



Parish Plan





# About St Day

The civil parish of St Day was established in 1985 (although the ecclesiastical parish was formed in 1835 when population growth led to the subdivision of Gwennap parish). The focus of the parish is the township of St Day, which dates from the medieval period when pilgrims flocked to the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, believed to be the second most important pilgrimage site in Cornwall after St Michael's Mount. On the fringes of the township are the settlements of Vogue, Pink Moors and Tolgullo, Burnwithian and the parish also includes the outlying much smaller settlements of Busveal, Ninnis, Tolcarne and Trefula, as well as most of Scorrier.

In the 18th and 19th centuries St Day was at the heart of the Cornish Mining Industry and much of the centre of the township dates from this period. As a commercial centre St Day had numerous businesses and shops, but following the decline of the mining industry and significant emigration in the late 19th century, the parish experienced severe and prolonged economic decline. This,



combined with absentee landlords, led to many properties becoming very dilapidated, but lack of development also preserved much of architectural interest, including a number of the original shop fronts. As a result the centre of St Day has been designated a conservation area and almost 50 properties are listed buildings, including the St Day Old Church. Other historically important sites within the parish are Gwennap Pit and Scorrier House.

The landfill site and scrap yards at United Downs are widely associated with St Day due to their postal address despite being outside the parish boundary. They, together with the large traveller site at Wheal Jewell in Gwennap Parish, have a significant environmental and social impact on St Day. This combined with real and perceived levels of deprivation led to a poor public image of St Day. Since the mid-1990s the parish has benefited from a number of regeneration and heritage projects, and most of the parish is now included in the Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site.

The population of St Day Parish at the time of the 2001 census was 1621. Of these 313 (19.3%) were over 65, and 254 (15.5%) under 16. Of the adult population, around 57% were employed, 4% unemployed and 39% economically inactive (eg retired). St Day is situated in the triangle between

the population and employment centres of Redruth (2 miles), Truro (6 miles) and Falmouth (8 miles), and has easy access to the A30. There is a small number of active small businesses in the parish, and further business and industrial units just outside at United Downs and Scorrier. Visitor accommodation is provided by a caravan park and B&B in St Day, and a hotel at Scorrier.



In 2001 there were 739 residential dwellings of which 11 were vacant and 6 were holiday or second homes. Just under a third of households were in rented accommodation, of which 39% could be classified as social housing (mainly Trenant, Carew Road and Mills Street). Since 2001 additional housing has been built at

Bosawna Gardens and Springfield Way, and further housing is planned off Barracks Lane, Telegraph Hill and behind Buckingham Terrace, in addition to a number of single units on infill plots.

St Day is fortunate to have retained a wide range of facilities, including its primary school (shared with Carharrack), nursery and pre-school, community centre, a Post Office, part-time GP's surgery, four food shops, launderette, fish & chip shop, three pubs, as well as Anglican and Methodist churches. Scorrier has a hotel and a number of small industrial units are located in Scorrier Woods. The Community Enterprise Centre, a youth and sports centre, was built at Vogue in 2000 and in 2007 St Day gained both a children's centre and an additional general store. St Day also has a wide range of active social, sports, interest and community groups. The St Day Feast is celebrated annually 10 weeks after Easter and the two Horticultural Shows are among an increasing number of community events held in the town.

The Action St Day group was formed by the Parish Council in 2002 to bring together members of all the voluntary organisations in the parish and access funding not available to the Parish Council. This body of volunteers is tasked with co-ordinating and undertaking activities designed to "Make St Day a better place to live and work".



## Building on 'Planning for Real' 2002

This Parish Plan builds on foundations laid by a Planning for Real Exercise held by the Parish Council in July 2002. In the past five years real progress has been made in addressing many of the concerns raised by the community

### Better bus services

- There are now two separate hourly services to Truro, Redruth and Camborne.
- Time keeping and reliability has improved.
- Bus shelters have been built in Church St and at Vogue.

### More and improved housing

- Ten units for rent to local people are now available.
- A site has been acquired for a number of houses for shared ownership and rent off Telegraph Hill.
- Seven affordable homes for the disabled elderly are being built off Barracks Lane.
- New housing for general sale has been built in Bosawna Close, with more planned behind Buckingham Terrace and on individual infill plots.
- A funded scheme made free insulation measures available to a number of householders.
- Many privately owned properties have been improved and renovated.

### Better provision for young people

- A playground has been provided at Wheal Jewell Playing Field.
- A skate park, basket ball hoop and 'teenage village' have been provided next to the Enterprise Centre by the Parish Council.
- The new Teyluva children's centre provides a range of activities and support services for children and parents.
- Funzone, an after-school club, has been launched.
- A weekly 'Drop-in' evening is now running.

