

Callington Town Council



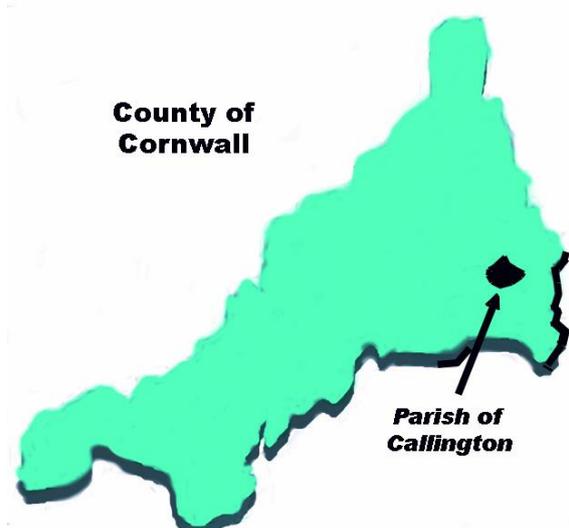
An introduction to the services
provided by the Town Council for
the residents

2017

Callington

Callington is a compact town situated on the cross roads of two 'A' roads. The A390 goes from Tavistock & Gunnislake to Liskeard and the A388 comes up from Saltash and continues through the Town north to Launceston and Bude. There is a southerly by-pass but not one for North/South traffic. The nearest railway station is at Gunnislake. Kelly Bray sits to the north of Callington, at what was the terminal of the Gunnislake to Callington railway line. The A388 links Kelly Bray to the rest of the parish. The parish comprises the town of Callington, the residential area of Kelly Bray and surrounding farmland within the parish boundary. Callington is situated centrally in South East Cornwall. Although very much part of Cornwall and its rural beauty, it is within ten miles of Saltash and across the Tamar in Devon is the city of Plymouth. Many people residing in Callington commute to Plymouth for work and a wider range of retail outlets.

Callington currently accommodates a population of approximately 6500 persons. Since the mid 1970s the population of the Town has nearly doubled. This means that the Town is undergoing considerable change that looks likely to continue. The Town is expanding and the challenge is to make certain that the facilities and infrastructure also change in order to retain the quality of life of its inhabitants.



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Staff

The Town Council has eight staff which includes office staff, caretaker, three grounds persons and a cleaner. There is a fully staffed Town Council office within the Town Hall. The Town Hall is central and easily accessible to residents, with excellent nearby parking for motor vehicles, adjacent to the bus station for public transport links and has facilities for the less-abled.

Structure

There are twelve elected Council members.
There is a Mayor who also has the ancient title of Portreeve.
There are four Committees with Executive Powers.

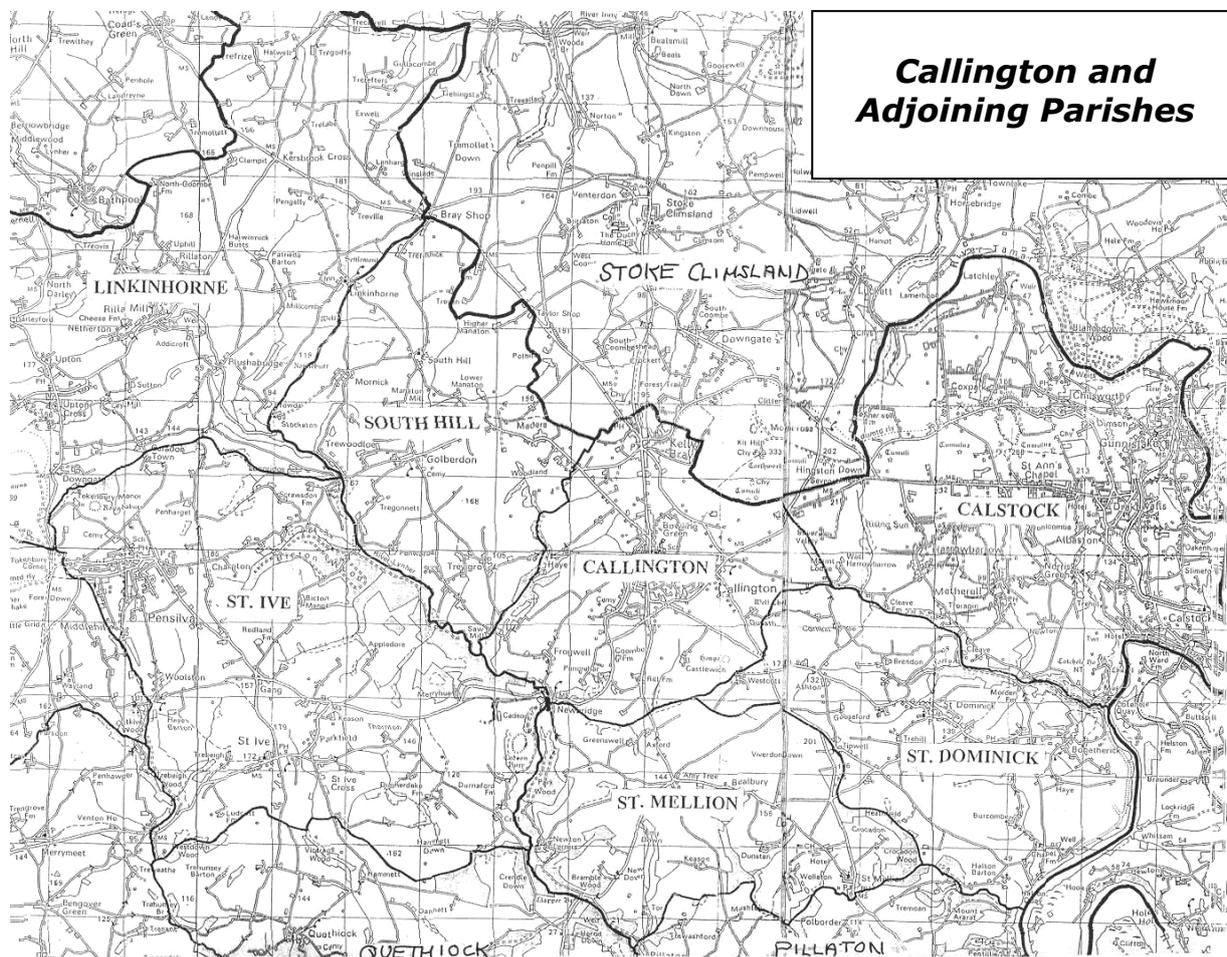
Planning Committee	Meets twice a month
Outside Services Committee	Meets twice a month
Town Hall Committee	Meets once a month
Finance & General Purposes Committee	Meets once a month
Full Council	Meets once a month

