

Report from the Penzance Flora Group February 2026 to April 2026

PZFG continue to work to maintain floral displays throughout the Town, including, among other sites, planters at Abbey Basin; Wharf Road, at the top of Morrab Road; on Causeway Head and at the Information Centre.

PZFG has an extremely dedicated cohort of volunteers but more than that, they have developed what is a really positive, cohesive and supportive community of friends. They demonstrate what community groups can do and become, not just a disparate group of individuals who come together at set times, for a single purpose and then dissipate until the next occasion, but a group of people, who not only share a common interest/passion but connect with each other as friends and neighbours, looking out for each other, supporting each other and dedicating themselves to making the place in which they live/work more uplifting, inspiring and positive for all. Passers by, residents and visitors alike constantly interrupt volunteers working to compliment and praise them for the work they're doing.

230 volunteer hours were completed between February to April, supported by absolutely essential 29 hours of Admin.

PZFG have recently benefited from grant donations from Tim Dwelly's Community Chest and from Penzance Rotary with Mount's Bay and are currently exploring the most productive way of using these funds.

The PZFG has recently refreshed its Constitution and this will be ratified at their June meeting.

The only fly in the ointment has been some challenges over the use of their polytunnel, situated at the John Daniel Centre and PZFG have unfortunately had to reach the inescapable conclusion that they can no longer use this facility. Having reached this conclusion, the PZFG will sell the polytunnel and re-invest the money in the activities of the group.

Andy Law

Penzance Council Representative

St Paul's Charitable Trust

As this is my first report back, this will be relatively brief while I'm still getting to grips with the full situation with the trust, however the organisation is currently undergoing a period of consolidation and assessment of its assets. This can be put down to 2 different factors.

Firstly up until recently, there has been a couple of vacancies on the board of trustees, which have now been filled with the appointment of myself as the PZ council rep and the new incumbent of the Penlee cluster Revd Jacky Wise, meaning the board is now at a full complement.

Secondly, the finances of the organisation currently have an estimated lifespan of between 12 to 18 months with current expenditure taken into account, as a result there is an ongoing review into tightening the Trust's objectives to control expenditure as well as discussion with the Diocese in regards to funding allowing for a longer term sustainable financing of the trust.

Councillor Duncan Paul