



Saltash Town Council

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28 February 2025

Dear Councillor

I write to summon you to the **Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash** to be held at the Guildhall on **Thursday 6th March 2025 at 6.30 pm.**

The meeting is open to members of the public and press. Any member of the public requiring to put a question to the Town Council must do so by **12 noon the day before the meeting** either by email to enquiries@saltash.gov.uk or via The Guildhall, 12 Lower Fore Street, Saltash PL12 6JX.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor J Peggs
Mayor of Saltash 2024-2025

To:

Essa	Tamar	Trematon
R Bickford J Brady R Bullock (Vice-Chairman) J Foster M Griffiths S Lennox-Boyd	J Dent S Gillies S Martin L Mortimore J Peggs (Chairman) P Samuels	S Miller B Samuels D Yates B Stoyel

Agenda

1. Health and Safety Announcements
2. Apologies.
3. Declarations of Interest:
 - a. To receive any declarations from Members of any registerable (5A of the Code of Conduct) and/or non-registerable (5B) interests in matters to be considered at this meeting.
 - b. The Town Clerk to receive written requests for dispensations prior to the start of the meeting for consideration.
4. To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash held on 7 March 2024 as a true and correct record. (Pages 5 - 8)
5. Chairman's Annual Report. (Pages 9 - 18)
6. Annual Crime Figures. (Page 19)
7. Cornwall Council Annual Report. (Pages 20 - 22)
8. Reports from organisations:
 - a. Age Concern, Saltash. (Pages 23 - 24)
 - b. Community Enterprises PL12; (Pages 25 - 26)
 - c. Livewire; (Pages 27 - 28)
 - d. The Mabbot Trust; (Page 29)
 - e. Saltash Chamber of Commerce; (Page 30)
 - f. Saltash Environment Action; (Pages 31 - 32)
 - g. Saltash Heritage; (Pages 33 - 34)
 - h. Saltash Neighbourhood Plan;
 - i. Saltash Regatta Committee; (Pages 35 - 36)
 - j. Saltash May Fair Committee; (Pages 37 - 42)
 - k. Tamar Valley National Landscape;
 - l. The Core Youth Project; (Pages 43 - 46)

- m. Saltash Youth Council;
 - n. Saltash Youth Network; (Pages 47 - 48)
 - o. Safer Saltash; (Pages 49 - 51)
 - p. Town Team; (Page 52)
 - q. Surfers Against Sewage; (Pages 53 - 68)
 - r. Saltash Bowls Club; (Page 69)
 - s. Saltash Foodbank; (Pages 70 - 72)
 - t. Saltash Repair Cafe; (Page 73)
 - u. Saltash Rotary Club; (Page 74)
 - v. Saltash and District Branch of the Royal British Legion; (Page 75)
 - w. Saltash Healthcare Action Group; (Page 76)
 - x. Friends of Churchtown Farm Reserve (Pages 77 - 78)
9. Questions from the public.
10. To note the date of the next Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash to be held on 5 March 2026 at 6:30p.m.

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash held at the Guildhall on Thursday 7th March 2024 at 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Councillors: R Bickford (Chairman), R Bullock, J Foster, J Dent, S Gillies, M Griffiths, S Martin, S Miller, S Lennox-Boyd, J Peggs (Vice-Chairman), P Samuels and B Stoyel.

ALSO PRESENT: 1 Member of the Press, M Worth (Cornwall Councillor).

APOLOGIES: B Samuels and D Yates.

1/23/24 HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Chairman informed those present of the actions required in the event of a fire or emergency.

2/23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

a. To receive any declarations from Members of any registerable (5A of the Code of Conduct) and/or non-registerable (5B) interests in matters to be considered at this meeting.

None.

b. The Town Clerk to receive written requests for dispensations prior to the start of the meeting for consideration.

None.

3/23/24 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WITH PARISHIONERS OF SALTASH HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2023 AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

The minutes from the previous Annual Town Meeting with the Parishioners of Saltash were not circulated or available within the public reports pack.

Therefore, it was proposed by Councillor Bickford, seconded by Councillor Peggs and **RESOLVED** to defer the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash held on 2nd March 2023 to the Full Council meeting to be held on Thursday 4th April 2024.

4/23/24 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

5/23/24 ANNUAL CRIME FIGURES.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

6/23/24 CORNWALL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT.

Cornwall Councillor Worth advised Members that all the hyperlinks provided in the Cornwall Council Annual Report, circulated and contained within the reports pack, were dynamic links.

These links provide up to date Cornwall Council information and are scheduled to be updated throughout the following year 2024-2025.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

7/23/24 REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS:

The Deputy Chairman thanked all the organisations for their submission of reports for Members to receive.

Members agreed and wished to congratulate and thank all the organisations for their continued hard work within the community of Saltash.

The Chairman referred to Members for questions.

The Chairman requested the following reports be taken en bloc.

- a. Age UK;
- b. Community Enterprises PL12;
- c. Livewire;
- d. The Mabbot Trust;
- e. Saltash Area Road Safety Committee;
- f. Saltash Chamber of Commerce;
- g. Saltash Environmental Action;
- h. Saltash Gateway Community Network Area;

- i. Saltash Heritage;
- j. Saltash Neighbourhood Plan;
- k. Saltash Regatta Committee;
- l. Saltash May Fair Committee;
- m. Tamar Valley AONB;
- n. Visit Tamar Valley;
- o. The Core Youth Project;
- p. Saltash Youth Network;
- q. Safer Saltash;
- r. Town Team;
- s. Surfers Against Sewage;
- t. Saltash Bowls Club;
- u. Pysanka Craft Club;
- v. Saltash Foodbank;
- w. Saltash Rotary Club;
- x. Saltash and District Branch of the Royal British Legion;
- y. Saltash Healthcare Action Group.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

Councillor Foster arrived and joined the meeting.

8/23/24 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

None received.

9/23/24

**TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WITH PARISHIONERS OF SALTASH TO BE HELD ON 6TH MARCH
2025 AT 6:30P.M.**

It was **RESOLVED** to note the date of the next Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash to be held on 6th March 2025 at 6:30p.m.

Rising at: 6.38 pm

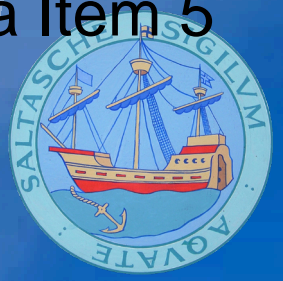
Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Konsel An Dre Essa

Annual Report 2024-2025





A cheerful welcome from the Mayor of Saltash

It has been an incredible honour to serve as your Mayor this year, and I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the wonderful experiences and events I've been able to be a part of.

This year, Fore Street has seen exciting progress, including the opening of the new Banking Hub and the upcoming Saltash Markets in March, both of which boost our town's economy and spirit. Looking ahead, the greening of Fore Street will add beauty and sustainability, while the trial of CCTV will enhance security and help maintain our welcoming environment.

I've had the privilege of supporting local charities like Saltash Community Kitchen and Saltash Youth Network, and I led the D-Day 80 commemoration while looking forward to representing Saltash at VE Day 80.

Other highlights of my year have included attending a wide range of community events that truly showcase the spirit of Saltash. I've had the pleasure of joining local coffee mornings, where I was able to connect with residents and hear their thoughts and ideas for the future. I also enjoyed visiting all Saltash schools and attended school plays, which were a heartwarming reminder of the incredible talent and enthusiasm of our young people. Visiting our local care homes was another privilege, allowing me to meet with residents and staff while witnessing the exceptional care provided to our elderly community members.

A particularly special moment was the opening of the new play parks in Pillmere, offering a safe and welcoming space for children and further enhancing our town's appeal for families. These experiences, along with my involvement in the Health Care Action Group, where I've worked to improve local health services, have reinforced my deep appreciation for the vibrant and caring community we have here in Saltash.

A big thank you to my husband Geoff for his unwavering support, to Deputy Mayor Rachel Bullock and Matt Bullock for their dedication, and to everyone at Saltash Town Council for their hard work.

Lastly, thank you to the residents of Saltash for making this town such a vibrant place to live. It's been an honour and a privilege to serve as your Mayor, and I look forward to seeing how our community continues to grow..

Councillor Julia Peggs - Mayor of Saltash Town Council 2024-2025



Meet Your Councillors

Every second Saturday of the month outside Superdrug, Fore Street

Being a Councillor for Saltash Town Council is both a pleasure and a privilege. You get to find out so much more about the workings of the town where you live together with the opportunities and challenges. In my role, I've particularly focused on youth work, play parks, healthcare and putting together Saltash Town Council's business plan. Ultimately, it's about public service working with great people to make a positive difference in the lives of residents of all ages living and working in Saltash. I'd highly recommend it! - Councillor Griffiths, Essa Ward

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DID
YOU
KNOW

Local elections are due to be held in May 2025.

Becoming a Councillor is not just about holding a position of authority; it's about actively shaping the community you live in and contributing to its growth and development. It's a role that demands dedication, empathy and a genuine desire to make a positive difference in the lives of those around you.

If you are passionate about your local area, want to make a difference and wish to volunteer your skills and expertise with a team of dedicated community volunteers, then visit the Town Council's website, or contact the Guildhall, and speak to one of the friendly and helpful staff to find out more information.

BECOME A COUNCILLOR

GET INVOLVED

BECOME A
TOWN COUNCILLOR



Scan me to
find out more

Meet the Team

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The Town Clerk

The Town Clerk of Saltash is Sinead Burrows. The role of Town Clerk is the Proper Officer of the Council, and as such, is under a statutory duty to carry out all the functions of the Town Council and serve or issue all the notifications required by law of a local authority's Proper Officer.

The Town Clerk is expected to advise the Town Council on overall policies to be followed in respect of the Authority's activities. The Town Clerk provides all the information required for make effective decisions and implements those decisions constructively as instructed by the Town Council.

Administration and Finance Department

The Town Council administration and finance departments are on hand to assist and support Members of the Town Council, residents of Saltash and the community. In total there are eight members of staff.

The admin team are the organisational hub, playing a vital role in the governance of the Town Council, following resolutions from relevant Committee meetings and meeting statutory requirements.

The finance department are responsible for managing the Town Council's finances ensuring rules and regulations are adhered to when dealing with Town Council money. They are involved in budgeting, accounting, and financial planning of the Town Council in its aims to deliver for the residents of Saltash.



Service Delivery Department



The Saltash Town Council Service Delivery Department provides essential services for local residents and visitors, maintaining public buildings, green spaces, and outdoor facilities like parks and play areas. Their duties include using ride-on mowers, tree pruning, hedge cutting, and strimming.

The team also manages cemeteries, public toilets, allotments, public gardens, the Jubilee pontoon, and events. For more details on all services, visit the Town Council website.

Saltash Library Hub

2024/25 has been an incredible time for the Library Hub, marked by a vibrant range of activities and events.

We've continued to make the most of our welcoming warm space, celebrated the success of our Biowatch initiative, and enjoyed the popularity of our Music Man, which has become a beloved feature of our Kids' Corner.

One of the highlights was the success of our Summer Reading Challenge, which engaged and inspired many young readers.

This year also saw the completion of significant external improvements, including the stunning new windows, and we are looking ahead for a full library refurbishment in the near future.



Project and Communication Department

Our Project and Communications Department is a newly established team that plays a pivotal role in driving the growth and development of our town. We focus on identifying and securing funding opportunities, ensuring that the community has access to the resources needed for various initiatives.

By submitting funding applications on behalf of the Town Council, we strive to improve the town's infrastructure, services, and overall quality of life. Our team manages projects from inception to completion, coordinating all aspects to ensure success.

We also serve as a key communication hub, facilitating the flow of information between Saltash Town Council and the community. Through effective communication channels, press releases, and various outreach efforts, we ensure that everyone is informed, engaged, and empowered to contribute to the town's continued progress.





YOUR TOWN COUNCIL WORKING FOR YOU

The Town Council recently considered and approved six strategic priorities for the next three years to ensure Saltash becomes an envied riverside town, being greener, more inclusive and prosperous.



BOOSTING JOBS AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Saltash Town Council is focused on boosting income, reducing poverty, and enhancing quality of life, while promoting the town as a vibrant visitor destination.

To achieve this, the Council is improving adult education, trialling CCTV in the Town Centre, maintaining public toilets, and rejuvenating Fore Street.

Saltash Town Council has also recruited new staff to better support the community. Additionally, the Council promotes Saltash through the Station facilities and supports festivals and community projects via its Grant and Match Funding Policies.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Town Council remains committed to supporting the Saltash Healthcare Action Group in enhancing local NHS services. This includes a continued focus on improving mental health support, fitness facilities, the educational well-being of children, and access to high-quality learning opportunities for young people.

In addition, Saltash Town Council has installed Happy Plaques on benches throughout the town, creating welcoming spaces where residents and visitors can relax and engage in open, safe conversations to promote mental health and well-being.



HOUSING

Saltash Town Council will continue to work in partnership with Cornwall Council to ensure a balanced range of high quality and affordable housing options for its residents.

By working alongside Cornwall Council and referring consistently to the approved Saltash Neighbourhood Plan, the Town Council will continue to endeavour to identify suitable development sites, encourage sustainable housing designs, and promote inclusive housing policies that cater to varying income levels.



TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

The Town Council are working with key stakeholders to support access to affordable, accessible and sustainable transport in Saltash and the rural and urban areas, and promote walking and cycling.

A successful connectivity trial at Waterside has fostered a strong partnership with Plymouth Boat Trips, resulting in new water transport options for both residents and tourists to enjoy.



CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The Town Council acknowledges and recognises the climate emergency we all face together.

With a climate change strategy being worked on by the Town Vision Sub Committee, the Town Council aims to proactively address climate change.

Saltash Town Council is dedicated to transitioning its fleet to 100% electric vehicles in order to reduce its carbon footprint.



RECREATION AND LEISURE

Recreation and Leisure is an important subject to the Town Council. That's why the Town Council will continue to provide support and improve Saltash play parks, open green spaces, library service, leisure and sport facilities, and cultural activity.

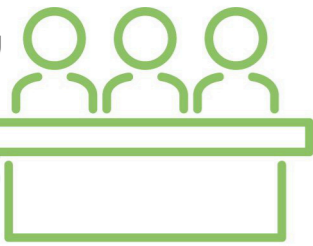
Upgrades to Saltash Play Parks funded with £75,000 from Cornwall Council's CIL fund and £20,000 from Saltash Town Council, have been a great success for the Saltash community and are already receiving positive feedback from residents and visitors.

Saltash Town Council's Business Plan outlines and clarifies the strategic priorities of the Town Council and aims to provide a framework for budget setting and identified operational targets over the period. The Town Council's Business Plan sets out Saltash Town Council's vision for Saltash, its purpose, values, objectives and priorities. You can locate the Business Plan on the Town Council's website here:

www.saltash.gov.uk/town-council-business-plan or you can visit us at The Guildhall or Saltash Library Hub to view a printed copy.

Schedule of Meetings

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Saltash Town Council Schedule of Meetings Calendar for the year 2025-2026 can be found here: <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/council.php>. The meetings are open to the public and press. Agendas are published on the website, social media and notice boards three clear working days before each meeting. Any member of the public requiring to put a question to the Town Council must do so by email or via The Guildhall no later than 12 noon the day before the meeting. Members of the public are advised to review the Receiving Public Questions, Representations and Evidence at Meetings document prior to attending the meeting.

