



# Looe Town Council

## Annual Community Engagement Report



April 2026

# Introduction from the Mayor Cllr Stephen Remington



We have reached the end of the first year of the new Council in Looe following the elections in May 2025, I am pleased to present this annual report on community engagement, reflecting on a year of meaningful connection, collaboration, and progress.

Since May 2025, Looe Town Council has continued to prioritise open dialogue with residents, local businesses, and community groups. Our town thrives on its strong sense of community, and it is through active participation and shared effort that we have been able to address local priorities and celebrate what makes Looe unique.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed their time, ideas, and energy over the past year.

## Overview of engagement activities

Since May 2025, Looe Town Council has had a real focus on improving our engagement with our community and using different tools to facilitate a meaningful two-way flow of information. These have all been designed to ensure that residents have a voice in local decision-making and opportunities to participate in civic life.

## Council meetings

All Council meetings are now advertised on the Town Council Facebook page as well as on the website and on notice boards.

The venue for Full Council and Planning Committee meetings has been moved to the Millpool Centre to allow for more space for public participation, which has already had a positive impact.

More work will be done to encourage public participation including investigating the options for recording meetings.



# Social Media

We have worked hard to build our social media reach this year. The Looe Town Council and Visit Looe Facebook pages and the Visit Looe Instagram have all seen growth in followers with Looe Town Council Facebook followers increasing by almost 300% and views by nearly 150%.

The strategy has been to post a rich mix of content covering Council events, sharing community news, links to blog posts on the website and visitor information, including content linked to 'Beyond Paradise'.

Going forward, there will be an even stronger focus on content that brings transparency to the Council's activities such as Councillor profiles, all events, Council updates etc.

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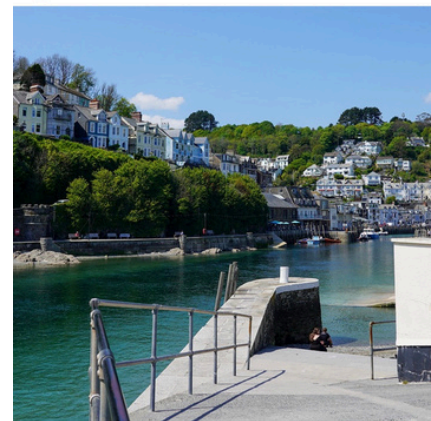
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Good news, Spring is just around the... more  
15 February

**Looe Town Council** created an event.  
31 March at 16:33 · 🌐



Tue, 19 May at 19:00  
**Looe Town Council Annual Town Meeting & Annual Parish Assembly**  
West Looe

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We're looking forward to watching this tonight and seeing how many Looe landmarks we can spot!



**Beyond Paradise**  
27 March at 20:00 · 🌐  
Make a note, and don't lose the bit of paper - #BeyondParadise series 4 starts next Friday, 8pm, on BBC One and iPlayer.

# Surveys

The Town Council launched its Residents' Survey in Autumn 2025 which included some Local Government Association benchmarked questions as well as some bespoke ones.

Around 270 responses were received and provided some useful insight into residents' views on matters such as the toilets. A report into the full results can be viewed here: [Full-Council-18th-November-2025-all-papers-combined-3.pdf](#)

The Residents' Survey will be repeated again later in 2026 so year on year results can start to be compared.

An additional survey was created in early 2026 as a result of a devolution opportunity to take on a small parcel of land.

This was created as a very simple Google Forms Survey and generated 110 responses giving Council vital feedback in their decision making.



## Residents' consultation on whether Looe Town Council should take on the responsibility for a piece of land at Sunrising.

Cornwall Council has offered Looe Town Council the opportunity to take on a small piece of land at Sunrising in East Looe (What3Words: ///balancing.captions.callers). The land is currently not used for anything but we are considering restoring it as a community space - perhaps a green space or a wildlife area. We do not think this land is suitable for any residential development. We anticipate we will be able to manage the space using our existing staff team and volunteers although there may be some modest costs each year.

We have set up this consultation to find out whether our residents would like us to take the piece of land on and improve it. If Looe Town Council doesn't take it on, we believe it will be sold at auction.

\* Indicates required question

Do you think Looe Town Council should take on responsibility for the land at Sunrising \*

- Yes if any additional costs are kept to a minimum
- Yes
- No

If Looe Town Council does take on the land, what do you think it should be used for? \*

- Community garden
- Don't make any changes and preserve as a wildlife habitat area
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Have your say!**

We have the opportunity to take on a piece of land currently owned by Cornwall Council and we'd like to know what you think.

**Please complete our residents' survey.**

Paper copies available at Looe Library & Community Hub.

This type of short term, singular issue survey will be used again if the need arises.

## Events

We ran our usual calendar of events with Remembrance Sunday and the Lantern Parade in November. Both were really successful and well attended by the community. For the Lantern Parade, some new elements were added to add further interest to the event.

There was also a new event in 2026 where the Town Council hosted a St Piran's Day tea party, with food and drink available all day, St Piran's decorations and a performance by Pelynt Male Voice Choir. This was also extremely successful and the event will be grown and developed in future years.

Looe Town Council also supports the organisers of the Looe Food & Drink Festival with administration of stall bookings, arranging the required event licences and being available to manage the event on the day. As the event in 2025 was sadly cancelled due to poor weather, it is hoped that the event on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026 will make up for any disappointment.

Looe Library has also hosted a number of regular and one-off events such as Knit & Natter group, Stories and Songs and author talks. Cornwall Libraries collects data on events in Libraries across Cornwall and in March, Looe Library ranked second in terms of events held and third in terms of total participants. This is exceptional given the relatively small size of both the Library and the town.

A new role has been created of Events & Communications Officer which will have a focus on developing town events and supporting other town organisations with theirs.

# Events gallery



## Councillor & officer vacancies

A number of Councillor vacancies remained after the last election in 2025 and they have been filled by co-option. The vacancies have been advertised extensively on the website and in social media and attracted applicants at each stage. All vacancies have now been filled.



A staffing review also created a number of officer vacancies and they were advertised on social media and our website, as well as platforms such as Indeed.

[Link to the website listing](#)

## Future Plans

A new Communications Strategy has been developed for the upcoming year. This looks to build on the work already begun using all the tools and channels available and with the added input of the new Events & Communications Officer postholder. The Strategy also includes trialling new engagement tools such as Mailchimp to deliver regular email newsletters to residents and exploring options for a printed and digital magazine.



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