

# Millbrook Parish Council

## Spring Newsletter



### Thoughts from The Chair

We live in a beautiful place!

It has been my privilege to be Chair of Millbrook Parish Council for the past four years. During that time, our community has faced a pandemic, the rising cost of living and the threat of climate change. I have been at many meetings, both physical and virtual, where difficult decisions have been made; I have witnessed the mammoth efforts made by many local organisations to help and support people through difficult times. I am frequently humbled by the individual commitment of those trying to make our village and our world a better place.



My task through all this has been to steer the Council through its decisions and processes, to facilitate discussion and to try and ensure what we do as councillors is in the best interests of you, the people we have been elected to represent. Not everything is an easy choice; not all our problems have a solution, and sometimes the solution to one problem will cause another somewhere else. Traffic matters are a particular headache, as the Council can do nothing on its own to change the highway, which is the responsibility of Cornwall Council, so has to lobby for improvements - and in most cases, pay for them with Parish Council funds, as Cornwall Highways has no budget!

Thanks go to my fellow councillors and the Council's staff for their continued hard work and support; particular thanks to Karenza, our Clerk, whose devotion to the Council and the people of Millbrook goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Nicky Roberts, Chair of Millbrook Parish Council

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### How to contact the Parish Council

**Email:** [enquiries@millbrook-pc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@millbrook-pc.gov.uk)

**Message:** the Council website or Facebook page

**Write:** to Millbrook Parish Council, The Village Hall, The Parade, Millbrook, Cornwall, PL10 1AX

**Telephone:** 01752 823128

or call into the Council Office in the Village Hall and speak to Karenza or Jo.



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## Looking after your village

### Millbrook's Village Enhancement Team (VETs)

The Village Enhancement Team (VETs) is made up of Parish Councillors and volunteers. We originally got together to clear blocked drains after flooding in the village. We evolved into looking after the central part of the village, including the Tanyard and six boats. The aim is to keep the centre attractive and to encourage the bees and insects. We meet monthly on Saturday afternoons for a couple of hours. If you are interested in joining us please contact the Clerk ([theclerk@millbrook-pc.gov.uk](mailto:theclerk@millbrook-pc.gov.uk)).



### Rame Wildlife Rescue

Rame Wildlife Rescue Network is an informal group that signposts to or asks the advice of other more experienced wildlife experts or organisations if an animal is in trouble. We actively encourage others to take animals in need to the vets. If there is no help available or someone is not able to help an animal then we do our best to get it where they needs to be, whether a vet's, a rehabber or a rescue. We do not, however, disturb wildlife unless the proper observations have been made and advice has been sought, or the animal is injured or at risk. It is important to be sure an animal needs help before removing from the wild. If in doubt always seek advice. If you need help then please message our Facebook page. If you do not have a Facebook account please contact the Parish Council.



### Dog Fouling

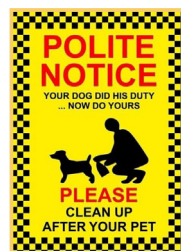
Dog mess is the most unacceptable and offensive type of litter on our streets. Our research tells us that dog fouling is the issue the public is most concerned about.

Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. On rare occasions, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

While most dog owners are caring, responsible individuals, there are still some people who do not clean up after their pets.

**The law states that being unaware a dog has fouled or not having a suitable bag is not a reasonable excuse.** Only guide dog users are exempt, although they usually make every effort to pick up after their dog if they can. For further information please have a look at the Keep Britain Tidy website.

**Thank you to all the responsible dog owners who clean up after their pets.**



## Parish Council led Community Events 2022-23



### Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday with Millbrook Primary School



### CPR Training course offered by British Heart Foundation



### Millbrook's Proclamation of the Accession of King Charles III



## Parish Council led Community Events 2022-23

### Christmas 2022



### Serving your community



Cllr Matthew Beadnall: "Being a Councillor for Millbrook parish was something I wanted to be involved in as I wanted to give back to my community, help make decisions that affect the area I've grown up in and have an involvement in a way I can make a positive change. Being there for members of the village to voice their concerns or to help kickstart a community project is highly rewarding.

Also volunteering for the Rame Community Responders has brought on a whole new way to give back while also learning and supporting my goals."

If you would like to help with the Annual Engagement Event, King's Coronation Community afternoon, join the Village Enhancement Team or become a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Council.