Committee Organisational Structure

Saltash Town Council's website displays the Town Council's Committee Organisational Structure including membership and an easy to follow flow chart of the parenting Committees that oversee them.

You can find the organisational structure here: <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/council.php>



Repairs and Maintenance



The Town Council's Service Delivery Department undertake a wide variety of tasks. The small team plant colourful flower displays around the town, along with regular grass cutting, pathway maintenance and hedge trimming, the team work hard to ensure our town is full of colour and greenery all year. The team are responsible for a wide variety of maintenance on the Town Council buildings and public facilities and support with community events. Sadly the public toilets are often subject to vandalism and the team undertake the majority of repair work in house, working hard to get the facilities repaired and opened as quickly as possible.

Jubilee Pontoon and Saltash Waterside

Saltash Town Council manage and maintain the Pontoon. The Pontoon accommodates 10 permanent berths, and a few public moorings which can be used for short stays under the visiting boat and Trusted Boater Schemes. For more information please call 01752 844846 or email services@saltash.gov.uk



Allotments



Allotments and community gardens are a great way to grow your own food and enjoy the fresh air whilst learning about cultivation, observing wildlife and improving your mental health and well-being.

Saltash Town Council oversees three allotment sites - Fairmead, Grenfell and Churchtown. We currently have waiting lists for all three sites. If you would like to be added to our waiting list please call 01752 844846 or email services@saltash.gov.uk

Churchtown Cemetery

The Town Council is responsible for Churchtown Cemetery located at the top of Farm Lane opposite St Stephen's Church. The Service Delivery Department regularly maintains the cemetery grounds and supervises burials. The Town Council offer memorial services to the public such as memorial benches and the planting of memorial rose bushes.

For further information please contact the Guildhall or visit our website: www.saltash.gov.uk/churchtowncemetery.php



For more information on any of the services the Town Council offer please call 01752 844846, email enquiries@saltash.gov.uk or visit the Guildhall to speak to one of the friendly staff who are always happy to help.

MEMORIAL
ROSE GARDEN

PROFESSIONAL YOUTH WORK 2024/25

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The importance of Professional Youth Work

The young people of Saltash represent the next generation of dynamic and creative individuals who are a true asset to our town. They are increasingly speaking out about the challenges, barriers, and inequalities they face, and it is crucial that we respond to these concerns with both positivity and strategy.

High-quality, professional youth work offers safe, supportive, and imaginative spaces for young people to express themselves, build friendships, and explore their interests. This vital work depends on the expertise, experience, and empathy of trained youth workers and volunteers who help guide and support young people as they navigate their journey in the world.

Professional youth work remains a top priority for Saltash Town Council. To strengthen our efforts, we established the Saltash Team for Youth, a dedicated working group committed to supporting local youth organisations, such as Livewire and The Core. These organisations are doing exceptional work and have highlighted a growing demand for support, especially regarding young people's mental health and well-being in these challenging times.

The Town Council will continue to do everything possible to meet this demand through our annual professional youth work tendering process. If you would like more information about this initiative, the Saltash Team for Youth would be happy to hear from you. Please email enquiries@saltash.gov.uk.

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Hours of support provided to young people who have been referred from other agencies for example schools, targeted youth support, social care and the police.

2,068

Volunteer hours worked



The Town Council continues to support youth work in the town through the Professional Youth Work tender process.

Livewire were awarded a total of £29,534.50 in 2024/25.

The Mayor of Saltash Councillor Julia Peggs said, "The Town Council are proud to support young people through the youth grant and it was fantastic to hear how Livewire are supporting our young residents."

Livewire

The Youth Work Co-ordinator at The Core currently offers weekly drop-in sessions at Saltash Community School supporting students with information, advice and guidance. In addition she also works alongside their Tic Tac services offering sexual health advice twice a week.

This work is supported with funds for professional youth work by Saltash Town Council and allows the Core to offer 20 hours of one-to-one sessions per week.

The Core



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young people helped back into School, College or Work

Working in Partnership for the people of Saltash

At the heart of our town's progress and prosperity lies the collaborative efforts of Saltash Town Council working collaboratively with various stakeholders and community members.

Recognising that the strength of a community lies in its unity, we actively engage with residents, businesses, local organisations, and Cornwall Council to address challenges, seize opportunities, and create a sustainable future for Saltash.



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Plymouth Boat Trips

Plymouth Boat Trips

In March, following a successful connectivity trial with Saltash Town Council, Plymouth Boat Trips announced the launch of a new daily water transport link between Plymouth's Royal William Yard and Saltash, that began on Friday, 24th May.

Ben Squire, owner of Plymouth Boat Trips, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "We are thrilled to collaborate with Saltash Town Council to bring this important new service to both commuters and tourists. Expanding our ferry routes across Plymouth and Cornwall has always been a key objective, and this marks another significant step forward in that journey."

This new service, and partnership, represents a valuable addition to Saltash's expanding network, contributing to both local tourism and the ease of commuting between the two locations.

Town Team

Saltash Town Council work in partnership with the Town Team to coordinate development in the town centre, aiming to enhance its economic, social, and environmental revitalisation, making Saltash a better place to live, work, visit, and enjoy.

This includes delivering town centre projects that support the Town Council's Business Plan in providing a vibrant Town Centre.

Town Team are currently leading the Fore Street Public Realm Project (more information on page 18).



Grassmere Way Play Park - Grand Opening
Pillmere Community Association

Saltash Town Council were awarded £75,000 to deliver improved play areas at Grassmere Way and Honeysuckle Close with new equipment for residents and the wider community to enjoy in years to come.

Saltash Town Council has been working closely with the Pillmere Community Association to monitor and gather community feedback on the successful installation of the play parks at Honeysuckle Close and Grassmere Way, this is to insure the play parks continue to offer a fantastic service for the community.

Saltash Environmental Action

The Town Council work closely with Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) for the benefit of the town.

SEA has free hire of Isambard House for community talks and workshops on environmental issues and awareness which the public are invited to attend.



Photo provided by SEA



Saltash's Borough War Memorials

Memorial Benches

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Mr. Peter Clements and the Borough War Memorial Working Group, a comprehensive and verified list of previously omitted names was compiled to be added to the Saltash's Borough War Memorials.

To bring this important addition to life, Saltash Town Council launched a Crowdfunder campaign, which funded the creation of new benches beside the existing memorials, proudly displaying the names that had been missing.

With the project now complete, we are honoured to say that the phrase "We Will Remember Them" truly reflects all those from our town who deserve to be remembered. A heartfelt thank you to Imagine Stone, the Town Council, and all those who contributed to making this meaningful tribute possible.

The future looks bright...

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The Town Council is committed to seeking relevant funding opportunities to better improve the town. The Town Council worked in partnership, identified, applied and were successful in securing over **£175,000** for the year 2024-2025

The Town Council continues to work hard in bringing the following successfully funded projects to fruition in collaboration with key stakeholders:

Community Infrastructure Levy - Play Parks

In 2023, Saltash Town Council was awarded **£75,000** in CIL Funds to install new play equipment at Honeysuckle Close and Grassmere Way in Pillmere for children under 12. These upgrades were successfully completed in 2024 and have been a great addition to the Saltash community.

Community Infrastructure Levy - Waterside Improvement Project

Saltash Town Council received **£100,000** from the Cornwall Council Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Fund for the Waterside Improvement Project.

The Project will include the creation of a new play park and a beautiful sensory garden in the Jubilee Green area at Waterside. These upgrades will provide a fantastic space for local families, residents, and visitors to enjoy, play, and relax.

Fore Steet Public Realm Project

With grant funding secured from Cornwall Council, the Saltash Town Team, in collaboration with Saltash Town Council, is beginning the first phase of transforming Fore Street.

The range of exciting initiatives being implemented includes market trial's, set to take place on the third Saturday of each month from March to August 2025, from 11am to 3pm.

In addition, new street furniture—including planters and wayfinding signage—will be installed to enhance the visual appeal of Saltash, based on feedback from traders.



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It can often be confusing trying to work out which service falls under the remit of each local authority, especially for residents who are unaware of the distinction.

The table below provides a short guide to the different services provided at each level of local government. However, it should be stressed that Council's have some freedom to develop services to benefit the community which could be undertaken at either level of government.

Saltash Town Council
Saltash Library Hub
Saltash Public Toilets
Allotments
Play Parks
Open Spaces
Public Rights of Ways
Jubilee Green Pontoon
Burials and Memorials
Planning and Licensing (Consultees only)

Cornwall Council
Rubbish and Recycling
Highways and Transport
Council Tax
Schools
Parking
Play Parks
Open Spaces
Benefits
Health and Social Care
Housing
Planning and Licensing

To identify the exact locations of the above services please refer to Saltash Town Council's Portfolios which can be found on our website here: www.saltash.gov.uk/town-council-portfolio.php

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Saltash Crimes	2024	2023	% Change
Totals	1,090	870	25.3%
Arson	2	10	-80.0%
Bicycle Theft	2	4	-50.0%
Burglary - Business and Community	9	11	-18.2%
Burglary - Residential	23	11	109.1%
Criminal Damage	152	109	39.4%
Death or Serious Injury caused by Unlawful Driving	0	5	-100.0%
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	42	33	27.3%
Other Sexual Offences	40	40	0.0%
Other Theft	94	87	8.0%
Possession of Drugs	22	19	15.8%
Possession of Weapons	14	17	-17.6%
Public Order Offences	85	57	49.1%
Rape	27	18	50.0%
Robbery	6	4	50.0%
Shoplifting	47	33	42.4%
Stalking and Harassment	139	103	35.0%
Theft from the Person	6	6	0.0%
Trafficking of Drugs	10	5	100.0%
Vehicle Offences	21	29	-27.6%
Violence with Injury	140	121	15.7%
Violence without Injury	209	148	41.2%

Increase in Red

Decrease in Green

Cllr Martin Worth - Annual Report to Saltash Town Council 2025

Cornwall Council Business Plan. 2022/26

It highlights our Mission in Working with Communities for a carbon neutral Cornwall, where everyone can start well, live well and age well.

We have four key priority outcomes

1. A brilliant place to be a child and grow up
2. In a thriving, sustainable Cornwall
3. With vibrant, safe and supportive communities
4. All supported by an empowering and enterprising Council that delivers great value for money

The link to include to the full document to show the details

[Council Business Plan 2022-2026 Budget 2022-23 and MTFP - Appendix 1 Council Business Plan 2022-26.pdf \(cornwall.gov.uk\)](#)

You can read the latest Financial Plan here for 2024 -28

[medium-term-financial-plan-24-28.pdf](#)

You can now link to a live Dashboard on our current performance against this plan here. There is a wealth of updated dynamic information for the public to view.

[Important Links | The Cornwall We Know | Let's Talk Cornwall](#)

Particularly the live Insights Dashboard

[The Cornwall We Know | Let's Talk Cornwall](#)

The second part to include responsibilities and activities.

Cllr. Martin Worth

[Councillor details - Martin Worth - Cornwall Council](#)

Saltash, Trematon & Landrake Division

Attendance record for 100 Cornwall Council meetings from May 21 to Current. 98%

(Only 2 missed with apologies due to clashes on same day to be in Truro and Plymouth.)

Providing day to day Casework support to approx. 5,500 residents, includes the new Treledan development. Working closely with the new developers for the delivery of whole community benefits.

Focus on improving Community Bus Usage to bring surrounding parish residents into Saltash and integration with existing rail & bus services. Sustained the 450 Saltash Town Bus

• **Cabinet Member of Cornwall Council.**

Portfolio Holder for Customers

To lead on budget and policy formulation and implementation in relation to

- Customer Services and Customer Experience
- Business Systems and digital strategy
- Digital inclusion
- Relationship with the voluntary and third sector
- Relationship with suppliers
- Corporate procurement and commercial services
- Facilities Management
- Governance and Assurance
- Celtic Sea Power - Chair of Shareholder Panel
- CORSERV Group of Companies - Chair of Shareholder Panel

• **Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee (Co-Chair) Cornwall Council**

Delivering our new future plans for the Tamar 2050 program with our Joint Committee, Cabinets, Councils and MP's. Securing the route to future Open Road Tolling, RPI to remove unpredictable Toll Revisions and Cheaper Tolls for Locals

- **Vice Chairman & Cornwall Councillor Representative on the Devon & Cornwall Police & Crime Panel**

- **Executive Member of the Tamar Valley National Landscape (replaces the AONB)**

Working closely with our farming community for the project delivery of Farming In Protected Landscapes FIPL.

Securing the new Electric Ferry for Calstock and future routes down the River Tamar.

- **Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee**

- **Cornwall Council Representative on the Peninsular Strategic Transport Board**

Devising 2025 – 2050 Strategic Plans. Ensuring Saltash Station Platform Improvements included in the Plymouth Metro. Inclusion of Tamar Crossings and Improvements to A38.

- Chairman - Landulph Parish Council

- Councillor Advocate of Devon & Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner

- Safer38

End of Report.

Report to the Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash

SALTASH AND DISTRICT AGE CONCERN
Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024
Held at Burraton Community Centre
On Thursday 10th October 2024 at 2pm

1. Chairman, Mr Adrian Shergold extended a warm welcome and thanked everyone for their attendance to our Annual General Meeting.
2. Apologies were received on behalf of Mrs Jill Prout Age Concern Treasurer and Ms Yvonne Hope The Red Bus Treasurer who were both very poorly with the virus. Our Chairman wished them both a speedy recovery.
3. Owing to a problem with the Secretary's Laptop, There are no minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26th January 2023.
4. Chairman's Remarks. Mr Shergold said we had held a successful year and everything was running very well. All our events and bus trips were well supported. We are keeping to our mission which is to offer help and friendship to the older people in Saltash.
5. Treasurer's Report- The Age Concern Accounts prepared by Mrs Jill Prout were presented by the Secretary. We are in good financial shape and continue to make a profit on each year. No questions were raised and the accounts were accepted by members present.
6. The Mini-Bus Manager's Report was given by Mr Mike Finch. He said we had a very successful year. Our aim is to be able to afford a paid manager to continue Saltash Red Bus into the future. He said our main income comes from passenger transport for Cornwall Council, with school contracts. There has been a town bus running daily for Saltash and other transport services in outlying areas. We have been able to purchase additional vehicles including the other Saltash Community Bus from CEPL12. We have a mixture of paid and volunteer drivers. Financially we began the year with £28,615.15 and now hold £48,503.80. Our Chairman thanked Mike for his hard work on our behalf.
7. Club Reports - Mrs Diane Shann Secretary gave a brief report on the Wednesday Social Club which is held on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month at the Oaklands Social Hall. This has had a slow start but is building up a following and we will continue for the next year and see how things go. We have very few expenses as we are simply having a get together and a chat.

Thursday Luncheon Club -- Mrs Mary Grant our very respected Club Leader gave her report saying, we enjoyed much success, we have had meals out to the Garden Centre and we all enjoyed our annual trip out to Altarnun Village. We enjoyed our Christmas meal at the Ploughboy. We presented two of our most loyal

helpers Rose and Alma with a thank you gift for their many years of helping. We continue to enjoy our activities including quizzes bingo musical speakers etc. Mary thanked everyone who helps make the club a popular success. She especially thanked Toni Gorton our wonderful cook for the lovely food she prepares effortlessly and still finds time to have a chat with members and share their stories.

