Neighbourhood Priority Statement

St Day Parish Council

Introduction

In 2023, St Day Parish Council began work on a Neighbourhood Development Plan. However, following professional advice, we chose to pause this process and instead develop a Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS).

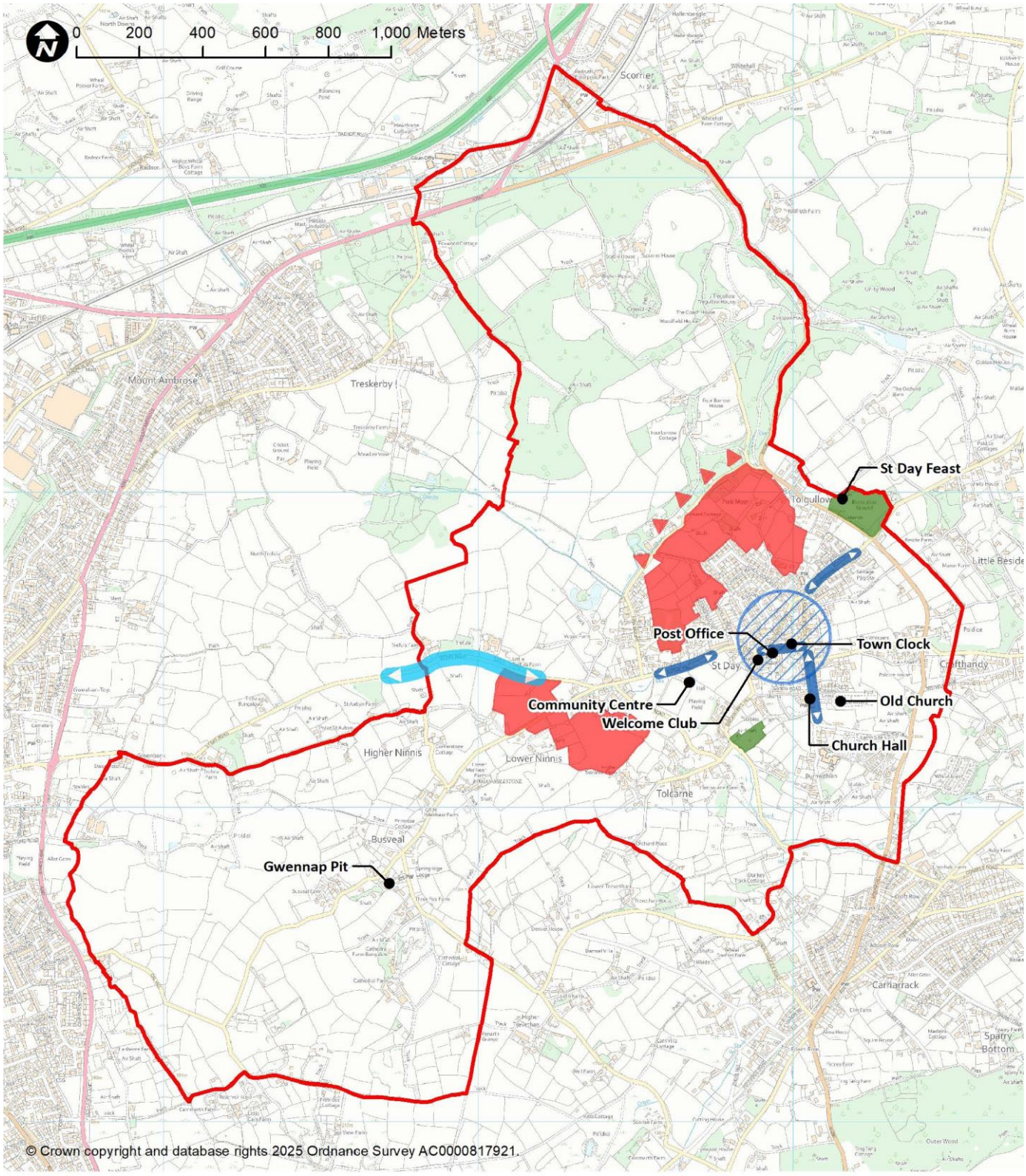
The purpose of the NPS is to set out a long-term vision for the parish up to the year 2050. Our aim is to preserve and enhance the spirit, character, heritage, and amenities of St Day, while supporting appropriate local development that meets the needs of our community. This includes addressing housing, transport, green space protection, infrastructure, and public facilities, as identified by our residents.

To shape this vision, we undertook a series of community engagement activities starting in May 2025. These included: ❺ Formation of an NPS Steering Group comprising parish councillors and local residents, meeting fortnightly. ❺ Distribution of a parish-wide residents' survey. ❺ A community engagement day and an interactive workshop held in July 2025 to explore residents' core values and aspirations for St Day. ❺ Ongoing drop-in sessions at the Parish Community Hub. ❺ The "Let's Talk" survey, accessible via QR code at all parish events, available throughout May to August 2025.

These activities provided valuable opportunities for residents and local businesses to share their views, raise concerns, and express priorities for the future of the parish.

As a result of this consultation, the parish has agreed that it is open to new housing development, provided it is both environmentally sustainable and genuinely affordable. This is essential to support younger residents and offer suitable options for older residents who may wish to downsize. Our key priorities remain the protection of existing green spaces and the safeguarding of St Day's heritage, character, and architectural integrity.

Key Diagram for St Day Parish



Key

- Parish boundary
- Valued Community facilities
- Improved bus services
- Safe cycle route towards Redruth School
- Valued community green spaces
- Preferred directions of housing growth
- Improve parking opportunities and EV charging in St Day village

Key Data

Parish Overview	
Number of homes	871[1]
Number of affordable homes	95 (10.9%)
Number of settlements of [>100 homes]	1 (St Day village)
New homes built since 2014	68 (8.5% increase)
How many of those homes were affordable? (%)	31 (45% of all new homes delivered, resulting in an increase of 48% in AH stock)
Commitments (homes with consent not yet built)	22
Households on Homechoice with Local Connection	81
Population	1919
Over 65s	513 (26.7%)
Working Age (18-65)	1122 (58.5%)
Under 18	284 (14.8%)
Is there an existing Neighbourhood Plan?	No

Our Priorities

The lists below set out the priorities that have been identified by residents. They are separated into planning projects, that can influence planning policies, and community priorities, other projects that are important to the parish that can be addressed in other ways.

