

The Villager Christmas 2023



**A Snowy Dobwalls
Guess the Year!!**

Season's Greetings - Dobwalls Parish Council

GREETINGS - And a warm welcome to this very special festive edition of The Villager parish magazine. Can you work out roughly, or maybe even precisely, when the photo on the front page was taken? Do you remember when the village had snow like this. Probably a number of times. Here's a clue, or maybe not. The number plate of the car in the foreground on the



right of the picture has been blocked out, as they do on the tele. But it starts with an "S" followed by three numbers and then three letters. That dates the car a bit. 1998 in fact - 25 years ago. So, is the photo from decades ago or is it a well maintained car parked outside what was Heads or Tales not that many years ago? The answer will appear on The Villager Facebook page before Christmas and in the Spring edition of the magazine.



In the Autumn edition of the magazine we asked readers to send in any nice Christmas or snowy pictures and we've had quite a few which are dotted through the pages. We've also included some other festive photos which we hope you will enjoy.

There are lots of other pictures, stories and articles in this edition and our thanks go to everyone who has contributed in any way.

Ho, Ho, Ho.... The editorial team wish you all the very best over the coming weeks and throughout the year ahead. And, stay safe and warm this winter. Michael Taylor, editor.



THE END OF AN ERA



From The Villager Spring edition 2018

We now come to the biggest and I suggest the most well-known business in the village - Rows garage established in 1932 by Mr Maurice Rowe and his wife Christine. Apart from a busy garage and car sales, which in the early days was Austin Morris, there were petrol pumps, a coach business which did all the school runs plus tours and many trips to London, Blackpool etc. Plus Mrs Rowe ran a busy taxi service. Mr and Mrs Rowe were very active within the village. They did a lot in the building of the memorial hall. Mrs Rowe was the instigator of the first carnivals in the village. Mr Rowe was a very clever engineer and after the war when vehicles were hard to find, he decided to build his own coach. This was the start of another venture, the Rowe Hillmaster Factory. The factory was purpose built on the Lostwithiel road - as you leave the village, just past the Treburgie houses and the Tiflex factory. It was here that over one hundred lorries and buses were built. Apart from being bought locally, they went all over the country. Today they are collector's items. There are still a few around, the last one I saw sold at auction, went for twenty thousand pounds! Can you imagine a private individual starting a factory building his own lorries today? As you can gather, over the years Rows employed many people, particularly apprentices, who were very grateful for their good grounding. Today the business has grown into a big group, apart from Dobwalls, they have three garages in Plymouth, Truro, and Hayle. They are now hugely successful Honda and Suzuki dealers, they are however still a family business, with Maurice Rowe's son Ken, chairman of the group.

Adrian Wilton

THIS is an extract from one of local resident and historian Adrian Wilton's series of articles "Dobwalls — A Journey in Time" which appeared in The Villager. It details just how significant a contribution this business has made to the village and parish for more than 90 years.

And now it is gone.

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Bristol Street Motors/Vertu Motors plc have bought Rowes Garage Limited, but the deal does not include the Dobwalls business, which the Rowe family has decided not to continue with for a combination of reasons.

However, it's understood the new owners offered the staff, around 20 people, the opportunity, subject to new contracts, to relocate to other sites. Some have taken up that offer and others have accepted redundancy payments. There's been a lot of speculation on Facebook. But the future of the site isn't clear. It could be taken on by another car dealership. Or, the site could be sold for other potential uses, perhaps residential development.

All that aside, it's a very sad day indeed for the village of Dobwalls and the parish. Many readers will have been customers of Rowes, some for decades. And I'm sure we wish all those who worked there the very best for the future. Many of you who live in the village know only too well how convenient it was to buy your car there and have it serviced and MoT'd there.

It is indeed the end of an era and it would be nice to think that kind of business will return in the future. But, in what can be the uncertain and fluctuating world of business, commerce and finance, who's to say what will happen.

Michael Taylor, editor.

(photo below circa 1950, courtesy of Liskeard Old Pictures & Videos)





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CYCLISTS AND E SCOOTER RIDERS—STAY OFF THE PARISH PAVEMENTS

POLICE are warning pushbike riders and owners of e scooters to stick to the roads in built up areas. The warning comes after a resident of Dobwalls contacted a parish councillor to raise their concerns about what's been happening on the pavement outside his home. And it's not just children.