8. Election of Officers for 2024/25

Chairman.,	Mr Adrian Shergold
Vice Chairman	Ms Elizabeth Edgecombe
Honorary Treasurer	Mrs Jill Prout
Deputy Honorary Treasurer	
Honorary Secretary	Mrs Diane Shann
Assistant Honorary Secretary-	
Mini-Bus Treasurer	Ms Yvonne Hope
Mini-Bus Manager	Mr Mike Finch

9. Election of Executive Committee

Mrs Sharon Hopkins
Mrs Mel Hancock
Mrs Bernie

10. Any other business -No other comments were raised and the Chairman closed the meeting by saying everything is running well and we can look forward to another good year of fun and friendship.

10. Proposed date of 2025 Annual General Meeting. The date of Thursday
9 October 2025.

End of report

Report to the Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash



REPORT TO SALTSH TOWN COUNCIL – YEAR 2024

Date 3.3.25

Chair's Annual Report

To say we live in interesting times, after the last week, would be an understatement. It is fair on the same basis to say that the last twelve months have also been interesting, if not a little challenging.

At the end of last year, we had a number of directors absent through ill health, which placed some strain on the organisation. The Transport Enterprise, with its widely recognised 'Hoppers' had to be reviewed. The great success of the Red Bus Company diminished the need for the Hoppers and the transport provided by them. As one of our basic tenets is co-operation and collaboration not competition, the Red Bus Company was filling a wider need than our efforts and it was time to pass the mantle. After discussions with the Red Bus Company, we delighted to be able to agree a transfer of our remaining commitments to the them, giving us the confidence that the community would continue to be served with the local transport it needed. We finally said goodbye to the Hoppers in March 2024 with a celebration of the fantastic impact they had made over the last 13 years.

Our Kitchen and Fridge work to enrich the lives of the people of Saltash, diverting perfectly good food that would otherwise go to landfill, to cook and serve and to give away, respectively, supported by donations from those that can afford to make them to support those that cannot. Apart from food from the FoodShare organisation, we also receive donations of surplus food from many local providers, including Lidl, Waitrose, Co-op, Rowes, Greggs to name but a few. This provides us with produce to run our Kitchen and Fridge which Chris, Jos and the No 8 team creatively turn into meals, refreshments and cakes that are enjoyed by many. The amount of food we collect varies from week to week and we never know what we will get, however our volunteers are outside rain or shine to tempt regulars and passersby to take what they can use for a donation.

A major issue with storage facilities was resolved this year, thanks to the hard work of Cathy Jane, our Community Liaison Director, and the National Lottery. This enabled us to replace the previous small and unsuitable container which had on a deal with Daintons, who also oversaw the full-scale game of Tetris on the day of the delivery. The new unit is purpose built to meet our requirements, including plumbing and electricity which means we have relocated the washing machine and tumble drier and, hopefully, it will in the future accommodate a freezer. This will mean we will be able to increase the amount of food we can collect as we will no longer be as limited for space.

Our thanks go to Dainton for overseeing the operation, and specifically to Cathy, Roger, Andy and Chris for running the whole project.

We had worked hard on some bids to gain funding to develop the Kitchen project further and to cover the cost of our Kitchen Manager, Chris Cook. Unfortunately this was not forthcoming and with the previous grant which covered employing him coming to an end, we had to make the difficult decision to make Chris redundant. He was a central part of the Kitchen and a fantastic advocate. It was a sad day to see him go.

The last year has also seen significant changes to our Dementia Voice enterprise. Rose and Carol originally set up this group over 8 years ago in order to support people living with, or affected by, dementia. Following feedback from our social prescriber we made the decision to change the name of the group to 'Memory Box,' and to open the group up to anyone affected by cognitive impairment. We relaunched the group at the Singing session in June and were delighted that many visitors joined us for the event, including our Mayor, Julia Peggs who thanked the volunteers for their support. Following the sing song, we all enjoyed a buffet lunch provided by our Community Kitchen, it was a wonderful event.

Our inspirational singing group, 'Do you mind if I sing!' has grown from strength to strength this year, led by the talented Teresa Stevens they have put on a number of performances over the year, at the library last February, at Ashtorre as part of the Saltash Songs and Shanties Festival. They are now busy rehearsing for a Christmas performance at the library. Initially funding only allowed us to run this group twice a month, however we were delighted that a funding bid was successful and so they can now meet every week at the Wesley Church.

Our successful Memory Box Café moved from the Wesley church to Ashtorre last year, whilst the wonderful views and facilities were appreciated by everyone it was becoming logistically difficult to organise and so the decision was made to move back to its original home in No 8. The move took place in February, and everyone settled back in happily, in the capable hands of Pauline Newman they make the most of the time enjoying the board games, nail painting and regular quizzes – always finishing with a song or two! More recently they have been delighted to be served hot pasties for lunch (thanks to Rowes!)

Our Veterans group continues to meet every fortnight, enjoying the chance to get together, to reminisce about old times and be entertained by a range of activities. Carol, who originally started the group, has reluctantly made the decision to step down from running the sessions at the end of the year due to family commitments. We didn't believe that we could replace Carol, however, are delighted that we have made

contact with a couple of veterans who have agreed to take over running the group and already have exciting plans for the future, so we can look forward to continuing our service.

Rose has been working with Saltash Town Council supporting their intention to make Saltash a Dementia Friendly Town, as a result the council has approved budget to make alterations to their premises. Rose also ran a training session in august that was well received. All our thanks go to Rose for her unwavering commitment and support, she really does make a difference.

Another ambition is to work with other local community organisations in order to improve the quality of life for all Saltash citizens. We have made strong links with Oaklands Community Centre and are jointly putting on a number of activities at the Centre, including step into wellness and digital inclusion sessions.

Of course, we couldn't function at all without our amazing team of volunteers, to date over 120 people regularly give their time in so many different ways – from picking up food collections, sewing mors bags, washing dishes, serving in the shop and kitchen, organising events, helping with admin to name but a few ... there are too many roles to mention! Everyone is valued and everyone brings something unique to our organisation – we thank every single one of them.

Our other group of volunteers that works tirelessly to make the organisation work are the Board, our Directors. We have seen a number of changes over the year, and we are currently actively recruiting Directors after a number have left for work or other personal reasons. The diverse mix of skills and experience has been our strength and should not go without mention.

End of report

Chris Bailey.

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Year End Report to Saltash Town Council

Like most years 2024 was a combination of amazing achievements and some difficult challenges.

Senior sessions 13 to 21 – Livewire delivered open access sessions on Mondays and Thursdays which provide a social meeting place, access to free music lessons, band rehearsal spaces, opportunities to perform and free recording studio facilities.



Monday nights we host an open mic session and on Thursdays we encourage young bands to perform



on the stage. Alongside this our team of youth workers and counsellors support a great many young people each session. We have also teamed up with the community kitchen to make sure local young people are adequately fed.

Junior sessions 10 to 13 – Livewire has also delivered junior sessions over the year. These have been our busiest and at times our most challenging sessions. We have kept the cap on numbers which has allowed us to offer to the local children that come here a really safe environment which is of paramount importance. These sessions have been really good fun and we regularly see over half the children performing on our stage.

Young women's music sessions – Our proactive prioritising of young women for music lessons and support has been really beneficial for so many young women over the year, we currently have one all female young band and two more in the making. The sessions are going really well.

Friday wellbeing sessions – Our Friday well being session is continuing to support a small number of particularly anxious young people, these sessions are supported by a youth worker, a musician, a counsellor, a youth support volunteer and Akira the therapy dog. This is a lovely session and has gone really well over the past year.

Studio sessions Mondays and Saturdays – Monday evenings and all day Saturdays Will



manages our recording studio's to provide young bands and artists the opportunity to record and or learn how to use the recording studio themselves, over the past year we have provided many Saturday sessions and Monday evening sessions for young musicians from all over Devon and Cornwall.

Counselling and mental health support - The

counselling team, comprising of 8 counsellors and a mental health lead. We believe we have just scraped the tip of the iceberg in terms of young people's mental health. Our mental health lead meets with all referrals to chat through their needs, make sure they have the right counsellor and also to check that we have the relevant experience and expertise to meet their needs. Clients typically access 12 sessions of counselling with reviews after 6 weeks but they can extend their sessions up to 18 sessions. Our mental health lead has met regularly with the staff members on the team over the past year to talk through their work and check for any safeguarding issues and ensure that their supervision is kept up to date.

Building works – We are undergoing some internal changes in order to give us 4 dedicated counselling rooms as opposed to the two we have currently meaning counsellors beg, steal and borrow rooms at the moment.



Boardmasters Festival 2024 – Livewire has again provided entertainment on the keg and pasty stage from 10am till 14.30pm from the Thursday through to the Sunday, this allowed 120 plus young musicians from all over Cornwall to perform, as with last year Livewire allocated the Thursday and the Friday to ASONE acts from various schools.

Regatta 2024 – Livewire provided 4 young bands to perform on the Jubilee Green stage. As well as opening up to provide refreshments.

May Fair 2024 – At Saltash May Fair 2024 Livewire provided 4 bands.

Tunes in the park- Just before our summer shut down we were approached by the people running tunes in the park and asked to provide some bands for them which we did it was very last minute but watch this pace for more to come next year.

Thanks – Lastly we at Livewire are ever grateful for the support we receive locally and from further afield but Saltash Town Council have been very forward thinking in terms of youth work and provide money to ensure that the good work can continue so we thank them.

Report to the Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash

The Mabbott Buller Trust

The Mabbott Buller Trust is a small local charity for the relief of people in need in Saltash and adjoining parishes by making grants for specific purposes. The Charity makes grants to extend educational opportunities for pupils of schools in Saltash or for children and young people normally resident in Saltash, for example helping with funding for educational visits (37 children from the four Saltash Primary Schools in 2024) or towards the cost of attending sports events and books/equipment for students. In 2024 the charity also helped with the cost of an electric wheelchair for a housebound lady and made a contribution towards the cost for a family with a sick child to have a holiday.

End of Report

Mabbot Trust



Saltash and District Chamber of Commerce and Industry



CHAIRMAN PETER RYLAND

REPORT FOR PARISHIONERS MEETING

The membership of the Chamber continues to grow as more businesses become aware of the various activities that the Chamber is involved in and want to participate in the discussion/activity. We are pleased that several of the new members are businesses on the industrial estates as this area of the town was under represented previously.

Our main public event of the year is the Christmas Festival which, due to the weather, only happened in part in 2024 but which is already being planned for 2025. The lights switch on will be a separate event, and the Chamber has undertaken to help Saltash Town Council with this, which will be in mid-November. The festival will be on the 6th December.

The Chamber in the last 12 months has been active in Town Team (reported separately) and again has advised members on various issues. We have also represented members/raised questions of the relevant body with respect to highways, tunnel works, the future of Newquay Airport and the cost of the bridge crossing. We have also taken on board the Magic Tenner campaign for Saltash under the national Shop Local campaign. This will be in the first fortnight of March and is aimed at getting people to shop local.

It has been another active year and the support of members is vital to achieve solutions which benefit the whole community.

End of report

Chairman of Saltash Chamber of Commerce

SEA Annual Report 2024/5

Our aims

The aims of Saltash Environmental Action are summed up as '*Making Saltash greener, caring for the planet*' – and we try to help members and other Saltash residents in taking actions and changing mindsets.

We have some success *locally*, and lots of people join us in restoring nature and picking up litter. But *globally*, the planet still crashes onwards to self-destruction through climate crisis and collapse of nature. In the 12 months since our 2024 annual report, people emitted record amount of greenhouse gas, causing record global surface temperatures now exceeding 1.5C. So more wildfires, rainstorms, floods and heatstroke are inevitable.

SEA encourages personal actions like walking more, shopping locally, reducing meat consumption, and choosing heat pumps, electric cars, etc. We have the greatest struggle in changing mindsets on frequent flying and on covering gardens with concrete, when both flying and cement are significant and blatant causes of greenhouse gas emissions.

Local actions may seem insignificant in the greater scheme of things, but hopefully local changes will shift mindsets from grassroots upwards, so eventually the leaders of government and big industry change their behaviour.

Our Actions

Our **cherishing habitats** promotes wildflower meadows at Pilmere (did you catch the oxeye daisies?), the cemetery, and Elwell Woods. We're delighted that Saltash Town Council's Services Delivery Manager is on the same path way, reducing mowing and sowing wildflower seed.

The Community allotment combines cherishing habitats with growing food. After 5 years, the allotment is reaching a state where it can be cultivated as originally intended, for fresh produce. We have one regular volunteer gardener - and visits from goldfinches and thrushes! This year, with the grant from Co-op Community Fund, we have installed wheelchair friendly access, two raised planters, and a notice board which has attracted potential volunteers.

In the redundant play park opposite the allotment, we will experiment with various types of container garden. Volunteers are welcome, as is anyone with a planter they'd like to try there. Please drop by on a Monday morning 10:00 – 12noon, or email saltashcommunityallotment@proton.me

We noticed that recycling bins at **May Fair** and **Regatta** were overflowing, so we bought a **can-crusher**: people loved crushing cans, and we promoted aluminium as one of the most worthwhile materials to recycle.

Our Public meetings included a talk on **The Toxic plastic crisis**, a **seed swap**, Plymouth University's **Sustainable Earth conference** (streamed in collaboration with Saltash Wesley, cakes kindly provided by community kitchen); Phil Jordan on '**Bee Keeping Basics: Honey and Hornets**'; and we held the Saltash premiere of the film '**#ClimateScam?**', with the film's producer Claire Wallerstein from Cornwall Climate Care.

This year is the 10th anniversary of **Community Litter Picks**. We held 7 community litterpicks with a total of 51 volunteers (21 at one event at Carkeel roundabout!) and collected 88 bags of rubbish! The brownies borrowed the grabbers and hoops, for one of their litter-picking activities. There are now 98 adult and 55 children **Litter Rangers** and 4 Duke of Edinburgh challengers.

Saltash Apple project is proud of the 47 apple trees it has planted in various sites around Saltash.

In **Victoria Gardens**, we installed a novel bird-bath, but it had to be resited in January 2025 to make way for the Kings Coronation Oak. The surrounding bed was full of borage and helianthemums which the bees loved.

The **Tree Saltash** project is caring for the 2 dozen trees planted round Saltash, as well as hedgerows. We planned a tree planting session with Saltash Explorer Scouts, but Storm Freya hit on that very day, so we stayed indoors. We worked with Hilary Frank on the planting the **King's Coronation Oak**, conducted by the Lord Lieutenant.

This year, among other activities, we set up another environmental **Christmas tree** at the Festival in SS Nicholas and Faith, and circulated ten **Newsletters**.

New members and anyone wanting to give time (or money!) is welcome:
info@seasaltash.org.uk

Litter Rangers are welcome at litterangers@seasaltash.org.uk

End of report

Adrian White, Chairman

Annual report from Saltash Heritage

Here is our annual report from Saltash Heritage for 2024.

We welcomed a new archivist to our team who has recruited two new members to his team over the year. We have new training sessions in place to improve the knowledge of all our volunteers.