#### Use of Parish Council land for community events

If you are part of a community organisation and would like to organise an event on Council land please complete our online request for use of Council land or property form on the Parish Council website.

<https://millbrook-pc.gov.uk/services/use-of-parish-council-land-or-property-form/>. You will also be required to supply a copy of your organisation's public liability insurance.

#### Did you know the Council has a grant application process for community organisation?

If you would like to apply click on the grant funding page under 'services on our website.

<https://millbrook-pc.gov.uk/services/grants-funding/>

If you run a local business would you like to be added to the Council's approved contractor database? On our website you will find an online application form.

<https://millbrook-pc.gov.uk/services/working-for-the-council-contractors/>

## Sport, play and recreation

### New children's roundabout for Millbrook's Tractor Park

Last month a new inclusive roundabout was installed after the previous 10-year-old roundabout was deemed beyond economical repair. A new path has been created in the play park to improve the often-muddy entrance and providing easy inclusive access to the roundabout.



In July 2022, the entrance to the park was relocated so that it was further away from the road. A picnic bench was installed between the play park, skatepark and dog-walking field.

Maintenance repairs have also been completed on the tractor and renovation works will continue in the summer.



Regular maintenance checks are carried out in the play park but if you spot anything that needs attention please contact the Council.

Photo credit: Fran Reilly

### Millbrook Tanyard

*Would You Like To See A Roof on The Tanyard Pergola? Have your say*  
[millbrook-pc.gov.uk/pergola-consultation](http://millbrook-pc.gov.uk/pergola-consultation)



Millbrook Parish Council owns the Tanyard, a communal garden space in the heart of the village.

At the last Council meeting the Parish Council approved the quotation from Dale Blackler to provide a temporary tarpaulin cover over the pergola. This is not a long term solution but will help us assess the need and review funding options and in the meantime will benefit the craft markets and Community Coronation event.

## Sport, play and recreation

### New goal posts in the playing field

Photo credits to The Reilly family



In September 2022, the Council's appointed contractors, The Fencing and Decking Company, installed new goal posts. Thank you to Rame Refuse for taking the old posts away.

### Cycle lockers

In May 2022, after a recommendation from the Traffic & Transport Advisory Task Group, the Parish Council purchased two cycle lockers from Bikeaway, which have been installed in West Street Car park and rented to residents on an annual basis.



Would you like to be added to the waiting list for a cycle locker?

**Subject to funds and community support, the Council may look to install more cycle lockers. Can you suggest another location in the village for additional cycle lockers? Please send an email to [enquiries@millbrook-pc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@millbrook-pc.gov.uk)**

### Public seating

**Wales online news story** "When Allison Owen-Jones was walking her dog around Cardiff's Roath Recreation Ground she noticed an elderly gentleman sitting on a bench alone. Unsure whether the man wanted anyone to speak to him Allison came up with an idea which eventually spread across the world. The retired Cardiff and Vale College lecturer went home and printed out a sign that could be attached to the bench saying: 'Sit here if you don't mind someone stopping to say hello.'"

This is brilliant! Well done, Millbrook Parish Council - Cornwall. I do hope people are not too shy to take advantage of it. Sited by the path on the wooded side of the lake.



If you scan the bar code on the bench by the lakeside, it takes you to the Council's website which contains a range of information for mental health support.

[millbrook-pc.gov.uk/services/mental-health](https://millbrook-pc.gov.uk/services/mental-health)

**Click on each tab for guides to help with stress, sleeping, anxiety and wellbeing.**



Following a request from a parishioner at the weekly Millbrook Meetup, the Council voted to install a further bench in the 'dog-walking' field, which is now in place.

## Parish Council public amenities

The Parish Council is responsible for:

- Millbrook recreation park - green space around the lakeside, tractor park, skatepark & tennis courts.
- The bus shelters at The Quay and Insworke
- Public notice boards
- Millbrook Cemetery (new section)
- Public toilets
- Three car parks - West Street car park (a 99 year lease with Cornwall Council), Village Hall car park and Greenland car park (the section opposite the village hall).
- The Lime Kiln / Quay
- The Tanyard

The Council is also freeholder of the land leased by Millbrook Football Club and, for title registration purposes, Custodian Trustee of the Village Hall, although the building is not owned by the Council.