The resident sent this email to councillor Ailsa Tween in the hope accidents can be avoided in the future: "I wonder if there is anything the parish council can do with regard to adults who have taken to riding their pedal cycles and e scooters on the public pavements.



"Our difficulty is coming out of our home and suddenly trying to avoid a propelled bike. My wife is registered as severely sight impaired and she was almost knocked over by a cyclist as she came out of our house and stepped on to the pavement. I am also concerned about frail residents who use the pavement."



The resident told The Villager the pavement outside his home is regularly used by elderly people and the riders often go shooting by at considerable speed in both directions heading for a blind spot.

Highway Code Rule 64 states: "You must not cycle on a pavement."

Ailsa forwarded the email to the Liskeard Neighbourhood Police Community Support Officer Steve Edser who responded: "If I am in the area I will keep a look out. Unless the individuals can be identified there is little action we can take. Residents need to be aware and ask those concerned to be more considerate."

Steve adds that those on bikes of whatever sort should look out for elderly and disabled members of the community and refer to the relevant parts of the Highway Code.





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BEER AND CIDER = £4,500 FOR CORNWALL AIR AMBULANCE

THE weather wasn't kind, but the people were! Despite the rain, the Dobwalls Beer and Cider Festival, held in the Highwayman pub's beer garden, raised an impressive £4,500 for the air ambulance.

Festival committee member Brian Clark says: "The conditions couldn't deter our determination to support a crucial cause and it didn't dampen the spirits of the festival goers who braved the elements.

"The festival's ability to raise this remarkable amount of money for the air ambulance demonstrates the unwavering commitment of the committee and the community to the well-being of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, as the ambulance plays a pivotal role in providing emergency medical care across the county and the islands.

"The spirit of giving and community support certainly shines brightly in Dobwalls. Although the numbers were down, the generosity of those who did attend exemplifies how the local community can make a positive impact, even in adverse conditions."

Committee members went to the ambulance's base at Newquay Airport to present the cheque for £4,500. Brian adds: "We met with members of the dedicated team and got a first hand look at the newly extended facility. The visit helped us understand the importance of the festival's contribution and the benefit it will bring to the organisation's life saving work.

"It's heartwarming to think how the power of community support and the importance of local events, like our festival, can make such a worthwhile contribution to essential services like the Cornwall Air Ambulance."





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THE PANTO'S BACK – OH YES IT IS!

THE Lions Club of Liskeard has been putting on Pantomimes since 1997, except 2021 because of Covid and then, because of Covid restriction of numbers in Liskeard Public Hall, the planned 2022 production of Cinderella was postponed until before Easter this year. But now it's back with Peter Pan in January 2024.

The tickets for the show on Thursday 25th are free for pensioners in and around Liskeard. See the poster details for how to get tickets. And free transport can be arranged to get senior citizens there and back on the first night. Just contact Lion Mike Higman on 01579 320417.

Panto director Philip Stephens says: "A sharp action packed panto with dramatic effects is promised. And watch out for a tick-tocking huge crocodile 'cos the villainous nasty Captain Hook certainly is! It's fun and games all the way. You have to see it to believe it!"



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CHRISTMAS ANGELS FROM HEAVEN — OR THE CHURCH HALL?

YOU may see angels, hundreds of them, descending across the village of Dobwalls just before Christmas. They aren't Heaven sent. They are the creation of the members of the Knit and Knatter group which meets regularly in the Dobwalls United Church hall. And, the Glad Tidings are you can pick one up and take it home to add to your Yuletide decorations.



Sandra Beeke, from Knit and Knatter, says: "We make between 250 and 300 every year and place them around the village, along garden edges, near footpaths and even on doorsteps if we know someone inside is not well. We usually do this early on the day before school finishes for Christmas and, according to the school, pupils get really excited when they find an angel on the way to school. We get 'thank you' cards from people who have found an angel on their doorstep and also lots of response on Facebook from villagers thanking us."



Knit and Knatter members were also busy creating a wonderful "waterfall" of 350 poppies outside the church ahead of the Remembrance Sunday service, which was followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial.



