Stone Circle News



Get Growing for the Show!

The Duloe Produce & Flower Show is being held on the 11th July.

Schedules and all the details of catergories are available from the Shop.

Get making, creating, cooking and growing!



Join the fundraising Tipsy Trek on 11th July!

Fancy a walk with a difference? Join us for our circular walk & raise funds for the skatepark repairs.
Email to find out all the details & register.



WELCOME TO THE SUMMER EDITION OF THE STONE CIRCLE NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of Duloe Parish Council was held at the end of May and saw the election of a new Chair. Councillors unanimously voted for Tony Barrett to take on the role, and welcomed him back to the Chair. He will be ably supported by Vice Chair, Tania Beaumont.

'As I find myself Chairman of the Parish council for the fourth time, I would like to congratulate Phil Hallworth for his 8 year stint as Chairman. We normally do three years and change, but to do eight years on the trot is amazing!

Phil has worked tirelessly putting the community first always willing to help where needed, and has gone above and beyond to get jobs done. He will be a hard act to follow, and I thank him for his service.'

Tony Barrett, Chair of Duloe Parish Council.
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As part of the AGM the Chair provides a report that encompasses the work that the Parish Council has undertaken in the previous year. You can read it in full on the next page, as it really highlights what we do for the Parish, and how we strive to make this community a better place for all to live.

In this issue you will find details of the Student Community Trust Fund 2026, new email addresses for all Councillors and website address, along with community news and updates.
We hope you enjoy reading it.



Chairs Report to the AGM 2026 - a year in review

Fellow Councillors, Clerk and residents.

A year of consolidation, policy review and achievement. Not least of which is the strong sense of community which we continue to encourage and support within Duloe. We are a Parish which cares for its environment and its residents. I have been pleased, proud and privileged to have helped support this council's work as chair for the last 8 years, and before that as a Councillor.

This year we have welcomed Sam Brenton as a Councillor; he will be a tremendous asset to the council, and those we serve now, and in the future. Welcome Sam!

I would like to thank all councillors for the time and effort they give, along with the responsibilities they take on, to support our residents.



We continue to update our policy requirements as an ongoing and laborious task. A big thank you to the Clerk for the many hours of hard work on this aspect.

We have another useful CCTV camera installed at the exterior of the public toilets which is purposed to cover the toilet entrances, the book box, the trough and the bus stop area. Thanks to Councillor Turpin for securing the purchase of the camera and its installation, and for continuing to oversee the maintenance of the solar panel which powers the lighting inside the public toilets, and to Amanda for keeping them clean and tidy.

Improvements carried out by Cornwall Heritage Trust at the Stone Circle continue, thanks to Councillor Beaumont for all her hard work in liaising with the Trust on behalf of residents. The new information board, benches and fruit trees make it a great community asset which attracts many visitors. In late June last summer Councillor Beaumont, Rowan and Bryher Russell-Hsieh from Herodsfoot, and I took part in the Arwen ceremony at the Stone Circle along with many Cornish Bards. This was a terrific insight into Cornish heritage and language which the Bards continue to uphold and promote.

Our new Community Grant Scheme has helped the Jubilee Centre, Herodsfoot PCC, Duloe PCC, the Student Grant Fund, British Legion, Duloe School, the Gardening Club and the annual poppy display by Amanda Walker, with varying sums which total £1,409.97. The Duloe Community Trust Fund, which was distributed last September, contributed £375 to each applicant (10 students = £3,750) to assist them with their requirements for college or apprenticeships. A further Community Chest grant of £140 from County Councillor Jane Pascoe was used to purchase a baby changing table for use at the Recreation Ground Pavilion.

Councillors Barrett and Turpin continue to work on the asset register for the Parish Council so that we can fulfill our insurance obligations in the future.

And then there were trees... falling left, right and centre and very often simultaneously! We expect serious work on Sandplace Hill to commence post summer so that the road is made safer for road users. The huge oak tree which fell across the footpath near Sowdens Bridge was dealt with by Looe Arb Pro Tree Works and has since become a landmark and milestone marker on the route.

We continue to report anything we or our residents are not happy with: potholes, trees, footpaths, grass cutting, hedge cutting, highways, street furniture/signage and empty homes. We encourage all residents to report their concerns via the Report It page on Cornwall Council's website. We do not always get a positive response, but we do try to get things done for the benefit of all.