Our research room stays open all year round and has been exceptionally busy with family history queries along with the usual request for photographs of parts of the town in years gone by as well as research done on individual properties, this is both for individuals, legal companies and Estate agents.

Our display area with the new exhibition every year opens between late March and the end of December. The 2024 exhibition was based on John Henry Martin RA a Newlyn artist who migrated to Saltash and following the demise of his wife married a local girl. Henry's art has left us with a legacy of images of Saltash and its community in the late 1800's and early 1900's. A blue Plaque marks his house on the waterside. We were assisted by his two gr. grandsons who were overwhelmed with the results of this display.

Once again Saltash Heritage were recognised in the Cornwall Heritage Awards, where we were runners up in the best Exhibition of the year, as only 7 categories received awards we were delighted. Again we have just heard we have been shortlisted for this year. The ceremony will be in a few weeks' time.

Our Vice Chair Bruce Hunt was recognised and presented an award for his Cultural Contribution, from the Mayor.

We welcomed a new Chair at our AGM and Brian Stoyel has settled into his role with vengeance. Lots of new ideas are rearing their heads and the Management team are eagerly taking these on board.

Once again Saltash Heritage attended the South East Cornwall Grand family history day in Liskeard run by the Saltash Heritage Secretary, another very successful event.

Because of weather damage we had to have the mural on the front of our museum replaced and fortunately David Whitley was still available to repaint this on metal to ensure the safety and longevity of its life expectancy. This has been safely installed with two new faces, that of Brian Whipp and our late President Colin Squires, looking down on us.

Very sadly we had to say goodbye to two of our loyalist supporters for many many years. In May Solicitor, John Northey very sadly passed away after 23 years of being one of our Holding Trustees. Only to be followed in September at the age of 98 by our

retired Archivist David Coles who was one of our founder members in 1986 and who was still in touch and answering queries right up to the end of his life.

We had good visitor numbers last year and hope this year's exhibition will prove as favourable. Our thanks to the Town Council for their continued support.

End of report

Saltash Heritage



28/01/2025

Report for The Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash

Reference: Saltash Regatta - 13th and 14th July 2024

Karen Lilley, Chair and Aaron Monk (Diverse Events CIC), along with the volunteers organising the annual Regatta and Waterside Festival, would like to share that the event was a great success. We were blessed with good weather and great attendance.

Sponsorship was sourced in the main from Saltash Town Council, which we were extremely grateful for, in addition we gained financial support from South West Surfacing Specialists LTD as our main business sponsor.

We attracted new sponsors this year from Saltash Opticians and Rowan House. Financial contributions were also gained from Cornwall Council, Carlton Plastics, Waterways, the Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation, Grove Nurseries Boarding Kennels, Infinite, Nicky's Glow Beads, Shaped Interiors and a small number of other businesses locally.

We had the usual challenge with support to run the event. We have not been successful in finding more volunteers, leaving the main tasks of fundraising, managing the event, organising the entertainment and all marketing down to very few people. We used an external company to help with marketing which was okay they but needed input and direction from the organisers.

As always, the expertise of Diverse Events for event management plans, stall bookings (amongst many other things) is invaluable. The money raised through stall bookings increases year on year and contributes to the costs. This year it was just under £6700; increase of £1000 from last year.

We could also not have had other key activities such as the Cardboard Boat Race, without the support of Redeemer Church, Saltash.

We lost our Royal Navy support and had to rely on very young marshalls from Saltash Community School who manned road blocks etc. They were committed and invaluable but also inexperienced, which is not always a good representation of such a large event. The future needs to be with increased security, this must be a priority going forward.

Other crucial supporters included Mike Pitches Photography and Community Enterprises PL12. The shuttle bus service was very well received, and donations were given by users. We have had feedback to say that this really increased footfall to Fore Street.

The Saltash Town Council service delivery team was really helpful throughout every stage of the preparations.

A huge thanks to the Mayor at the Civic and Children's Parade. The Mayor opened the event and supported it as much as possible.

Saltash Town Band led the procession safely to the Waterside where prizes were handed out.

A huge thanks to SEA (Saltash Environmental Action) and the litter rangers who worked hard to keep the site clean.

We were fortunate to have an undercover bar area provided by Born Hectic events and the addition of the disco caravan. We were pleased to promote a new talent; Tom Hannigan made his debut this year and was very good.

Finding acts for the smaller stage can be a challenge as everyone now wants to play on the big stage. We tried having Waterside Green as a child-friendly space and will improve on this in the future. This will just be improved organisation and communications.

Other improvements would be to find more external parking for the Gig rowers, to keep the roads clear. Increased security will also help with this and reduce parking rage. We feel that the younger marshals do not get the same respect and vehicles would just ignore them and drive in. We need to manage this, with the event being so well attended.

We could not find a free recycling service this year for the boats, so had to use our budget for the removal of cardboard.

The future date for Regatta has now been set for June 7th and 8th 2025.

We could not have run this event without the financial support received by Saltash Town Council. The increased grant allowed us to stay in credit, which is quite an achievement. We may have even made a small profit towards the 2025 event.

We became a CIC this year, which was another success.

It is now time to promote the events to sponsors to raise the sum of £22,000 needed for 2025.

Yours Sincerely

Karen Lilley

Chair

End of report

SALTASH MAY FAIR 2024

Event Dates	4 th and 5 th May 2024
Total Actual Cost	£17,423
Grant Awarded from STC	£ 5,000
Fair Committee	Hilary Frank, Tanya Hatch, Tracey Hayton, Adam Webb

Please list the aims and objectives of your organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To boost community cohesion through a free-admission, weekend event across Fore Street, Victoria Gardens and Longstone Park * To boost footfall in to the retail centre of the town * To offer traders the opportunity to sell products * To offer charities and community groups the platform to promote their activities and raise funds * To offer opportunities to boost health and wellbeing, including running races and outdoor fitness sessions * To offer local musicians the opportunity to showcase their talent on a large stage * To collaborate with Saltash Youth Network to provide a Youth Village in Victoria Gardens * To promote awareness of environmental issues <p>All these aims were met through Saltash May Fair 2024.</p>
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	<p>Highlights on Saturday 4th included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market the length of Fore Street • Parade of Youth • Youth Village in Victoria Gardens • Free, live music in Longstone Park until 9:30 pm, with an ABBA tribute band as the headline act <p>Highlights on Sunday 5th included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Marathon, 5K and Fun Run, with over 400 runners • Maypole dancing with Geraldine Lamb School of Dance • Outdoor yoga sessions • Dog Show
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Who benefitted from the project?	<p>The event attracted over 7,000 visitors from Saltash and surrounding areas over the two days.</p> <p>It delivered a positive impact for local businesses, bringing visitors to Saltash and promoting our town to a wider audience.</p> <p>It offered free entertainment, helping families who may be struggling in the current cost of living crisis and boosting community cohesion.</p> <p>Local charities and community groups (Approx. 50) Local business taking a stall (Approx. 50) Youth groups (Approx. 10)</p>
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What sponsorship did you receive for this project?

For the second year running, we worked with the organisers of the Regatta and Christmas Festival to create a sponsorship booklet that was hand-delivered to businesses on the industrial estates as well as the town centre. It did not generate as much income as the first edition, but was still worthwhile.

Fore Street businesses donated prizes for a raffle that raised over £250.

Sale of tickets in the May Fair cash raffle generated £1010.

Over £5000 was brought in through stalls.

Cornwall Councillors granted £800.

Tamar Trotters shared some of the expenses for medical services and toilets, as well as donating £660.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Although the rain on Sunday led to a drop in overall footfall, May Fair 2024 was still a resounding success. We owe a great deal of thanks to a whole host of organisations, especially Tamar Trotters who excelled in delivering the running races, but the team of volunteers who organise the event would particularly like to thank Saltash Town Council for its generous funding. It is no exaggeration to say that we would not have been able to deliver the event without the funding from the Town Council. We would also like to thank the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for being so gracious in presenting various awards and giving various speeches over the weekend.

STREET MARKET

With over 100 stalls, the market offered a wide variety of wares and brought in over £5000 in revenue to help deliver the event.



PARADE OF YOUTH AND AWARDS

Awards given at the Parade of Youth:

- **Prizes** to the Saltash Community School students who had designed the medals in the running races
- **The Pip Miller Award for Sporting Achievement**
To Toby Nakamura, top athlete in his age group (U 14s) in backstroke
- **Unsung Hero Award**
Don Berry, for his work as Chair of the Saltash Youth Network
- **Best Dressed Youth Group**
To the field gun crews of St Stephens Primary School and Brunel Primary School, who led the Parade of Youth.



MUSIC ON LONGSTONE PARK

In recent years, we've been working to enhance the music experience on Longstone Park, aiming to create a bit of a 'festival' atmosphere. The large stage provides a fantastic platform for local musicians, and creates a vibrant gathering space. With 2024 marking the 50th anniversary of ABBA's Eurovision victory, we were thrilled to welcome the ABBA Reunion tribute act. It was an unforgettable highlight that proved to be a huge success.

The line up for 2024:

11:00	St Stephens Primary School
11:30	Grace Notes Acapella
12:00	Roxie D'eville
12:45	Livewire
15:15	Ellen Triffit
16:30	Rock Choir
17:45	Division
19:30	Abba Reunion



MAYPOLE DANCING



It wouldn't be May Fair without Maypole dancing!

We are grateful to Geraldine Lamb School of Dance for braving the rain and mud and giving us some colour on an overcast Sunday.

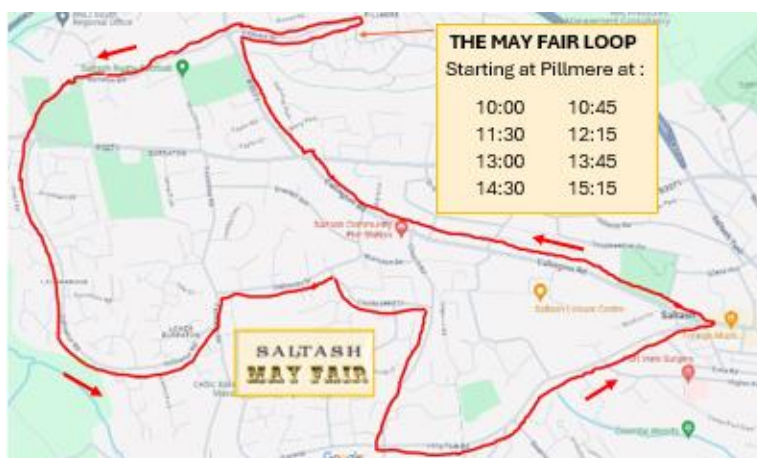
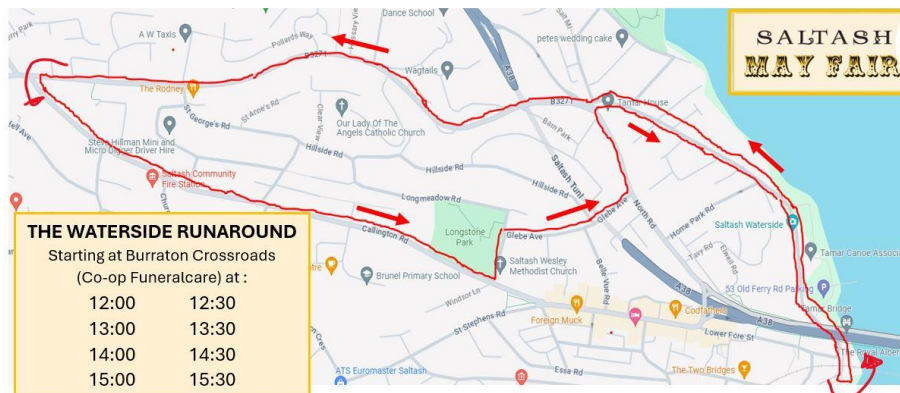
RUBIK'S CUBE COMPETITION

We like to try and introduce a new element each year. Thinking about a new 'attraction' we realised that as well as being the 50th anniversary of ABBA's win at the Eurovision Song Contest, it was also the 50th anniversary of the invention of the Rubik's Cube. So we set up a competition on the trailer stage at the bottom of Fore Street. The winner impressed everyone by solving the cube in an astonishing 12 seconds!



SALTASH RED BUS

In previous years, public service buses have diverted down Glebe Avenue when Fore Street was closed to traffic. However, in 2024, bus companies decided to avoid Callington Road and Glebe Avenue entirely, sticking instead to North Road and New Road. While this improved traffic flow on Glebe Avenue, we were concerned it might make access to the town centre more difficult. To address this, we partnered with the Red Bus to introduce two pick-up routes. The initiative was a great success, and we are now looking to make it a permanent feature of future May Fairs.



VOLUNTEERS

Huge thanks to:

- Colin Bunting and the Tamar Trotters for delivering the running races.
- Staff and students at Saltash Community School. The students were excellent ambassadors for their school.
- The litter picking team from SEA.



A GREENER MAY FAIR

A key focus of May Fair 2024 was using it as a platform to raise awareness of environmental issues.



Working with Biffa, our waste management contractor, we had extra recycling bins and food waste bins to encourage people to separate waste responsibly.

We worked with Flotsam Flo, who won a Judges Commendation Award at the 2022 Cornwall Sustainability Awards, asking people to bring in their decommissioned lifejackets to upcycle in to back packs.



We provided water for dogs, gave information about the water fountain on Fore Street, and encouraged people to bring their own drinks in flasks.

Congratulations to Martin Lister, who won our Green Quiz, which we ran to promote awareness of our local environment.

Have a go at the quiz. It's on the next page.



1	What is the name of the iconic bird that nests on cliffs along the Cornish coastline?	a	Puffin
		b	Guillemot
		c	Chough
		d	Fred
2	SEA has a can crusher on their May Fair stall. How long can a television run for using the energy saved by recycling one aluminium can?	a	60 minutes
		b	90 minutes
		c	120 minutes
		d	180 minutes
3	What is the name of the organisation dedicated to conserving and restoring Cornwall's natural habitats that works on Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve?	a	Cornwall Wildlife Trust
		b	Cornish Conservation Society
		c	Nature Cornwall
		d	Wild Cornwall Initiative
4	Which of these marine creatures is the focus of conservation efforts in Cornwall due to its declining population?	a	Loch Ness Monster
		b	Basking Shark
		c	Leatherback Turtle
		d	European Eel
5	Which plant species is commonly found in the marshes and wetlands of Cornwall, providing habitat for various wildlife?	a	Foxglove
		b	Sea Thrift
		c	Purple Loosestrife
		d	Bluebell
6	How many daffodil bulbs have volunteers planted in the ancient woodland of Coombe Woods in recent years?	a	7,800
		b	8,700
		c	78,000
		d	870,000
7	Friends of Tintcombe are volunteers who help nature thrive in the 14 acres of urban green space behind Saltash Fire Station. Which bird features on their logo?	a	Canada Goose
		b	Saltash Swan
		c	Great Spotted Woodpecker
		d	Lesser Spotted Heron
8	Recent waste collection changes will cut Cornwall's annual emissions by nearly 18,000 tonnes of CO ₂ . How many times would the average car drive around the world to produce the same amount of CO ₂ ?	a	547 times
		b	1,547 times
		c	2,547 times
		d	3,547 times
9	Between March 1 st and Aug 31 st dogs need to be kept on the lead south of the railway in Churchtown Farm so they don't disturb skylarks, which nest on the ground. Why do skylarks prefer to nest on the ground?	a	To avoid predators like carrion crow
		b	To protect their eggs from extreme weather
		c	To camouflage their nests
		d	Because they're too lazy to climb trees
10	What is the Litter Rangers scheme, run by Saltash Environmental Action?	a	Residents receive training from Girl Guide Rangers in waste management
		b	Residents receive a superhero cape to battle litterbugs under the cover of darkness
		c	Residents adopt a road in Saltash and commit to keeping it litter free through regular litter picks
		d	Residents participate in workshops on the environmental impact of littering

The Core Youth and Community Centre

Autumn 2024 report

Introduction

- **Overview of the Centre:**

The Saltash Youth and Community Centre is dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment for young people. Our mission is to offer diverse activities and support services that empower youth and foster community engagement.

