

Chairman's Report

16<sup>th</sup> February 2011

### **Truro Railway Station**

It seems that, despite the concerted effort of many bodies and individuals, including TCS, the forecourt works will go ahead as proposed. There is much concern about impacts on traffic and the cost to achieve little more than a cosmetic 'makeover'. I think that Peter Blake's point about trees is to be taken up.

### **15/16 Castle Street**

We await progress – still!

### **Conservation**

Apparently, English Heritage has awarded Truro some honour for developing its Conservation Management Plan. I was asked to comment, as per the West Briton last week. I said that, whilst we are good, we have some real issues, like the Glass House, St Clement Street, the erosion of the Lemon Street brass Signs policy and so on.

### **Coosebean**

Truro City council is inching towards completing the deal to take over about 30 acres of woodland, riverbank and small meadows along the Coosebean Road, at the back of Malabar. This offers a real opportunity to secure this land as a public amenity and as a bio-diversity area.

### **Other CS meeting**

I am being asked to convene the long-awaited joint meeting by Conservation in order to try and encourage conservation advisory committees such as the Truro one into existence elsewhere. So far I have failed. However, I have been contacted by Falmouth who want to replicate the 'local list' project.

### **Local List**

We are in the process of making a database of suggestions. I intend to achieve this by the end of February, submit to Nick Cahill, who is the speaker at the April meeting.

### **Truro Cathedral**

The Cathedral's enhancement project has received the blessing of the Planning Authority. Perran Gay will come to the AGM to describe it.

### **Conclusion**

This is very short, for which I apologise. It is being written as I depart to fight the fight over Mitchell Court.

Bert Biscoe

Chairman