As I sign off as chair of the council, I am reminded of my old school motto: "Res non Verba" (Deeds not Words). It has been with this in mind that I have served as chair - to try to get things done, not just talk about it.

I will of course continue to serve on the Council until my current tenure expires and will assist the new Chair and Vice-Chair in any way I can.

I'd like to thank all Councillors past and present, and our clerks Lynda and now Claire, for their work, advice, experience and sound judgement over the years. Thank you very much.

Councillor Phil Hallworth

DULOE COMMUNITY TRUST FUND

Duloe Parish Council will be opening the student grant scheme in the beginning of August. If you are aged between 16/18 and you have left school and are going on to further education or an apprenticeship, please get in touch.

You must also live in our parish, we have funds available to help, which have been donated by organisations in our community.

Please contact the Clerk to Duloe Parish Council via clerk@duloeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Tony Barrett, Chair of Duloe Community Trust Fund.



THE CORNISH SHEPHERDESS - VOLUME 3 - LAMBING UPDATE

Lambing season has now been and gone for another year, and overall it's been a successful one here at Treworgey. Farming is always full of highs and lows and, sadly, there were some losses along the way, but we're very grateful to now have 14 healthy lambs bouncing around the fields – 13 girls and just 1 very outnumbered boy! After only having four girls last year, it's great news for the growing flock, and Drover is once again a very proud father.



Flo, one of my original pet sheep, surprised us with my very first set of triplets. We made sure they all had a good feed of colostrum, but she decided motherhood wasn't for all three and rejected the little girl. We also brought away the weaker boy to bottle feed. Sadly, she later lost the lamb she chose to keep, but the two we brought in – Floss and Frankie – are absolutely thriving and have become firm favourites. They even took a trip to the local school summer fair, where they were a big hit.





And because sheep apparently weren't enough to keep me busy, I've also just hatched a load of ducklings too!

Next up is shearing, which I'm really looking forward to – especially as we've got a lady coming this year. Girl power and all that! I did have a go myself, but it turns out it's a skill I definitely don't possess. Bluebell, my unfortunate test subject, ended up looking like she'd cut her own fringe with safety scissors. I now know my limits! This time of year is all about keeping on top of the sheep's health, making sure water troughs stay clean and everyone has plenty of shade. We've also been busy fencing, and soon the flock will be able to head back into the wood field - a summer favourite with the sheep.



You can follow along with the sheep, ducklings and the usual farm chaos on Instagram @cornish_shepherdess.

Duloe Primary Academy News

The Summer Term in school is always a busy and exciting time.



Class 1 Morwellham Quay where they learnt about mining.
Class 2 had a fun day at school after the heatwave caused their Looe trip to be cancelled. They made fruit kebabs, played games and had an afternoon of Forest School.
Class 3 had an adventure day at Fistral Beach where they learnt to surf.



We have also crammed a lot of sports into this term. Two teams from Class 3 travelled to Plymouth to compete in a Hockey Festival with Duloe A team bringing home the silver medal. All the classes also eventually managed to hold their sports day after the weather delayed us several times. As always the parents tug of war being a big hit and wasn't competitive at all!



If you are visiting Duloe Skate Park, please also take a moment to admire the wonderful wild flowers planted by our gardening club. A huge thank you to Duloe Recreation Ground and the Parish Council for supporting us with this.

Finally, it is time to say goodbye to our Year 6 children. As a group they have been a pleasure to teach. Intelligent, mature, funny, kind, determined, creative and willing to withstand my terrible singing! Their achievements and progress have been outstanding, and we can say with complete confidence that they are ready and able to take on the next chapter of their learning at secondary school.

Duloe CofE Primary Academy
An adventure for the mind and a home for the heart for all God's children



As we look ahead to next academic year we already have several events planned for the children. In October, Class 3 will be travelling to Hall for Cornwall to watch an adaptation of Private Peaceful by Micheal Morpurgo. Children in years 4 and 6 will be completing their cycling proficiency and we will begin practice of our always popular Christmas production.

