500	3,250
Blockhouse	28,950	5,997
Facilities Maintenance & Management	-	389,819
Community & Environment Committee		
Allotments	8,501	7,800
Civic/Hospitality	500	35,135
Amenities & Public Realm	66,831	51,403
War Memorial Gardens	-	29,615
Chy An Gweal Gardens	-	23,777
The Island & Man's Head	1,500	11,048
Longstone	-	13,041
Barnoon Cemetery & Chapel	12,000	31,522
Palemon Best	-	65,018
Richmond Gardens	-	6,053
Trewartha Estate Recreation Ground	-	6,553
Ayr Park & Playing Field	-	6,553
Open Spaces (Other)	4,764	9,454
Total	817,831	2,582,501

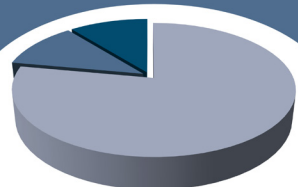


The Huer's Hut, part of the town's devolution package

Your Council Tax Bill Explained

Your Council Tax Breakdown

The Town Council is the smallest share, after Devon & Cornwall Police and Cornwall Council.



■ Cornwall Council (£2086.36)
 ■ Devon & Cornwall Police & Crime Commissioner (£303.20)
 ■ St Ives Town Council (£287.74)

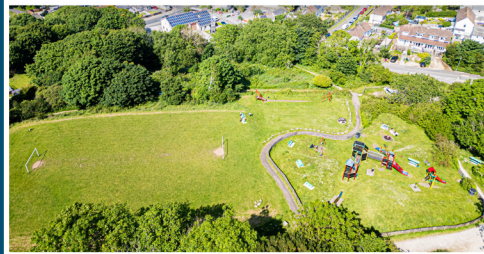
Based on Band D



Tax Band Breakdown

The Town Council has increased its Council Tax by 4.99% for 2026-27. For a Band D household, this is an increase of £1.14 a month or £13.68 for the year, from £274.06 last year to £287.84 this year.

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Annual Cornwall Council Tax	£1390.91	£1622.72	£1854.54	£2086.36	£2550.00	£3016.63	£3477.27	£4172.72
Town Parish Council	£191.82	£223.79	£255.76	£287.74	£351.68	£415.62	£479.56	£575.47
Devon & Cornwall Police & Crime Commissioner	£202.13	£235.82	£269.51	£303.20	£370.58	£437.96	£505.33	£606.40
Total Council Tax Payable	£1784.86	£2082.33	£2379.81	£2772.30	£3272.26	£3867.21	£4462.16	£5354.59



How the Budget Is Spent

100% of the Council Tax and commercial income received is spent and re-invested in the parish of St Ives.



■ Environment (10.1%)
 ■ Public Realm (2.7%)
 ■ Buildings & Heritage (16.5%)

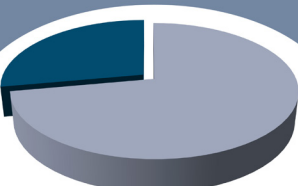
■ Public Toilets (13.0%)
 ■ Community Services (14.9%)
 ■ Guildhall Concert Hall & Bar (8.9%)

■ Community Grants, Civic Events & Projects (1.6%)
 ■ Corporate Services (10.7%)
 ■ Car Parks (2.0%)



Town Council Sources of Income

The Town Council aims to keep Council Tax as low as possible by generating income from other sources. Over a third of the budget is funded this way.



■ Council Tax (Precept) (£1764.67)
 ■ Income (£682.945)



Compared to Other Towns

	Band D Bill 2026-27
Falmouth	£468.15
Turo	£459.89
Bodmin	£389.90
Launceston	£389.83
Redruth	£384.74
Newquay	£349.10
Cornwall	£334.84
Hayle	£334.52
Bude-Stratton	£333.83
Penzance	£328.07
Wadebridge	£316.41
Callington	£310.26
Helston	£290.87
St Ives	£287.74
Saltash	£286.96
Camborne	£281.75
Liskeard	£268.06
St Agnes	£244.60
Lostwithiel	£220.84
Torpoint	£224.26
St Austell	£213.90
Penryn	£193.44

