

STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF TINTAGEL PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council appreciates that there has been a great deal of disappointment among Parishioners, with the decision to place a limited display of Christmas lighting in the village this year.

The Christmas lighting in the village has traditionally been organised by a small committee of Parishioners who have worked very hard to provide a colourful display. Unfortunately, despite strenuous efforts by the Parish Council and the Christmas Lights Committee, the services of a suitably qualified electrician could not be secured to install the light displays. Therefore, a decision was made by the group, not to install the Christmas Lights in Tintagel in 2017. That decision was not taken lightly.

At its meeting on 1st November 2017, the Parish Council agreed to arrange for a limited number of lights and a Christmas Tree, to be placed in Trevena Square. This has been done.

It is now intended that, early in 2018, a meeting should be held by the Parish Council to discuss the Christmas Lighting for 2018. The date of that meeting will be made public and those who have attended recent meetings (organised by Parishioners) relating to the Christmas lights, will be welcome to attend and, hopefully, offer their services to serve as Members on the Christmas Lights Committee (a sub-committee of the Parish Council).

In conclusion, it has been noted that a number of anonymous telephone calls have been made to a member of the Christmas Lights Committee. Parishioners will, no doubt, appreciate that conduct of that nature is antisocial, reprehensible and unlawful. It amounts to intimidation and, accordingly, the police are now involved in the matter.

The only way that the situation, relating to the Christmas lighting display, can be avoided in the future is for Parishioners to work together to ensure the establishment of a firm and effective process for next year's display.