- **Purpose of the Report:**

This report highlights the key activities, achievements, and challenges faced by our organisation in the last quarter, emphasising our response to the growing needs of our community.

Summary & Statistics

- **Summary of Achievements:**

This year has seen significant growth in the number of young people accessing our services, with our overall membership now exceeding 300. We have continued to support individuals with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), mental health issues, and complex home lives. Collaborative efforts with local partners like Safer Saltash and Groundwork have focused on preventative strategies and alternative education to reduce anti-social behaviour among young people.

- **Challenges and Opportunities:**

The growing demand for specialised support has presented both challenges and opportunities, prompting us to enhance our programs and form strategic partnerships to better meet the needs of our community.

- **Outcomes and outputs achieved**

- Total current number of members at The Core = 300
- Number of open access sessions delivered Sept to Dec = 42
- Number of targeted youth sessions = 116
- Number of young people receiving individual support = 25
- Number of young people helped back in to employment, training or work = 16
- Number of youth volunteer hours worked = 428

Clubs & Activities

Climbing Club:

- *Age Group:* 5-18 years
- *Key Highlights:* This financial year saw the reopening of our climbing club. We recruited and trained two members of staff as instructors and launched two Wednesday afternoon climbing sessions, which are now fully booked with over 20 children and young people attending. We invested in new mats, a significant expenditure that has proven to be very worthwhile, ensuring the safety and quality of our sessions.

Boxing Club:

- *Age Group:* 10 years and over
- *Key Highlights:* Increased attendance and active participation in local and regional events, fostering discipline and confidence.

Grub Club (Cooking Programme):

- *Duration:* 10 weeks
- *Features:* Grub Club remains one of our most popular activities often oversubscribed and booked up well in advance. This year, we are excited to incorporate food grown in our garden into the cooking sessions. This addition not only enhances the program's educational value but also connects young people with the food production process.
- *Participant Experience:* Young people enjoy learning to bake and cook in a friendly and inclusive atmosphere. They have reported that the sessions offer a pleasant and supportive environment where they can chat, discuss their day, and feel valued. The communal aspect of the sessions contributes to a sense of belonging and camaraderie among participants.

Craft Club and Just Be You Project:

- **Craft Club**
- *Collaboration with Arts Lab:* We have received another round of funding for another project with Arts Lab, which will begin in the New Year. We will be working with an artist and The Memory Café to bridge the generational gap whilst also improving education and understanding of dementia. The funding will enable us to run 4 sessions culminating in an afternoon tea!
- **LGBTQ+ Group:**
- *Support Provided:* Friendship, support, advice
- *Impact:* Strong community bonds have been formed, offering a safe and welcoming environment for self-expression and support. Continued partnership with The Intercom Trust has enhanced our capacity to support this community effectively.

Open Access Youth Sessions:

- **Senior Club (Ages 13-18):**
 - *Activities:* Sports, gaming, free food, socializing
 - *Impact:* Growing numbers have benefited from these sessions, offering a crucial social outlet and support network.
- **Junior Club (School Years 7 & 8):**
 - *Activities:* Sports, gaming, free food, socializing
 - *Impact:* The junior youth club continues to grow in popularity, with over 120 young people becoming members this year alone. The club provides a structured and supportive space for younger adolescents to engage and develop essential social skills.

Alternative Education Program:

- **Partnership with Groundwork:**
 - *Funding:* Grant from the Levelling Up Fund
 - *Duration:* 18 months finishing March 2025
 - *Program Highlights:* Our partnership with Groundwork continues to grow with their alternative education project based at The Core, aimed at offering an alternative education program to young people. Our youth work coordinator is serving as the program manager, helping to shape and implement the curriculum. This initiative provides tailored educational experiences to engage youth who may struggle with traditional education systems, focusing on practical skills and personal development. We have now worked with over 30 young people to enable them to achieve functional skills, boxing awards, cooking skills and pathways to their next steps.

One-on-One Support:

- **Youth Worker Support:**
 - *Services Offered:* Guidance, advice, personalised support
 - *Outcome:* Increased demand for individual support services, particularly for youth with SEND needs and mental health challenges. Our youth workers have been instrumental in supporting the most at-risk young people, contributing to positive outcomes and improved well-being. We have also been able to refer in to the Groundwork project where young people are coming out of school or struggling to maintain a full time timetable at school.

Youth Committee:

- *Members:* 7 enthusiastic and active young people
- *Role:* The Youth Committee continues to play a vital role in shaping our services. They are involved in organising and helping at fundraising events and actively promoting the services we offer. Their engagement ensures that our programs remain relevant and responsive to the needs of our peers, and their contributions are invaluable in driving the direction of our activities and initiatives.
- *Future projects:* One of our members has written a proposal to start a well being group for those young people who maybe struggling with low mood or poor mental health.

New activities and Initiatives:

- **Well-being Support Group:**
 - *Objective:* To address the growing need for mental health support, our Youth Committee have identified a need to offer a well being support group. These sessions will provide a dedicated space for young people to share their personal experiences on various issues, including mental health, friendship and family issues, school challenges and any other issues they feel they need to talk about.

Practical skills club

Objective: To work in partnership with The Saltash Community Shed offering after school clubs where young people can learn practical skills such as woodwork, laser printing and general repair skills.

- *Assessment:* We will conduct a survey to ascertain the specific needs and preferences of our young people regarding these sessions.

Impact and Outcomes

- **Success Stories & testimonies:**

The personal experiences of our young people reflect the success and impact of our relationships with our members and how providing them with a safe space can help to increase their confidence and ensure their voices are heard.

A 15 year old young women has been on quite a journey during her time at The Core, starting as a very shy and quiet member at our Just Be You group and then joining our busier Senior Youth Club I have watched her grow in confidence and also been witness to her mental health improving which has been a privilege. She then asked to join the Youth Committee as she wanted to get involved in our activities for May Fair, something which was very challenging for her as she wasn't used to putting herself forward in this way. She has had a traumatic life as a child, having to go into care at a very young age, and then eventually she was adopted and now lives in Saltash with her adopted parents. She has had the support of CAMHS for her poor mental health and has often felt like she didn't want to carry on with life.

She presented the Youth Committee with the proposal for setting up a Well-being Group, which she had also used as course work for her GCSE Health & Social care course. It was so impressive we told her that we would be proud to send that to a funder it was so detailed and brilliantly written. We are so proud of how far she has come and to see her able to make friendships and relationships is incredible from the person she was when she first started with us. We have no doubt that she will go on to do great things.

Partnership Work

Collaborative efforts and partnership working with Safer Saltash, Saltash Town Council, Groundwork South, Intercom Trust, Targeted Youth Workers, Early Help Hub, Saltash Youth Network, local schools, emergency services and health have reinforced community cohesion and joint working to ensure we can best support our young people of Saltash, providing preventative support, a wide range of activities and support & resources to families in need.

Financial Overview

- **Funding sources and match funding :**

Continued reliance on grant funding, supplemented by income from hiring out rooms and community donations. Support from our Town Council has been a lifeline, ensuring the continuity of our youth work. Groundwork's 18-month funding for the alternative education program has been instrumental in allowing us to develop and expand this important initiative, however this is now coming to an end. This funding has provided the full match funding to our money from Saltash Town Council for this year.

End of report

Report to the Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash

Saltash Youth Network Report for 2025 AGM Chair, Charlotte Carpenter



Introduction

This year has been another fantastic year for the Saltash Youth Network. Following the challenges brought by the pandemic, it is heartening to see the network thriving once again, with a renewed sense of energy and purpose. Our collective efforts in supporting youth organisations, volunteers, and young people across Saltash have truly paid off, and I am excited to share the highlights of this year.

One of the most significant developments in this year has been the change of name from Saltash Town Youth Council to Saltash Youth Network. The change was made to represent the aims and purpose of the group as more of a networking and supportive forum for youth leaders and volunteers, as well as being a much-needed resource for accessing funding.

Membership and Engagement

We are delighted to report a significant resurgence in activity and engagement within the network. It has been particularly encouraging to see new members joining us, bringing fresh ideas and enthusiasm. Their contributions have enriched the network and broadened our impact in the community.

An especially positive development has been the re-engagement of Saltash Community School. Having them back on board and actively involved has strengthened our ability to connect with young people and provide them with the opportunities and support they need. This partnership is vital to the success of the network, and we look forward to building on it in the coming year.

Funding and Distribution

One of the core functions of the Saltash Youth Network is to distribute funding to youth organisations within the town. This year, we successfully allocated funds to a wide range of projects, enabling them to continue their valuable work and, in some cases, expand their offerings. These funds have supported activities ranging from sports to new youth club equipment, residential trips and summer activities, ensuring a diverse range of opportunities for young people in Saltash. We are so fortunate in Saltash to have such a range of youth activities and clubs, and thanks to our wonderful Town Council we are entrusted to distribute these funds to ensure the groups can continue their work.

We have also supported young people through our individual funding grants, enabling them to fulfil their potential and experience new opportunities. We are always excited to hear about the adventures which our local young people are pursuing and the incredible talent which is in our town. Being able to help in any way towards reaching their goals is a privilege.

I would like to thank our Mayor, Julia Peggs for choosing the Network as her charity this year - we really appreciate all the support she gives to young people in our town. Thanks also go to Simon Wengradt, who is taking on an incredible challenge in this coming year to raise funds for the Network, undertaking 50 marathons in 50 days! We wish him all the best and thank him for choosing us as his charity.

May Fair Youth Village

The Saltash May Fair remains a highlight in the calendar for youth organisations. The Youth Village provides a central place where all youth organisations can come together and offer a range of activities for young people. One of the favourites has been the sumo wrestling, which always draws a large crowd! In 2024, we also had skateboarding tutorials and delicious food served up by the Guides. We want to thank all those volunteers who came along and made the day such a success and we look forward to the 2025 May Fair!

Conclusion

As we reflect on this year's successes, we remain committed to continuing our work in supporting youth organisations, volunteers and young people in Saltash. We aim to further strengthen partnerships, increase funding opportunities, and expand our reach to ensure no young person in our town is left without access to support, activities, or a safe space.

On behalf of the Saltash Youth Network, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all members, partners, volunteers and supporters who have contributed to making this year such a success and for all their continued hard work. Lastly, but by no means least, I would like to thank Saltash Town Council for their continued financial support which allows us to continue the work we do.

Chair 2024	Charlotte Carpenter
Vice Chair 2024	Don Berrey
Secretary 2024	Hilary Frank
Treasurer 2024	Steph Carter

Affiliated Youth Groups:	Amateur Boxing Club
	Army Cadets
	Baptist Church, Youth
	Girlguiding Saltash
	Livewire
	Page2Stage
	Rugby Club, Youth
	Sailing Club Cadets
	Saltash Scouts
	Saltash Town Youth Band
	Saltash United Junior Football Club
	St John Ambulance Badgers & Cadets
	Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation
	The Core
	Waterside Explorer Scouts
	Wesley Youth

End of report

Charlotte Carpenter

Report to the Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash

Safer Cornwall partnership plan 2025-2028 that was passed at Cornwall Councils meeting 25th February 2025.

We are fortunate to be one of the 10 Safer towns in Cornwall. We were included in the 10 Safer Towns due to our connectivity with Plymouth.

We meet with the Safer town team, police, civil enforcement officers, youth workers, teachers at our schools and Saltash and Cornwall councillors each month. With numerous issues that have occurred in Saltash over the month. We find this meeting invaluable as if there are issues occurring the right people are at the meeting to help put the issues right or to help support to find a solution.

The Safer Cornwall Partnership Plan was approved to be implemented through Safer Cornwall from 1st April. It was passed at Cornwall full Council on 25th February 2025. The plan shows what we want to achieve over the next three years to improve community safety, reduce the harms of drugs and alcohol and ensure that our public places are safe and welcoming for everyone.

The plan aims to provide a balance between responding to the immediate visible community concerns and setting out a clear strategy to tackle the most harmful but more hidden issues such as domestic abuse, sexual- abuse , and exploitation.

The aim to bring everyone together to work towards these shared goals. We all have a part to play - our public services our voluntary and community organisations, our residents and even the many visitors we receive each year.

We hear the concerns about a rise in more visible issues like anti-social behaviour, street drinking and drug use and we understand how this can deeply affect how safe people feel.

We will ensure that there are straightforward ways to report concerns. Residents can feel confident that they will see action taken with a balance of enforcement and support.

We are determined to challenge the rise in hate crime and promote a message of respect and unity so important in the wake of national events in the last year.

A strong commitment to prevention runs through the plan. Approaches such as education, youth engagement and trauma- informed support are central to our work.

This aims to break the cycle of harm and improve the lives of residents who have been most affected by trauma, hardship, social exclusion, and health inequalities.

True safety is achieved not only by responding to crime and disorder as it happens but working together to address the vulnerabilities that lead to harm in the first place.

A lot has changed over the lifetime of our last three-year plan. Still feeling the effects of the pandemic, we went straight into the worst cost of living crisis for decades.

Many families are experiencing increased hardship as a result and people who were struggling have been affected. More people are needing extra help and support as well as practical help to prevent homelessness, get food or other financial support, often more specialist support is needed. This may be help with mental health, drug, or alcohol dependency or to recover from trauma or abuse.

Partnership working is enabling us to develop creative solutions together so that we can provide more intensive support and for longer periods of time.

Positive steps have been made in recognising the impact of trauma and embedding a trauma-informed approach to help break the cycle of abuse in people's lives.

Most types of crime are now above pre - pandemic levels, with local trends largely following national picture. The highest rises have been in violent crime, mainly low-level violence, stalking and harassment and domestic abuse related offences.

Theft offences remain comparatively low despite having risen over recent years. The rate of burglary experienced in Cornwall continues to be one of the lowest in the country.

Residents are telling us that they are seeing more anti-social behaviour and crime, which makes them feel less safe in their local area.

The partnership is working hard with and in communities to balance robust and appropriate enforcement when needed alongside stepped-up support through local services and more joined-up working.

There has been a lot of change in central government. We have seen new laws and guidance brought in, with more duties falling on local partnerships to deliver. This affected all areas of community safety, including anti-social behaviour, violence, drugs, and domestic abuse.

Key partners have changed how they work, and services are being provided differently to both the public and to other partners. This includes the police, health services and probation.

We know that identifying problems early and preventing harm provides the greatest benefits longer term- for people, for communities and financially.

