

# CAMEL VALLEY AND BODMIN MOOR PROTECTION SOCIETY

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## Newsletter

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### EVENTS



#### **Guided Walk with Martin Eddy, Cornwall Councillor, at Minions, Saturday 6 July, 2.00pm**

We are fortunate for our next event that Cornwall Councillor, Martin Eddy, has agreed to lead members on a guided walk about the Minions area on the south side of Bodmin Moor. Martin, who farms nearby, was for some time the Warden at Minions and so is very knowledgeable about the history and geology of this famous area.

Our stroll will take in the Hurlers, a Bronze Age (c1500BC) standing stone, the Cheesewring, also Bronze Age and the mining history of the area. The walk will last about an hour and a half.

Parking is available at Minions near the Heritage Centre, and we will meet there at 2.00pm, for a start at 2.15pm. There is a café nearby for tea afterwards, or Cornwall's highest pub for something stronger! The charge to participate is just £5, to cover the Society's costs.

The walk will be suitable for older children. Guests welcome, and also dogs, but these must be on leads throughout. Please wear sensible walking shoes or boots.

If you wish to attend, please fill in the attached form and return to Catherine Richards by Friday 26 June, 2019.

#### **CVBMPS AGM, 13 November 2019**

The CVBMPS AGM will be held on Wednesday 13 November 2019, at 7.30pm, at the Duchy Suite, Royal Cornwall Showground. Our speaker for this event will be Andrew Parker, a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Bristol School of Earth Sciences, talking about climate change.

### PLANNING

#### **Wind and Solar**

The application to repower the turbine at Lower Treen Farm, Davidstow, referred to in the last newsletter, is still ongoing. The proposal is to replace a small turbine with a 900kW 77m high turbine.

NATS(Air Traffic Control) have unfortunately withdrawn their initial objection as they now are sure that the turbine would not interfere with radar or radio communications.

The Landscape Officer has objected stating that this addition would increase the perception that the surrounding landscape is being dominated by wind turbines. The decision is now dependent on the value put on our landscape by the Planners. Let us hope they value it highly and reject the application.

Many of you will know the Cold Northcott wind farm, it's the very ugly 2 bladed turbine farm between Camelford and Launceston. This windfarm has recently been sold to a local farmer who is now proposing to redevelop. The proposal is to replace the head of the turbines with a new, more efficient 3 bladed design onto the existing towers.

After consultation with Bob Barfoot, our consultant on previous applications, we have been advised that a major objection is unlikely to succeed as the turbines will be slightly shorter and a 3-blade design is considered more visually acceptable. We will however be making a representation asking that the towers are at least cleaned and painted to improve their appearance, also any existing turbine that has been inactive for more than 6 months or has already been removed should not be replaced with the new design. This in theory should reduce the numbers.

The application can be found here for those interested.

<http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=PO9I00FGLFL00>

## **Housing**

Applications for developments at Bodieve/Ball roundabout and 300 houses on Gonvenna fields between the new football club and the Camel have both been refused although appeals are very likely.

The pre-application advice for Church Park (dubbed Wadebridge New Town), Sladesbridge has been decided, however the advice given has not been made available on the planning portal.

Other than these there is nothing of any significance to report from other areas.

Both St. Cleer and St. Endellion Parishes have begun the public consultation of their proposed Neighbourhood Development Plans. This is the opportunity for residents to have their say and influence the final plan. We would urge members to take time to study these plans and make any comments they feel appropriate.

As always, please tell us if there is any application in your village or Parish that you have concerns about.

## **MILESTONE SOCIETY**

As members will recall we recently contributed towards the restoration of 2 significant milestones being undertaken by The Milestone Society.

The first is a Grade II listed Capped Granite Guide Stone at the Helland Bridge turn on B3266 near St Mabyn known as the "Famous Milestone". The second is the "Headless Guidestone" at Penhargard on the old St Mabyn to Bodmin road.

The missing stone parts have been recreated by De Lank Quarry at St Breward and Cormac have re-installed both guidestones now repairs are completed.



*“Headless Guidestone”*



*“Famous Milestone”*

The photos were kindly provided by Mr Ian Thompson of The Milestone Society.

## **HISTORIC RIGHTS OF WAY DEADLINE 2026**



A reminder that a clause in right-to-roam legislation introduced by the Labour government in 2000 stated that any pre-1949 paths must be recorded by 2026 to continue to carry public rights. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act contained a provision that will extinguish those rights if the paths have not been properly recorded.

It may be that a path is in everyday use, not necessarily a path that has fallen into disuse. However, if a path or route does not have an official designation, a Definitive Map Modification Order, or DMMO, needs to be submitted.

Anyone wishing to register a right of way can seek advice from Cornwall Council, or The Open Spaces Society, the British Horse Society and The Ramblers, who all have volunteers with expert knowledge.