



7. Environment

THE ISSUES

- ✓ Dissatisfaction with level of street cleaning & litter
- ✓ Preservation of Cornish Hedges
- ✓ Management of local woodlands
- ✓ Planting more trees
- ✓ Floral displays in the town in summer
- ✓ Provision of more public footpaths, bridleways and safe cycle ways.
- ✓ Problems of light pollution
- ✓ Making the most of what we have

ISSUE Street Cleaning & Litter

7.01. Street cleaning in Callington and Kelly Bray is currently the responsibility of Caradon District Council. One person is employed full time and the main roads in Callington are cleaned every working day. However there was a high level of dissatisfaction with the standard of street cleaning. There were comments on irresponsible dog owners allowing their dogs to foul pavements, but only from twenty one people. There were complaints about the amount of litter generated by fast-food shops



7.02. When asked

"Brushing of pavements as well as roads would be a nice idea."

"How often are the estate roads cleaned, should be more."

"Street cleaners need to do everywhere not just the centre."

"Too much litter and dog mess especially in the town. One man can't do it all."

ISSUE Cornish banks, hedges, woodland & trees

what respondents would like to see done to help protect and enhance the local environment, the preservation of Cornish Hedges came out as the top priority. Also considered very important was the management of woodlands and the planting of more trees.



Cornish banks
and trees
along Hays
Lane

ISSUE Floral displays

7.03. Nearly seven hundred people thought that more floral displays in the town would help improve the environment. This opinion was frequently expressed in the section on the Town Centre.

"Make it more attractive- hanging baskets etc"

"More flowers would be appreciated."

"Everyone needs to plant more flowers, the Town Council can't do it all."

"More flowers in front of the shops."

"More hanging baskets everywhere."



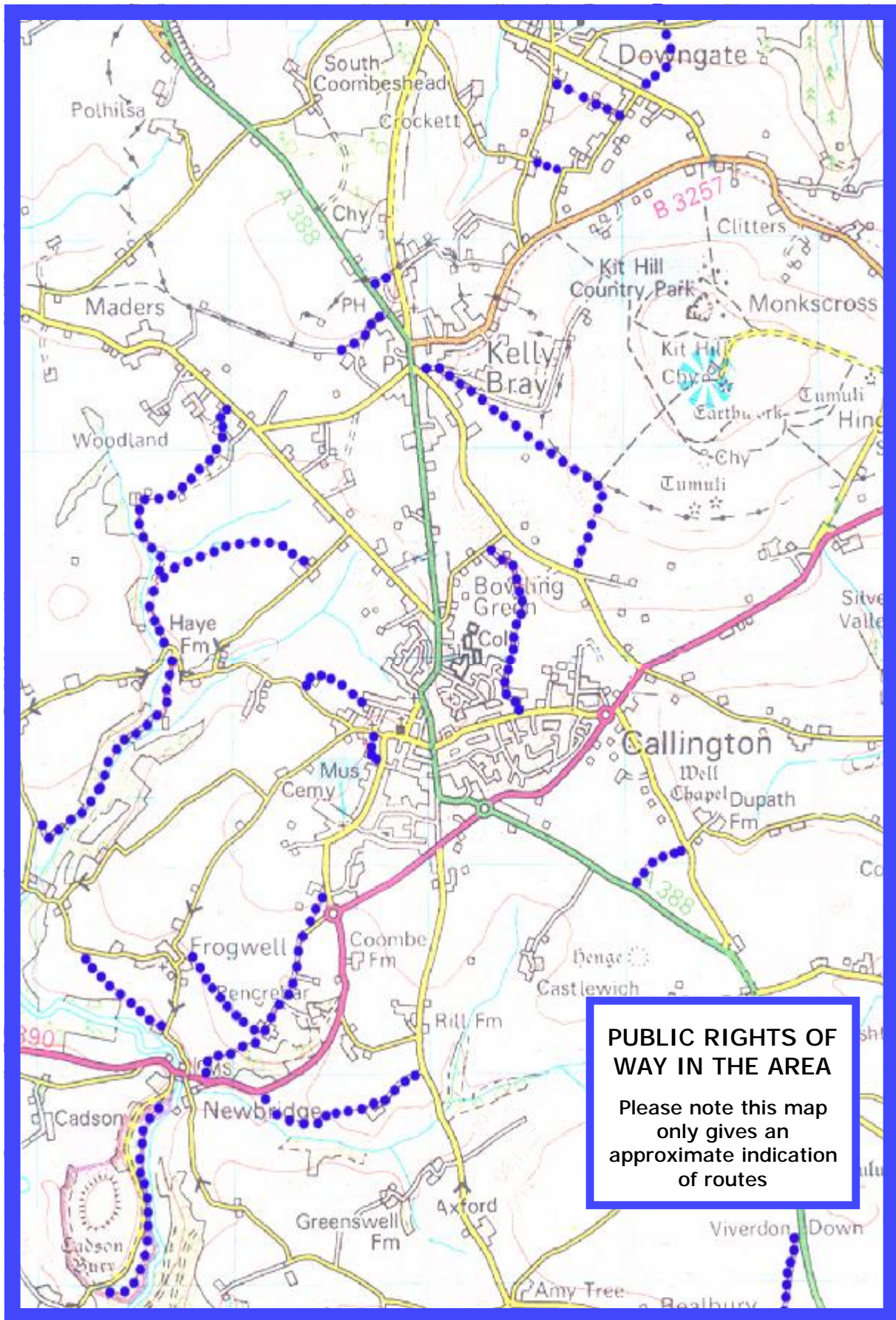
“Other towns can have lovely displays, why can’t Callington?”

