

TRANSFORMATION CORNWALL⁺

Strengthening Faith Based Social Action in Cornwall

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Local Community Hubs and Faith Representatives during the Pandemic

The support that grassroot community groups have offered in response to the challenges of the current crisis is amazing and many of these local groups have members of faith communities at their heart and as vital volunteers. To support these local groups a series of 19 local community hubs have been established and each of these hubs has a Faith Rep in recognition of the contribution by the Faith Communities. The hubs are there to listen to the issues that are arising on the ground and where necessary to escalate these higher and help bring in extra support if it is needed. So if you need a way in to your local hub take a look at the list of Faith Reps and get in touch with them [HERE](#)

Volunteering Resources

CUF has produced a very comprehensive series of volunteering resources which are available for you to download [HERE](#)

Launch of SAM: Social Action Mapping for Cornish Churches

Cornish Churches organise a whole variety of social action projects across the county, some well-known, others less so. The Cinnamon network estimates in its 2016 National Faith Audit that across the UK around 1.8 million volunteers from faith community are providing over 5 million beneficiary interactions, valuing their time at over £3 billion: *"We're talking about initiatives that get to the heart of what matters to communities, connect with the messy issues at the centre of people's lives and genuinely make a long term difference."*

Read more about the initiative [here](#)

If you would like to be involved with the project please contact ctcmissioner@gmail.com – all welcome!

Cornwall Bereavement Network

The network was set up in early 2020 to help people affected by bereavement find support and services in one central resource. The bereavement members all have one goal which is to support those experiencing bereavement, whether that is through end-of-life care, funeral planning, legal services, counselling, or support groups. Click [HERE](#) to access the Network's website and [HERE](#) to access the Network's Facebook page.

Great interview with Julie Parker from [Penhaligons Friends](#) on Donna Birrell on the work of her charity and the launch of the fantastic Cornwall Bereavement Network <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p088vmwh> (interview starts at 1hour 20 mins in)

Newsletter links:

- Cornwall Faith Forum - click [HERE](#)
 - Churches together in Cornwall - click [HERE](#)
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Survey

Carl Warom, Policy Officer, Strategy and Engagement Service, Cornwall Council encourages the voluntary sector to complete the following survey by 29th April. Carl writes:

"We want to thank you for the incredible work you are undertaking to support our communities during the Coronavirus pandemic, and your dedication to keeping our residents safe and well.

We have been working closely with the voluntary sector over recent weeks in response, and are continuing to work with Cornwall Community Foundation on the [Cornwall Emergency Appeal](#), and with the Voluntary Sector Forum on accessing national lottery forum funding.

As several systems have now rolled out or been expanded, we are keen to get a clearer view of the extent of demand for food services, your capacity and any barriers to delivery, and – most vitally – try and identify any gaps in provision of food for those most in need.

As the experts on the ground out and about in the community, your insight will be vital in giving us an accurate picture of needs. Please complete the survey linked below by Wednesday 29 April to help us to understand the latest situation:

[Complete the survey here](#)

<https://www.netigate.se/a/s.aspx?s=878256X223466762X45330>

Cornish Foodbanks

Transformation Cornwall is continuing to support all our Cornish Foodbanks ask they ask for donations of food and money. We list each Cornish Foodbanks local supermarket donation point and their contact details in our weekly update, but if you are able to put something into the collection bins when you do your shopping our foodbanks would be really grateful.

Transformation Cornwall's Cornish Foodbanks Update can be downloaded from: <https://transformation-cornwall.org.uk/resources/update-on-cornish-foodbanks>

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