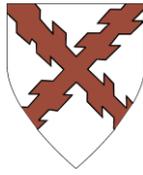


## **St Austell Town Council**



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### **Mayor's Christmas and New Year Message**

This has been such an exciting year to be the Mayor of St Austell as there have been so many changes in 2016. The Town Council has moved offices, implemented new computer systems, taken responsibility for allotments and public conveniences and in November, ownership of 17 parks and open spaces.

In November, we entered into a contract with Cornwall Council to cut roadside grass verges across St Austell, maintain the roundabouts inside the town and look after High Cross Street Park, Holy Trinity Churchyard, Eastbourne Road Cemetery and Cosgarne Triangle all of which will remain owned by Cornwall Council for the time being.

We have recruited staff, procured vehicles, plant and equipment and have been working hard over the last few months tidying up the parks and grass verges around the town. Our groundsmen have also been repairing and painting benches and play equipment ready for the summer season. We have planted thousands of spring bulbs to give a splash of colour next spring and our small but enthusiastic workforce will continue to make further improvements as weather and resources permit over the next few months. We inspect our parks regularly and would encourage anyone who has any concerns about them to contact our office on 01726 829859 or [info@staustell-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@staustell-tc.gov.uk). We will do our best to offer a responsive service and to keep improving the parks.

A number of improvement schemes are planned for some of our local parks using money received from developers which will start to materialise over the next few months. These improvements are being overseen by our five Cornwall Councillors and being managed on our behalf by Cornwall Council.

The comments received so far indicate that our improvements have been noticed and that people are so pleased that the services are being run locally once again and to a higher standard than seen over recent years.

This is a very busy time for the Council and its staff, but such an exciting time to be a Councillor as the Town Council has a real chance to continue to influence and improve our town over the next few years. Should anyone be interested in becoming a Councillor please either talk to one of the Town Councillors or contact Cornwall Council's Elections Team for further guidance. Elections for Town Councillors will be held in May 2017. Why not get involved?

I would like to thank the Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and all of their team for the hard work carried out on our behalf to make St Austell a town to be proud of and all the Town Councillors for being good colleagues and dedicated to our area.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone in St Austell a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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