### Road safety issues

- Visibility has been improved at the Church Hill and Telegraph Hill junction with the B3298.
- Traffic calming measures have been installed at Vogue.
- New pavements have been provided at Tolgallow and Vicarage Hill, and at Pound to connect the school to Crofthandy and Carharrack.
- New hedge through Tolgallow to strengthen road and as safety barrier.

## Improved community facilities

- Formation of the Action St Day Group.
- The St Day Newsletter is distributed to every house four times a year.
- New Community Enterprise Centre, and sports changing facilities at Vogue.
- New kitchen and monthly lunches and 'Pop-in' centre at the Chapel.
- New kitchen at the Church.
- Toilets at Community Centre open to public during day.
- New parish notice board.
- New general store.
- Parish website.

## Environment issues

- New gateway feature and 'St Day' sign on Telegraph Hill.
- Resurfaced pavements and improved drainage.
- Restoration of Community Centre entrance.
- Parking area adjacent to Wheal Jewell playing field resurfaced.
- Greater provision of litter and dog bins.
- Regular community litter picks.
- Spring bulb plantings.
- Regular weed control and street cleaning extended to include Wheal Jewell playing field and skate park.
- Three granite 'St Day' stones are to be erected at entrances to the village.

Other problems highlighted in the Planning for Real Exercise, including dog mess, anti-social behaviour, speeding and parking problems have proved more intractable.



## Creating the Parish Plan

In December 2006 Action St Day, working in conjunction with the Parish Council, formed a steering group to carry out opinion gathering within the community to inform the St Day Parish Plan.

A questionnaire was designed to identify the issues of most concern to St Day residents. This questionnaire was distributed in the first instance at the regular meetings of all identified community groups. This approach was chosen over door-to-door distribution because we felt the personal approach from familiar people would produce a better response (a similar questionnaire distributed door-to-door several years ago was not successful) and because we wanted individual rather than household opinions. This also has the advantage of enhancing existing community networks and using them to promote the parish plan project. A simplified children's version of the questionnaire survey was carried out at the school.

To reach as many people as possible, a range of events was held to attract different sectors of the community, including a heritage/memories day, a family treasure hunt, and arts event. At these, and at all other village events, people were encouraged to complete a questionnaire if they had not already done so. Copies of the questionnaire were also available at the Post Office, and a door-to-door distribution was undertaken in the outlying areas of Busveal and Scorrier.



The Parish Plan project was publicised through the St Day Newsletter and in the local press through coverage of the events. A slogan 'Have your Say in the Future of St Day' was used to 'brand' the project.

251 copies of the main questionnaire were completed and a further 6 responses were collected from the children's survey. The Parish Plan events including the 'Festival of Memories', 'Sense of Place' art day and St Day 'Past Present and Future' were great successes in promoting the project, creating positive public profile for St Day and proved to be valuable community-building exercises in themselves.



As the data from the questionnaire was collated and analysed various key concerns emerged and residents were invited to comment on these in more detail at events later in 2007. Residents were also invited to submit their 'Dream for St Day'.

### The results

The main concerns identified from the questionnaire were in order of priority:

Village facilities:	24%
Environment:	19%
Transport:	17%
Anti-social behaviour:	15%
Leisure activities:	7%
Health:	6%
Housing:	5%
Jobs:	4%
Education & training:	2%
Tourism:	1%



## Village facilities



The main concern that emerged was the need to maintain the good range of facilities in St Day, as these are seen as a vital hub to the community, and especially important to those with mobility or transport problems. Of specific concern was the perceived threat to the Post Office. The survey identified a desire to buy local produce and support local businesses. Requests were noted for greater availability of fresh fruit and vegetables in the village. Requests for some facilities that already exist (eg public toilets, play areas, greenspace) suggest some lack of local awareness.

### What's happening already?

- The new general store sells fresh fruit and veg.
- Weekly veg boxes are available via the Teyluva Children's Centre.
- Parish website has facility for business entries.
- Opportunities for local business to advertise in St Day Newsletter.



### Suggested solutions

- Create plan for defending Post Office due to threat of closure.
- Encourage greater use of local shop and facilities.
- Better signage for public toilet.
- Look at ways of increasing co-operation between groups in event planning and venue use.
- Bring back disused Chapel in Scorrie St into community use (eg. parish office/town hall, museum/visitor centre events venue).