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COMMUNITY FAMILY CAROLS: DECEMBER 9 6.00pm, in the area outside the church main door which will be lit. If the weather's bad, it will be in the church which is decorated for Christmas. This is an event for all the family as musicians from St Martin's Church in Liskeard will play carols and seasonal songs to sing along to, including Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and other favourites. And afterwards—refreshments in the church hall.



DOBWALLS WARM SPACE: Every Tuesday, 11.00am to 3.00pm, in the church hall, excluding December 26 & January 2.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICES ARE AT 9.30am: But, look out below for some services at different times and dates and in different places! Dec 10 Nativity dress up, come along and bring the children. 17th Nine Lessons and Carols. 24th No 9.30 service but 6.00pm Holy Communion with Lorraine Mellor. 25th 10.00am Christmas Day Celebration. 31st No service. Jan 7 10.00am Circuit Covenant Service. 21st No 9.30 service but 11.00am Plough Cluster Service at Trevelmond, followed by shared lunch.

KNIT & KNATTER: 2.00pm to 4.00pm, in the church hall, Nov 30, Dec 14, Jan 4 & 18, Feb 1 & 15.

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JOAN OF ARC TORPOINT.							4PM VIGIL MASS



“One and All, believing in Ourselves and Others”

THE Dobwalls Primary School school song “One and All” was written by a group of 20 pupils from all ages. Teacher Robin Spencer supported the children to bring it together, but the lyrics, music theme and main tune all came from them after the whole school had the opportunity to provide lyric ideas.

Headteacher Kathryn Pipe says: “As staff, we have spent time reviewing our ethos and the main drive for us is to ensure that all of our children develop belief in themselves and others. The belief that they can be successful in whatever they may choose and belief in who they are as a person with inner strength and resilience.

“The children love singing the song! They have sung it to parents and we sang it in Dobwalls United Church during our Harvest Celebration. However, nothing better than us singing it altogether in the school hall to remind us to keep believing in ourselves when at school. They raise the roof with their beautiful singing and even a mini rap in the middle!”

(Rumour has it there could be a recording coming out soon!)

The school’s Harvest Celebration



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On my first day at school, I didn't know what to do. All the teachers helped me, because I was brand new. And now I know, we are a community, with our own identity, Dobwalls School is the place to be, this is the school for you and me. (Chorus)

SECRET skills help us learn, Dojo's are cool to earn. For the diamond we aim high, mistakes are made but we always try. Computing, sketching and writing too, we like to learn something new. R.E, D.T, P.E are fun, always including everyone. (Chorus)

ONE, TWO, THREE, FAN-TASTIC EQUIPMENT IN THE PLAYGROUND, A RUNNING TRACK TO RUN AROUND, A MEMORY GARDEN TO THINK AND REFLECT, IN THE NATURE WE ALL RESPECT...RESPECT. FEEL THE VIBE IN WILD TRIBE, WE LOVE OUR CORNISH COUNTRYSIDE.

One, two, three, four, we are a community, with our own identity. Dobwalls School is the place to be, this is the school for you and me.

One and all, one and all. Believing in ourselves and others, believing in ourselves and others. Believing in ourselves and others (One and all). One and all, one and all. Believing in ourselves and others. Believing in ourselves and others....



This photo, the front page image and the photo on page three have been sent in by a villager who wishes to remain anonymous. We thank them and other residents for their pictures of Snowy Dobwalls!



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CLUB “BOWLED OVER” BY SUCCESSES

IT'S a new era at Dobwalls Short Mat Bowls Club under new chairman Alan Zirfas. The club carried off the Peter Spargo Trophy in the competition run annually by Liskeard Bowling Club and more recently won the Callington Short Mat Bowls Tournament.

The club has been very successful in the past. It's recapturing some of its former glories and would welcome new members to help it continue its successes. A spokesman says: “We are based in the memorial hall, three evenings a week, Sunday, Monday and Thursday, for two and a half hours. The club's been going for 30 years and has about 20 members, with two teams in different leagues.

“We enter various competitions at county and club level and, although there is a competitive edge to the club, several members have benefitted from the social side of things. Also, we donate to local charities by holding a day event and inviting other local clubs to join us.”



