

Dear All,

I have been delighted to be your Cornwall Councillor for the past 8 years.

In this time , and particularly in the last 12months, I have been in the privileged position to not only see your community work well together in a crisis, but also to see the new friendships and neighbourliness that has come out of such an unprecedented time.

Some of us have struggled , having lost loved ones to the pandemic, but also with mental health, and confidence to keep our families and businesses together without knowing an end date.

I have been proud to be part of Cornwall Councils response to Covid, not only the speed that business grants were given to effected residents in March 2020, to the clear messaging and assistance given to our schools, to our early years settings and even providing PPE to all our care homes when the government let us down, through to the volunteer network that provided home food and prescription deliveries to those that needed help.

Due to this difficult period my job as a Cornwall Councillor has been all the more busy, with calls for help with food parcels, through to ensuring tenants were not evicted from their homes whilst unable to pay rent.

The day to day tasks continue , from planning, through to parking issues ,to chairing the Bude Area Community Network Panel which ensured the continuance of the over night Treatment Service at Stratton, a much needed facility for all of the area. However this is still a job which remains outstanding, with no promise of long term provision at the time of writing.

It has been a privilege to look after the seven parishes of Marhamchurch,Poundstock,Week St Mary,Jacobstow,St Gennys,North Tamerton and Whitstone * . All the parish councillors do a sterling job on a voluntary basis and they deserve a round of applause.

*After May 6th this will extend to include Launcells and part of Stratton.

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