All services are experiencing similar stresses and barriers, however that challenges us to do this consistently.

And as a town we will endeavour to maintain this Cornwall partnership plan.

At our last CAP meeting we were introduced to our new Inspector Ned Bowie who updated us regarding the set-up of a new Crime Investigation Team whose role will be to investigate crimes to reduce the work on the frontline team meaning more visibility on the ground we as a CAP welcomed this introduction.

End of report.

End of report

TOWN TEAM REPORT FOR PARISHIONERS MEETING

Matters have moved on considerably since my report last year and we are shortly due to see some matters come to fruition. We have had various hiccups on the way with issues that were not acceptable to Cornwall Highways and the issue of the possible need to move the memorial bench to facilitate the market but after much re-thinking we have overcome them. We are starting a monthly market on the 15th March and will take place in the area to the front of Superdrug/Original Factory Shop and in the tope end of Belle Vue Road. The markets will be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from March to August and if they are successful, we will then look to ways to extend them into 2026 and beyond. On the day of the first market Saltarts CIC, who have taken over the former Barclays Bank premises at 24 Fore Street will be holding an Art/Craft market.

You will also be seeing improvements to Fore Street with new planters, signage, seating etc. We have also been working with Cornwall Highways and they will be doing some work to tidy up the uneven areas of pavements.

We are confident that the next 3 months will see improvements to Fore Street.

End of report

Chairman Town Team

MID-YEAR IMPACT REPORT 2024



PEOPLE POWER IN ACTION

SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE (SAS) HAS BEEN RUNNING PEOPLE-POWERED ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES FOR 34 YEARS.

Our UK-wide network of thousands of volunteers in communities, schools, towns and villages are fighting for cleaner, safer waters in the UK's rivers and ocean.

At the heart of our vision is the interdependency of the ocean and people. We believe that you need a thriving ocean for people to thrive and live life to the fullest. Our theory of change is that people power creates long-term systemic transformation.

We make this people-powered change happen by creating simple, yet highly effective volunteer programmes which can be easily implemented into individuals' lifestyles.

We activate a vast community of over 300,000 regular supporters, over 90,000 cleanup volunteers, over 670 Plastic Free Communities, and reach over 1.5 million schoolchildren. These incredible supporters, volunteers and communities give us the reach and mandate for change at the highest levels of Government.

THIS YEAR, OUR OCEAN SAVING WORK IS FOCUSING ON TACKLING WATER QUALITY AND PLASTIC POLLUTION ISSUES.

THESE ARE CRITICAL ISSUES FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR INLAND AND COASTAL WATERWAYS, AND OCEAN AND HUMAN HEALTH.

Image: DAME KELLY HOLMES Brighton-Lia-Toby





WHY WATER QUALITY:



- Almost all of the UK's waterways are polluted. Only 14% of UK rivers have 'good' ecological status and evidence suggests they are breeding grounds for antimicrobial resistance
- Not a single river in England had received a clean bill of health from chemical contamination according to a House of Commons report on the state of UK rivers in 2022
- Our own citizen science data reveals that 3 in 4 rivers pose a serious risk to human health, with 90% of storm overflows discharging sewage directly into rivers (England/Wales)
- In 2023 alone we had 604,833 sewage discharges in bathing waters across the UK

WHY PLASTIC POLLUTION:



- Annual global plastic production surpassed a shocking 400 million metric tonnes in 2022 (Statista)
- Plastic never really goes away, breaking down over hundreds of years into microplastics which are not only harmful to wildlife but are now being found in the food chain and the air we breathe, posing risks to human health. Recent studies have even found the presence of microplastics in human blood

HOW WE'RE CREATING CHANGE: WE HAVE A DIVERSE RANGE OF NATIONWIDE VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES TACKLING SEWAGE AND PLASTIC POLLUTION.

Below are just some of these programmes (see full report for more details):

- **Million Mile Clean** – volunteers cleaning plastic pollution from our environment
- **Plastic Free Communities** – reducing single-use plastic in towns, villages and cities
- **Plastic Free Schools** – providing vital environmental education and reducing single-use plastic in schools
- **Protecting Wild Waters** – supporting communities to apply for official bathing water designation as a mechanism for improved water quality
- **Regional Reps** – highly trained SAS ambassadors mobilising their communities on all aspects of our work
- **Safer Seas & Rivers Service** – sewage pollution alert app keeping water users safe from swimming in sewage.

These communities are making huge waves of change. We take this community action, data, and stories and bridge this through communications, influencing and lobbying, to create change to government policies and new industry practices.

Our strength is our ability to authentically connect and resonate with these communities. We stand with them on their beaches and riverbanks and amplify their efforts to ensure our programmes have far-reaching positive environmental and social impact.

This report not only highlights the achievements of the year so far, but also the transformative power of collective action and strategic advocacy. We couldn't do this without our communities and the trusts, foundations, businesses, supporters and partners who work with us to create this impact.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO, GILES BRISTOW, ON THE YEAR SO FAR:

WE KNEW 2024 WOULD PRESENT A ONCE IN A GENERATION OPPORTUNITY FOR MASSIVE CHANGE. WATER COMPANIES HAD TO SUBMIT THEIR NEXT FIVE-YEAR INVESTMENT PLANS TO THE REGULATOR AND THERE WOULD BE A GENERAL ELECTION – ALL SET AGAINST A BACKDROP OF UNPRECEDENTED PUBLIC ANGER ABOUT THE STATE OF OUR RIVERS AND SEAS.

Given our long-term campaigning to #EndSewagePollution, we take some credit for the fact that water quality has been a doorstep issue. Our grassroots community mobilisation, combined with intensive and high-level policy advocacy, have culminated in huge wins for environmental protection. The timing of the General Election period caught the nation off-guard and was called earlier than most anticipated, but we were ready to make the most of it.

Being surfers and water lovers, we went on a road trip. We hung-out with communities across the UK and took our message directly to the heart of political discourse. From beach hustings, to paddle out protests and Parliamentary receptions, we've ensured that water quality remains at the forefront of the national agenda. Our collaborative approach has seen local communities galvanised, and their voices amplified through media coverage and direct political engagement.

As a charity we are proudly politically neutral. We champion radical and transformative policy not political parties. Our mandate is generated by working with communities calling for action to save our waters. Our aim was to ensure tackling the sewage crisis sits firmly on the agenda for as many parties as possible.

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We're encouraged to see Steve Reed, the new Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, outline cleaning up our rivers, lakes and seas at the top of the list of priorities announced since the change of government, with creating a roadmap to move to a zero-waste economy taking the second spot in this list.

But the work doesn't stop there of course. We're looking for actual change in the health of our waters not just better policy. And we'll be keeping the pressure on to make sure it happens with a pace and scale commensurate with the dire state of our rivers and seas. Immediate investment must prioritise Bathing Waters and other places we surf and swim, as well as high priority nature sites.

Our communities continue to take daily action to drive down the use of single-use plastic and remove plastic pollution from our waters. Through coordinated local action, they create the demand for global systemic change. We remain dedicated to ensuring they have the tools and knowledge to drive impactful change across the UK and beyond.

There's so much more to come, both this year and into the future and we are getting into our stride. Together, we're poised to have even more impact in the fight for a cleaner, safer and more sustainable ocean.

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS:

47,449

VOLUNTEERS

(Million Mile Clean)

47,489 KG

of rubbish removed (Million Mile Clean)

172,426 MILES

cleaned (Million Mile Clean)

673

active Plastic Free Communities (932 in total)

5,858

Businesses in

PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITIES
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

310,866

ACTIVE APP USERS ON OUR



SAFER SEAS & RIVERS SERVICE

16,666 PRINTED



Vote for the Ocean posters were requested by the public during the lead up to the General Election, alongside 11,700 postcards and 2,844 electronic downloads

PROTECTING WILD WATERS
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

70

COMMUNITIES

working with us on the Protecting Wild Waters programme (bathing water designation)

5,500

participants across 34 nationwide

PADDLE OUT PROTESTS

(the biggest one yet)

20,601 PEOPLE

emailed Water Company CEOs via our sewage alert app (SSRS)

MORE THAN 180 MPS SIT IN PARLIAMENT

with a mandate to protect and restore the ocean



650 PEOPLE

attended our election tour hustings in 8 key communities across the UK



1.5 MILLION STUDENTS

reached through

30 MILLION PEOPLE

live in a Plastic Free Community

3,908 SCHOOLS

signed up to our

PLASTIC FREE SCHOOLS
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

THE BIG WINS


WATER QUALITY WINS: A snapshot of the impact our Water Quality work has delivered in recent months:

- Water quality was an election issue – on the doorstep and in the media. On the announcement of an election, Sir Keir Starmer's first paragraph talked of the sewage crisis.
- Manifestos of the major parties included significant commitments to reforming the water sector and tackling sewage pollution.
- Newly appointed Secretary for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Steve Reed MP) announced at the top of his list of priorities: cleaning up Britain's rivers, lakes and seas.
- An amendment to regulations to allow for unlimited fines to be placed on polluting water companies, and to ensure dividends and pay-outs are linked to their environmental performance.
- Increased funding and resources for the Environment Agency (EA) for water company inspections. EA inspections are planned to rise to 4,000 a year by the end of March 2025 and to 10,000 from April 2026.
- 100% reduction in combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in England (as per Government requirements).

- 27 designated bathing sites approved by DEFRA, with 13 of those directly supported by our Protecting Wild Waters programme.
- Through our Protecting Wild Waters campaign, the Government responded to our calls about reforming regulations and, prior to the General Election, announced a review to these regulations. Post-election, we've included in our 'Plan for a New Government' that this review must be picked up and progressed as a priority.

PLASTIC POLLUTION WINS: A snapshot of the impact our Plastic Pollution work has delivered in recent months:

- The Secretary for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs announced he is creating a roadmap to move Britain to a zero-waste economy.
- Government commitment to a UK-wide ban on the supply and sale of wet wipes containing plastic.
- The Welsh Government promised to include glass in their Deposit Return Scheme, holding strong on their commitment to include the most carbon-intensive material in the scheme.



WATER QUALITY

WE'RE CAMPAIGNING FOR AN END TO SEWAGE DISCHARGES INTO UK BATHING WATERS AND A 90% REDUCTION IN SEWAGE DISCHARGES BY 2030.

IT'S BEEN A MONUMENTAL YEAR IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST THIS ISSUE. OUR TEAM AND COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY TO KEEP IT RIGHT AT THE TOP OF THE AGENDA.

This year we have truly taken this fight from the beachfronts to the frontbenches because 604,833 sewage discharges across the UK in 2023 alone is completely unacceptable. It's not all smooth sailing of course. We've got a fight on our hands around data access for our Safer Seas & Rivers Service app. Defra have suspended bathing water applications in England. And we're still seeing sewage pumped into waterways daily.

Our communities across the UK are activated, galvanised and pushing hard for change with the power of their voices and actions. The momentum is building, and we have the greatest opportunity for change we've seen in decades. We absolutely cannot stop now!



BATHING WATERS:

Millions of us flock to the winding banks of our local rivers and the sandy, pebbly and rocky shores of our coastline every year. These spaces have become increasingly essential for our health and wellbeing, as well as critically important ecosystems for our planet. We're on a mission to clean them up and make sure we're safe when we dip, dunk, surf and paddle.



PROTECTING WILD WATERS

SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

protectingwildwaters.org.uk

WE'RE WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES AROUND THE UK TO APPLY FOR BATHING WATER DESIGNATION AS A MECHANISM TO PROTECT OUR RIVERS AND LAKES. WE WANT TO SEE 200 INLAND BATHING WATER DESIGNATIONS BY 2030.

Designated bathing waters are the only stretches of waterway where there is an obligation to regularly monitor for bacteria harmful to human health such as intestinal enterococci and E. coli. We see this as a key driver for improving water quality.

The application process is incredibly complex, and the amount of paperwork is vast. We offer the 70 communities we work with one-to-one support right from the beginning of the process through to designation and post-designation.

With Defra's announcement of the 27 new bathing sites, they also controversially announced that they wouldn't be taking any new applications until 2025. This was a huge blow for the 20 communities that we have been working with to submit an application this year and the 30 additional communities in our network who were considering a 2024 application.

The reason for the suspension on applications is however, welcomed. With plans to reform the regulations, this very much echoes the demands we have been asking of Defra. Unfortunately, this reform has since been delayed due to the calling of a General Election.

And so – a change of plans. We've been working with communities to draft the changes we want to see in the reformed regulations and we're still prepping applications to be submitted as soon as the process is reopened. We've also used this as an opportunity to focus more on the devolved nations, expanding our support to communities in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland who are still able to apply this year.

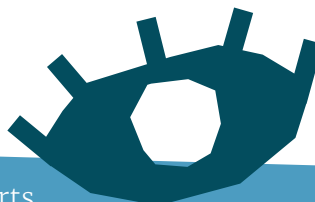
There's lots more to come in this space for the rest of the year. We'll be pushing the new Government to pick up momentum on the regulation reform, holding our second Bathing Water Conference, and ramping up our support for post-designation communities.



We started 2024 with just two designated river bathing sites in the UK. In May 2024, Defra announced that they approved 27 new bathing sites in England. There are now 14 rivers designated in England and 1 in Wales. We are proud to have supported 13 community-based applications, 8 of which were river locations and 5 coastal and estuarine sites.



SAFER SEAS & RIVERS SERVICE



sas.org.uk/water-quality/sewage-pollution-alerts

WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE ABOUT WHETHER IT'S SAFE TO GET IN THE WATER.

Our Safer Seas & Rivers Service (SSRS) has over 310,000 active app users who receive alerts when their favourite water spots have been impacted by sewage discharge.

The app is now covering 526 locations across the UK. As well as providing a valuable source of information, users can also fuel our #EndSewagePollution campaign by submitting sickness reports and taking direct action by emailing their MP or water company CEO when pollution alerts occur.

The app is in continuous development to bring improved usability and functionality to water users. Already this year we've brought forward several new features which include increased coverage, accessibility and support.

We're calling for a standardised system for data reporting from water companies. Challenges with accessing data from water companies has hindered our ability to provide accurate information to app users and puts them at risk. Whilst the recent publication of regional sewage maps by water companies is a welcome step forward, our view is that true transparency can only be achieved through an independent narrative of water quality status across the UK, such as that provided by the SSRS.



KEY STATS THIS YEAR SO FAR:

310,866

Total active users

38,511

Sewage discharge alerts
(Jan-June)

8,105

Emails sent to MPs
(Jan-June)

20,601

Emails sent to Water Company
CEOs (Jan-June)

526

Total locations
Covered

696

Sickness reports
(Jan-June)

DRIVING CHANGE:

We've witnessed people power in full force so far this year. We've been in the water, on the road, and even behind the doors of Westminster - standing with the communities who have been leading the charge for change. And we won't stop until we see an end to sewage pollution.

PADDLE OUT PROTESTS

Water users from all over the UK came together to highlight sewage pollution in our inland waterways and the ocean. May saw our biggest set of Paddle Out Protests ever - on rivers, lakes and beaches. The photos from this tell a story of people from all walks of life, in different places, coming out to protest and protect the places they love.

We held 34 on-the-water protests nationwide with an estimated 5,500 participants.