Planning Priorities

1. Protection of Heritage & Character in the village.
2. Protection and enhancement of our open green spaces
3. Improvements to biodiversity for wildlife.
4. No reduction in our recreational areas in particular, the following areas should be protected from development: Burnwithian Woodland & Community Orchard and St Day Playing Field, Gwennap Pit, Trenant & Carew Playing Field
5. New housing developments must deliver:
    a. *Affordable homes*
    b. *Smaller homes that might be more affordable for younger residents*
    c. *Accessible homes, suitable for older residents to downsize to*

[1] Based on council tax records 2023

d. *New housing developments must deliver appropriate measures to ensure community safety within St Day Parish. We will emphasise the importance of designing out opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) by ensuring effective crime-prevention features are incorporated. By prioritising safety, particularly for vulnerable groups such as women and girls, we aim to create secure, inclusive spaces that enhance the overall well-being of our community.*

e. *Appropriate levels of resident and visitor parking to ensure that new development does not worsen the parking situation in St Day village*

f. *Materials used and the design of homes should reflect the reflect the traditional building materials and styles used in the parish, including local stone, slate, cob, render. Homes should generally be two storeys or lower. [Proposals for development should reflect requirements of the St Day Design Code.]*

g. *Preferred directions for housing growth are identified in the key diagram*

6. To address current parking problems within the village and ensure that if new developments occur, allocated parking is included.
7. Deliver new facilities suitable for older children and teenagers; this could include a skate park.

Other Community Priorities

1. To develop a robust youth council and establish amenities such as a youth club to enable better community interaction
2. Improve existing bus services in the village to incorporate a wider timetable & area provision for all residents, especially the elderly.
3. Preservation of community facilities and events, such as St Day Feast, Welcome Club, updating of the village community centre, and church hall.
4. Develop a safe cycling route for secondary school children to reach the High School in Redruth
5. Install a series of EV charging points which are both accessible & available. *These priorities are identified on the Key Diagram on page 2*

St Day Today

St Day Parish has a strong and vibrant community spirit, with residents actively engaged in maintaining and enhancing the quality of life across the village. The Wheal Jewell Playing Field and Park is a well-used and accessible space, regularly maintained by the Parish Council and a dedicated Minor Works team made up of local volunteers. This area serves as a vital recreational and social hub for residents of all ages.

Communication within the parish is robust, with a comprehensive newsletter delivered quarterly to every household by volunteers and Parish Councillors. This ensures that residents remain informed and involved in local developments and decisions.

The village benefits from a well-utilised community centre offering a wide range of activities, including Bingo, The Welcome Club, coffee mornings, and access to the Parish Council office, which is open three

days a week. Social life is further enriched by the two village pubs, which provide restaurant and takeaway services, as well as hosting community groups such as a knitting circle, a resident's library, fitness and wellbeing sessions, quizzes, and live music events. The Burnwithian Community Woodland and Orchard is a more recent but deeply meaningful addition to the village's landscape. Planted by volunteers on two paddocks gifted by retired headmistress Anne Kinsman, the site lies just a short walk from St Day Primary School.

Youth and senior residents alike are supported through the local Enterprise Centre, which offers football, cricket, line dancing, and indoor bowls. St Day is also proud to host the growing and successful amateur boxing club, St Piran's ABC, which contributes to youth development and community pride.

Local amenities are strong, with two shops offering a wide range of locally sourced produce and hot food, all within walking distance for most residents. Additional services include a post office, pharmacy, butcher, a vibrant school, nursery, and a dedicated space for the Traveller community at the purpose-built Teyluva Centre.

Despite these strengths, the parish faces several pressing challenges. Parking remains a significant issue, particularly on Scorrier Street, Church Street, Chapel Street, and Fore Street, where vehicles frequently park on yellow lines. This obstructs bus routes and creates hazards for pedestrians. The village also suffers from insufficient bus provision, especially affecting older residents. There is a clear need for a consistent, seven-day service that connects St Day with surrounding towns and villages, including Busveal and Gwennap.

Housing is another critical concern. While additional housing is necessary to meet future demand, there is widespread apprehension about overdevelopment. The Neighbourhood Priorities Statement (NPS) will play a key role in ensuring that any new developments include adequate private parking, prioritise biodiversity, and incorporate green spaces. Areas identified as suitable for development include Mineral Way, Fairfield, Vogue, and Wheal Gorland, which are considered less environmentally sensitive.

Youth engagement is currently limited, and there is a recognised need for more facilities and structured activities. The Parish Council has prioritised the establishment of a youth club or youth council and plans to replace the previously removed skate ramp with a more dynamic and usable facility. These initiatives aim to foster a stronger sense of belonging among young residents and reduce the risk of antisocial behaviour.

Environmental stewardship remains a central focus for the parish. Preserving green spaces such as the Community Orchard and Burnwithian Woodland is essential for maintaining biodiversity and enhancing residents' wellbeing. Any future loss of these areas would be detrimental to the community.

Crime rates in St Day are relatively low, but local businesses have reported increasing incidents of shoplifting, which are affecting profitability. Speeding has also been a concern, particularly on the B3298 and within the village. The volunteer Speed Watch team has been active in monitoring traffic, and the recent implementation of the "20 is Plenty" speed limit has helped address this issue. In July 2025, speeding data showed 20 and 46 incidents respectively, with all offenders receiving warning letters from Devon & Cornwall Police.

