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Football Club Report – Annual Parish Meeting 2026

It is a pleasure to report on another season of progress for the club, despite a winter dominated by exceptional rainfall and the challenges it brought (and still brings) to the pitches and our fixtures. What has remained constant throughout is the commitment, enthusiasm, and resilience shown across all teams. Thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, coaches, players, and supporters, the club continues to grow in strength, numbers, and ambition, with steady improvements on and off the pitch.

The senior team began the season newly promoted into St Piran League Division Two East, where the standard has proven to be extremely competitive. The lads have competed admirably and currently sit in mid-table with eight games left to play. With the league proving so tight, the team will be aiming to finish strongly and carry momentum into next season. Manager Phil has continued to drive high standards and has introduced four of the current U16 squad into senior football, all of whom have settled brilliantly and made a noticeable impact. The team also received well-deserved recognition after being nominated for a Fair Play Award, having accumulated *zero* disciplinary penalty points all season. We extend our sincere thanks to Jason and Cindy at the Old Orchard Inn for their continued hospitality after home games, and to Metters & Wellby for generously sponsoring our away kit this season.

Our youth section continues to thrive, with around 85 children registered across all age groups — a number that demonstrates just how important the club has become in providing sport, structure, and social opportunities for young people within the community.

The U16s are enjoying a strong season, and with games in hand, are hoping to secure a top-two finish behind runaway leaders Newquay. They also enjoyed an excellent run in the league cup, reaching the final at St Blazey, where they narrowly lost out to Newquay. Their progress, development, and commitment have been impressive all season.

The U13s have also had a superb year and currently sit within the top three of their league. With consistent performances and an improving squad, they are pushing hard for promotion and have developed brilliantly as a team.

The U11s have consolidated well in their division, picking up a good mixture of wins and defeats while showing steady improvement each month. They continue to grow in confidence, ability, and teamwork.

Our U10s, a newly formed side at the start of the season, have made an excellent start to their footballing journey. They have shown great competitiveness, enthusiasm, and spirit throughout, and the foundations are in place for a very exciting future.



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The U9s have enjoyed their football and continue to develop well, although we are actively seeking a couple more players to strengthen their squad and help bolster numbers for next season.

Off the pitch, the club has continued to work hard to remain financially stable. Fundraising has again played a huge part in this, with several successful events. In July we held a Music Intros Quiz, superbly run by Tristan Orchard, which was very well attended. November saw the return of our ever-popular Race Night, organised by Sarah Wickett and Tamsin Fay, which also proved a major success. We now look forward to our upcoming Quiz Night at the Old Orchard Inn on 25th April, which we hope will be equally well supported. These events not only raise essential funds but also help strengthen our connection with the local community.

Last summer saw a major investment in pitch refurbishment, representing one of the most significant maintenance projects we have undertaken in many years. Works included scarifying, sub-soiling, installing new piped stone drains, applying top dressing, seeding, and fertilising. As a result, grass health has improved enormously, and with better equipment now in use, we are able to maintain both pitches to a much higher standard. Despite this progress, the unprecedented levels of rainfall this winter have continued to present major challenges. While under-drainage has improved, we still face significant issues with surface compaction, soil composition, and the spring line, which continues to deposit large volumes of water onto the playing surfaces. We plan to undertake further works this summer — although on a smaller scale — including completing the netting behind the goals, for which we extend our thanks to Josh Fry for his assistance. The club is also currently exploring potential CIL funding avenues to support additional improvements in the future. We extend further thanks to Short & Abbot, who kindly supplied equipment that has helped our ongoing pitch maintenance and improvement efforts.

As always, the heartbeat of our club lies in the tireless work of our volunteers, coaches, committee members, parents, and supporters. Their enthusiasm and dedication make it possible for over 120 players — from U9s through to seniors — to enjoy football each week, develop new skills, and remain active, healthy, and connected.

To conclude, we thank all parishioners who continually offer us messages of support and encouragement, sponsor matches and regularly attend and/or support our fundraising events. Thank you also to all our other sponsors and supporters throughout the season.

Week St Mary FC Committee