ST AUSTELL TOWN COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 2026

Message from the Mayor

A Productive Year for St Austell Town Council - As well as maintaining its services to a high standard, the Town Council in 2025 successfully obtained grant funding to instal two new banners on the Poundland building, created a piazza at the Holy Trinity Church and a Pump Track at The Meadows (park behind Bishop Bronscombe School). It is hoped to have an official opening event of the Pump Track when the better weather arrives as a thank you to everyone who helped make the project happen.

The Town Council set its budget in December 2025 and agreed that the Town Clerk should explore further improvements to the play areas and the potential for a new skateboard park at Poltair Park. The Town Council is fortunate that it does not have to make any service cuts and has set a budget to enhance the parks and play areas, CCTV systems, Library, Priory car park and the Priory car park toilets.

The New Year has seen my engagements start in earnest and I look forward to meeting many more residents and community groups between now and when I hand over the reins in May.

Wishing all residents a very happy and healthy 2026.

Councillor Colin Hamilton
Mayor of St Austell

Geraint Richards, High Sheriff of Cornwall and Councillor Colin Hamilton, Mayor of St Austell, planting an oak tree at St Austell Library

Small Grants Scheme

Under the Small Grants Scheme, the Town Council has recently approved the following grants:

- £500 towards a March 2026 St Piran's Day event in St Austell
- £250 to Farming Mother CIC towards the purchase of books and learning resource
- £250 to SALSA towards their Christmas Event
- £250 to St Austell Old People's Welfare Committee for funding towards their Christmas party.
- £250 to Stepping Stones Nursery towards the purchase of laptops
- £250 to St Austell Festival of Music and Speech

During the budget setting process, Councillors voted to increase the annual grants budget from £8,000 to £10,000 for the 2026/27 financial year. If your organisation would like to apply for a grant of up to £250 from the Town Council, please e-mail: info@staustell-tc.gov.uk for an application form.

New Councillor Steven Nott

The Town Council co-opted Councillor Steve Nott to the Town Council at its meeting in December. Councillor Nott is a Councillor for Poltair and Mount Charles Ward and was a Town Councillor a few years ago so already has lots of knowledge about the Town Council and the area that he serves. Councillor Nott can be contacted on: councillorstephen.nott@staustell-tc.gov.uk

CCTV

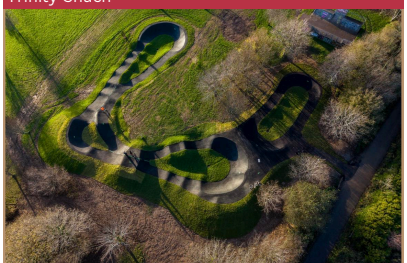
Five additional CCTV cameras have been installed in the town centre, making a total of 25 CCTV cameras which are monitored almost 24/7 from Newquay Police Station. In December 2025, 9 arrests were made as a direct result of assistance from CCTV.

From St Austell Town Council

INTERESTING FACTS !!!

- December saw over 7,000 books, DVDs and audio CDs being borrowed from St Austell Library.
- Almost 900 trees have been planted by the town council since 2018.
- The Town Council maintains 10 miles of roadside verge grass, 17 parks and open spaces, and 5km of rural footpaths

Standards lined up on the new piazza at Holy Trinity Chuch



Drone image of the new pump track recently installed at The Meadows