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Michael Callan  
Chair  
Perranzabuloe Parish Council

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Dear Mr Callan,

### **PERRANPORTH BATHING WATER CLASSIFICATION 2018**

Today we are announcing the new bathing water classifications, based on monitoring data collected by the Environment Agency (EA) between 2015 - 2018. Perranporth has been classified as Excellent and this will be the “current classification” for the 2019 bathing season.

There is a legal duty in the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 for local authorities to provide public information about water quality at their bathing waters throughout the bathing season from 15 May to 30 September. All the legally required information is available on the template in the EA’s bathing water signage generator, which can be accessed from this link: <https://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/signage> or from individual bathing water profiles on the EA’s data explorer website: <http://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/profiles/>.

The signage generator will be updated early in the new year and the link will be circulated to all local councils when the templates for the 2019 season are ready to use. There is, however, no requirement to use the same format as the template if your council has a different style preference.

Under the current funding arrangement, Defra will pay £390 at five-yearly intervals towards signage at each bathing water and this will continue unless there are changes to local government finance that will affect the Section 31 “new burdens” rules. The payments for this five year cycle that were approved in the 2016/17 financial year are intended to cover the period from 2016 to 2020.

Yours sincerely,

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