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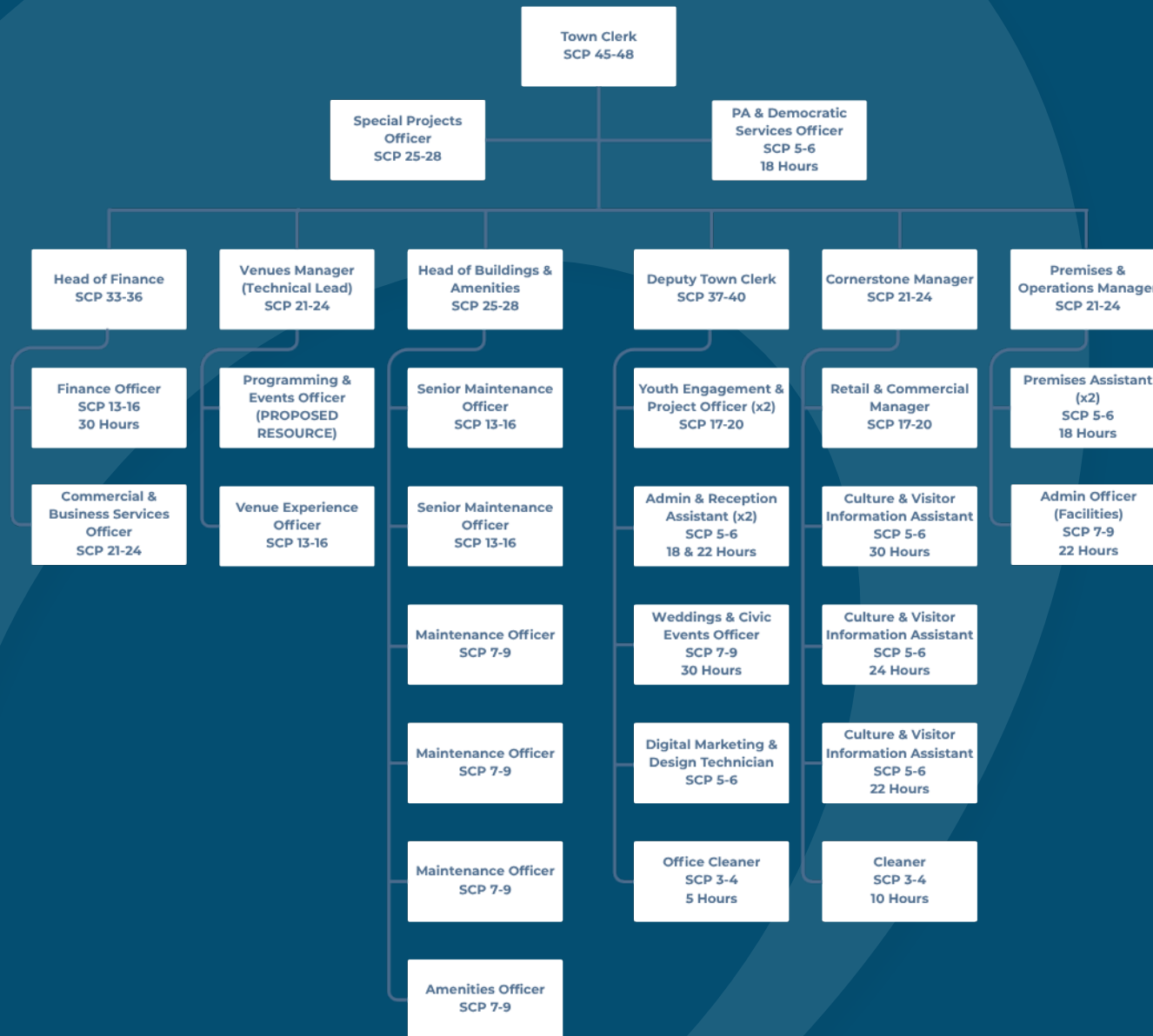


Towns' Increase in Percentage & Cash Terms

	Annual Band D Change 25/26 to 26/27 (£)	Annual Band D Change 25/26 to 26/27 (%)
Liskeard	£77.03	40.3%
Redruth	£85.68	28.6%
Newquay	£48.12	16.0%
Penryn	£26.39	15.8%
Helston	£38.96	15.5%
Camborne	£26.02	10.2%
Falmouth	£44.09	9.9%
St Agnes	£22.09	9.9%
Launceston	£34.37	9.7%
Truro	£39.08	9.3%
St Austell	£16.70	8.5%
Callington	£20.30	7.0%
Bude-Stratton	£20.87	6.7%
Wadebridge	£18.99	6.4%
Torpoint	£13.10	6.2%
St Ives	£13.68	4.9%
Cornwall	£14.11	4.4%
Hayle	£12.96	4.4%
Saltash	£11.04	4.0%
Bodmin	£13.14	3.5%



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