Brenda Sleep, Bill Sharp and Phil Thomas with the Peter Spargo Trophy and, on the left, organiser Mike Chandler



Graham Bickle, Brenda Sleep, Eileen Taylor and John Cole with the Callington Shield

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Improvements to the hall are continuing, including draught-proofing the roof space and the removal of the two chimneys on the roof. The hall is a fantastic space and so far feedback is that the improved heating and insulation are ensuring the hall stays warm and toasty, now the weather's turning chilly.

May we remind everyone to take extra care as they enter and leave the car park. Please stop before you reach the pavement on the way out and look out for pedestrians. There have been a few near misses recently so we all need to be mindful and keep everyone safe.

We've recently done some work to update the website, including what's on and a short and fascinating history of the hall. Do have a look at <https://www.dobwallsmemorialhall.org.uk/>

Finally, the trustees send you all good wishes for a peaceful and happy festive season. Thank you all for your support during 2023 and we look forward to seeing you at the hall in 2024.



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“When all at once I saw a crowd—A host of golden daffodils”

AGAIN, members of the Marie Curie charity local fundraising group, supported by parish councillors and other volunteers, have planted hundreds of daffodil bulbs in the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field to enlarge one of the charity’s “Fields of Hope”. These are areas of daffodils providing a



Council chairman and vice-chairman John Dunn and Tracey Kitto



Cllr Brian Clark and Doreen Clark



The charity team

special place for those affected by terminal illness to reflect and remember loved ones.

The bulbs were donated by Rowe Farming of Camborne and the council has made a £150 donation to the charity.



Cornwall Cllr Jane Pascoe

CORNWALL councillor Jane Pascoe’s Christmas thoughts: There is every indication there will be hardship for some this winter, due to the high energy costs alongside the increase in the price of food. There is help available for anyone who is struggling and you can contact me or Cornwall Council or Community Energy Plus 0800 954 1956 if you need help. Thank you to all of you who took part in the consultation to stop the closure of the railway ticket offices. It made a real difference and the government have said the proposals have been scrapped, due to the number of objections lodged. Well done to the people! I would sincerely like to thank Dobwalls Parish Council clerk Laura Storey and the parish councillors for their hard work and support throughout the year. And, there are so many others in the parish who work tirelessly in the community, so may I also personally thank the postmen and postwomen, teachers, shop assistants, bus drivers, refuse operatives, fire service, police and everyone who look after us day and night, day after day.

Finally, my very best wishes to you and your families for a Joyous and Peaceful time at Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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THOSE WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS!

BRIAN Jewell from Trevelmond, now 82, lived in Doublebois in the late forties and early fifties, roughly between the ages of five and 12. He has some lovely memories.

“What a high degree of freedom we had in our activities at that time. We could visit the railway station. We were never told we “shouldn’t go there.” One day the shunting engine was busy and the engine driver invited us two boys to take a ride on the engine. We went up line to the cross over points and back again on the down line. It was thrilling.

Two railwaymen used to stay in their caravan-like rail car on a small siding behind the waiting room on the down side. Their job was to operate a machine whose function was to plunge a paddle down both sides of a sleeper and then vibrate them to compact the ground beneath it. We would brazenly go on to the track with them. It was quite daunting when a train passed because they appeared to be so huge. These men showed us how they could wet their finger with methylated spirit and light it!

There was another much larger siding, running towards Treburgie. Put there in war time to handle munitions I think. It was stacked out with redundant rail sleepers, thousands of them. They could be bought for two shillings, or 10 pence. When cut into suitable lengths it made chopping for fire lighting sticks so, so easy. I know, because that was my job at home!



We used to walk on the rail and keep our balance or put something on it for a train to run over, like a small piece of ballast stone or a penny coin. The stones got crushed and the penny we couldn’t find again!

There was a rubbish dump and climbing amongst the variety of stuff there was a bit perilous to say the least. But we occasionally came out with something useful like bike wheels and some paint tins with only dregs left in them. We stripped out the spokes. We only wanted the rim for a hoop to trundle around, driven and guided by a stick in hand. If it had a tyre on it that was a bonus, that was luxury! The paint was orange and yellow and we were able to improve its quantity by adding paraffin. It was used for painting my trolley that my dad had made for me.