## Proposed actions on village facilities

Action No.	Action	Lead organisation	Others involved	Target delivery date
1	Identify business use of PO	ASDG	PO	2009
2	Enhance St Day website.	ASDG	PC	2008
3	Letter to all groups to encourage use of Village Diary in Post Office.	ASDG	Trenant	2008
4	Create info pack for new residents.	ASDG	Trenant	End 2008
5	Create village business directory.	ASDG		2009
6	Create notice board for local business cards/ads.	ASDG		2009
7	Promote use of business page on parish website.	ASDG (newsletter)	PC	Ongoing
8	Investigate improved signage for public toilet.	PC		End 2008
9	Research community use of Scorrier St Chapel. (possible Town Hall)	PC / ASDG	CAPTC	Long term

### Abbreviations used in the action plans

ASDG - Action St Day Group  
 CAPTC - Cornwall Association of Parish and Town Councils  
 CCC - Cornwall County Council  
 Ent. Centre - St Day Enterprise Centre  
 Hist. Soc. - St Day Historical and Conservation Society  
 KDC - Kerrier District Council  
 MT User Group - Mineral Tramways User Group  
 MVRG - Mining Villages Regeneration Group  
 PC - St Day Parish Council  
 PHC Trust - Public Health Care Trust  
 Trenant - Trenant Residents' Association  
 Spt clubs - all sports clubs in St Day  
 Y&SA - St Day Youth and Sports Association

## Environment

Dog mess was the overwhelming issue identified in this category, closely followed by litter. The issues of rubbish bags being put out too early and chewing gum on pavements were also raised. Some concern was also expressed over run-down properties, a general unattractiveness and the lack of pride taken in the appearance of the village exhibited by sections of the community. The need for better maintenance of the footpaths was also highlighted.



### What's happening already?

- New gateway feature and sign on Telegraph Hill.
- Some resurfaced pavements and improved drainage.
- Restoration of Community Centre entrance.
- Parking area adjacent to Wheal Jewel playing field resurfaced.
- Regular community litter picks.
- Spring bulb plantings.
- More regular weed control in centre.
- Parish footpaths have been surveyed by CCC under the Parish Path Improvement Plan and a scheme of improvements has been drawn up.



### Suggested solutions

- Encourage/enforce responsible dog ownership (dog warden, dog show?).
- Establish dog areas.
- Participate in civic competitions (eg. 5 Day in Bloom, Village of the Year)
- Improve footpath maintenance publish footpath guide.
- Consider getting overhead cable placed underground.

## Proposed actions on the environment

Action No.	Action	Lead organisation	Others involved	Target delivery date
1	Seek advice from council dog warden re dog mess & possible public meeting.	PC / ASDG	Trenant	Ongoing
2	Monitor footpaths and re-establish working parties.	ASDG / PC	CCC	Ongoing
3	Promote 'St Day in Bloom' competition.	PC	ASDG	2008
4	Engage community in Calor 'Village of the Year' competition.	ASDG	PC, all community groups	2008 and onwards
5	Consider further community planting.	ASDG	PC	Long term
6	Investigate getting overhead cables placed underground	PC	CCC, BT, Western Power	Long term



## Transport

The survey identified a wide range of concerns regarding transport, including the following issues.

- Problems with speeding through the village.
- Concerns over the safety of junctions onto the B3298.
- Insufficient parking for residents.
- Access problems caused by poor and uncontrolled parking.
- Lack of parking deterring income generating visitors and customers.
- The number and size of vehicles coming through the centre of the village.
- Timing, frequency and routing of buses (and how this affects job opportunities).



### What's happening already?

- Visibility has been improved at the Church Hill and Telegraph Hill junction with the B3298.
- Traffic calming measures have been installed at Vogue Hill and Pin Moors.
- New pavements have been provided at Tolgullow and Vicarage Hill.
- Public meeting held with Highways Dept.
- Bus shelter at Vogue installed.

### Suggested solutions

- Improve car parking.
- Lower speed restrictions, humps etc.
- Restrict weight/size of vehicles through centre.
- Provide crossing over main road to Rugby field.
- Restore bus route through Scorrier Street, and route to Falmouth.