In conclusion, while St Day Parish enjoys a strong community foundation and a range of valuable amenities, it must continue to address key issues around parking, transport, housing, youth engagement, and environmental protection. The changes and enhancements currently being considered will significantly benefit the parish, ensuring a sustainable and inclusive future for all residents.

The Vision for St Day parish

What the Parish of St Day Values Most

The Parish of St Day is deeply rooted in a strong sense of community, heritage, and natural beauty. Residents cherish:

- **Community Spirit:** A vibrant and inclusive atmosphere supported by a monthly newsletter delivered by volunteers, a well-used community centre offering activities like Bingo, coffee mornings, and the Welcome Club, and two local pubs that host knitting groups, yoga, live music, and even a public library.
- **Youth Engagement:** The local football club provides opportunities for young people through football, cricket, and boxing, fostering intergenerational connection and active lifestyles.
- **Local Traditions:** The historic St Day Feast, held annually ten weeks after Easter, is a cornerstone of village life. With roots dating back to the early 1800s, it features schoolchildren dancing through the streets to specially composed music. The Star Inn's charity music and ale festival during Feast week draws over 1,000 attendees and raises significant funds for local causes.
- **Green Spaces and Heritage Sites:** The parish treasures its natural and historic assets, including the Community Orchard, Burnwithian Woodland Orchard, Wheal Jewel and St Day playing fields, the old church, town clock, Carpenters Workshop, Old Methodist Chapel, and listed monuments like the Style at Pink Moors and the Shute at Vogue.
- **Accessibility and Preservation:** Maintaining access to footpaths, conserving wildlife and biodiversity, and protecting green spaces are key priorities. There is a desire to improve transport links and parking while preserving the village's character.

Vision for the Future of the Parish of St Day

Looking ahead to 2050, the Parish of St Day envisions a future that balances growth with preservation, ensuring the village remains a welcoming and sustainable place for all generations.

- **Inclusive Growth:** While most residents prefer minimal new housing, there is openness to affordable homes—particularly in areas like Mineral Way, Fairfield, and Barracks Lane—provided they do not strain existing infrastructure. Any development must include adequate parking, EV charging points, and green design principles.
- **Improved Infrastructure:** A designated car park for residents and visitors is essential, alongside a consistent 7-day bus service connecting St Day with surrounding areas like Busveal and Gwennap.
- **Youth Engagement and Facilities:** The parish aims to foster greater interaction with young people through the creation of a youth club or youth council, and the development of leisure facilities such as a skatepark.

- **Safety and Sustainability:** Speeding remains a concern, but initiatives like the volunteer Speed Watch team and the “20 is Plenty” campaign are making progress. Continued monitoring and enforcement will help ensure safety.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Protecting areas of conservation (as marked on parish maps) and enhancing biodiversity through careful land management will remain central to parish planning.

This vision reflects a commitment to nurturing the parish’s unique identity while embracing thoughtful, community-led improvements that benefit all residents.

Our Objectives

Growth and locations for new homes

Our village should remain as a rural location (population approx. 2,000) with its settlement between Truro & Redruth. The community should remain a small, prosperous parish offering a wide range of facilities & opportunities to its population.

We envision a specific type and scale of development for the parish. After consulting with the affordable housing team, we've developed new strategies that focus on a range of housing options, especially Low-Cost Homeownership alternatives like Shared Ownership and Discount Market Sale. These initiatives are aimed at supporting the 49 households identified as being in General Housing Need. It is essential that we provide diverse housing solutions, especially for the 32 households in need of affordable rented accommodations. Our commitment extends to fostering affordable homes and ensuring smaller units for younger residents, while also providing accessible options for older residents. New developments will prioritise adequate parking and will adhere to the traditional architectural styles reflective of our parish. The idea of 1.5 bed bungalows with an additional small room for caregivers or for homeworking has been noted to create versatile living spaces. We will also follow the Affordable Housing Team’s guidance on accessibility, ensuring that a minimum of 25% of units in developments of 10 or more will meet Building Regulations Part M4 Category 2 standards, particularly focusing on single-storey options for residents aged 55 and over. Recognising the evolving national planning policies and housing targets, our NPS will remain flexible and adaptable to changing market conditions. The type and level of development we envision for the parish includes Affordable homes, particularly one-bedroom accessible bungalows for elderly residents looking to downsize, which will in turn free up larger homes for families. We prefer property designs similar to those found on Mineral Way, Park, Trinity, and Springfield, while less desirable options like Trenant will be avoided. New housing developments could potentially be accommodated at Mineral Way, Fairfield, and possibly around Wheal Gorland, Vogue, and Pink Moors, as indicated on the parish map included. However, we must protect certain areas from additional development, such as Burnwithian Woodland & Community Orchard, St Day Playing Field, Gwennap Pit, Trenant, and Carew Playing Field. Between 2014 and 2024, 61 new homes have been built within the village, which included a portion of affordable homes. Recent data from CC (April 2026) indicates that there are currently 81 households on the home choice register, highlighting the critical need for housing in our parish. Of the 95 affordable or socially rented homes in the parish, they represent more than 10% of total properties, with significant estates being Mineral Way, Trenant, Fairfield, and Springfield Way. The Parish of St Day encompasses the villages of Scorrier, St Day, as well as several smaller hamlets. The predominant building

material used is granite block, with some structures being rendered and painted. The architecture is very traditional, and the layout of the hamlets and villages is irregular, lacking a specific orientation. We have a varied housing landscape that can facilitate opportunities for residents to downsize when necessary, all while being mindful of the housing needs of the younger generation. We advocate for new homes that reflect the style of Park and Trinity, potentially incorporating bungalow-style properties to cater to our aging residents seeking to downsize in the future. Furthermore, these new homes should prioritize biodiversity and ensure developers allocate private parking for each property to alleviate the current parking challenges within the village.