### West Street car park and Millbrook Public toilets

In July 2012, Millbrook Parish Council signed a lease agreement with Cornwall Council for an asset transfer of the Public Toilets and West Street car park to Millbrook Parish Council. The car park machine fees have not increased since then, although there has been a small increase in the resident car park permit fees. To cover the maintenance costs the Parish Council needs to consider increasing long stay fees (which are currently £1.70 for 2 to 3 hours and £2.60 for 3 to 4 hours) for West Street car park. Please complete the Google Drive survey (see link on Parish Council's website) or add your comments to the notice on our website. [Millbrook-pc.gov.uk/west-street-car-park-fees-consultation](http://Millbrook-pc.gov.uk/west-street-car-park-fees-consultation)

## Serving your community

**Would you like to participate in the actions and decisions of the Parish Council?  
Here is what Petra and Elisa had to say about their role as Parish Councillors.**

### Cllr Petra Polak

"Greetings to all you lovely folk!

So many wonderful projects, ideas, events and innovations happen within our abundant community. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of our progressive Millbrook PC. I have witnessed many positive changes over the years and I am looking forward to many more!

Peace and Love, Petra Polak ."



### Cllr Elisa Woffenden

"Hello there. I have been a member of the Parish Council for the last two years. It is a privilege to be part of such a committed and dynamic team and to serve the vibrant community of Millbrook, being involved in local decision making and working towards making our village an even better place to live!

Thank you, Elisa Woffenden."



## Millbrook Scouts



From Millbrook Beaver Leader: "We have had yet another busy year supported by our wonderful community. Alongside our weekly Thursday evening meetings we have fitted in four nights away: 2 nights up at the Hope Lake campsite in July, 1 night in our Scout Hall after a very wet hike from Seaton in November and as

recently as last weekend up at 1st Tavistock Scout hall after cycling Drake's trail from Plympton to Tavistock Saturday and returning on Sunday.

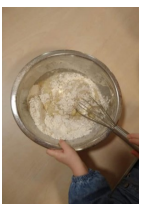
A highlight of our summer last year was when we got to help crew the last remaining operational Tamar barge 'Lynher' on a special sailing from Cotehele Quay to Cremyll. On board the children learned about the importance of the Tamar Barges and how they worked up and down the river transporting a wide selection of goods and materials during the late 19th and early 20th century. All this alongside seamanship skills, helming the boat, how tides are affected by the moon and so much more! This was only made affordable for our local children by the generous support of Millbrook Parish Council, Torpoint and Rame Lions, attendees at the Maker with Rame Jubilee fête who purchased items from our Scout stall and Leaders from the Scout group. We are a small team of volunteer leaders striving to give our local children Skills for Life; the Scouts we have are an amazing bunch who should be very proud of themselves and are always a pleasure to take out and spend time with. We always welcome new volunteers and understand the need for a wide variety of skills to give the Scouts the best!

If you are interested in helping, please do get in touch with Pip, our Group Scout Leader - [pip.patterson@btinternet.com](mailto:pip.patterson@btinternet.com)."



## Millbrook Preschool

Millbrook Preschool has been running for over 50 years. Further information about the organisation is available on their Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/millbrookpreschool>. If you would like your child's first adventure in early years education to be at Millbrook preschool please call 01752 656960.





## The Black Prince/The Town Crier

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday 1st May 2023—Black Prince Flower Boat Festival



Millbrook Parish Council wants to say a massive thank you to Clive O'Shaughnessy, who has represented Millbrook Parish Council as our most excellent Town Crier for the past ten years. Clive has sadly had to step down from his duties, so the Council will shortly be advertising for his successor and is grateful to Clive for his help with this, as well as for his wonderful service.



The image above shows Clive leading the Black Prince Parade and the image left was taken from the Torpoint and Rame Peninsula Lions Facebook page, when Clive was officially appointed as Torpoint Town Crier in addition to his role in Millbrook.

## Last year's Community Engagement Event held on 14th May 2022

### Representatives from the following organisations attended the event:

Age UK/NHS Social Prescribing, Café Abundance, Family Foraging Kitchen, Millbrook Arts & Crafts, Millbrook Model Boat Club, Millbrook Lake Moorings Association, Millbrook Scout Group, Millbrook Skatepark Project, Millbrook Village Hall Management Committee, Mount Edgcumbe Railway and Model Society, Pigshill and Clarrick Woods CIC, Rame Beach Care, Rame Community Kitchen, Rame First Responders, The Friends of Rame Church and The Peninsula Trust.



