

Since we last met

We have continued working throughout PZ at least once a week. The spring and early summer has been fantastic as far as the abundance of colour and we have had many positive comments on our Facebook page.

We were approached by [REDACTED] who promotes Wharfside to see if we would consider letting him do a short video of what we do. He has produced two from the interview and has asked if he can return in spring

Since the trampling of the plants in the bed at Abbey Slip the night of the fireworks We have purchased £98.50 plants from Kenneeggy Nursery to re supply this bed. [REDACTED] has dug out most of the cannas that weren't performing well and these have been replanted on the Woodland bed on Wharf Rd. He has cut back part of the failing Cornish Palm and [REDACTED] will continue to work up there independently but with any support from us that she needs. The Slip is looking better than it ever has

The hot weather has taken its toll on all the plants especially along Wharf Rd but we have continue to make everywhere tidy. This month [REDACTED] has worked at SJH carpark and crescent , Alfred Smiths, and the whole of WR

Our two waterproof posters along WR have been replaced. But two more have been reordered as one has been defaced with facial stickers. [REDACTED] and I have new faces and we are now a pair of hunks 🤪

[REDACTED], [REDACTED] and I went to an afternoon of succulents up at Primal Plants which was very interesting. We purchased three unusual scarlet euohorbia which have now been planted along WR right for a drought tolerant planting scheme

Agaves have now been planted at the Information Centre, these replaced plants that are monocarpic and left gaps where people take short cuts over the gravel

[REDACTED] had requested purchasing more Queen of the Night tulips to be at the top semi circular bed at Morrab Rd. [REDACTED] had suggested sea holly along WR as good drought tolerant plants. These have been purchased through You Garden who had a good offer on. The sea holly has now been planted and the tulips will be planted on Tues 1st September for a show in spring

[REDACTED] is currently in Treliske and has been for over three weeks. We visit him every week hopefully he will be able to return home soon

It is a pleasure and a privilege to sit on this Committee as the Council Representative. PZFG don't just make some of our open spaces look lovely and welcoming for residents and visitors alike, they look after each other, socialise together and provide care and support when needed.....a true community and one of the blueprints for my "Love our Streets" project.

Councillor Andy Law

Jubilee Pool Penzance Ltd

'It's been a fairly successful summer, but we have some lessons to learn and some changes to make.

Next year we are already planning a few changes, although there will be more to follow, as we fully assess what worked well over the summer and what didn't.

We're also due to receive the results of our recent user and non-user surveys on 14th September, and we'll be using those insights into helping us to engage better, remove barriers to entry and inform our programming.

- We will open 7 days a week from when the season starts, March 23rd, through to the end of September, with the exception of Pool clean days, meaning the end to Monday closures, approximately an extra 21 days opening.*
- The Sea Pool will be sold as a day long ticket, rather than a ½ day ticket, at £8 for the day, as opposed to the current £7 for a ½ day*
- Geo prices will rise from £16 to £16.50*
- We will operate agile opening hours, allowing us to open longer in times of appropriate weather conditions*
- We have budgeted to repaint the exterior Seawall early next year*
- We have budgeted to introduce lockers for next season*
- We are planning to launch a corporate membership scheme, targeting 4 members in year 1, budgeted to generate £10k*
- We will be simplifying our booking process over the winter.*
- Our Quest assessment is due to be carried out on 8th September*

Car Park

- An agreement has been reached with Parkingeye that in return for an 18-month contract extension they will install a new camera, signage and parking meter free of charge. This will upgrade our facility so the machine will show the user how much they owe, as opposed to leaving the onus on the user to decide. Everything is due to be installed on 17th September. We have been working on this resolution since April.*
- There has clearly been a lot said about the car park and its operation this summer, but the fact remains that our legally contracted operator continues to reiterate that the car park, is statutorily compliant.*
- JustPark have adapted their App so that there can be absolutely no confusion when using that particular method of payment that one is paying in arrears for hours already parked.*

National Heritage Lottery Fund

- We are nearing the end of this project, 30th September, and a good deal of the surveys, and reports have already been received. We are on target to complete*

on budget and in time. Once complete, we will be in a position to evaluate and prioritise all of the findings and devise a strategy to take us to 2035, our Centenary.

- *Local Mural Artist Alison Cutler has voluntarily painted beautiful sea-themed murals in some of the shallow - end cubicles, with paint gifted by Dulux Long Rock.*
- *The Cafe space still has artwork from St Agnes artist Anna Lewis, which is selling well.*
- *We are a plastic Free Penzance Silver 'Champion'*
- *We have facilitated a partnership with a local resident, Mama and Papa swims, whereby new parents meet on site once a week, use the pools and sauna, whilst looking after each other's young children.*
- *The 3 Jubilee Pool Summer Sessions, on a Friday evening, in association with Zakara Highway, a locally based collective, seem to have proven successful. Around 420 have attended events so far, and there is one more session this season.*
- *Our season ending annual Dog Day, Sunday 1st November, is due to go on sale soon.'*

Councillor Peter Lapin

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Penzance Concarneau Twinning Association

Grant funding bid submitted to the British Embassy

The British Embassy in Paris is offering an opportunity to bid for grant funding to support “any local initiative that brings together French and British regional stakeholders – for example, an artistic project, an economic forum, a seminar focused on sharing best practices on a specific topic, a sports competition, or a cultural exchange”.

The Twinning Association has responded by submitting a bid for funding to support a “Golowan Band x Bagad Bro Konk Kerne exchange”. This would see the Golowan Band visiting the Filets Bleus summer festival in Concarneau in August 2027, with a reciprocal visit from the Bagad (Breton pipe band) for Golowan 2028. These visits were already in discussion, but grant funding would help meet travel and subsistence costs for both sets of musicians, which might otherwise be an insurmountable obstacle given the cost of ferry crossings and onward travel.

We expect the project to give a long-term boost to the two twinning associations thanks to the public interest that would be generated. It is also hoped that a properly-funded, well-organised exchange programme in 2027 and 2028 will provide a template for future exchanges; for example, a successful exchange may encourage corporate sponsors to come forward in future years, so that reciprocal visits can become a regular feature of the festival calendar. We are also hopeful that the musicians will visit schools in the host town with “discovery” workshops for local children.

The bid has requested funding of £5,000 for each leg of the exchange, and further news is expected by the end of September.

Penzance Regeneration Company (PZRC)

Construction continues on the three ongoing PZRC projects: Market House, the bouldering centre in the former Poundstretcher/Tesco (94 Market Jew Street), and the refurbishment of 28-30 Market Place (the former Lou's Shoes). Factual updates on each project have been issued, and can be viewed at <https://pzrc.co.uk/>; further updates will be posted as the projects progress.

Tom Brown, the Michelin-starred chef who will oversee the new "finishing school" restaurant on the Market House first floor, was at the PZ Food Festival on 6th September for a cookery demo in the Taste Theatre, and PZRC took the opportunity to launch an awareness campaign, highlighting the opportunity for street food vendors to apply for one of the three food pods in the restored Market Hall.

Councillor Andy Law

Chapel Street Creative CIO

'9th September 2026

Maintenance work on the listed building is ongoing. Internal plaster has now been removed from the wall in Studio Two. We hope to complete the external pointing soon, followed by internal lime pointing, leaving the wall exposed as a feature. Unfortunately, the stairwell ceiling leading to the main hall has started to collapse, so our funds are being redirected to repair it this week, starting Thursday morning.

Other than that, everything is moving along nicely. The College is still on track to start in September 2027, and we are preparing to advertise places for post-16 dancers.

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