



TRESILLIAN IN BLOOM



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# Introduction

'Tresillian in Bloom' is organised by the Tresillian Village Improvement Group (TVIG).

TVIG is a relatively small volunteer team of local residents who have informally joined together to participate in and encourage interest in activities that improve the general environment of our historic village.

This dedicated team of volunteers has already initiated and undertaken a number of projects, which along with involvement by additional volunteers has produced some practical and visually attractive assets for villagers and passers-by alike to enjoy.

## Personnel

### The Core TVIG Team of Volunteers

Aileen Bratton, Barrie Anthony, Bob Scott, Cherry Helene, Dave Chapman, Desiree Tillgren, Fran Deacon, Gina Perman, Helen Nicholson, John Dobel, Keith Littlejohns, Lars Tillgren, Lesley Dobel, Leslie Sutton, Lorraine Sutton, Malcolm James, Mary Ann Waters, Patricia Grose, Paul Mundy, Peter Grose, Richard Bratton, Russell Main, Sara Lock, Sue Lock.

There are also many other valued volunteers/supporters who offer their time and/or financial support to various projects during the year.



## Island Shrub Bed

Situated at the A390 eastern gateway to the village, the island shrub bed planting is maintained all year round by TVIG volunteers. *Photos 2019-06-28.*



## Floral Boat

Situated at the A390 western gateway to the village, the floral boat planting and surrounding shrubs are maintained by TVIG volunteers. Each year, the boat planting varies according to plant availability and visual effect. Planting services are supplied by Truro Parks and Gardens nursery and funded by St Clement Parish Council.



*Photos above and below, 2019-06-17*



## Wooden Roadside Planters

Update 2019. Two wooden planters now become three!



Winter/Spring planting 2018/2019. Existing planter at A390 western gateway.



Existing planter at A390 western gateway with summer planting completed, June 2019



Existing planter outside Truro Audi motor dealership on A390 with summer planting completed, June 2019



TVIG volunteers, Malcolm (L) and Richard (R) installing new wooden planter just off of the A390 to complement last year's wooden planters installed beside the A390 main road, 2019-06-10.



New Planter at corner of Polsue Way/A390 with summer planting completed, June 2019

# New Planting Outside Marys Pastys Shop

## New plant troughs installed June 2019!

Late last year Camborne Town Council offered surplus local amenity plant troughs free of charge to suitable organisations in Cornwall.

The TVIG took up their offer and secured six 1m long window box style units with integral water reservoir. Brackets, fixings and capillary matting were not supplied with the planters, therefore materials had to be purchased and bespoke fixings manufactured in-house by the TVIG to suit each location where they were to be affixed.



*Capillary matting is placed at bottom of trough planting area to draw water via wicks from a reservoir below. Bottom reservoir capillary action planters of this type are generally considered to irrigate plants more efficiently than regular planters, thus helping conserve water. Refraining from constant top watering also benefits plant leaves and flowers by reducing the detrimental effects of splashing.*



*TVIG volunteer placing troughs into position before affixing securely to railings, 11th June.*



*Craig (L) and Pete (R) from Truro City Council Parks Department planting up the troughs on A390 roadside railings outside Marys Pastys shop and adjoining building, 13th June.*



*Above: Four of the six window box troughs were affixed to railings alongside A390.*

*Right: Two of the six window box troughs plus an additional hanging basket affixed to fascia of Marys Pastys shop building owned by Graham and Kay Ellis, long time residents of Tresillian. Graham, now in his 70s, was the last person to be born at Tresillian's 14th century Wheel Inn. All installed, planted up June 2019.*



## War Memorial

Tresillian's main open green space is called the 'Playing Field'. The land was given in trust to the village on 28th August 1928 by The Rt. Hon. The 8th Viscount Falmouth.

The area was intended to serve as recreation space for children of the village and as the site of the village's war memorial, and remains so to this day.

The planting, watering and general upkeep of the war memorial is undertaken all year round by TVIG volunteers.