Jobs and Economy

Key employment opportunities and businesses within our parish include 2 Convenience stores, Farming, 2 active Public Houses, Hairdresser, Dog Groomer, Pharmacy, Butcher, Tourist Park & Primary school. There is a variety of opportunities for self-employment, working from home, such as Avon, Body Shop, Scensy etc. On the outskirts of the parish, there are several supermarkets and leisure facilities together with Royal Cornwall & Camborne & Redruth (Barncoose) Hospitals which offer significant employment opportunities, but public or own transport would be required.

Getting Around

You can get around the village without a car, but it might be more of a challenge for the less abled outside of the village perimeter.

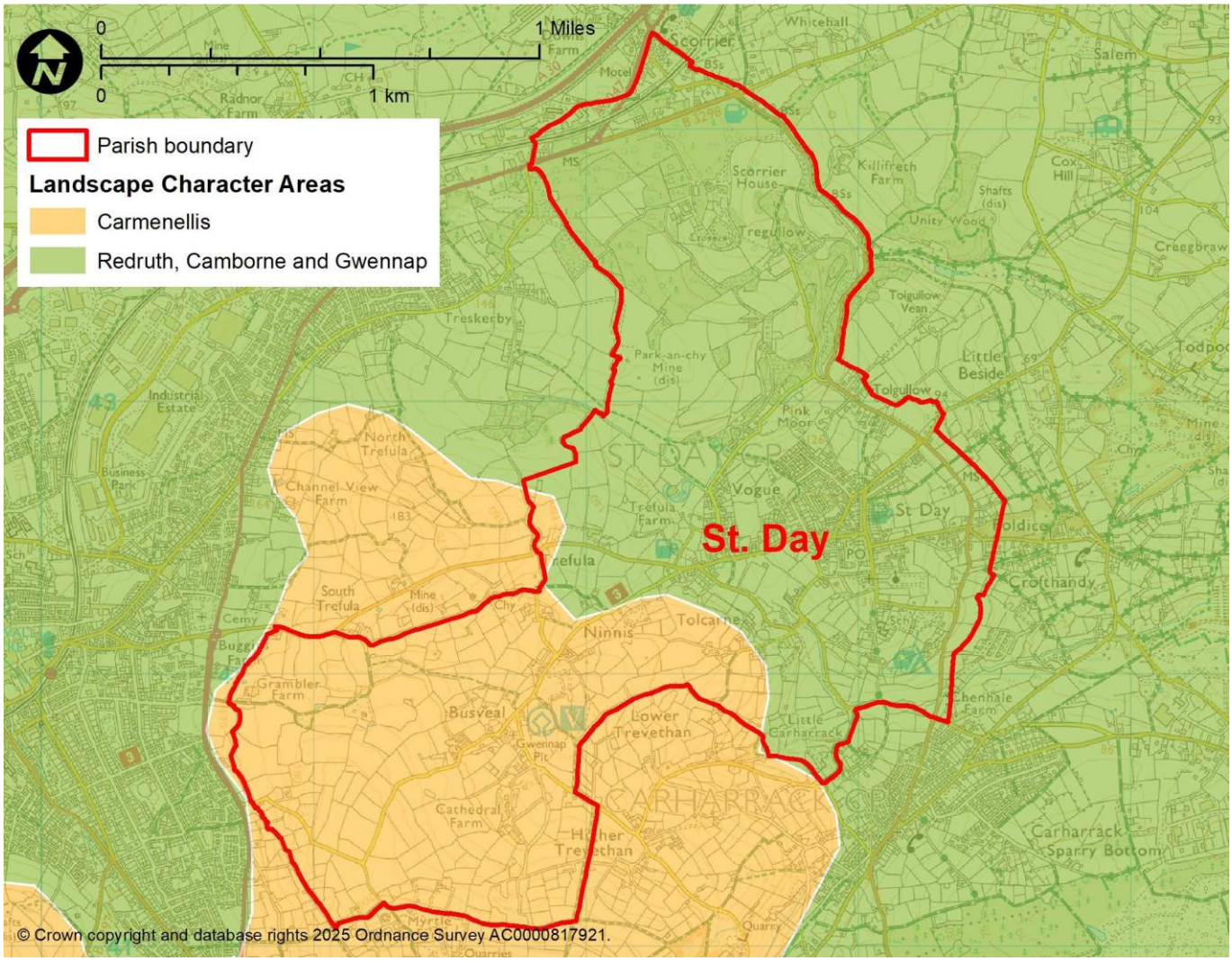
Heritage, Character and Design

The areas of local character which are most important to our community are the Town clock, Old Church, Carpenters workshop, Old Methodist Chapel, Style at Pink Moors, which is a listed monument & Shute at Vogue, which was recently cleared.

The features & materials of the built environment within our community are primarily terraces of cottages and historic shops, which have since been converted to homes and built of Stone, Cob & Granite. Should a future development of housing happen within the village, we would prefer to avoid Town Style type houses, i.e, 2 storeys and houses.

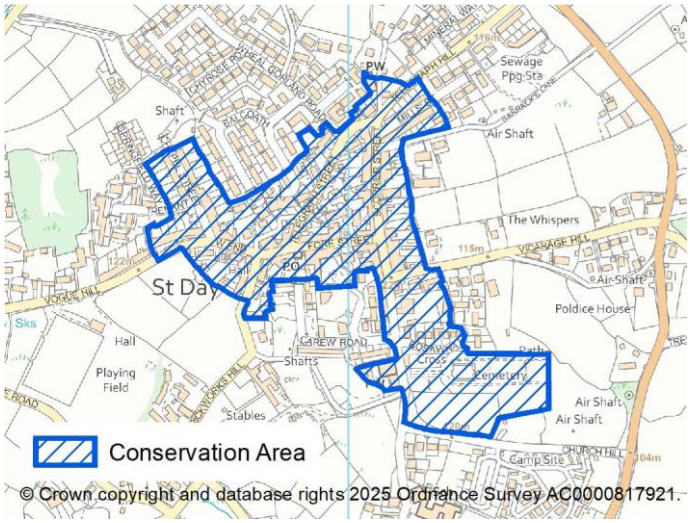
Green spaces, environment and nature within the village

The parish sits across two Landscape Character Areas, CA11 – Redruth, Camborne and Gwennap, in green, and CA10 – Carmenellis (Cornwall Council, 2021), in orange. These areas are assessed as having moderate cultural and ecological sensitivity (Cornwall Council, 2007).