## Proposed actions on transport

Action No.	Action	Lead organisation	Others involved	Target delivery date
1	Investigate possibility of speed/weight restrictions (installation of speed monitor).	PC	County Highways, Police	Ongoing
2	Look into possible areas for additional parking, including encouraging use of existing off road parking.	PC	ASDG	Ongoing
3	Liaise with bus company on timetables and routes.	PC	First bus operator	Ongoing
4	Establish criteria to support case for a pedestrian crossing on B3298.	ASDG	County Highways	2008
5	Liaise with County Council re parking restrictions and enforcement.	PC	ASDG	Ongoing
6	Investigate re-instatement of school crossing keeper.	PC	School, CCC	Ongoing

## Anti-social behaviour

Concerns were expressed over noise and litter generated by groups of children and young people gathering in certain areas in the evenings. The problem was attributed to lack of parental control and suitable youth activities. Noise from late night drinkers was an issue for some. Some residents complained of bad language and intimidation (knife carrying was mentioned by a few). These comments came from all age groups. Vandalism was also identified as a problem in some areas of St Day. The traveller site at Wheal Jewell was perceived as being a source of anti-social behaviour by some residents, especially in relation to the school. There were also some complaints of loud car radios and traffic late at night.



### What's happening already?

- County Council spending £750K on Wheal Jewell traveller's site and the police are working to address problems arising from the site.
- A skate park has been built near the Enterprise Centre and the 'teenage village' shelters relocated there.
- A weekly 'Drop-in' evening for youngsters has started.

### Suggested solutions

- More visible police presence, especially in evenings.
- More youth activities.
- Appoint dedicated youth worker.
- Welcome pack for travellers to encourage integration.

### Proposed actions on anti-social behaviour

Action No.	Action	Lead organisation	Others involved	Target delivery date
1	Hold public meeting with police and council anti-social behaviour officer.	ASDG	KDC, Police	Done 2008
2	Monitor possible funding for youth worker.	PC	ASDG	Ongoing
3	Call for volunteers to assist with youth activities.	Y&SA	Methodist Drop-in, ASDG, Spt clubs	Ongoing
4	Promote use of existing youth activities (eg skate park, funzone).	ASDG (Newsletter)	School, PC, Spt clubs	2009

## Leisure activities

Concerns over the lack of activities for the younger residents have already been noted under anti-social behaviour. This was reinforced by comments made under the 'leisure' heading, especially by those in the 'Under 11s' and '11-18' age groups, and was by far the most noted issue in this section. Other issues noted were a request for adult classes, and a call for wider involvement and new ideas regarding the St Day Feast.

### What's happening already?

- The School have started 'Funzone', an after-school club.
- A skate park has been built near the Enterprise Centre and the 'teenage village' shelters relocated there.
- A weekly 'Drop-in' evening for youngsters has started.
- Occasional workshops with 'artist in residence'.

### Suggested solutions

- Regular youth club.
- Dedicated youth worker.
- Junior teams for football, etc.
- Formation of Scout group.



### Proposed actions on leisure activities

Action No.	Action	Lead organisation	Others involved	Target delivery date
1	Seek possible funding for youth worker.	PC	ASDG	Ongoing
2	Call for volunteers to assist with youth activities.	Y&SA	Methodist Drop-in, ASDG, Spt clubs	Ongoing
3	Liaise with sports clubs re junior teams.	ASDG	Y&SA	Ongoing
4	Promote established local Beaver, Cubs, Brownie, Scout groups.	ASDG	Guide ldr, PC	2009
5	Approach all community clubs to encourage children's participation.	ASDG Sports Club	School, all community groups	2010
6	Investigate possibility of buses to take children to other youth clubs elsewhere.	ASDG	KDC, minibus operators	Medium term
7	Promote awareness of local footpaths and cycle trails.	ASDG	PC	2009



## Health



Access to a chemist for getting prescriptions filled was the most frequently raised issue in this section. Many people felt accessing GP services was difficult due to lack of transport and that given the large number of elderly and increasing housing there should be a health centre in St Day.

### What's happening already?

- Part-time GP's surgery and dispensary operates in Scorrier Street and dispensary delivery service from Chacewater

### Suggested solutions

- Chemist facilities within St Day.
- Future provision of health centre.
- Better transport to existing health centres outside St Day.

### Proposed actions on health

Action No.	Action	Lead organisation	Others involved	Target delivery date
1	Improve knowledge of/access to existing prescription delivery service.	ASDG (Newsletter)	GPs	Ongoing
2	See if provision via part-time surgery can be extended/upgraded.	PC	GPs, PHC Trust	Long term
3	Explore possibility of future health centre.	PC	GPs & PHC Trust	Long term
4	Promote use of health facilities and information at Children's Centre.	ASDG (Newsletter)	Children's Centre	Ongoing
5	Encourage village shops to stock greater range of non-prescription health care products.	ASDG	Co-op, Gen. Store	Long term

## Housing



Concerns in this section focussed on the need for more affordable housing for local young people. Some people felt that there were insufficient properties to rent or suitable for single people. At the same time the survey identified views that St Day should not be overdeveloped, and that any developments should be 'in keeping' with the existing townscape, respect the integrity of the historical conservation area, retain greenspace and allow for future provision of community facilities such as a health centre.

