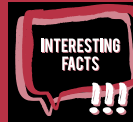




ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL

June 2026



From St Austell
Town Council

- In 2025–2026, the Planning and Regeneration Committee considered 117 planning applications and 3 premises licences across 11 meetings.
- In 2025–2026, the Town Council grounds team planted 17 trees.
- In 2025–2026, the Community Committee approved 22 grants for local organisations and charities.



Cllr Ethan Stephens Elected Mayor for 2026-2027

Councillors have elected Cllr Ethan Stephens as Mayor of St Austell for the 2026–2027 civic year and Cllr Mark Gray as his deputy. During the year ahead, Cllr Stephens will represent the town at civic engagements and community events.

Cllr Stephens attended Poltair School and St Austell College. He lives locally with his wife and children and has a particular interest in sustainable development, environmental protection and community-led initiatives. As Mayor, Cllr Stephens is an ex officio member of all Town Council committees.

Cllr Stephens said: “I am honoured to have been elected Mayor of St Austell and I am delighted to serve our town. I’m looking forward to the year ahead, working with councillors, officers, volunteers and partners to support our communities and continue the positive change. Thank you for your encouragement. I am excited to get started.”

St Austell Library tops Cornwall borrowing charts in April

St Austell Library was Cornwall’s busiest in April, with 8,871 items borrowed, showing strong community use by both regular visitors and occasional readers. Its year round programme includes activities like Sing n Shake, Storytime, Lego Club, reading groups, and special events such as author talks and local history sessions. Friendly staff are always available to help residents join, find materials, and discover their next read.

Royal Visit Takes Place in St Austell

Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla visited St Austell, visiting Holy Trinity Church and The Market House. During the visit, they met representatives from local organisations and heard more about the town’s heritage and the role these landmarks continue to play at the heart of the community.

The visit also included an opportunity to meet St Austell Library staff, Cornwall Hospice Care and Young People Cornwall, alongside the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Conversations focused on the services and initiatives supporting local people and the ongoing work to sustain a vibrant town centre and a strong community.



Incoming Mayor Cllr Ethan Stephens and outgoing Mayor Cllr Colin Hamilton shake hands with His Royal Majesty King Charles III during the Royal visit to St Austell in March

Supporting the Local Community with the Small Grants Scheme

St Austell Town Council has awarded £8,750 to 22 local organisations and charities through its Small Grants Scheme during 2025–2026, supporting a range of community-focused projects. Following the scheme’s success, the Council has increased the budget to £10,000 for 2026–2027, creating more opportunities for local groups to access funding. Organisations interested in applying can visit the Town Council’s website or email info@staustell-tc.gov.uk for more information.



Spring flower display in Poltair Park



Spring flower display on Trinity Street

CLIMATE AWARENESS DAY & PLANT SWAP

Friday 5th June, 10am - 3pm - St Austell Library

Please check our social media closer to the time for more event information.

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