The green spaces and areas of protection in St Day Parish are an important feature of the community's everyday life and these include St Day Playing Field, Gwennap Pit and Burnwithian Woodland and Community Orchard with all being locally accessible to residents and visitors, with further areas of nature being delivered within St Day Playing Field, Burnwithian Woodland & Community Orchard and Trenant. These natural and semi natural open spaces provide many recreational activities; contribute to business and employment amenities. Importantly, impacts on mental health and wellbeing, increases social interaction and engagement furthermore, open spaces are restorative, uplifting and healing (Public Health England, 2016). Recent years have seen many large developments within the village of St Day which were built on previous undeveloped land. Residents have said that the reduction in recreational areas is a worry for them but also the reduction of rich biodiverse areas for wildlife.

In December 2021, Cornwall Council declared an ecological emergency to tackle the decline of wildlife and nature across the county (Cornwall Council, 2021). Whilst there is existing national and local planning policy and national legislation that is relevant, this NPS adds locally relevant detail to make sure wildlife habitats and species are both protected and enhanced. Following on from local interest and



concerns, one of the aims of this NPS is to improve and enhance local biodiversity and encourage improved access to allow more local people and visitors to enjoy the unique landscape and natural environment of our area.

There is a conservation area within the centre of the village of St Day, see map below and this limits the nature of the development and options for home improvements for locals. A conservation area is normally created in areas that are rich in history and character, where it is anticipated to preserve or augment them.

Community facilities and sustainability

Do any of our green spaces or sports or leisure facilities require replacing, expanding or upgrading? Yes, the village community centre needs upgrading. Leisure facilities need to be expanded to cater for the youth in the village, a youth council is to be developed to feed into these projects & following recent consultation & engagement days we have had positive interest already.

What additional facilities would improve our village? More amenities for the youth of the village, for example Skatepark, Doctors Surgery with wider capacity for residents.

Underused facilities, could they be used for something else - The village has an excellent sense of community. A comprehensive newsletter is delivered monthly to every household in the parish by local volunteers & parish councillors. The village has a community centre that offers an extensive programme of activities such as Bingo, Welcome Club, Coffee morning etc. Also, both village pubs provide restaurant food, take-away options, drink, activities and entertainment such as knitting & crochet group, public library, yoga & musical bands. The local football club offers activities for the youth of the village including cricket; carpet bowls, line dancing & football & the village is currently looking at reinstating the Rugby club. Also, good local facilities in terms of local shops which offer extensive supplies from locally sourced fruit & vegetables to hot pasties, and both are within walking distance for most of the village. A post office, hairdresser, pharmacy and butcher cater for resident's needs. hair styling, dog grooming, mobile banking, fresh meat & offal and medical supplies respectively. We have 1 church & 2 chapels that offer services to residents together with other public events. We have a vibrant primary school, nursery & travellers' space, together with an excellent sense of community spirit. We have a community park and 2 x playing fields. There is also a parish council office/hub to the rear of the community centre which is open 3 days a week and where residents are encouraged to call in with any concerns etc. However, people living in adjacent settlements would need to rely on alternative methods of transport to access these amenities.

Infrastructure - The parish is fortunate to have many local amenities available and accessible to residents and visitors. However, the addition of a permanent doctor's surgery would be a valuable and needed asset to the community.

Energy - electricity including renewable, gas etc? – Some individual properties have taken up the option for solar panels to provide either hot water or electricity. Not all homes are connected to mains gas and use LPG bottles instead. There are no community renewable energy facilities in the Parish, although the United Downs Geothermal Power Project & Cornish Lithium is in our neighbouring parish of Gwennap.

Utilities - Digital - Broadband & mobile? Connectivity, Water, Electricity, Renewables – Not all properties benefit from mains drainage or gas within the village and must utilise septic tanks and LPG bottles. Mobile signal is sporadic in the centre of the village, depending on the provider and the primary school has just been connected to fibre optic broadband.

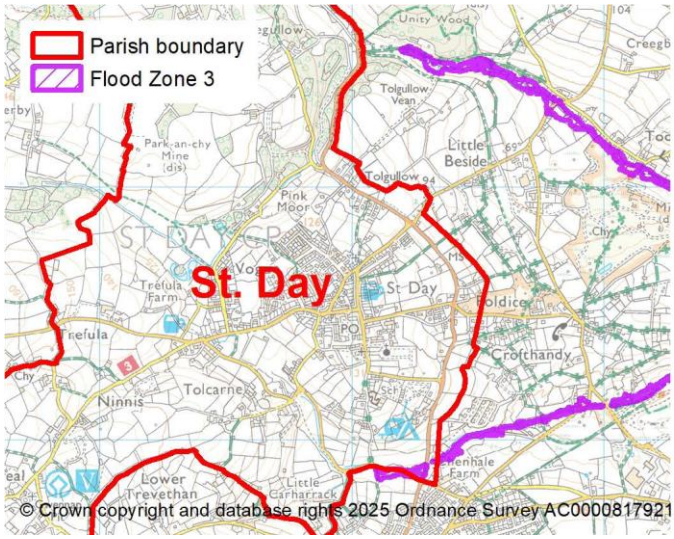
Roads – in the village are well maintained with little need for improvement or change, but when necessary the council act promptly to accommodate. The village market square has historic cobbles which are not ideal for this era, where most residents possess a minimum of 2 cars per household. Also, pavements are not suitable for residents with disability scooters, walking aids and prams due to them being uneven and not of consistent width. We have recently implemented a 20 mph (20 is plenty) speed limit in the village, although sadly this is not being adhered too. Community Speedwatch group monitor and report speeding individuals who subsequently receive a cautionary letter that if they reoffend further action will be taken by Devon & Cornwall police. As an example, during the period of July 2025 - 66 motorists were driving over the designated speed limit in & received a letter accordingly. We were also a pilot for the streetlamp switch off from midnight until 5am and this was met with mixed reviews with some locals concerned for their safety late at night due to the limited lighting, whilst the more climate-conscious residents supported this initiative. We also need to emphasise the importance of ensuring that all road developments are carefully planned and managed to maintain safety and accessibility. To this end, we recognise the necessity of engaging in full consultations with Highways for any large-scale developments that may impact the Strategic Road Network (SRN). This includes conducting relevant transport assessments that are in line with national planning guidance and DfT Circular 01/2022. We must address any potential developments that could lead to severe congestion or safety issues by implementing appropriate mitigation measures. Furthermore, it is crucial that future site-specific applications are evaluated based on their individual merits in accordance with prevailing policies. This collaborative approach with National Highways and Cornwall Council is vital for supporting the transport evidence base of the emerging Local Plan.