## Community Engagement Event 2023

3pm to 6pm on Saturday 22nd April at Millbrook Village Hall  
followed by Annual Parish Meeting 6pm to 6:30pm

### Local community groups have been invited to:

- ◆ give a brief presentation about their organisation.
- ◆ submit a report on the activities of their group over the last 12 months and future plans
- ◆ have a table and be in attendance to answer any questions about their organisation.
- ◆ supply some posters / publicity to promote the organisation.
- ◆ or do some fundraising for their community group during the event.



This community event will be an ideal opportunity for residents to find out more about what is happening in the parish, what plans the Council and other community groups have for the future, and to talk to councillors about issues the Council might be able to address.

The Annual Parish meeting is not the same as the monthly Council meeting. It is the official opportunity for residents to receive an update from the Parish Council on what it has been working on over the last year, and like last year, the Parish Council is hosting the meeting immediately after the community event. It is a chance for residents to have their say on anything they consider important or valuable to the people of the Parish.





## Community Event

**\* Free \* Everyone welcome! \***

**Live Music - Arts and Crafts  
Pasties and Cornish Cream Teas**

**Bring a picnic / plate to share**



**Free face painting  
Fantastic raffle prizes**

**Please join us at Millbrook Village Hall  
and Millbrook Tanyard**

**Sunday 7th May 2023 from midday to 5pm**

Thank you to the members of Millbrook Arts & Crafts  
who have been busy making unique Millbrook-themed bunting



Kirstie Bristow, Julie Elworthy, Fran Reilly and Cllrs Nicky Roberts, Sharon Lewis, Elisa Woffenden and Don Wood from the Council's Events Working Group have been organising a fun packed afternoon.

## Millbrook Skatepark Project

In 2020, the Parish Council received complaints about the noise from Millbrook Skatepark as noise was becoming an issue due to the age and construction of the ramps. Local skater, Aaron Barrett, approached the Parish Council to discuss the issue and promoted the idea of replacing the current tarmac and metal skatepark with a concrete wheeled sports area. Millbrook Skatepark Project, a volunteer group, was then set up with a purpose of engaging with the local community and raising the money required to replace the current skatepark with a new concrete one.

The metal ramps had been updated in 2008 by the Parish Council and the mini-ramp became a renowned and well-loved skate spot. However, natural degrading (not helped by our lovely sea air) means that the ramps are now at the end of their life. Two ramps had to be removed within the last year as they were unsafe and beyond repair, leaving the distinct possibility of no facility at all.

Tasked with raising funds to provide the community with a new wheeled sports area, Millbrook Skatepark Project has been fundraising since 2020. The group has organised events at the skatepark, film nights at Millbrook Football Club and most recently, in Autumn 2022, ran a Crowdfunder campaign that took a lot of work to organise and included using the skills within the group to create a brilliant video. It was highly successful due to the impressive amount of community support from local people and businesses, and the match funding which secured money from Sport England and British Cycling: in total the Crowdfunder raised £60,500 - the largest amount raised in this way for a skatepark anywhere in the country, which is something the whole community should be proud of.

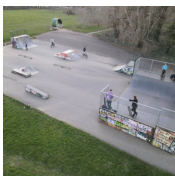
Following this, conditional grant funding has been obtained from Cornwall Council, as well as grants of £10k from the National Lottery, £15k from Prince's Countryside Fund, £5k from Carew Pole Charitable Trust, together with funding from neighbouring Parish Councils including St German's, Shevioc and Maker with Rame. In total £97,000 has been raised. The target is £250,000 to be able to provide a wheeled sports area that our young people and the whole community can be proud of. Further funding applications are ongoing in order to reach this target.

The group has set up a Steering Group which includes local people from the skating/bmx community, engineering, design, and youth sectors, to assist and help with the development and consultation.

There's an online survey where anyone can give ideas and views: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScVlp3XY7z8DFgRScLQuCCyW6ln7ZppFx0aLX5pxBfLjNqXQ/viewform>.

The group believes that the new area should be inclusive, intergenerational, aspirational and creative - reflective of our community - and the new skatepark design is key to this.