On behalf of everybody at Duloe Academy, thank you again for another amazing year. It is such a joy to be part of this community and work with such dedicated staff and talented children.
I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

God Bless,
Mr Hannah Head of School - Duloe Academy & Pelynt Academy

DULOE SKATEPARK



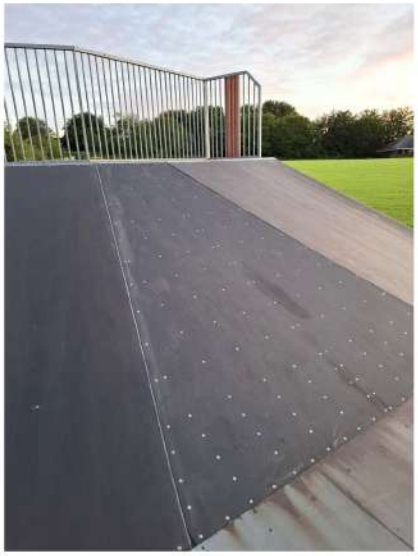
Our skatepark is now 10 years old and, as you know, has seen plenty of use and is well loved by many. However, it is now in need of repairs. We appointed Evolution Skateparks, who we worked with to design and install the park, to carry out the work.

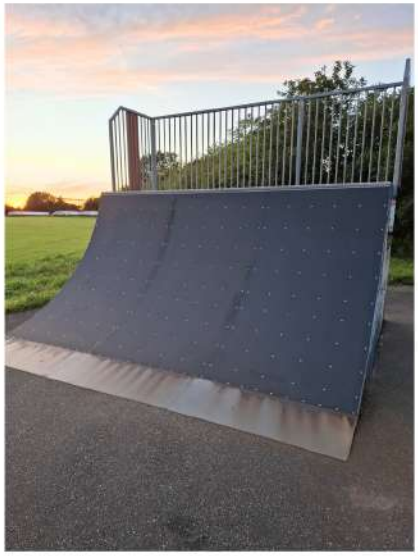
The team spent the week of the 15th June on site, and in all weathers worked incredibly hard to replace, repair and make good the ramps and jumps.

Alistair Kingdom, Evolution Skatepark's Director has been so impressive to work with over this process and he came down with the team for the week - he even went home to Dorset one day to collect more bolts and screws as wanted to carry out an extra piece of work for free!

The repairs were not cheap and came in at just over £16,000. We are hugely grateful to the Ale & Cider Festival for their donation of £3,000 towards the cost - see below for details of this year's event - and to the Parish Council for their £2,000 contribution.

We have been building reserves to carry out upgrades to the Pavilion, but the Recreation Ground Trustees believe the skatepark should take priority and therefore covered the remaining costs.







As you may know, a group of skatepark supporters have organised a fundraising event on 11th July to help with costs, and we are very thankful for their efforts. And a huge thank you to Cornish Orchards for sponsoring the day.

Please see the poster on the front cover of the newsletter for full details and join them, and us, for what promises to be a great day.

If you have any questions about the work, how to get involved in the event, or how to make a donation, please email duloerecground@gmail.com.

Here's to another 10 years of our brilliant skatepark!
Thank you,
Tony Barrett, Chair, Duloe Recreation Ground Trustees

CORNISH ORCHARDS
Westnorth Manor Farm

Duloe Cricket Club are on a winning wicket!



Duloe Cricket club are nearly at the halfway stage of the season and have found themselves in second position of Division 3 East Cornwall Cricket League.

The team have only lost two games and have had a couple affected by rain which they would've won.

We are hoping to continue our good run of form into the second half of the season and stay competitive in the league, possibly gain promotion if we are lucky. Look us up on our Facebook page for weekly team selection and fixtures.

Thanks to everyone who attended our music bingo evening at the Jubilee Centre and thank you to the brilliant Jeanette Turpin for organising! We raised £420 to help support the running and funding of our club. Keep a look out for the next date.

Also if you're feeling lucky and would like to support the club, you have the opportunity to win fantastic prizes with the Toyota prize giveaway for cricket clubs. See the poster for details.

Many thanks to all who have supported the club so far this year.

Richard Turpin, Duloe Cricket Club



Duloe Garden Club



Thanks to the hard work of Duloe Garden Club the village remains colourful, welcoming and full of life throughout the year.