Dame Kelly Holmes lent her presence to the protest, conducting supportive and impactful interviews with the media. We also saw key water quality influencers such as Fergal Sharkey and Lucy Siegle, amongst others, getting involved and amplifying the issue of the UK's poor water quality.

The protests made a huge splash across media outlets with 1,050 pieces of coverage secured including top-tier coverage on Sky News, ITV News, BBC Breakfast, The Guardian and The Independent.

This coverage further cemented SAS's reputation as one of the leading ocean conservation and water quality campaigning organisations, further elevating water quality issues up the public agenda, which in turn influences government environmental policy.

Off the back of this people power, we launched a digital action encouraging people to email the Chair of Ofwat to demand they play a role in the water companies delivery plans to end sewage pollution. Over 7,000 emails were sent through this action in just a week. Whilst Ofwat announced they were delaying further announcements on the matter until after the General Election, they can be left in no doubt of the public mandate to make change in the area.

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ELECTION CAMPAIGN:

OUR STRATEGY FOR THE PAST 18 MONTHS HAS BEEN TO MAKE SEWAGE POLLUTION A CORE ISSUE DURING THE GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND TO ENSURE WHOEVER FORMED THE NEXT GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE ACTION TO END SEWAGE POLLUTION.

Nearly all parties included commitments to tackle the issue in their manifestos, and whilst we of course wanted to see more ambitious plans, the fact sewage pollution featured at all is a huge achievement given the other issues affecting the nation.

Within 24 hours of a July 4th election being called, we launched 'Vote for the Ocean' and 'Vote for our Rivers' posters - downloadable and printed versions in both English & Welsh. Within one day, 1,500 people had signed up to receive their printed version (in total, over 16,000 printed posters and over 11,000 printed postcards were sent out with 2,844 electronic downloads). These posters, displayed in the windows of homes and businesses around the UK, demonstrated the importance of this issue for the public.

In June, we kicked off our Election Road Trip, taking a highly visible bus on a nationwide road trip.

We travelled the length and breadth of the UK, visiting key constituencies within our communities and speaking to activists who are fighting to clean up their local bathing spots. From Portobello Beach in Edinburgh to the River Dart in Devon, anger at the state of our wild waters was at fever pitch.



And so, we invited local party candidates to attend hustings and centred the questions around water quality – this was a critical time to raise the noise levels on sewage pollution.

The road trip visited Edinburgh, Saltburn, Richmond (Yorkshire), Gower, Reading, Hastings, Plymouth and St Agnes, Cornwall. We held 8 hustings with 32 candidates attending in total. We had a great turn out at each event showing the depth of feeling in each community and across the UK with an average of 50 attendees at each husting, with Plymouth, Hastings and St Agnes attracting around 100.

Our Reps hit the ground running and spread the word about these events, tapping into their local knowledge and networks to ensure maximum visibility and attendance.

Whilst on the road, we also visited communities we work with who are campaigning locally for change – bringing the tour bus and extra media coverage to their cause – this included joining several protests, and wherever possible dipping in the very waters they are trying to protect.

As well as manifesto commitments, we have seen parties and party leaders consistently referencing sewage pollution throughout the election period. The hard work will of course continue after the election to ensure the new Government delivers on their promises, but we have set ourselves up in a strong position to drive action to end sewage pollution.



PARLIAMENTARY RECEPTION:



READ THE FULL MANIFESTO

sas.org.uk/water-quality/our-water-quality-campaigns/the-end-sewage-pollution-manifesto

IN MARCH, WE BROUGHT TOGETHER THE END SEWAGE POLLUTION COALITION – A COLLECTIVE GROUP OF BUSINESS OWNERS, WATER-USERS AND LOCAL ACTIVISTS, WHO HELPED FORM OUR ‘END SEWAGE POLLUTION MANIFESTO’.

Following last year’s soft launch at Party Conferences, we officially unveiled this manifesto in Houses of Parliament, Westminster to a room full of policymakers, with 26 MPs and Lords from across parties attending, including the Environment Shadow Minister, Chair of Environment Audit Committee, Liberal Democrats Deputy Leader and former Defra Secretary of State Theresa Coffey.

To emphasise the urgency of the situation, we brought along those individuals most impacted by sewage pollution. They shared firsthand accounts of the impact on their communities, further highlighting the need for immediate action.



THE END SEWAGE POLLUTION MANIFESTO HAS 5 SIMPLE ASKS:



ENFORCE THE LAW

We have the regulations and laws we need to End Sewage Pollution. Now we must enforce them.



STOP POLLUTION FOR PROFIT

Water companies' first responsibility must be to the environment, not their shareholders and executives.



PRIORITISE HIGH RISK POLLUTION

Take immediate targeted action to tackle the highest risk pollution events.



EMPOWER A NATURE LED APPROACH

Harness the power of nature to End Sewage Pollution.



REVEAL THE TRUTH

Deliver UK wide transparency about sewage pollution.

PLASTIC POLLUTION:

WE'RE HARNESSING THE POWER OF COMMUNITY ACTION TO TURN BACK THE PLASTIC TIDE CHOKING THE OCEAN.

From cleaning up the places we love, to stopping single-use plastic at source, our aim is to end plastic pollution once and for all. Cleaning up plastic pollution is an important part of the solution, but it also needs to be eradicated at source. Our community-based programmes tackle both.



COMMUNITIES ON TOUR:



It's not just the Election Road Trip that's had our team out and about engaging with communities. We've visited 50 of our Plastic Free Community leads on a Regional Tour which aimed to harness the collective voice on plastic pollution and strengthen links with communities. Following this, we saw communities taking increased action on our Plastic Pollution calls on a national scale, through learning more about Deposit Return Schemes and Extended Producer Responsibility, as well as a galvanised response to our General Election calls.

Meanwhile, our Education Team also hit the road, joining forces with 'Running Out of Time', an annual climate relay that raises awareness and celebrates great climate campaigns, projects and events around the country. We reached diverse communities nationally from Fort William to the South Coast offering Trash Mob workshops and supporting schools in developing knowledge and understanding around democracy and citizenship, using our newly developed 'Election Resource Pack' – an impartial guide to teach children about the power of their voice and the language of debate.

MILLION MILE CLEAN

sas.org.uk/plastic-pollution/million-mile-clean

THERE IS NOW SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE THAT BEACH AND NATURE CLEANS ARE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Experts from NORCE found that within just one year of volunteers removing plastic waste from the shores of an island near Bergen, the amount of microplastics reduced by an incredible 99.5%.

The Million Mile Clean is a truly unique programme in the volunteering space, it is a people-powered initiative which aims to support 100,000 volunteers across the UK to conduct cleans on beaches, waterways, green and urban spaces to eradicate plastic pollution.

Members of the public, students, community groups and businesses register their cleans on the SAS website and we then provide free equipment, public liability insurance, documentation and support.

The programme allows participants to directly tackle the issue of plastic pollution in their local area and we find that after their first clean, they subsequently do more cleans and embark on other SAS environmental initiatives to continue their journey and impact.



47,449

**VOLUNTEERS
MOBILISED**

47,489KG

**OF RUBBISH &
PLASTIC REMOVED**

**172,426 MILES
CLEANED**

**1,817 NUMBER
OF CLEANS**

PLASTIC FREE SCHOOLS

plasticfreeschools.org.uk



THE PLASTIC FREE SCHOOLS (PFS) PROGRAMME WAS DESIGNED TO ENGAGE, EMPOWER AND MOBILISE CHILDREN, AGED 2-16, ACROSS THE, UK TO USE THE POWER OF THEIR VOICE THROUGH CURRICULUM-BASED, ACTION-ORIENTED EDUCATION.

We provide the tools and knowledge needed to drive change in school, at home and beyond. In the first half of the year, 151 schools signed up to the programme, 20 schools were awarded their Plastic Free Schools status, we trained 205 educators and in total reached over 700 young people through in-person workshops.

Upcoming plans for our Plastic Free Schools network include our Nationwide Trash Mob, Pupil Power Assembly and further workshop delivery.



KEY STATS THIS YEAR SO FAR:

1.5 MILLION

total students reached

151 SCHOOLS

joined this year (joining 3,938 total schools)

20 SCHOOLS

awarded PFS status this year

50 SCHOOLS

joined the nationwide Trash Mob event

205 EDUCATORS

trained this year (conferences, webinars)

720 CHILDREN

received workshops this year

TRASH MOB!

I SAY TRASH MOB,
YOU SHOUT TRASH MOB!

PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITIES

plasticfree.org.uk

Plastic Free Communities is a huge, growing nationwide network of towns, villages, individuals and businesses who have joined our programme to eradicate single-use plastic and achieve their Plastic Free Communities Award – there are now over 30 million people in the UK living in a Plastic Free Community.

Over 670 communities including 5,858 businesses across the UK are tackling plastic pollution at source. By kickstarting this grassroots community movement, we supersize local actions to create powerful national voices calling for an end to single-use plastic on beaches by 2030.

Our communities played a vital part in Everyday Plastic's The Big Plastic Count. The result of this nation-wide survey with over 224,000 people participating was that UK households are throwing away 1.7 billion pieces of plastic per week. That's an estimated 90 billion plastic pieces annually!



KEY STATS THIS YEAR SO FAR:

932

Communities (673 active with 45% awarded).

298

Council Motions to support plastic free campaigns

5,858

Businesses (with 80% awarded)

319

Businesses joined this year

OCEAN ACTIVISTS EVERYWHERE:

WHILE SOME OF OUR PROGRAMMES ARE FOCUSED SPECIFICALLY ON WATER QUALITY OR PLASTIC POLLUTION, WE ALSO WORK WITH COMMUNITIES AND VOLUNTEERS TACKLING BOTH THESE ISSUES AS WELL AS WIDER OCEAN-RELATED CAMPAIGNS AND EDUCATION. WE WANT TO MAKE OCEAN ACTIVISM ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE FOR ALL. WE BELIEVE THAT A DIVERSE VOICE IS A MORE POWERFUL VOICE.

REGIONAL REPS

sas.org.uk/take-action/regions

A passionate and empowered community of 145 highly trained super-volunteers from across the UK who are working within their local communities to power our campaigns, from organising Paddle Outs and hustings, to giving school talks and media interviews.

Our incredible Regional Reps have been instrumental in all our activities throughout the year so far. They've organised 15 Paddle Out Protests and 48 Million Mile Cleans around the country; participated in water quality testing, supported the 'Running Out of Time' relay; and represented SAS at various events locally and nationally including 'Out & Wild Festival', the UK's biggest festival for LGBTQ+ women and those who are non-binary, and the 'Restore Nature Now' rally in London where they joined over 60,000 people marching to demand politicians take action to restore nature.

This year we held a Reps weekend at the Wilderness Centre in Gloucestershire, where 22 Reps and 6 SAS staff gathered to reconnect, build relationships, foster peer-to-peer support and further develop the Reps programme.

Reps also supported a Tower Hamlets, London engagement initiative in collaboration with the 'Get Out Charity' which involved 12 engagement sessions with young people, mostly from the Bangladeshi community.

One of our Northern Ireland Reps, Ruby Free was featured in the Power List 2024 (ENDS Report), she won the Environmental Hero



award at the Spirit of Northern Ireland Awards in 2023 and has just published her first wildlife book with Blackstaff Books entitled 'Rathlin – A Wild Life'. All of this is testament to Ruby's incredible work as an Ocean and Environmental Activist.

Chani Courtney is a Rep doing amazing work on the Isle of Wight. She is incredibly active in the water quality space, having engaged in 17 Southern Water meetings and 16 consultations. She has engaged with 39 councillors, 3 MPs and 12 candidates. Chani has also attended 5 OFWAT events, 6 sewage treatment and network tours, 8 sustainable drainage sites, and organised 2 Paddle Out Protests, 2 hustings and numerous beach cleans.

We're actively recruiting new Reps this year to bolster the network and continue maximising our impact on the ground across the UK.

COMMUNICATIONS

OUR COMMUNICATIONS PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN ENSURING THAT SEWAGE AND PLASTIC POLLUTION ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF PEOPLE'S MINDS ACROSS THE UK.

We made sewage pollution front page news, and a key issue in the general election. Those in power were listening to our calls and we took every opportunity to make them heard. As a result, already this year we generated unprecedented media coverage.

KEY STATS THIS
YEAR
SO FAR:

Total Media
Coverage:

5,547

Online Media
Coverage:

4,471

Broadcast Media
Coverage:

1,198

Print Media
Coverage:

149

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS:

Instagram 177,795

Facebook 174,571

X 80,899

LinkedIn 21,256



OUR OCEAN SCHOOL BEACH SESSIONS RUN DURING THE SUMMER AND WELCOME YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS TO THE BEACH TO FACILITATE AN EDUCATIONAL CONNECTION WITH THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

We've already delivered sessions for 100 young people and have more scheduled throughout the rest of the summer.

This year we've reached out to wider organisations including Black Voices Cornwall, Black2Nature and charities supporting refugees and young parents. We've also continued to strengthen our relationship with Go Beyond who offer residential trips to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, young carers and those with special educational needs.



EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Our aim to create Ocean Activists Everywhere isn't a tag line, it's a mission to create systemic change within marine conservation. Alongside the work already highlighted in this report (such as the Out & Wild Festival, Tower Hamlets engagement initiative, working with other organisations such as Black Voices Cornwall and Black2Nature) we've continued reaching diverse communities through our work and we've been taking further action to make ocean activism more accessible and visible.

We partnered with the EY Foundation to host two young people on an internship as part of their 'Impactful Futures' programme, designed to show participants a path into ocean advocacy, activism and conservation in a way that is relevant to them in their urban settings in and around London.

During an immersive 3 days, a broad range of the Surfers Against Sewage programmes were showcased, including Regional Reps, Education, Communities and Storytelling. This ensured that the interns had a clear overview of the many avenues open to them and the many ways in which they can affect change.

The two young participants were also mentored by our EDI Manager, Yvette Curtis, and another SAS employee for 6 months, resulting in Yvette being nominated for a volunteering award within the EY Foundation for her work.

And this year Yvette has been nominated in the 'National Diversity Awards 2024' for her work with 'Wave Wahines' (a surf club for women and girls from all communities which is accessible, inclusive and safe).

We have also been honoured to present our work in several forums including:

- **Race Equity in Nature and Wildlife Filmmaking** – Bristol University in collaboration with Mya-Rose Craig and Black2Nature. An important event highlighting the importance of representation behind the scenes in storytelling
- **The first ever RACE Summit (Racial Action for the Climate Emergency)** – a day of talks and workshops focused on the importance of race and ethnicity in the climate emergency and the voices and experiences that have previously seen themselves as excluded from these forums. We will be participating again in the next RACE report and will be submitting data prior to their October deadline
- **Coastal Futures Conference** – The importance of Diversity and Inclusion in Ocean Advocacy, Activism and Conservation
- **Blue Marine Foundation** – how important a diverse voice at all levels within ocean advocacy is and how SAS are making changes
- **Greenpeace UK** – the current status of SAS and the plans for tomorrow to create a more diverse and inclusive space for ocean advocacy
- **Black Voices Cornwall** – what we do at SAS and how important inclusion is to our long-term values and goals

OUR WORK ON EDI AS AN ORGANISATION HAS ALSO BEEN FEATURED IN A REPORT BY OCEAN & COASTAL FUTURES, TITLED ETHNIC DIVERSITY IN THE UK MARINE AND COASTAL SECTOR – ACCELERATING CHANGE.