Recently, a formal tender process was held for the appointment of the skatepark developer; there were three extremely high-quality submissions received. These were considered by a review panel and the Parish Council then formally approved Maverick Skateparks as the chosen developer at its meeting on March 30th. This is a real marker for the project; next steps will be a public consultation event - a chance for the community to have a proper say on designs and ideas directly with Maverick (dates and times will be announced soon so please look out for this) - and the group has some big funding application bids in the pipeline. Anyone who has any comments or wants to get involved please do get in touch!



Overhead image



Prime Sponsorship event



Millbrook Skatepark Project logo



Pizza stall at Harfest

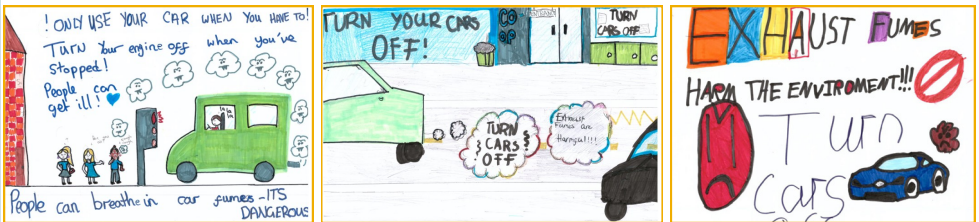
The initial proposed skatepark designs are available on the Council's website:

<https://millbrook-pc.gov.uk/millbrook-skatepark-tender-announcement/>

## Green initiatives

### Traffic Fumes

Thank you to the pupils of Millbrook Primary School for designing posters to raise awareness of traffic fumes produced whilst leaving vehicle engines running. Here are some of the posters.



All the posters were displayed during the Council's 2022 community engagement event, displayed in the Rame Centre window and published on the Council's website and Facebook page. This project was initiated by Cllr Elisa Woffenden.

### Electric Vehicle Charging Points

In November 2021, the Parish Council posted the following statement on the Council's website:

"As we strive to de-carbonise there will be a rapid transition to Electric Vehicles (EVs) over the next 10-15 years. Whilst EVs may be a natural choice for those who can install chargers at home the lack of public charging infrastructure is seen as a blocker for many. However, Millbrook Parish Council have the opportunity to apply for some grant funding (75% grant funded) to cover installation of public EV charge points across the village."

Here are some of the comments we received:

- ◆ We would support public use EV charging points as no access at home address. Definitely a step in the right direction.
- ◆ I would be very supportive in the move for EV charge points in the village. As it looks like EV is the way things are moving towards. Forward thinking and planning needs to be looked at for Community charging points in a village that offers little parking outside peoples own homes. Unfortunately I had to turn down the option of an EV company van due to the inability currently to charge at our house or village overnight.
- ◆ Completely in favour. Our next car will probably be electric
- ◆ One of the main barriers to us getting an EV car is the inability to charge at our house so I would whole heartedly support the move for EV charge points in the village.

Installation commenced in June 2022.

Thank you to Cllr Robert Mattholie for his work in obtaining Onstreet Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) grant funding and managing the Electric Vehicle Charging Point Installation project.



### Do you own an Electric Vehicle?

Residents in Millbrook, Maker-with-Rame, Sheviok, Antony and St John parishes are offered local tariff rates.

Please contact the Parish Council office: [enquiries@millbrook-pc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@millbrook-pc.gov.uk)

When asked to put together a few words on why he got involved in the project, Cllr Mattholie said, “Rapid de-carbonisation of surface transport is going to be essential if we are to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. However, for many people without access to off-street parking access to reliable charging infrastructure remains a significant blocker. The Onstreet Residential Chargepoint Scheme provided a great opportunity for the council to access grant funding to install South East Cornwall’s first public EV charging infrastructure. I was pleased to help with the project delivery and am hopeful that the new EV chargepoint, coupled with the emerging second-hand EV market, will help increase the uptake of EVs in the village over time.”