The Parish Council were delighted to award the group £100 from the Small Grant Scheme to support their ongoing efforts. The funding will go towards seasonal planting in the village trough and will also help with the car park garden. This garden has grown into a lovely space filled with flowers and shrubs, not only looking great but also providing an important haven for bees and other wildlife.

Duloe Stone Circle



In January 2024 Cornwall Heritage Trust took over the care of the stone circle and now manage it on behalf of the Duchy of Cornwall.

As well as the new information board, CHT have done a lot of work to improve the site and make it easier and more interesting to visit. The hedges, which were very overgrown have been cut back and laid in the traditional way, they are now regrowing and many plants are flowering on the banks. A mixed native hedge has been planted which has replaced a post and wire fence. The area around the stones is kept mown, as is a path which runs all the way round the meadow. There are four beautiful seats to rest on to enjoy the peace and atmosphere of the site.

Last autumn 16 Cornish heritage apple trees were planted, 8 varieties with lovely names such as Cornish Gillyflower, Manaccan, Primrose and Tregonna King. They will provide eating and cooking apples for us all in the years to come. The remaining meadow has been left to allow the grasses and wildflowers to grow. It is a habitat for many insects and small mammals, and enables larger prey animals and birds to thrive, as well as many butterflies. I have seen a kestrel, a fox and, in the evenings, the barn owl, and pipistrelle and horseshoe bats.

For more details see www.cornwallheritagetrust.org

Cllr Tania Beaumont

Cornwall Wildlife Trust win National Award

Congratulations to Dr Alison Smith, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, on National Award Success



The Parish Council were delighted to hear of the fantastic achievement of Alison Smith, Temperate Rainforest Manager, who has been recognised at a national level for environmental work.

Alison has been awarded the Restoring Britain Award at the Pride in Our Planet Awards, in recognition of her contribution to Cornwall Wildlife Trust's temperate rainforest restoration project.

Vice Chair, Tania Beaumont recently visited the site, and saw first-hand the scale and importance of the project. Alison is playing a pivotal role in restoring a rare temperate rainforest habitat at West Muchlarnick Farm, near Looe. The project focuses on



revitalising a 150-acre site through the planting of native trees, encouraging natural regeneration, including at schools, and protecting native species. The work being carried out is helping to bring this unique and valuable ecosystem back to life for future generations.

The Parish Council warmly congratulate Alison on a well-deserved success. There are often open days, with opportunities for the public to join in with the project. See their website for details. www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/habitats/woodland/temperate-rainforest

How to contact the Parish Council

If you'd like to get in touch with your Parish Councillors, their contact details are listed below along with the areas they each look after. This makes it easy to direct your question or concern to the most relevant person, helping us respond as quickly as possible. Do take a moment to update your contacts so you have the latest information.

And finally, we are really pleased to say that we have a new Editor-in-Chief for the newsletter, Andrea Barrett. We're very grateful to her for taking on the role and know the newsletter will go from strength to strength.

As part of this, we've set up a new email address for article submissions: **stonecirclenewsduloe@gmail.com**. The Clerk will be in touch with all regular contributors with further details. Welcome, Andrea, and thank you!

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EXTRACT FROM A REPORT BY A W NETTLE, MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, JANUARY 1893.

Duloe

A village containing about 26 houses, the majority of which are in good repair, but others are bad. Water supply mainly from the village pump, a few houses have private pumps and in a row of newly built houses *(1-4 The Village)*, each has a tap at the back supplied with water from a reservoir, the water raised from the valley below by means of a "ram".

Duloe Parish Records 1751

Alms house requires thatching at 2/10d *(30p!)* (paid for by the church).



PHOTOS OF BROADWAY COTTAGES THROUGH TIME.





The Cottages were thought to be built in C1700s



HISTORY OF BROADWAYS COTTAGES

The Blacksmiths

Situated where The Smithy Cottages are now, next to the 2 Broadway cottages.

The Blacksmith's shop in the village had an AA sign saying 227 and a half miles to London. It was removed when all the signs were taken down at the beginning of the war.

Blacksmith George Sweet was known as 'Georgey Fit Me Up'.

There were four generations of Glanvilles as blacksmiths in the village of Duloe. John Glanville's grandfather went to Liverpool to learn his trade, at a heavy engineering works.



BP Petrol pumps outside Smithy Cottages

