

## SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & VILLAGE SQUARE IMPROVEMENTS

Funding for these improvements came from s106 developer contributions required as part of the planning approval for Tregony View, phase 1. The funds are controlled by Cornwall Council and deployed to support locally developed schemes that meet the criteria for the use of s 106 highway budget.

The recently completed improvement works in the village include:

- The renovation and repair of the bus stop on the corner of Treviglas Lane and Fore St, improvements to the footway to support access, and installation of cycle racks.
- Enhancements at village square to improve accessibility as well as the general environment for pedestrians and cyclists. This included improving the level of the footpath/pavement in the square and ramps have been incorporated to support access to the shops. The addition of 6 x planters in the top section and bollards in the lower section offer protection of the paved area for pedestrians and reduce the risk of poorly parked vehicles either intruding onto the pavement or rolling down towards the houses/shops. Planters have been placed and filled with soil ready for planting. The railings on Fore St have been repaired and repainted and 2 x cycle stands installed in the Square. A vehicle activated illuminated sign has been installed, warning motorists that it is a school area and school bus collection point. The sign is activated during school times.

The work was completed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. Arrangements are being made to fill the planters with appropriate shrubs/plants. Some residents have very kindly offered to donate plants and help with planting. The Parish Council has asked the Parks Dept at Truro City council to consider providing additional more plants & shrubs as necessary.

A follow up meeting was arranged with Cormac & our Cornwall Councillor on 28<sup>th</sup> June to review the completed works and pick up on some snagging issues. This meeting also provided the opportunity to pass on comments and observations put forward by residents having contacted and/or met with councillors. The following issues and remedial works were raised and reported:

- Adjust the levelling at the end of the footway at the junction with Wagg Lane to enable drainage away from the Trudgian Farm shop.
- Cycle hoops to be rotated parallel to the kerb – enabling the repositioning of a planter.
- Planters to be fitted with a platform and/or legs so they sit level.
- The Planters were commissioned and made locally for this project, however some arrived slightly damaged, and they are to be repaired.
- Quote for the installation of one or more bollards to prevent vehicles from rolling forward.
- The vehicle activated sign needs to be raised to improve visibility.
- The fixed “school” sign to be moved so it is not obscured by the illuminated sign.

The parish council has asked for an update and response to these issues and will continue to do so. Ongoing maintenance of the structure of planters remains with Cornwall Council. Day to day maintenance of plants and shrubs sits with the parish council. Some residents

have already offered to assist with the planting and upkeep. The aim is for the planting to be arranged as a community event with volunteer input.

Changes to the village square and the altered arrangements for parking will undoubtedly take some time to settle and for people to adjust. To borrow a quote from history – “It isn’t the things themselves that disturb people, but the judgements that they form about them.”

As a matter of policy, the parish council’s Facebook page does not offer readers the option to post “comments”. This is specifically to prevent exchanges of unmoderated comments via its Facebook page. However, the parish council welcomes any comments – suggestions on these changes or indeed on any other local issues. Contact details of Councillors are available on the parish council web site and comments can be sent via e mail to the clerk – [clerk@probusparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@probusparishcouncil.gov.uk)

The Parish Council always holds a “public participation” section at its meetings, and we are available at a “drop in” session on the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at the HUB at Probus Village Hall.