## Do you care about the environment?

**Have you considered being a Parish Councillor? Here is what Councillor Mattholie had to say about the role:** “Volunteering as a Parish Councillor provides a fantastic opportunity to support the community you live in. All the Councillors have such a } diverse range of backgrounds and it’s a great opportunity to put these skills to good use supporting great community projects.” Information about all Parish Councillors is available on our website: [millbrook-pc.gov.uk/councillors-organisation/councillors](http://millbrook-pc.gov.uk/councillors-organisation/councillors)



## Traffic, transport and parking

**Houster Hill Feasibility Study:** Addressing the issues on Lower Houster Hill/The Narrows, the Council commissioned a Feasibility Study. The study can be viewed on the Council’s website: [millbrook-pc.gov.uk/Houster-hill-feasibility-study](http://millbrook-pc.gov.uk/Houster-hill-feasibility-study). The summary of options and recommendations are on pages 76 to 83. Millbrook Parish Council contacted neighbouring Parish Councils about the study. Maker with Rame Parish Council recently responded with the following: “Members of the Parish Council discussed the above detailed proposal at our last meeting. Consideration was given to each of the options suggested, with the following comments being made:

Recommend:

1. Option 1 (a new road) would be the most effective measure but is very unlikely due to cost, environmental impact etc.
  2. Option 2 (Wig Wag Lts) is not considered feasible because of the impact of traffic stacking.
  3. Option 3 (long vehicle restriction) and Option 6 (Improvement of non physical highway features) are recommended plus
  4. Additional general traffic measures detailed at Page 80 are all recommended.
- It is further suggested that, in the event that long vehicle restrictions are imposed, the same are applied for access via the Military Road, given cliff and road erosion, and traffic congestion.”

## Pedestrian access

Following a Traffic & Transport Task Group meeting, the Clerk contacted the head of Foulanesend Primary School about parking issues on the walk-to-school route, one problem being access for pushchairs or the disabled past the top of the Tanyard by The Pipes steps due to drivers often leaving their cars parked on the pavement. An image was sent showing a partially blocked pavement. During February half term the pupils were asked to designing some posters for display by the problem area:



# The Peninsula Trust

## Millbrook Meet Up/Warm Hub



It has been a busy period for the Trust and a challenging time for many in this community. We helped to set up the Warm Hub/Millbrook Meet Up in the Village Hall in October 2022 working in partnership with Millbrook Parish Council, Volunteer Cornwall & Age UK and our wonderful community volunteers. The Meet Up has been hugely successful, we have seen over 250 people, with many visiting every week. The hub is open to everyone and is a warm and friendly space where you can just meet up with friends, grab a cup of tea and a crumpet or seek some advice, guidance and information on issues where you may need some more support.

Many local organisations have visited including Community Energy Plus, South West Water, Man Down, Marine Rangers, Rame Community Fund, Permaculture Kernow and Rame Counselling, offering support with the energy/cost of living crisis, mental health and environmental awareness. Awenek Studios, Mike & Chrissie and Cafe Abundance have been with the Meet Up all the way and have been offering themed Art and Craft activities for adults and children, spinning & weaving and a supply of food that otherwise would have gone to landfill.

It has been invaluable to work with everyone involved including the team of Parish Councillors, Social Prescribers and Local Support Workers who have all been on hand on a weekly basis to chat to residents - many conversations have brought about positive solutions or signposting for issues that may otherwise have gone unheard or been missed.

The Meet Up will continue weekly on Fridays from 9am-12pm; we look forward to seeing many more of you visiting in the coming months!

## Rame Community Kitchen

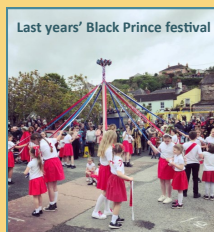
The Rame Community Kitchen was set up in the pandemic, with the kind support of Cornwall Council & Millbrook Football Club, and we have continued to work to keep funding in place to enable us to keep this valuable asset for the community, as the need is great and does not appear to be slowing down. We are currently seeing around 25 households each week. We work in partnership with Fareshare who provide the food and we top up with the ambient stock from the cash & carry. It has been challenging to maintain funding for the RCK and we have various funding sources including donations from the public, Millbrook Parish Council, National Lottery Awards 4 All, Julia & Hans Rausing and Trusthouse. But we will continue to reach out to funders to make sure we can provide this important service for those people in our communities who need it. The RCK is open Wednesday/Thursday 1-4pm in our container behind Millbrook Football Club.

