Steve Hebdige Area Rep Report for Meeting 17th March 2018

Monument Clearing

Myself and the other members of Sheila's Newquay OCS Scrub Bashers have cut the grass and trimmed over hanging branches at Trevemper Bridge, , as well as keeping the grass under control at Mawgan Porth Medieval Settlement, we try to cut the grass once every three weeks but with the gales in December and January and the snow this has been impossible. Although the we were able clear the gorse and brambles from around the Bowl barrow on the land ward side of Trevelgue Cliff Castle at Porth in Feb 2018

After the Winter Gales I went to Trevelgue Head Cliff Castle to check on any storm damage 11-1-2018. The only major damage was around the gabions opposite rampart 3. This is where the previous repairs to the monument were carried out. The topsoil which appears to have been too thin only 2cm thick is now lost and the china clay waste stone has been cast in to the ditch below rampart 3 and the membrane that covering the original land surface is exposed. One of the problems the soil has disappeared was due to the fact that the soil was sterile and no plants have grown on the other areas that were repaired at the same time. Although this damage looks bad, at least none of the monument was damaged. I reported the damage and sent photographs to Ann Preston Jones and Ann Reynolds.

We have had another major cliff fall in Newquay this time at Lusty Glaze which also took out some beach huts as well. This was a week after we had the snow. The fall was finally cleared within the last couple of days as they had to wait until the neap tides so that the bulldozer and lorry could be brought down the slope of Tolcarne beach.

Hannah Curnow sent me some monuments in Coastal Access Survey for me to visit. There was one for the tram track in Newquay so I asked if the NOC Scrub Bashers would be interested in coming with Sheila & I to record the features remaining. They said yes and could we also cover the whole of the tramway from the station to the Sainsbury's Car Park . They also brought some old photographs of the tramtrack. We also saw two pillars on two houses in St Thomas's Road that were from the original Pump house before it was altered.