



ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL

August 2025

New Mayor for St Austell

Town Council

Councillor Colin Hamilton has been elected as the new Mayor of St Austell. Councillor Hamilton is a Cornishman born and bred, although brought up in Newquay, Colin's family on his mother's side originate in Nanpean and St Austell. He served for 35 years as a senior engineering officer in the Royal Air Force before returning to his native Cornwall. After many years as the President of the St Austell Branch of the Royal British Legion, Colin was elected to the Town Council in 2021 with the sincere aim of helping the community. Colin considers it a tremendous honour and privilege to be the new St Austell Mayor and play a leading role in the objectives of the Town Council.



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St Austell Town Council Objectives

Looking ahead to his year as Mayor, Councillor Hamilton has identified focus points for the Town Council;

- Continuing to reduce anti-social behaviour and make St Austell feel safer. This will include an extension to the existing CCTV system and further investment in street wardens.
- Progressing with the Town Centre Revitalisation Project which includes the construction of a new piazza outside Holy Trinity Church, and the replacement of the banner around the Poundland building. The Mayor considers it vitally important to improve the fabric of the Town Centre to help encourage commercial outlets to invest in the town.
- Replacing outdated play equipment. Funding has now been agreed for a new pump track at The Meadows Open Space. An exciting prospect that has got huge local support.
- In appointing a part time Community Projects Officer, Jessica Hyde, a few successful events have already been held and the Council has an extensive calendar of events for the rest of the year, which will help to bring the community together.
- Maintaining the Town Council's relationship with Cornwall Council to navigate the significant challenges ahead in feeding into a new local plan for Cornwall and addressing housing targets.

Schools' Work Brightens

Up Town Centre

For St Austell BID's 2025 Summer Fayre, St Austell Town Council asked local schools to design their own wellington boot planters for a competition judged by St Austell Mayor, Councillor Colin Hamilton and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ethan Stephens. Five schools took part and submitted 58 pairs of decorated and planted wellington boots which were displayed in the town centre. The Town Council would like to thank St Mewan School, Sandy Hill Academy, Pondhu Primary School, Bishop Bronecombe School and Carclaze Community Primary for their hard work and beautiful submissions!



Summer Reading Challenge Kicks Off at St Austell Library

The theme of this years Summer Reading Challenge is 'Story Garden'. St Austell Library would like to invite 4-11s to complete the main challenge, with a mini challenge available for under 4s. This will run until the end of August.



RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

HELPED TO FUND:

- New temporary floodlights to allow St Austell Hockey Club to resume practice twice a week at Penrice School.
- The 'Reclaim' project, run by No Limits Personal Training.
- The installation of a new Changing Places toilet at Priory Car Park - now open to the public!

INTERESTING FACTS



From St Austell Town Council

- The Town Council's grounds team has planted a staggering 28,000 bulbs since 2018. That is more than one a day over 7 years!
- Linear Park contains 1.5km, or just under 1 mile, of public footpath.
- In May 2025, St Austell Library's free computers were logged onto over 270 times.



THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST
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