Millbrook Parish Council has been hugely supportive and very generous with donations for all of our work, including at The Rame Centre where we are seeing people who need support with benefits claims, housing, advocacy, mental health, crisis grants, food shortages much more. The support we get from Millbrook Parish Council, which in turn allows our staff and volunteers to work alongside this community, is invaluable and we hope to continue our working partnership long into the future.

**To get in touch about any of our work, volunteering or to make a donation, please go to [www.thepeninsulatrust.org.uk](http://www.thepeninsulatrust.org.uk) or call 01752 658516.**

## Millbrook Meet up - Social Café

Millbrook Village Hall on Friday mornings from 9am



### Rame Community Fund

If you have difficulty paying for household items, food, clothing or topping up your electricity key, contact us by email at [info@ramecommunityfund.org.uk](mailto:info@ramecommunityfund.org.uk), find us at [www.ramecommunityfund.org.uk](http://www.ramecommunityfund.org.uk) for an online application form, or pick up an Application Pack from: The Rame Centre, Millbrook Village Hall, The Village Store in Kingsand or Antony Village Hall.



**Finding things difficult?**

**We are here to help.**

We deal with your request as quickly as possible. Large or expensive items will be considered in exceptional circumstances.



Rame Community Fund is a registered Charity No 1146903

### Grants and donations awarded by Millbrook Parish Council from April 2022 to March 2023

Organisation	Details	Amount
Cornwall Air Ambulance	Donation towards services	£1,000
Millbrook Skatepark Project	Millbrook Skate Jam	£374
Millbrook Preschool Playgroup	Tea in The Tanyard - Queen's Jubilee Event	£143
Millbrook 1st Scout Group	Scout Trip	£60
Family Foraging Kitchen	Harfest 2022	£250
The Peninsula Trust	Local Support Service	£2,500
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal Fund	£50
Millbrook Preschool Playgroup	Christmas Market event costs	£274
Black Prince Flowerboat Committee	May Day Festival costs	£500



# Emergency Support

## Cornwall Air Ambulance

“We were delighted to have received support from Millbrook Parish Council during 2022. Nobody wakes up expecting to take a ride in the air ambulance, but each day the highly-skilled critical care paramedics, doctors and pilots of Cornwall Air Ambulance attend an average of three people in need of urgent critical care.

Everybody knows of somebody who has been airlifted and nobody knows who might need it next. When every minute matters, the speed of the air ambulance can be the difference between life and death, between a family kept together or broken apart.

The rural nature of Cornwall makes the air ambulance essential to treat the most critically ill patients in the county. By road it could take hours to reach hospital, by air it is minutes.

During 2022 we responded to 1050 Missions, of which 254 were to medical missions, 330 patients and suffered cardiac arrests and 127 were road traffic accidents.

We are delighted to inform you that Debbie Henshaw has been nominated a finalist in the prestigious National Smee & Ford Awards as an outstanding Individual in Legacy Fundraising. Her family has been treated by the crew and she is, like many others, determined to pay it forward. Leaving a gift to Cornwall Air Ambulance could be your legacy to help save lives.

### **Will you help save future lives?**

The team at Cornwall Air Ambulance is emphasising the importance of legacy gifts: these ensure the future of your service; these kind gifts in wills make up one third of the money raised by Cornwall Air Ambulance each year, and are a vital source of income to keep the helicopter flying. With the crew attending upwards of 1,000 critical incidents annually, gifts left in wills account for over 350 missions and potential lives saved.”



## Oliver Vigo, Local Tri-Services Officer

The role of a Tri-Service Safety Officer was first piloted in 2014 to support Devon & Cornwall Police, Cornwall Fire & Rescue Service, South West Ambulance Service and Cornwall Council's Antisocial Behaviour Team.

Ollie is a First Responder and will respond to critical incidents on behalf of the fire and ambulance service.

- He works collaboratively with the emergency services.
- Part of the role focusses on reducing demand for police, fire and the ambulance service by engagement, early intervention, prevention and
- One of the services Ollie offers, if you meet the criteria, is to come to your home to complete fire safety checks.



For more information about the work of Tri -Service Officers, have a look on Cornwall Council's website.

## Emergency Support

**Rame Community First Responders** are a group of trained, unpaid volunteers with the ambulance service. We attended around 300 calls in 2022.