*Photos above and below, war memorial planting 2019-06-28*



*Photos above, Remembrance ceremony at memorial, 2018-11-11*

## Wishing Well

This feature is tucked away in a shady corner adjacent to the Playing Field open space, where what used to be the site of Well Cottage.

The wishing well, placed there in 2007 by the Playing Field Committee, is now looked after by local resident May Carpenter and her family for planting and regular maintenance throughout the year.



Well Cottage once stood alongside the main road but was demolished in the mid-20th century as part of a road widening scheme.



*Photo: c1936. Right hand building is Well Cottage, beside main road through village [now A390]. Left hand building is Tresillian's Toll House still in existence.*

*Colour Photos:  
Are of current  
2019 planting.*



## Wheel Inn

Every year the riverside Wheel Inn adds to the floral attractions of the village with their superb hanging baskets. The Inn itself is a Grade II listed building thought to be at least 16th century, if not 14th century depending whose research is most accurate. The current landlords, Alison and Simon have been running the pub for more than 10 years.



*Current 2019 display of hanging baskets/planters at the Wheel Inn, front and rear.*

## Riverside Views and Daffodils

For many years riverside views were obscured by brambles and overgrown large shrubbery.

Maintaining pleasant, open riverside vistas is a regular ongoing project. Work to remove dead, diseased, or simply overgrowing plant material is now carried out a few times each year. The intention is to clear only certain areas, thus leaving most of the natural area as zones of opportunity for wildlife to live and thrive.

To minimise maintenance impact on wildlife in managed areas care is taken to observe habitat, especially at bird nesting times and also where evidence is found of mammals such as hedgehogs as well as other creatures known to be classified as endangered.



*One of Tresillian's maintained Riverside views, 2019-03-01, including some of the 25,000 daffodils planted in previous years now nicely maturing as a splendid yellow springtime ribbon following the river's course as it winds along beside the village.*

## Installation Art

Last year's Contemplative Walker has been joined by two companions for 2019.



This is a popular spot beside the Tresillian River for villagers and visitors alike to sit, or stand and contemplate the view.

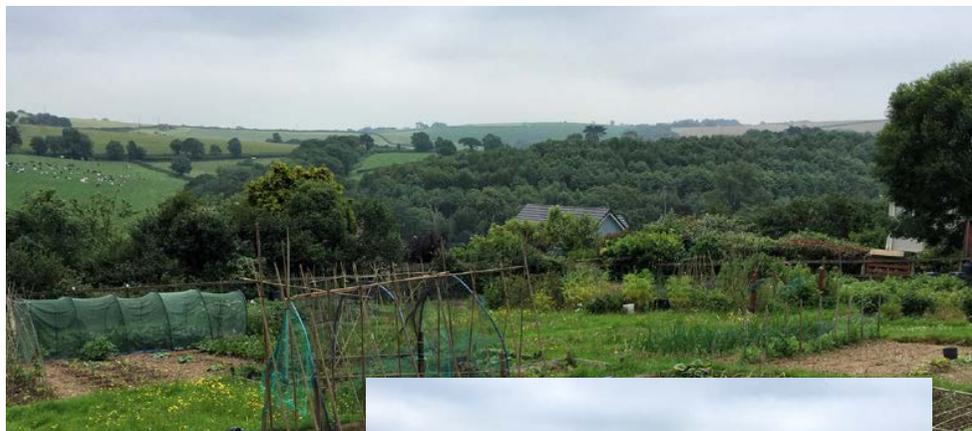
Since its installation the feature has received many complimentary remarks from visitors as well as inhabitants.

The smaller hound is a bit of a mystery as nobody in the village knows who placed it there. He, or she is welcome to stay though, as well as its owner.

The project is carried out by TVIG volunteers and supporters with some financial support from St Clement Parish Council for materials.

## Tresillian Allotment Site

The site also includes a small arboretum and orchard, planted by Tresillian Allotment Association (TAA) members and other local volunteers. Projects due for completion this year are a second shed with toilet facility, more rainwater butts and two large water containers placed more conveniently for plots furthest away from the only tap supply.