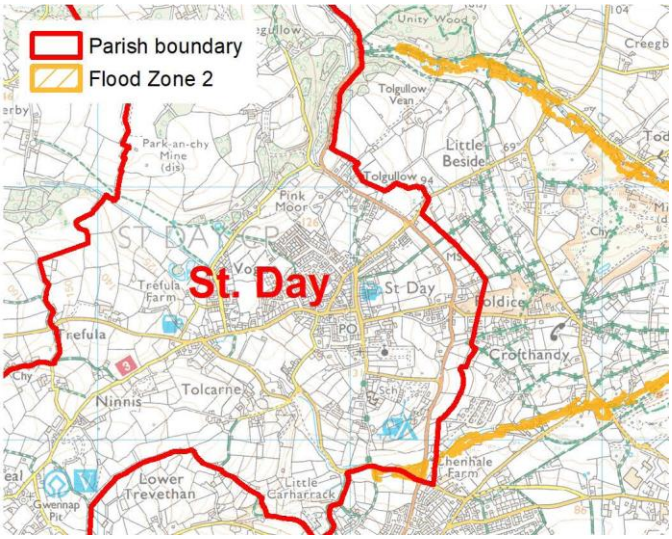
Flooding & Drainage - The flood zone and flooding mapping is taken from Magic. Flood zone 2 is defined as 'Land having between a 1 in 100 and 1 in 1,000 annual probability of river flooding; or land having between a 1 in 200 and 1 in 1,000 annual probabilities of sea flooding' (Gov.uk, 2021).

Flood zone 3 is defined as 'Land having a 1 in 100 or greater annual probability of river flooding; or Land having a 1 in 200 or greater annual probability of sea flooding ' (Gov.uk, 2021).

For the Parish, this means that extra care needs to be taken in these areas when developments are being considered. At present, there are few dwellings in these areas which are expected to be affected. See refer to respective diagrams on next page