CFRs are deployed to patients when either there are no ambulances immediately available or the CFRs are able to attend promptly for immediate lifesaving care, such as cardiac arrest, chest pain, breathing difficulties, patients who are unconscious, fitting, or showing stroke symptoms. Equipment we carry includes oxygen, a defibrillator, blood pressure/temperature/oxygen level monitors etc. so we can relay crucial information to the ambulance service.

We also attend patients who have fallen but are uninjured, and we can use a lifting chair. Attending such incidents frees an ambulance.

As a group we endeavour to provide 24 hour cover, 365 days per year.

We are in a minority of CFRs nationally who have fundraised to buy and run our own dedicated vehicle - you might see us driving it around the local area. Our fundraising is ongoing (thank you to Maker with Rame PCC, Millbrook PCC, St John and other PCCs for your kind support!) to maintain the service.

We are proud that our work helps our community, and always interested to hear from potential recruits!



### Advice for contacting the police:

If you are thinking about contacting the police, here are two questions to ask yourself:  
Is it the police you actually need to contact?

Can you find the answer online – Ask the Police database, complete an online crime report or email 101@dc.police.uk . If the above options don't help, call 101 – waiting times can go up during periods of high demand.

**In an emergency the public should always call 999. Typically, this would be when:**

- a crime is in progress
- someone suspected of a crime is nearby
- danger to life
- violence is being used or threatened

**Non urgent matters include:**

- theft of a vehicle
- damage to property
- suspected drug use or dealing
- minor traffic accidents
- passing on information about crime



## A few words from Cornwall Councillor Kate Ewert

“It has been a pleasure working with Millbrook PC over the past two years and supporting their long-term goals for safer pedestrian access around the village and improvement to the road network as well. We’ve been successful in receiving funding to design and implement a safe crossing area on St John’s Road to allow children accessing the school from this route a much safer way of crossing the road, hopefully reducing the need for car drop offs – this should go out to consultation in the near future.

I have also been incredibly pleased to support the Millbrook Skate Park project, both with funding from my community chest grant scheme but also with support behind the scenes with input from Council Officers in relation to larger grant funding; I am really looking forward to this coming to fruition over the next 12 months. Finally, I was delighted to announce that Millbrook has been included in the “Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund” scheme; this hard fought for funding means that all the Cornwall Housing homes within Millbrook (and Kingsand and Cawsand) will benefit from proper retrofitting, with a range of solar panels, loft and wall insulation and new energy efficient boilers and lighting being fitted over the next 12 months. Not only is this better for the environment, but it will also mean much lower energy costs next winter. As part of this scheme, we should also see the backlog in Cornwall Housing repairs in the area being tackled. As always, if I can be of help do contact me on [clr.kate.ewert@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:clr.kate.ewert@cornwall.gov.uk)”



# MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

### Who can be a Parish Councillor?

To stand for election on a Parish Council, you must:

- be a UK or commonwealth citizen,
- be a least 18 years old.
- be on the electoral register of the parish,
- or, during the previous 12 months, have worked in the parish
- or, for the whole of the previous 12 months, lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary.

### Why become a Parish Councillor?

- Are you passionate about your community?
- Do you have concerns about a issues in the parish and want to do something about it?
- Would you like the opportunity to become a community leader with the

power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve?

No other role gives you a chance to make such a huge difference to the quality of life of people in your local area and to influence the way issues are dealt with locally. By becoming a Parish Councillor you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support, a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, as a result of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

Being a Councillor can be challenging but also highly rewarding.

**To find out more, speak to one of our current Parish Councillors, the Council Office staff or attend one of the Council meetings.**

## Millbrook Village Hall

The hall is managed by the Village Hall Management Committee. For booking enquiries please contact the Booking Officer, Lauren Fitzpatrick, by email - [millbrookvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:millbrookvillagehall@gmail.com).



The hall has three rooms available for hire: the main hall, balcony room and attic room.

The upstairs kitchen has recently been fully refurbished and the downstairs kitchen partially refurbished.

## *Did you know .....* Photo ID will be required when voting at a Polling Station?

From 4th May 2023 voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at Polling stations in some elections.

This will apply to:

- ◆ Local elections
- ◆ Police and Crime Commissioner elections
- ◆ UK parliamentary by-elections
- ◆ Recall petitions

From October 2023 it will also apply to UK General elections.

If you don't have accepted photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, which is known as a Voter Authority Certificate. For further information visit [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk)



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Address

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