Photograph courtesy of Plantscape.

ISSUE More footpaths, bridleways & cycle paths

7.04. Unfortunately there is often confusion between the words footpath and pavement. Some respondents wrote about footpaths but seemed to be referring to pavements rather than Public Rights of Way. Callington has a limited number of Public Rights of Way within the parish and only two short Bridleways. The first designated footpath/cycle path has just been constructed. Throughout the town there are a number of paths that connect one road with another. Most of these whilst not Definitive Public Rights of Way are owned by either the County Council or the District Council and have commonly been used for access.





ISSUES Street Lighting

One of the questions in the survey asked whether people were satisfied with the street lighting service. Nine hundred and eighty six were satisfied, but two hundred and twenty said 'No'. Now were people dissatisfied because there was not enough lighting, or did they think there was too much? Nearly thirty people made comments on lighting throughout the survey and all but one of these comments were on the problem of light pollution. It is a sad fact, that even in the South West the amount of light pollution in rural areas has increased dramatically over the last ten years. An orange glow can be seen above most settlements and Callington is no exception. This glow deprives people of the pleasure of viewing the night sky, it increases fuel consumption and can be detrimental to wildlife.

"Street lighting causing street pollution across whole country."

"Street lights should be environmentally friendly."

"Street lighting is light pollution and is currently wasting energy."

"Too many street lights."

"Turn the lights out at midnight as far too bright and a waste of council funds."

"When are the street lights being put back to the original colour in Fore Street?"

"Why do street lights have to stay on at night? Such a waste of power."

THE VISION

- ✓ A better level of street cleaning and freedom from litter for the whole parish
- ✓ Preservation of all Cornish Hedges
- ✓ Good woodland management and more trees
- ✓ An attractive town with floral displays
- ✓ More public footpaths, bridleways and safe cycle ways for residents & visitors to enjoy
- ✓ A reduction in light pollution

ACHIEVING THE VISIONS

SOLUTIONS Street cleaning and litter

7.07. If it is considered good value the Town Council could bid to take over the contract for street cleaning. However it is still questionable whether one person can cover all the areas in the parish that are required. Town Council workmen already regularly clear large amounts of litter from the recreation grounds, Pannier Market and other town council property. Many people may feel that the response from one resident [below] was very relevant.

7.08. Another possible approach is with new legislation that may come in called the 'Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill.' This Bill will enable Town and Parish Councils to appoint persons to issue on-the-spot fines for offences such as litter and graffiti.

7.09. However the real solution to this problem is to develop responsible social attitudes and a realisation that dropping litter is offensive to the whole community. Whilst schools can play a part in this, many of the offenders are much older than school children.

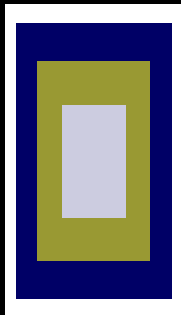
"Why should all rate payers have to pay for the Council to clean up after a minority? Less selfish behaviour and more pride in ones surroundings is needed."