Our other play area was the grounds of the estate which contained the Big House, as it was known. This whole area was devoid of supervision and any unlocked door was an invitation to explore. It had been used for a while by American troops prior to D Day.”



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GOOD NEWS — AND NOT SO GOOD NEWS — FROM DOBWALLS FOOTBALL CLUB

CLUB secretary Andy Yeatman writes: The first team is doing very well in the KitchenKit South West Peninsula League. In early November it was in fifth place and was leading the fair play league. There's not been quite such success in cup competitions. October saw the longest away journey the club has ever undertaken, playing in the FA Vase at Longwell Green near Bristol. Players and spectators filled a coach for the trip and the great day out was only spoilt by a narrow 3-2 defeat. The reserves are also doing well in the Kernow Stone St Piran league and are still in two cup competitions.



There will be matches for one or other team on most Saturdays with 3.00pm kick-offs for the first team and 2.30pm for the reserves. Talking fixtures, let's not forget the big local derby against league leaders Liskeard on Boxing Day morning.

Finally, a plea for you to let us know if you are aware of any anti-social behaviour at the club. There's a small number of young people who are causing problems vandalising the property and leaving litter. The police are aware, but we can all help keep an eye out for this type of behaviour throughout our village.

On a brighter note, everyone at Dobwalls FC would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and we hope 2024 is everything you want it to be.

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Sean Jackson invites you on a Yuletide Walk

Christmas Walk 2023



As this is the Christmas edition 2023, I thought I would use a similar route to the one last year so it is local and not across too much countryside, now the bad weather has arrived. The main change is the Public Right of Way behind Treheath Farm which, at time of writing, was impassable due to flooding and a damaged stile.

As I said last year, this walk can be done pre-Christmas lunch to build up an appetite, after your Christmas dinner to walk off the huge amount of food consumed before the King's speech or even before a winter Sunday roast.



And, if you like to view the Yuletide lights around the village you could do this amble early evening to enjoy the stunning displays people have taken the time to create around their homes, if energy bills allow!



Route 7 – Dobwalls Village Christmas Walk 2023.

Distance - Approx 4 km.

Time - 1 to 1.5 hours depending on how many times to stop to admire the Christmas lights.

Difficulty - Moderate with a steep hill near the sewage works.

Pram friendly – It could be if you cut out the cross-country parts of the walk!

Additional equipment – Torches, if doing in the evening, may be helpful.

The Public Rights of Way (ProW) this walk uses are 607/10/1, 607/33 and 607/35. More information about PRow can be found at:

[Cornwall Council Inactive Map](#)

So let us start. From The Highwayman pub head towards Liskeard (east) to the double roundabouts, then turn left up Havett Road (north) to just before the A38 bridge where you will find a gate with a yellow arrow marker which leads to a footpath (west). The area you enter can get overgrown but it is maintained by National Highways.



Once through the dog walking area you come to a gate which leads to an alleyway to Upper Rowe Court where you should turn right. When you come to Rowe Court turn right towards the children's playground.



This is a chance to tire your kids out! You have been following the PRow from the Havett Road gate all the way to the playground.

Just after the playground turn left and head towards the Rows garage site (south) past the disused toilets to the Five Lanes junction. When you hit the junction you could decide to go to Twelvewoods Roundabout and come back to get the steps in. (It's all about the steps) Otherwise, from the junction walk down Tremabe Lane (south easterly) to the left of Olden Days Antiques towards the BT exchange.



JUST AMBLE OVER



Continue down Tremabe Lane, passing the telephone exchange, on to the country lane. Past Bridge End Farm and if you are lucky you may find pigs at the gate in the field on the right just before the junction to West Tremabe Farm. Stay on Tremabe Lane down the hill passing the highlight of the route, the sewage works! Then up a quite steep hill to the T junction with the Duloe Road. At this T junction turn left and head north towards the primary school.

Please take care on the road as there is no pavement or footpath until the lane by Dobwalls Football Club. Just after the lane to the Dobwalls Jubilee Community Field a footpath starts which goes alongside the Lantoom Meadows estate. Continue up to the school and the lane heading towards Treheath Farm.



There is a PRow which runs next to the school. It should carry on to an exit point on the Moorswater road but, it has been blocked at the school end, so cannot be accessed. So, cross the road and take the footpath signposted next to the Treheath Farm entrance. This takes you down to a gate which leads on to The Green.