ORGANISATION

BEHIND THE SCENES AT SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE:

OUR TEAM OF 50 ARE THE BEATING HEART OF OUR ORGANISATION, WITHOUT THEM OUR PEOPLE POWERED PROGRAMMES COULD NOT EXIST, THRIVE AND CREATE IMPACT.

Perhaps the most important piece of work this year is a review and refresh of our current strategy to guide us with an organisational strategic framework for decision-making, plans and activities for the next chapter of SAS.

Following a high staff turnover in 2022 and then a big recruitment drive during 2023, the team still feels relatively new. We're involving as many staff as possible in the strategic planning process, to foster a sense of ownership of future strategy and plans.

We are pleased to welcome three new trustees to our board: Jen Richardson, a chartered accountant specialising in charity finance and governance; Tom Lewis, a scientist and accountant experienced in business development; and Gabe Davies, the Ocean Marketing Manager for Patagonia and a British surfing champion.

In June, we installed solar panels at our HQ as part of our sustainability initiatives. These panels will reduce our reliance on the grid by up to 70%, significantly impacting carbon emissions and heating costs.

Our operations and HR team continue to provide the supporting function at SAS, giving strategic and operational input on people

and culture, systems and processes, charity governance and risk, and digital infrastructure and technologies. The new CRM system implementation is well on the way with the preliminary build almost complete. This exciting project will bring our data into one place, allowing us to better understand our supporters and volunteers and their journeys with us.

As we've grown so much as an organisation from 2022 to now, we're exceptionally pleased with a 90% staff retention rate (as at mid-year 2024). This is an improvement on the last 3 years and a testament to the introduction of further policies which better support staff wellbeing. This includes hybrid working, home-based roles and a period and menopause policy which provides staff with paid leave for period pain; similar to the progressive laws recently introduced by the Spanish government.

For the rest of 2024, we will complete our strategic planning framework, develop plans and budgets for 2025 (including multi-year plans), and align them with our strategic objectives. Additionally, we will collaborate with trustees to develop a handbook, conduct a skills audit, and refine our trustee recruitment and onboarding processes.

Annual Report – Saltash Bowls Club

Overall our year has been very low key following our 100 years Anniversary in 2023. Our membership has stayed steady year on year. We will hopefully be having an “Open Day” during the May Fair and will participating in the Cornwall Schools Bowls again with Brunel Academy already agreeing to take part.

Andrew Nicholson

Men’s Secretary & Men’s Match Secretary
Saltash Bowls Club

End of report

Saltash Foodbank

The foodbank is pleased to be asked again to report to the Council's Annual Parishioners' Meeting. Saltash Foodbank is a Trussell Foodbank, established in 2011 by Saltash Churches Together and provides 3 days' worth of food for a balanced diet, to those that are experiencing a financial crisis, on receiving a referral from a Support Agency.

Since our Report last year and with the ongoing cost of living crisis, we are still seeing a strong demand for our services. We run the charity with over 50 volunteers and no paid staff. During 2024 we supported 630 household referrals (589 in 2023), comprising 884 adults and 437 children, so a total of 1,321 individuals (1,499 individuals during 2023) with at least 3 days of food.

Saltash Foodbank received the most referrals in 2024 from Help Through Hardship (Citizens Advice / Trussell Helpline - started during Covid19) (103 referrals), Cornwall Council (43) and Plymouth Council (33). But looking deeper into the other referrals received, many came from different housing departments at Cornwall Council that are working with those in temporary accommodation. We have seen an increase of referrals from those in temporary accommodation in the last year.

The 3 main reasons people needed our help was financial, due to the Rising Cost of Essentials, Priority Debt and then Unexpected Expenses. Currently, the 3 main issues cited at problems in their personal circumstances are Insecurely Housed, Domestic Abuse and then Priority Debt.

Saltash Foodbank received over 29.5 tons of food last year (39 tons in 2023) from supermarket donation points, supermarket collections, community groups, businesses, individuals, churches and items such as bread, fruit and vegetables that are just past their best-before date and items that have slightly damaged packaging from supermarkets. One of the reasons for reduced donations is that we no longer collect from Tesco Transit Way, who now pass the donations to Plymouth Foodbank, who had not been linked with a Tesco. We are especially thankful for the generous donation of fresh root vegetables, collected weekly from Sir Tremayne Carew Pole, Antony Estate, as well as vegetables from Cornwall Gleaning.

With reduced donations, and everyone feeling the cost-of-living crisis, we have been able to use some of our grant monies to purchased specific items we need to allow us to provide a food parcel for a balanced diet and suitable for the recipient. The amount purchased last year was nearly 1.6 tons of food (this includes items for our Christmas Hampers).

If we have a surplus of certain items, we also support school breakfast and afterschool clubs, charities, other food organisations and local foodbanks, to prevent items on our shelves going out of date. This includes Saltash Wesley Church Warm Space with items for their lunches. We also pass on items to Community Enterprises PL12 that we collect from supermarkets at the end of the day, such as bread, fruit and vegetables that are surplus to our use.

During December our Support Agencies and our volunteer drivers distributed to 146 households a Christmas Hamper with Christmassy food items and added surplus food items. This supported 204 adults and 225 children with an additional Christmas gift for each person. These families were referred to us for a Christmas hamper via our many Referral Agencies. We had great community support last year when Schneider Electric UK, Saltash Schools and Churches, Saltash Rock Choir and Pentillie Castle did large collections for us, as did many other individuals, groups and businesses. We could not provide our Christmas Food Hampers without the support of our local Community. The foodbank overflow store in the Belle Vue Road West car park allows us to pack and distribute the hampers from there.

Further Support

We are continuing to use our Signposting Volunteers to call those who have received a food parcel, to discuss their situation and signpost them to further support. Virtual Signposting allows us to speak to people over the phone at a less stressful time and see if they need further information, especially to let them know about activities happening locally in Saltash e.g. such as 'Saltash Community Fridge' and 'Warm Spaces' at Saltash Wesley Methodist Church, that are helping many people access extra support and a warm meal. New last year, we can also refer people in crisis to our Citizens Advice Generalist Advisor, who directly links with Saltash Foodbank mainly on Fridays, to see priority clients and help them to improve their financial situation. This is funded by a 'Financial Inclusion' grant from Trussell in conjunction with Callington Foodbank. This has been a great help to many people already.

Our Freephone number continues to be funded by grants from the Cornwall Community Foundation and is manned most days. This has been a great help to those struggling with their bills, asking for help. We can also help people with their phone data and calls due to free SIMs from network providers via the Good Things Foundation. We have also been able to use grant funding to purchase a few basic mobile phones to support those unable to contact, for example, their Support Agencies. Grant funding has also allowed us to provide vouchers for a hot meal at local businesses for those with limited cooking facilities. When someone is placed at the Travelodge, they will only be allowed to have a kettle in their room.

Our Concerns for The Future

We continue to worry how the cost-of-living crisis is affecting people's health - both physical and mental. There is an increase in dampness and mould in homes as people cannot afford to heat their homes properly. Then there is the housing crisis, with people sofa-surfing, often for many years, before they are provided with social housing, and people in temporary accommodation waiting for months, and for many years, to be homed. The temporary housing in our area includes the Travelodge, The Croft /Cardinals Hatt and Natter Bridge Holiday Park (with around 60 to 80 people at least in these temporary places of residence). These are 'the hidden homeless'. We could see more of these as rents are unaffordable in private rental and income has not kept up with the increase, as well as those affected by Section 21 eviction and those fleeing domestic abuse. We are also aware of people sleeping in cars, boats, and other unsuitable shelters in Saltash. Many of these are supported by us, Saltash Wesley Church, Saltash Baptist Church, Cornwall Council and St Petroc's.

Campaigns

We are continuing to support the Trussell 'Guarantee Our Essentials Campaign' and thank those of the council that came to our event in September, to highlight this. Continued action is happening this year.

We also support Transformation Cornwall's campaign to 'Keep Cornwall Carpeted' as many social housing properties are emptied of carpets, but these are not replaced for the next person moving in. Many people can ill afford new carpets for their properties.

We support a new local churches' project to have a local house, hopefully a 5 to 8 bedrooms (but any suitable house will be considered), donated that can be run by St Petroc's to house local people in immediate need of housing. This was launched last year by Saltash Wesley Church along with the Baptist Church in Saltash.

We actively use our Saltash Foodbank Facebook page to share these issues and other support information, that may be of interest to the community of Saltash.

Thanks

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the foodbank volunteers, old and new, who are making a huge difference to those we support. A BIG THANK YOU to the community for continuing to support us. A grateful thank you to all the Foodbank Trustees for their support and hard work to support those in need, I could not do this without you all.

End of report

Rika Chanter

Saltash Foodbank Manager (Volunteer) 15th February 2025

Registered Charity Number 1157577

Report from Saltash Repair Café

The Repair Café was started by friends Mark Chanter and Spencer Neale in January 2019, first at Saltash Wesley Church, when they saw 9 items brought in for repair. Since then, other repairers have joined us, and Spencer has moved out of the area. After a break during Covid, we restarted the Repair Café at St Nicks and St Faiths Church Hall on usually the second Saturday of the month from 10am to 1pm. We now have a team of 8 repairers and several ladies that help with refreshments and greet people on arrival.

We now see between 20 to 30 items per session, ranging from broken toys, electrical items not working properly, clothing items needing repair, damaged wooden items and jammed mechanical items that are all looked at by our volunteer repairers, who will do what they can to prevent it going to landfill and for the item to be used again. For those that have their item looked at we ask they give a donation to cover our expenses. In addition to repairs we also do electrical safety checks, done by Mark, as he has a PAT testing certificate. This ensures items looked at by the repairers and leaving the café are safe.

The repair session ends with a hot pasty lunch for the volunteers, that is provided by the Community Kitchen, who also provide a cake to go with a drink while people wait for their repair. We have also been supported by the Scrapstore and SEA.

Saltash Rotary Annual Report to Parishioners 2024-2025

During the Rotary Year 2024-2025 we have continued to support the local community, both with grants and donations to some very worthwhile causes, together with a presence in the Town where we maintain the Rotary Flower Boats that can be found in Fore Street, North Road, Pillmere and Old Ferry Road. Additionally, we have taken on responsibility for the flower boats at the Railway Station where a new boat has also been added to platform 2 (the Up Platform). Planting of these boats has been delayed due to the recent weather conditions, but should commence shortly.

In addition to our traditional venues, we meet once a month at the Community Kitchen where we enjoy a good meal made from ingredients that have been given at no cost by local businesses, for which each diner makes a donation to the Community Kitchen funds.

We enjoy excellent relationships with many local organisations, such as Ashtorre Rock, where we support events including Regatta, Gig Racing and the Saltash Model Club, typically serving up tasty bacon rolls and delicious home-made cakes to hungry competitors, exhibitors and visitors, the profits from which are ploughed back into Club funds to enable us to carry out our community projects and to support charities and other voluntary organisations.

During the year we held some very successful events such as our annual Quiz Night and our Race Night, both of which were enjoyed by many, whilst raising additional funds to enable our work to continue. We also celebrated the 65th anniversary of Saltash Rotary Club being granted its Charter, with a Christmas Lunch at St. Mellion Estate, attended by some notable guests, including former South East Cornwall MP Sheryll Murray, together with husband Bob.

We have recently selected our Club officers for the year 2025-2026 with Mike Phillips being elected as President and Brenda Samuels as Vice President, providing continuity for the coming years.

As with all voluntary organisations, we are always looking to recruit new members and are very receptive to those whom would like to find out more about Saltash Rotary Club. There is perhaps a public perception that Rotary consists largely of retired bank managers, but the reality is that we have members from all walks of life, who can contribute their skills and knowledge to make the Club successful.

Pete Samuels

President 2024-2025

Rotary Club of Saltash.

End of report

Royal British Legion Annual Report 2024/25

The RBL branch tries to connect with the Saltash Community at all possible times or events.

Throughout the year 2024 we had a table at as many events as possible the May fair, Regatta ,we had tables at church events and the fire station. Our Standard Bearer parades our Standard at many commemorations through out the year held in and around Plymouth, also at funerals of veterans of all services.

During the Summer we instigated a junior field gun run competition between the primary schools in Saltash which was great fun and enjoyed by all, we supplied a trophy and medals and hope to do again this year.

The Remembrance period went well and my thanks to all the volunteers including the Cadet forces who helped raise an incredible amount for the Poppy appeal.

Our Standards were in attendance along with some of our members at the Saltash Remembrance service. On Armistice day itself we took part in the two minutes silence outside the Brunel in fore st. Following this myself our Standard Bearer along with the RNA Standard Bearer went along to Brunel School and held an act of Remembrance in front of the whole school. This was started a couple years ago by one of our members (my son) and his wife a teaching assistant at the school.

In November we put a tree in the annual festival at St Nicks.

David Newman Chairman Saltash RBL.

Report to the Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash

Saltash Healthcare Action

As the Town Council receives monthly updates at Full Council meetings, the Saltash Healthcare Action Group have no additional information to report at this time beyond what the Town Council is already aware of.

End of report



Friends of Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve

Annual Report to Saltash Town Council, March 2025

Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve spans over 150 acres of diverse habitats, including grasslands, mudflats, wetlands and woodlands. Owned by Antony Estate and managed by Cornwall Wildlife Trust under a 25-year lease, the land is farmed using traditional Cornish methods.

The Friends of Churchtown Farm is a community group of volunteers set up in 2001. We collaborate with Cornwall Wildlife Trust and its expert Reserves Office, Stuart Mathieson, to protect and enhance the reserve's diverse habitats, supporting conservation efforts through regular volunteer activities and community engagement.



In 2024, Cornwall Wildlife Trust changed their approach to working with local groups, and instead of being *affiliated*, the Friends of Churchtown Farm are now '**working in association**' with Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

The 12 members of the Friends of Churchtown Farm committee have met regularly over the last year, once every six weeks.

Committee members:

- Chair: Bob Austin
- Vice Chair: Keith Rawlings
- Secretary: Hilary Frank
- Treasurer & Membership Secretary: Jackie Austin
- 4 Wardens: Jo Allen, Peter Chappel, Geoff Mawson and Keith Rawlings
- Event Organiser: Jo Allen
- Committee members: Rachel Bullock, Shojiro Frank, Phil Jordan, Steve Tait and Debs Whitehouse

The 25-year lease is due for renewal in 2025, and the Friends of Churchtown Farm have already been in talks with Antony Estate, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Saltash Town Council to explore the possibilities for ensuring the Reserve's ecological richness is maintained for future generations.

2024 Event Calendar:

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| ○ January | Winter Waders Walk |
| | Hedge laying |
| ○ February | Skylark Awareness Event |
| ○ March | Litter Pick |
| ○ April | Spring Bird Walk |
| ○ May | Wildflower Walk |
| ○ June | Tree Walk |
| ○ July | Butterfly Walk |
| ○ August | Bat Walk |
| | Bee Walk |
| ○ September | Photography event |
| ○ October | Geology Walk |
| ○ November | History Walk |
| ○ December | Litter Pick |

End of report