



LOVE ST AGNES

Dear friends

There is no doubt that 2020 has seen unprecedented & difficult time for all of us. As a community the parish of St Agnes is a vibrant, supportive and friendly place to live and as residents and businesses together we have supported each other during the challenging days.

As one of the largest parishes in Cornwall (St Agnes Parish stretches almost up to Perranporth, down past Porthtowan and inland to the A30) we welcome a huge number of visitors & tourists all year round and many have become friends as they return year on year.

This summer, as restrictions allow, we look forward to welcoming everyone, but we know that things will need to be a little different. We like the rest of the UK need to ensure that we keep our villages safe and welcoming for both those that live here all year around and for those that call it home for a few days or longer.

We hope that a few helpful notes, in advance, of your holiday may help you to enjoy your stay in our beautiful Parish.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Shops & Businesses have implemented measures to keep us all safe. Please look out for the instructions and notices as you enter and kindly respect them. Things are changing quickly so please look out for updates during your stay.



QUEUEING

Even with all the best planning queues are going to happen especially around the Spar / Boots and Select Convenience / Church / Bakery areas of St Agnes. If an area is busy, please move on and come back later. There are plenty of shops, takeaways etc. to enjoy safely whilst maintain social distancing.



PARKING & DRIVING

Our villages become very busy during the summer and many have narrow roads & pathways - or no path at all! Social distancing along our narrow streets can be tricky so if possible, why not ditch the car and enjoy a walk.

If you must drive please go slowly & carefully as with a huge range of vehicles (big and small), pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders there is often not a lot of room. Please only park where allowed and don't park in passing places, gateways or where you shouldn't. If you have ever followed the double decker bus trying to get around St Agnes, you will understand why this is so important. We are a one-way village and if it gets stuck, we all get stuck!



PUBS, RESTAURANTS AND TAKE-AWAYS

At the time of writing, unfortunately our pubs & restaurants remain closed however they are due to start reopening from the 4th July. Many have adapted to supply takeaways and as they are allowed their services may change. They need to maintain a safe environment for us all and will need to have restrictions on the number of people they can serve at any one time.

Please check their updates (many have Facebook pages and websites) for details on pre-ordering and pick up times (or reservations). You are recommended to best plan ahead and if you do take the risk of just turning up, please respect that they may not always be able to serve you.



LOCAL BUSINESSES

We are very lucky in the parish as we have an amazing array of businesses. Included in the village of St Agnes we enjoy two convenience stores, two bakeries, two fruit and veg shops and a butcher. Porthtowan & Mount Hawke also have their own village stores.

In order to minimise queuing and to help us all respect self-distancing do get in touch with them in advance of your stay as many are offering a pre order and collect or delivery service. By doing so you will show them your support, minimise the risk of long queues, and you will enjoy some amazing local produce.

Below is a list of our main food shops. Further businesses can be found at www.visitstagnes.com

Spar St Agnes, tel 01872 552309

Select Convenience St Agnes, tel 01872 553121

Churchtown Fruit and Veg, tel 01872 554111

The Veg Shop, tel 01872 552608

St Agnes Bakery, tel 01872 552308

Trevithick Bakery, tel 07772 402406

Carrs Butchers, tel 01872 552305

Blackwater Village Shop and Post Office 01872 561351

Porthtowan Village Stores, tel 01209 891210

Mount Hawke Village Stores. Tel 01209 890160



BEACH SAFETY

We've now had the great news that Porthtowan, Trevaunance Cove and Chapel Porth beaches will all have RNLI Lifeguard cover from 4th July. These will be during the main daytime hours and information is available on each beach and the RNLI website but please remain vigilant and careful, especially if enjoying our beaches with children. If in doubt, do not enter the water or venture further than the main beach area. Trevellas Porth does not have Lifeguard cover so extra care should be taken. Please also take extra care along our coastal paths and please keep dogs on leads along cliff pathways.

Please make yourself aware of tide times, water conditions and local beach safety information when using the beaches and if they are crowded, please think about whether social distancing can still be safely implemented. In an emergency please contact 999 and ask to be connected to the Coastguard.



RUBBISH & TOILETS

Cornwall Council has increased its waste collections for the summer. Please use the local bins provided when out and about and take any excess rubbish home with you. The St Agnes Parish Council have been working hard to reopen the toilets within the Parish and the main beach toilets at Porthtowan and Trevaunace Cove are now open from 10am-6pm. Churchtown toilets in St Agnes remain closed for the time being. Beaches & open spaces are enjoyed by everyone so please respect them by leaving nothing behind but your footprints. Please ensure your four-legged friends also only leave their paw prints by bagging & binning.



ESSENTIALS ON ARRIVAL

If you are self-catering, then ask your property owner about a welcome package. Many supply these and it will help reduce the pressure in our village centres on the busy changeover days of Fri, Sat, Sun. You can then pop into the village at a quieter time.

We really hope you have a wonderful stay in what we believe is an amazing place to be. Our amazing businesses are mainly local & family owned and they are all doing their best during tricky times. If things are a little slower and not so convenient as usual, then please be patient and show your support. Relax, chill out and enjoy your time with us. Have a great holiday!