SOLUTIONS Cornish banks, woods and trees

7.10. The preservation of Cornish banks is a planning issue and one that the Town Council can highlight when asked for their recommendations on any planning application. The same can be done with the preservation of existing trees and the planting of trees on new developments. Many parishes have a Tree Warden, who keeps trees in the parish under observation, highlights any threats to them and makes suggestions for Tree Preservation Orders. If anyone would wish to volunteer for this role, the Town Council would be willing to work closely with them.

7.11. Unfortunately there is no extensive area of woodland in the parish and the nearest area of woodland that has public access is just outside the parish boundary below Cadson Hill. Should any landowner wish to donate land for the provision of a community woodland the Town Council would be willing to work proactively with them.

“Developers ideas of trees are little Mountain Ash or Cherry trees that will not grow too large. We want room for real trees for posterity, oak and beech—trees that support a healthy microenvironment”



POLICY STATEMENT

The Town Council would welcome a volunteer Tree Warden.

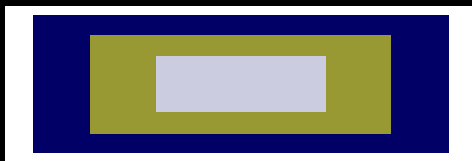
The Town Council will carefully promote the preservation of all Cornish Banks and trees when consulted on planning applications.

SOLUTIONS Floral Displays

7.12. Attractive floral displays not only enhances the environment but indicates to everyone visiting a town, that this is a town that people are proud to be a part of.

7.13. Through the town survey the residents have given the Town Council the mandate to spend more money on floral displays in and around the town. This process has already started and the option of sponsorship has been investigated. However to be really successful at creating an attractive town there has to be community effort, especially from people living in the centre of the town and from businesses. A small effort by everyone can create an outstanding overall impression. Civic pride starts with the Town Council but needs to permeate to all residents. Some of the comments made by residents included positive suggestions.

"A floral theme for the town centre- inter road street competition? "
"A town centre garden would be nice where people can sit and relax."
"Brighten up the town with more flowers."
"Garden competition."
"Maintenance of flower beds- get locals involved?"
"Use town roundabouts for plant etc."
"Water feature somewhere would act as an attraction and somewhere to relax."



POLICY STATEMENT

The Town Council, businesses & residents will take every opportunity to enhance the appearance of the town by floral displays.



SOLUTIONS Footpaths, bridleways and cycle paths

7.14. The Town Council already maintain all the Public Rights of Way in the parish by an agency agreement with the County Council. The creation of new rights of way is rare. What usually happens is that a permissive right of way can be established if a landowner is willing to allow access across his land. The Town Council would react positively to the establishment of any new paths and actively encourages the use of the existing paths by the publications of a walks leaflet.

7.15. The County Council has created a footpath/cycleway from Tavistock Road to the Kit Hill turn-off and beyond. The Town Council will promote the use of this route by publishing a walks leaflet that will indicate a route

returning via Kit Hill. The subject of safe cycling was brought up by the young people of the parish, [see page 27].

7.16. The town would like to see another such footpath/cycleway established along South Hill Road. See page 28.



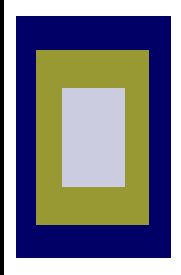
Right. Near Granite Way is the start of the new footpath/cycleway to Kit Hill

	<p style="text-align: center;">POLICY STATEMENT</p> <p>The Town Council will;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ actively promote the use of all Public Rights of Way✓ take any opportunity offered to extend the network✓ promote the installation of a safe footpath/cycleway along South Hill Road.
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SOLUTIONS Light pollution

7.17. The lighting of pavements, squares, car parks and other instances where the lighting is to ensure the safety of pedestrians is the responsibility of the District Council. However lighting on the highways which is necessary for road safety is the responsibility of the County Council. The Town Council is only responsible for lighting on its own land, i.e. parks, Saltash Road car park, Pannier Market.

7.18. The Town can play an important role in constantly reminding these authorities of their duties towards the conservation of the environment. This is not only a local authority issue as each householder can contribute to light pollution. Fashionable trends for garden lighting can create a nuisance for neighbours and be disorientating to wildlife. Security lights which are very high wattage can produce unacceptable light pollution and a hazardous glare for drivers.



POLICY STATEMENT

The Town Council will constantly urge the installation of environmentally friendly lighting and will promote the reduction of light pollution at every opportunity.