2019 has been a landmark year for the site with its first 100% take up of plots since it first opened in 2014



*Photos were taken on 2019-06-26.*

The Tresillian allotment site is administered by the local parish council on a 99year lease and the TAA undertake the day to day running of the site.

## Environment - Litter Picks

Not a large problem, however litter picks are carried out a few times a year at known hot spots, at which summer holiday time generally has the highest number of incidents.



## Local Community

### Holy Trinity Church Planters

Two wooden containers are sponsored, planted and maintained by the Tresillian Gardening Club. General gardening maintenance in the surrounding area is undertaken by members of the church congregation.



*One of the two wooden containers in front of Holy Trinity Church 2019-06-28.*

# Local Community

## Children’s Playing Field New Play Equipment for 2019

Just a couple of years ago the children’s play equipment had to be removed as it was deemed to be in an unsuitable condition to have insurance cover.

In 2018 a new Playing Field Committee was formed which addressed with some urgency the poor state of the area and set about replacing the play equipment that had been removed.

After successfully applying for grants from several potential donors some £35,000 was raised to fulfil their objective. Local people also gave generously at various fundraising events. Re-opening day was, 2019-06-30.



*The official ribbon cutting ceremony was carried out by The Hon. Evelyn Arthur Hugh Boscawen, son of the current 9th Viscount Falmouth, with Sarah Newton MP counting down, 2019-06-30.*

The land used as the Playing Field was given in trust to the village in 1926 by the 8th Viscount Falmouth.

The Tregothnan estate that covers a considerable area surrounding, as well as parts inside the village has been the seat of the Boscawen family for many centuries.



# Tresillian Village, location of main projects & features 2019



- 1 Island Shrub Bed Planting
- 2 Church Planters
- 3 War Memorial Stone and Planting
- 4 Wishing Well and Planting
- 5 Various Daffodil Roadside Plantings
- 6 Wheel Inn Floral Display
- 7 Marys Pastys Shop & Roadside Railings
- 8 Wooden Roadside Planters (3)
- 9 Installation Art
- 10 Floral Boat Planting
- 11 Allotment Site

## Record of Achievements

2016 Outstanding - RHS South West in Bloom, Neighbourhood.

2017 Silver Pennant - RHS South West in Bloom, Village Pennant.

2018 Silver Pennant - RHS South West in Bloom, Village Pennant.

## Fundraising & Support

### Fundraising 2018-2019

St Clement Parish Council - Request for financial support granted for various projects.

Open Quiz Nights initiated by TVIG and hosted by the Wheel Inn (Tresillian).

Truro Audi (Tresillian) - Request for financial support granted.

Marys Pastys Shop donated £20 towards planting.

Graham & Kay Ellis paid for basket and contribution towards planting outside Marys Pastys shop.

### Support 2018-2019

Wheel Inn - Host for Quiz Nights fundraising events.

Truro Parks & Gardens - Commercial supply and planting of Floral Boat, wooden roadside planters and new window box troughs.

Tresillian Gardening Club - Sponsor and attend to planting of planters outside Holy Trinity Church, Tresillian.

Various local residents who make individual donations for various projects.

Additional volunteers - All those willing helpers not regularly mentioned in dispatches.

Thank you.

## Plans For The Future

Discussed in TVIG meetings, subject to finance and maintenance support being available:

Plans for introducing permanent wildflower areas. Unfortunately, this still appears to be a relatively high cost centre for purchase of seeds m<sup>2</sup> in comparison to other schemes. The TVIG is looking into ways of overcoming this difficulty. With such a low budget it really will be down to creative methods of achieving this goal. However, the Playing Field, with their own budget, is one site that has been attempted on a small scale this year, and if successful may be taken further next year.

## Media

### Tresillian Village Website

Has dedicated Tresillian Village Improvement Group, Tresillian Gardening Club and Wildlife sections with instant News Alerts as and when required.

[www.tresillianvillage.co.uk](http://www.tresillianvillage.co.uk)

### TRAM - Village Magazine

Regular, trimonthly publication that includes dedicated Tresillian Village Improvement Group and Tresillian Gardening Club pages.

Published locally.

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