

St Sampson Annual Report May 2025:

Looking back over the last twelve months, I have to recall with some anxiety the attempt by Wildanet to install Superfast Broadband to our village. For anyone who is safely connected ...well done! For some, sadly, the issues generated are still ongoing, including (I might say) is the current lack of connection to the village hall!

I will list the other less critical topics as they came up in the Parish Minutes over the past year:

1. **Our Address** (according to Land Registry) our address was listed as the house now occupied by Allan Foster and this was clearly incorrect. And so we had to have them understand that this wasn't in fact the case. But it not only took a long time to resolve, but also required the Parish Clerk and myself to appear in front of a solicitor to prove our identities! I can confirm however, that It is now finally resolved.
2. After the installation of our new cashless **parking machine**, we realised that in the event of a breakdown, we might have to wait for up to 3 days to get a repair. (and given that our car park income is critical to covering our annual costs, we needed a solution) So, we added "telephone parking" via a company called JUST PARK to our car park arrangements. This also allows for those who arrive with cash but no credit card, or indeed, for anyone who finds the machine "out of order!" This service is now in place and operational.
3. Following the departure of one of our Councillors we have been very fortunate to co-opt **David Bonsall** to the Parish Council and he has been instrumental in delivering for us the new **EMERGENCY PLAN** for the village, which you can find on the Parish web site and the village web site.

4. Not only that but he has also carried out a feasibility study with Debbie Pugh Jones to upgrade the **community toilet** which we hope to enact later this year and to pay for it with some **Community Infrastructure Levy** left in the kitty.
5. Given his technical ability, he also engaged with BT who wanted to transfer us onto a digital business footing (as opposed to a domestic arrangement) to supply a new **ROUTER** to the Boathut, from which we connect the ticket machine and operate the security cameras for Boatwatch.
6. Together with Andrew and with financial help from others, (including the Parish Council) he also set up our **village webcam**.
7. For anyone who enjoys walking across the Downs towards Old Sawmills, we have been pleased with the Countryside Division of Cornwall Council, who reacted so positively to our plea for a repair to the wooden structure over the stream, especially as they completely rebuilt the bridge which should now give us many years of service.

I would like to finish by putting on record my thanks to those Councillors who having served our community have now retired from the Council:

Siobhan Harper who masterminded our Neighbourhood Development Plan and succeeded (with a little help from friends) to obtain a substantial grant from Cornwall Council for the “Playground Project.”

Debbie Pugh Jones, who sourced an alternative contract supplier for managing our toilet facilities when Cornwall Council put us under severe pricing pressure. And who acts as the web master for the Golant web site.

David Johns, who with a team of helpers, took two derelict toilets and converted them into a successful and ongoing storage facility for kayaks which is now completely full! And....

Andrew Van Den Broeck, our Vice Chair and ‘go to’ man for almost anything of a practical nature; from preparing the

groundworks and laying the turf for the new playground, making the slide safe and painting it, building a covered seating area, filling in the potholes on the village green parking area. The list goes on and on.....

And finally, my thanks to our Parish Clerk who manages to keep us on the “straight and narrow!” Thankfully, Sue is staying on as our Responsible Financial Officer and Parish Clerk.

My thanks to them all.

David Jenkinson

Chairman St Sampson Parish Council