### What's happening already?

- A site has been acquired for affordable housing off Telegraph Hill.
- In addition to Parish Council statutory role, the St Day Historical and Conservation Society keep a watchin brief on new planning applications.



### Suggested solutions

- Ensure new developments should include affordable housing.



### Proposed actions on housing

Action No.	Action	Lead organisation	Others involved	Target delivery date
1	Establish housing needs.	PC	KDC, CCC	Medium term
2	Identify preferred areas for future development.	PC	KDC, CCC	Long term

## Jobs



The survey indicated a desire for more jobs, including part-time jobs, located in St Day, reducing the need for commuting with its associated transport problems. There is also a feeling that the timing and frequency of buses caused difficulties in taking up job opportunities over a wider area.

### What's happening already?

- Significant numbers of jobs are proposed at Hallenbeagle Industrial Estate and the Scorrier Waste Transfer Station.

### Suggested solutions

- Provision of more small industrial units.
- Initiative to encourage more small businesses, shops and services into centre.
- Encourage use of old shops as modern 'live-work' units.
- Improve public transport.
- Encourage tourism.



### Proposed actions on jobs

Action No.	Action	Lead organisation	Others involved	Target delivery date
1	Look into organisations offering support and grants for microbusiness and homeworking.	ASDG	Children's Centre, Job Centre	Long term
2	Investigate what Job Centre can offer by way of training in St Day.	ASDG	Job Centre, Children's Centre	Long term
3	Consult with bus company re destinations and timetables relative to employment needs.	PC	First bus operator	Long term

## Education & training

No major concerns regarding education and training were revealed by the survey, although there were several comments on the importance of retaining the school. Some desire was expressed for more adult learning provision. The unreliability of buses was also mentioned in connection with access to education and training.

### What's happening already?

- Teyluva Children's Centre offers some adult training opportunities.
- Sunny Days Nursery and Pre-school have provided adult training.
- Funzone launched providing educational play and training opportunities.



### Suggested solutions

- More adult learning provision.
- Encourage parents to send their children to local school.
- Create Social Enterprise company

### Proposed actions on education & training

Action No.	Action	Lead organisation	Others involved	Target delivery date
1	Liaise with school re encouraging local enrolment.	ASDG	School, all Community groups	Ongoing
2	Publicise existing adult learning opportunities in St Day.	ASDG (Newsletter)	Children's Centre, Ent Centre	Ongoing
3	Liaise with bus company re coordinating timetable with educational needs.	PC	First bus operator	Ongoing
4	Investigate increasing provision of adult classes.	ASDG	Children's Centre, Ent Centre	Ongoing
5	Investigate creation of social enterprise company.	ASDG	All Community groups	In hand



## Tourism

The survey identified a feeling that tourism had the potential to create jobs and prosperity, and that more could be done to promote St Day's history and attractions. Concerns were expressed that poor public transport links, difficult access from the cycle path, parking problems and the lack of visitor facilities were inhibiting this potential.



### What's happening already?

- St Day now forms part of the World Heritage Site.
- A DVD promoting the mining villages is being produced.
- Participation in Mining Villages Festival.

### Suggested solutions

- More promotion of St Day's attractions, including Gwennap Pit.
- Creation of a heritage centre with visitor facilities in suitable disused building.
- Signage and better access from Mineral Tramways.

### Proposed actions on tourism

Action No.	Action	Lead organisation	Others involved	Target delivery date
1	Promote St Day's attractions.	ASDG	PC, MVRG	Ongoing
2	Encourage use of Old Church for activities and concerts.	ASDG	H&C Soc KDC	Ongoing
3	Look into signage and access from Mineral Tramways cycle path.	ASDG	MT User Group	2008
4	Investigate possibility of creating visitor centre (see village facilities).	ASDG	PC	Long term
5	Develop Mining Villages Festival.	ASDG	Other PCs, Bike hire, MVRG	Aug 2008

## Dreams for St Day

"To have a museum or heritage centre."

"To be traffic-free."

"More tree planting."

"A youth club for the children."

"Weight and size restrictions on vehicles."

"20mph speed limit."

"Somewhere to go pond dipping."

"No second homes."

"Allotments in St Day."

"Better parking for residents."

"A health centre."

"To have friends and kind people."


"A secure future for St Day Old Church."

"Designated dog area."

"A safe crossing on the main road."

"A local produce market in the Market Square."

"Peace."



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