Adjacent Parishes

Callington has Community Network meetings with the adjacent parishes on an 'as and when needed' basis. These parishes are:-

- Calstock
- Linkinhorne
- Pillaton
- South Hill
- St Dominic
- St Ive
- St Mellion
- Stoke Climsland

These combined parishes have a population of nearly 20,000 persons. Many of the residents come to Callington for the provision of their services.



SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH

Responsibilities

Allotments. The Town Council owned allotments are split into 56 plots, all of which are tenanted.

Bus Shelters. The Council owns and is responsible for three bus shelters.

Cemeteries.

Plymouth Brethren Cemetery [closed], Not maintained.

Civic Cemetery [Open], owned and maintained by the Town Council and currently contains over 4000 interments.

Crime & Disorder.

Police. The Police Office has recently relocated their office into the Town Council's Pannier Market, to retain their presence in the town.

CCTV. We operate and manage the Towns CCTV scheme.

Designation Orders. We have an Alcohol Designation Area.

Film Shows. Throughout the year we run free film shows in the Town Hall to provide an alternative 'off the street' activity for children. We organize discos for the children at Easter, Halloween and Christmas, also in the Town Hall.

Community Events. We assist with organizing major events such as the Annual Fireworks display attended by up to 10,000 members of the public. We also actively subsidize and assist other groups with annual community events such as the Callington Festival which includes the Carnival.

Local Networking. Our Councillors are elected to represent the Council on many groups and associations throughout the town including the Town Forum and youth groups in addition we work in partnership with other external groups both Area, District and County based.

Emergency Planning. We formulate and distribute a Major Disaster Plan, and update with annual reviews.

Free Car Park. We provide a free 78 space car park near the town centre for the use of visitors and residents.

Grant Applications. We have a policy to take advantage of any appropriate grant funding available for the town.

Heritage. We fully support the local Heritage Centre by providing accommodation free of charge in a Chapel we own and have assisted with grant applications. We also maintain historic structures such as the Callington Water Company fountain and the Town well on Well Street.

Information. The Town Council offices, within the Town Hall, act as an unofficial Tourist Information Centre and provides information on many attractions, facilities, services and groups. We assist in the provision of public information services.

International Relations. We actively support the Twinning Association in its link with two European towns and host Civic receptions for visitors.

Information Point. With the closure of many Cornwall Council's one-stop-shops around the county, the Town Council has decided to pioneer this new initiative, the Information Point, in an effort to continue providing a Cornwall Council existence in the town.

Pannier Market. We own and maintain the Pannier Market, the commercial premises and the parking within that area.

Planning. This Council takes its planning recommendations seriously. At meetings applications are projected via the digital projector.

Council Members always agree to convene the meeting to allow members of the public to make representations at planning meetings subject to notice being given to the Chair/Clerk.

Playground Equipment. We currently maintain four play equipment areas and we also maintain a Skatepark and Youth Shelter.

Press. We have a good relationship with the press and regularly publish press releases on the activities of the Town Council.

Publications.

Callington News published eleven months of year and distributed free of charge to businesses in the parish and Further afield.

Promotional Leaflets. We work with many partners to produce leaflets to help promote the town and 'green' tourism, our Mural Trail and Heritage Walks are examples of this

Web Site. Our web site is regularly updated by the office and provides lots of information on the community and businesses as well as the Town Council. *Our website is now live and is at www.callington-tc.gov.uk.*

Public Conveniences. We have taken on ownership of the Public Conveniences, in the centre of the Town, from Cornwall Council and continue their cleaning and maintenance.

Recreation Parks. We own and maintain two large recreation parks both close to the centre of the Town, both recently updated, in addition to other small play areas.

Recycling. We actively promote recycling. Cornwall Council kerbside recycling bags are currently available within our office. We frequently promote recycling in our Newsletter. We have our own environmental policy. We also have a small stock of jute bags which we sell for £1.00.

Town Hall. We own and maintain the Town Hall Complex as a community facility for groups and businesses within the Town, this also includes conference facilities. All bookings and invoicing is handled by our office.

Wayside Seats. We have thirty-six wayside seats about the Parish. We maintain all of these in addition to the numerous benches and seating areas within the parks and cemeteries.

We hope that this booklet has helped you to understand what Callington Town Council does for you as a resident of the Town. If you require further information about any of the services that we provide, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01579 384039 or email at clerk@callington-tc.gov.uk. Alternatively, you could pop into the offices between 9am and 2pm and have a chat with our friendly staff.