

Shadow minister puts bypass under spotlight



■ Will Crowlas get a bypass? Talking through the issue are Nigel Honess, chairman of Ludgvan Parish Council, Penzance mayor Roy Mann, Keith Palmer (Ludgvan Parish Council), Derek Thomas, Theresa Villiers (Shadow Transport Secretary), Mike Farmer (Ludgvan Parish Council), Hudson Smith (chairman of A30 Action Group) and Roger Denis (vice-chairman of A30 Action Group).

A VISIT by the Shadow Transport Secretary has helped bring a proposed bypass for Crowlas back on the agenda.

Theresa Villiers recently paid a visit to West Cornwall as a guest of the St Ives constituency's prospective candidate Derek Thomas, and met with members of the A30 Action Group.

Campaigners stressed the importance of a good main road into Penzance and said that the economic wellbeing of West Penwith was being held back due to a poor transport network system.

Ms Villiers said: "It has been very

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valuable to come to Crowlas to talk directly to local residents and they have made me aware of the strength of feeling about congestion problems in Crowlas and elsewhere on this key route for Cornwall."

Mr Thomas added: "So much in West Penwith and the Isles of Scilly depends on good transport links whether it is by rail, road, sea or air.

"A healthy transport system is an essential part of the equation if we want to improve wage levels, reduce

poverty and increase household income".

And St Ives MP Andrew George said he would ask the Transport Secretary to reinstate a section of the A30 into the Government's Roads Programme to help residents in Crowlas, Whitecross, Canonstow and Rose-an-Grouse.

Mr George, a member of the A30 Action Group, said: "It has been monumentally frustrating for locals.

"I will press the Secretary of State to take another look at the need for the area to get the investment it deserves."