



# The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group

## Newsletter No.1

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**Welcome** to the first Newsletter from The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group, set up by the community to undertake projects for the benefit of everyone in the parish.

The Group evolved from the Action Group formed to create the new footpath, Jubilee Walk, and is now promoting its second project, the Jubilee Beacon Bonfire.

## MARY TAVY JUBILEE BEACON BONFIRE MON 4th JUNE

In Jubilee Field off  
Jubilee Walk

Free entry

Event starts at 9pm

Beacon to be lit at  
exactly 10:15pm

Fireworks

Barbecue and other  
food and drink stalls

Drinks available from  
the Mary Tavy Inn

Parking in the  
Recreation Ground



A PROJECT OF THE MARY TAVY JUBILEE GROUP

A new charity created to undertake community projects  
within the parish of Mary Tavy

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### Jubilee Beacon Bonfire

When the planned bonfire on Gibbet Hill was cancelled, a group of parishioners decided they would like to organise an event so that local people didn't miss out on the celebrations. There are other Jubilee events in the village including a Tea Party and the Summer Fayre, the Beacon Bonfire on the Monday evening will round off the celebrations.

All the details of the event are on the poster, shown here.

The Parish Council was asked for a grant of £150 towards the event from the £600 put aside for Jubilee celebrations, but this was voted against, 4 votes to 3. It would have been match funding for the £150 being put towards the event by The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group. Despite this disappointment, the event will of course go ahead as planned.

We look forward to seeing you there. We're also inviting our neighbours from Peter Tavy and Brentor, and we offer them a warm welcome.

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### Are you on email?

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**There's more news -  
please turn over to the  
second page of this  
Newsletter.**

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## Structure of the MTJG

The Mary Tavy Jubilee Group is being set up as a Charitable Trust to ensure full accountability and transparency.

In addition to a small group of trustees there will be a Projects Committee which will

consider proposals for future activities.

Each project will be undertaken by a Working Group, which will vary according to the project.

People are involved just because they care about the community, every role is voluntary, no-one is paid.

## Get in touch

Would you like to get involved, would you like to suggest a project?

Phone **0845 5193 812** (free from a landline), email **mail@mtjubileegroup.co.uk**  
**www.mtjubileegroup.co.uk**

## “I’ve Walked the Jubilee Walk”

On the opening day earlier this month over 150 people walked the Jubilee Walk, and the air was buzzing with community spirit. Badges with “I’ve Walked the Jubilee Walk” are still being worn with pride.

Jubilee Walk was created by The Mary Tavy Community Footpath Action Group, a group of parishioners who were keen for the footpath to be created when it seemed the Parish Council was unable to make progress.

Here’s the latest news:

- £161 was raised at the opening event. This has been donated to the Mary Tavy Jubilee Group for future projects.
- In the first two weeks at least 60 people used the footpath.
- The Dartmoor Sustainable Development Fund (DSDf) grant has been received and will enable finishing touches to be made and provide a reserve for maintenance and repairs.
- Dartmoor National Park has just installed a pressure plate which will record how many people use the path.
- The website [www.marytavyaction.org](http://www.marytavyaction.org) will remain active until the path has been completed.
- By the time of the Jubilee Beacon Bonfire there will be low impact PIR Solar Lighting to provide environmentally friendly illumination on the part of the path not lit by street lamps.
- The overall construction cost of the project including maintenance reserve was £3,613. Donations and local business sponsorships provided £2,500 and the DSDf provided a grant of £1,113.
- We would like to thank all of you who made a donation and the DSDf for their grant which has enabled us to finish the project to a higher standard than we otherwise could have.

John Thacker, spokesperson of the Mary Tavy Community Footpath Action Group, tells us:

*“ I think the footpath project has been a great success and is an example of what can be achieved when a small group of determined and focused people are backed and supported by their community. It has been talked about for years and now it is here. The opening event demonstrated how a lot of people in the village feel about the project. The completion of this path is something we can all be proud of and it is already being used regularly by residents and holidaymakers. I think the way this project has been run and managed provides a template for the way things could be done by other groups in the village. Our Parish Council has many low level, routine maintenance responsibilities and if we want major projects done I believe we have to get involved and take responsibility for them ourselves.”*