Walk straight across The Green to Treheath Road where you will see a pathway to the right of the northern part of The Green. Follow this up to Dawes Close then into The Highwayman car park. Why not pop in for a pint or a warm mulled wine. As usual, mine's a pint of Guinness.



So, dig out your Christmas hats and do this walk on Christmas Day, giving Christmas Greetings to everyone you meet!!

Be safe and please remember and respect the Country Code. It would be great to get your feedback on the walks, any photos you take of the lights for future editions, the state of the other PRow and, of course, any suggestions for future routes please send them to The Villager editor.

Have a good Christmas, Bah Humbug!

The Grinch of Dobwalls

NEWS from Dobwalls Into Gardening



One of Fiona's lovely flower arrangements

We have enjoyed some great talks in 2023 and the October meeting was no exception. Fiona Hammond gave an inspiring demonstration of flower arranging using different foliage, seed heads and berries as well as flowers to make four arrangements.

'Prickles and Paws' was the subject of our November meeting. We had a zoom presentation and tour around the hedgehog rescue centre and hospital near Newquay.

In December we are looking forward to celebrating Christmas with a meal at the Highwayman and the after dinner speaker will be Adrian Wilton.



A 'Christmas' Cactus grown by one of our members

Our programme for 2024 will start on Monday, February 5th at the new time of 7.30pm. Meetings are held in the United Church Hall in Dobwalls and new members are welcome.

For further information search for our Facebook Page "Dobwalls Into Gardening" or phone 01579 320417

GET READY TO VOTE!!!

THE referendum on the Dobwalls and Trewidland Neighbourhood Development Plan should be held early in the New Year, hopefully some time in January. The independent examiner Deborah McCann's final report on her review of the plan has been submitted to Cornwall Council which will organise the referendum.

All the revised plan documents will be available on the plan website at

<https://www.dobwallsandtrewidlandplan.org.uk/>

Plan co-ordinator Mhairi Mackie says: "The referendum will be open to all those registered on the electoral role for what is now Dobwalls Parish and in the Trewidland ward of St Keyne and Trewidland Parish. All documents and information on the referendum will be available on Cornwall Council's planning website.

"We hope everyone in the plan area will take the opportunity to vote. Adoption of the plan by Cornwall Council will be dependent on a majority vote in favour of the plan. We will make sure the dates for casting votes are well publicised as soon as they are available."



WATCH YOUR SPEED.....

LISKEARD Community Speed Watch is recruiting more volunteers to cover areas more frequently and add new locations. In our area it operates in Dobwalls, Doublebois and East Taphouse.

Community Speed Watch (Devon and Cornwall Police) involves members of the public, trained by the police, recording details of speeding vehicles using specialist equipment. Speed Watch is undertaken in 20, 30 and 40mph areas and volunteers are highly visible to encourage drivers to be more speed-aware in built up areas.



Jane Pascoe out with the Speed Watch volunteers

Speed Watch aims to encourage safer driving, reduce accidents and eliminate deaths. This voluntary work is crucial to identifying problem areas and helps in providing evidence and statistics for traffic calming schemes.

Cornwall councillor Jane Pascoe has contributed to volunteers' protective jackets and has joined them on their Speed Watch. She says: "Volunteers can commit as little as one hour every three months. Training is given on the roadside and the theory training can be online. Each observation session lasts only one hour, with a briefing and debriefing.

"Teams are made up of a minimum of two members, preferably three, but no more than four and never when it's raining! This is a great opportunity to contribute to road safety in our community and to address the dangers of vehicles speeding through our area."

If you're interested, just contact the local co-ordinator on

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Dobwalls Parish Council www.dobwallspc.org.uk

All council meetings are open to the public and the agenda for the monthly meetings is posted on the council website

<https://www.dobwallspc.org.uk>

The agenda is also on the council notice board in the village. You can attend and speak at the meetings which are normally held on the third Wednesday of each month in the clubhouse at Dobwalls Football Club and usually start at 6.30pm. But not this December!

The next three meetings are:

Tuesday, December 12 (6.00pm start), January 17 & February 21

You can contact any of the parish councillors - their details are on the page opposite.

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