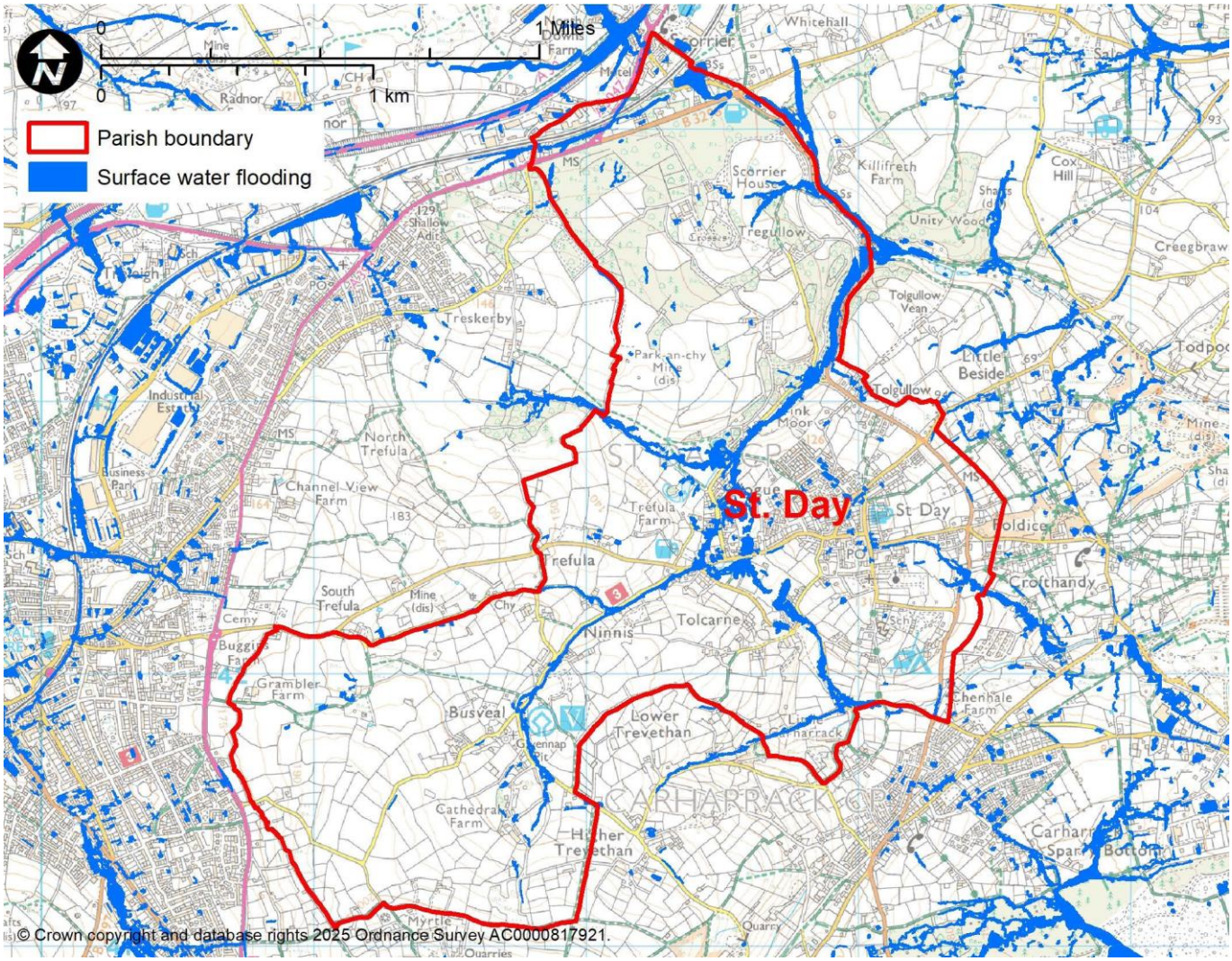
Flood Zone ***Flood Zone 2***





Flood Zone 3 within St Day Parish boundary *Flood Zone 2 within St Day Parish, parish boundary shown in shown in red and the flood zone in purple hatched* *red. Flood zone shown in hatched yellow.*

Surface water flooding, as shown in purple below, is a much more prevalent risk to residents and users of the Parish. It is felt that current regional and national planning policies address flood risk adequately so will not form part of this NPS.



Community facilities - The parish consists of a Community & Enterprise centre, Football, Cricket & Carpet Bowls club, 1 Boxing club, 1 Snooker club. Wheal Jewell Park and playing field, St Day Playing Field, Primary school, Nursery, Travellers space, 2 x convenience shops, 1 butcher, 1 hairdresser, 1 dog groomer, 3 public houses with one incorporating a restaurant & Public Library and 2 in the village providing takeaway facilities, 1 Holy Trinity church, 2 methodist chapels (one used weekly, one occasional, 1 Pharmacy, I Post Office, 1 GP branch surgery, albeit operates 1 day a week, 7 Defibrillators, one of which has saved a life.

Public transport/Active travel - The nearest train station is at Redruth which is around 2 miles away. There is not a safe accessible footpath to this station. There are multiple bus stops throughout the parish, the notable routes are the 40 to Truro, 40A to Redruth, 88 to Newquay and 470 around the mining villages. However, bus services need to be improved with more diverse timetables to cover surrounding areas and larger towns – 7 days a week.

Footpaths - including pavements, cycleways etc – Pavements are not suitable for residents with disability scooters, walking aids and prams due to them being uneven and not of consistent width. A safe and

suitable cycle route for secondary school children to use from St Day to Redruth school. Bunts Lane, Pink Moors to Wheal Gorland.

Green Infrastructure - Land adjacent to Mineral Way is contaminated so development would not be possible. However, this could be used as a Skate Park or Play area for the youth in the village. In addition, the parish would like to develop a safe and suitable cycle route for secondary school children to access and use from St Day to Redruth school.

Parking & Electric car charging - can you charge an electric car with a public charger? Car parking is at a premium within the parish, with the residential areas and village centre often being blocked by car parking. It is recognised that living in a rural environment requires mobility to access services, employment or recreation. According to the 2021 census, 62% of working adults use a car to travel to work (Office for National Statistics, 2021). The parish currently has no electric charger ports, although there is a possibility that the Enterprise centre may offer this facility in the future

Appendix: History of the parish

St Day is a rural parish village with a rich and storied past. In 1540, it was known as *The Towne of Seynte Trynyte*, and over the centuries it became renowned for its affluent mining heritage. The village is home to some of the oldest mines in the region, including Poldice, Trefula, Busveal, and Crofthandy. These mines were part of a collective known as the Mining Villages Regeneration Group (MVRG), and they played a central role in the area's prosperity. During the first half of the 19th century, St Day stood at the heart of the world's copper industry—at one point, half of the global copper consumption came from this district. The village was then twice its current size, with a wooden outlying area resembling a "wild west town" surrounding its stone-built centre. However, by the time the 1880 Ordnance Survey map was published, most of the mines had closed, and the village began to shrink. Locals would nostalgically remark, "I remember when this was all houses," as they looked out over the now pastoral landscape.

Gwennap Pit

Among St Day's notable historical landmarks is Gwennap Pit, an amphitheatre that was remodelled in 1806 to commemorate John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who preached there between 1762 and 1789. Today, Gwennap Pit remains a cherished site, occasionally hosting wedding ceremonies and public events, and is maintained by volunteers through a small visitor centre open during the summer months.

Another prominent feature is the parish's historic clock tower, built in 1830 on what was once known as St Day Green. The tower includes a war memorial in its porch and has long served as a focal point in the village. Around 1855, the cupola was struck by lightning and had to be rebuilt in 1872, with the new cupola and bell gifted from Redruth. In 1946, the Camborne-Redruth Urban Council recommended installing an electric clock movement, which was completed and unveiled in 1948. The tower faced structural concerns in the 1980s and 1990s, but thanks to funding, it underwent major renovations, including a new cupola in 1996 and final restoration work completed by the Parish Council in 2016.

St Day Old Church

St Day Old Church, built in 1829, served as a place of worship until its abandonment in 1956. Unusually, the church featured a gallery in its original interior. Today, it has been repurposed as a community venue, hosting events and exhibitions about local history. It is now protected and managed by the Old Church CIC, and its open-roof structure provides a unique setting for theatrical performances, music, and shows.

The Old Post Office, opened in 1830—ten years before the introduction of the Penny Post—served the community until 1969. It later became the site of the first manual telephone exchange in the St Day area, marking another chapter in the village's communication history.

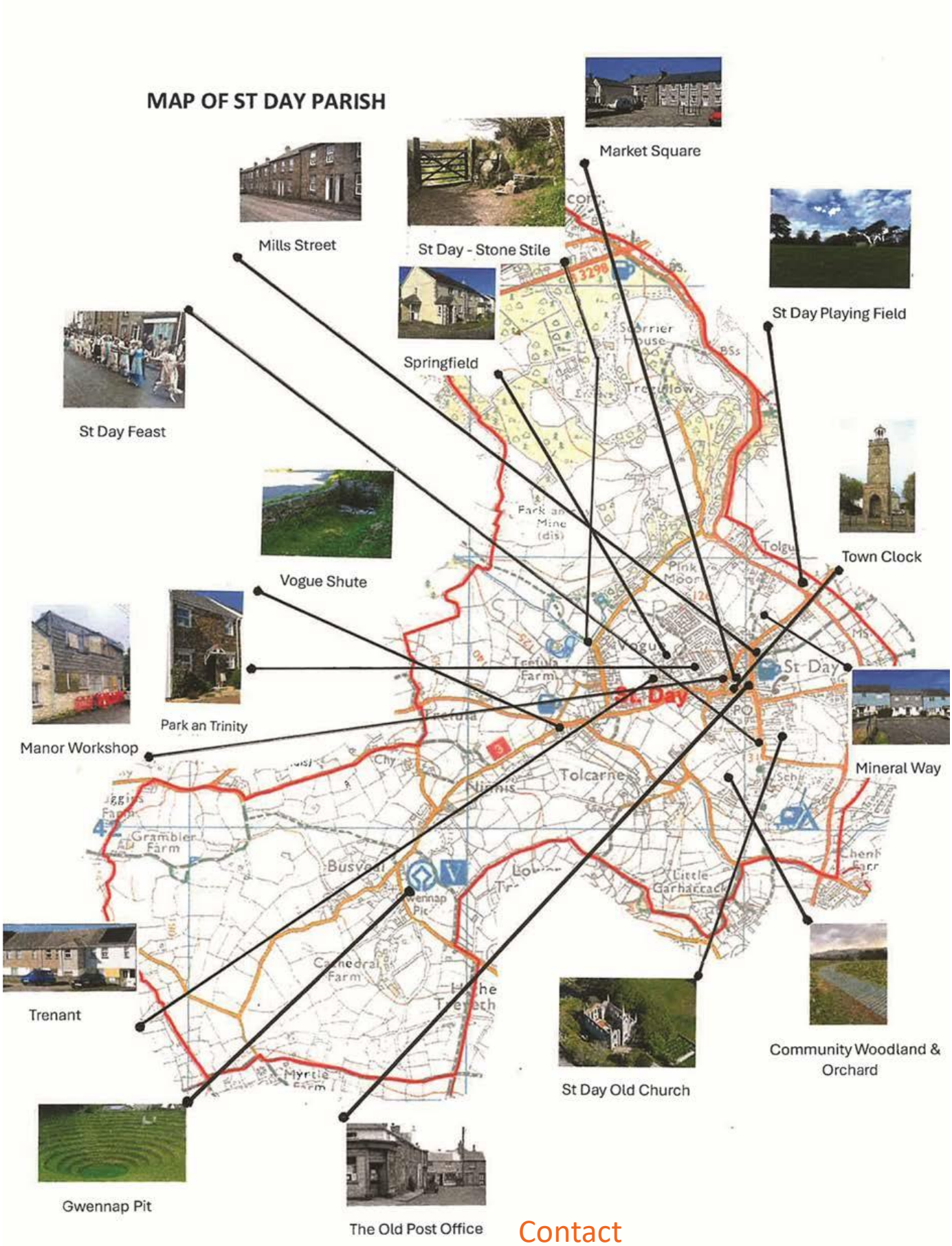
One of the more architecturally significant buildings is the Manor Workshop, a Grade II listed former carpenter's shop located on Telegraph Street. Though it has been disused and boarded up for many years, it retains rare windows with vertical mullions and glazing bars. Considered possibly the best example of its type in Cornwall, the building is privately owned and currently in a state of disrepair, which limits the parish's ability to protect or restore it.

St Day Playing Field, affectionately known as the "Rugby Field," was gifted to the people of St Day by William John Mills and officially opened on St Day Feast Day, Monday 18th June 1928. Initially maintained by the St Day Community Council, the field was later handed over to Kerrier District Council due to upkeep challenges. Today, the Parish Council is working to have the field devolved back to local control, with plans to reinstate a rugby club and enhance community facilities.

Finally, the Burnwithian Community Woodland and Orchard is a more recent but deeply meaningful addition to the village's landscape. Planted by volunteers on two paddocks gifted by retired headmistress Anne Kinsman, the site lies just a short walk from St Day Primary School. With support from "I Dig" and the Woodland Trust, 700 trees were planted along with spiral rabbit guards and bamboo canes. The area now features a memorial bench and a diverse mix of deciduous trees and shrubs. The long-term vision is to cultivate a Cornish Sessile Oak rainforest and a full orchard of native Cornish apple trees, creating a lasting legacy for nature and the community.

Community Engagement

Event	Dates	Comments
Resident survey	1st May	Cornwall Council Let's Talk - Local Plan resident survey; the parish encouraged residents to complete this survey and Cornwall Council provided all of the comments from residents who identified St Day as their home. We received 16 digital responses. We also received 21 printed residents
Community Engagement events	1st May	We advertised two community events where residents were invited for an informal discussion with the option to complete our survey to help us gain a better understanding of the needs and views of each resident in shaping the future of our parish.
St Day Feast	30th June	Key messages from feedback displayed at St Day Feast and engagement encouraged from attendees
Formal consultation	1st May	Formal consultation on draft NPS, publicised via parish website, newsletter, local posters and social media. Responses encouraged digitally but paper copies also available on request. 26 responses received.



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