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20 March 2026

Dear Councillor

I write to summon you to the **Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash** to be held at the Guildhall on **Thursday 26th March 2026 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.

Please note if Councillors have any questions on the business to be transacted at this meeting the Clerk must be notified **no later than 12 noon the day before the meeting.**

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Rachel Bullock
Mayor of Saltash 2025-26

To:

Essa	Tamar	Trematon
A Ashburn	S Gillies	G McCaw
R Bickford	M Johns	S Miller
J Brady	S Martin	B Samuels
R Bullock (Chairman)	P Nowlan	B Stoyel (Vice-Chairman)
L Mortimore	J Peggs	
P Samuels	J Suter	

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 6 March 2025 as a true and correct record. (Pages 5 - 8)
5. Chairman's Annual Report.
6. Annual Crime Figures. (Page 9)
7. Cornwall Council Annual Report.
8. Reports from organisations:
 - a. Age UK;
 - b. Community Enterprises PL12; (Page 10)
 - c. Livewire; (Pages 11 - 59)
 - d. Saltash Foodbank; (Pages 60 - 78)
 - e. The Mabbot Trust; (Page 79)
 - f. Saltash Chamber of Commerce; (Page 80)
 - g. Saltash Environmental Action; (Page 81)
 - h. Saltash Heritage;
 - i. Saltash Regatta Committee; (Pages 82 - 83)
 - j. Saltash May Fair Committee; (Pages 84 - 90)
 - k. Saltash and Plougastel Twinning Association;
 - l. Visit Tamar Valley;

- m. The Core Youth Project; (Pages 91 - 94)
- n. Saltash Youth Network; (Pages 95 - 96)
- o. Safer Saltash;
- p. Town Team; (Page 97)
- q. Saltash Healthcare Action Group;
- r. Saltash Neighbourhood Watch;
- s. Memory Box; (Page 98)
- t. Oaklands Community Centre; (Page 99)
- u. Saltash Bowls Club; (Page 100)
- v. Saltash Repair Cafe; (Page 101)
- w. Saltash and District Branch of the Royal British Legion;
- x. Saltash Tamar Lions;
- y. Rotary Club of Saltash; (Page 102)
- z. Saltash Boxing Club; (Page 103)
- aa. Saltash Community Shed; (Page 104)
- bb. Tamar Trotters; (Page 105)
- cc. Saltash Cricket Club;
- dd. Saltash Scrapstore; (Page 106)
- ee. Saltash Old Cornwall Society; (Page 107)
- ff. Friends of Churchtown Farm;

9. To award the Annual Civic Awards for the following categories:
 - a. Contribution to the Community;
 - b. Youth Achievement;
 - c. Lifetime Achievement;
 - d. Youth Group Leader;
 - e. Sporting Achievement;
 - f. Cultural Contribution.
10. Questions from the public.
11. To consider the date of the Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash to be held on Tuesday 23 March 2027.

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash held at the Guildhall on Thursday 6th March 2025 at 6.30 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: 1 Member of the Public, M Worth (Cornwall Councillor), D Joyce (Office Manager / Assistant to the Town Clerk)

APOLOGIES: S Martin and D Yates.

1/24/25 **HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

2/24/25 **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.

3/24/25 **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.**

It was proposed by Councillor Bickford, seconded by Councillor Stoyel and **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Annual Town Council Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash held on 7 March 2024 as a true and correct record.

4/24/25 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their support throughout the year,

emphasising the great honour and privilege of being elected as a Town Council Member, let alone serving as Chairman / Mayor.

The Chairman acknowledged the individual and collective responsibilities that come with the role, highlighting the importance of upholding and promoting the highest standards of conduct and public service.

The Chairman extended thanks to both experienced and new Members for their valuable ideas, as well as to all Town Council employees for their dedication and support.

The Chairman also recognised the Town Council's efforts in working within its business plan and achieving key goals outlined in the annual report.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

5/24/25 **ANNUAL CRIME FIGURES.**

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

6/24/25 **CORNWALL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT.**

Cornwall Councillor Worth, in attendance at this evening's meeting, provided a brief overview of the report, highlighting the links included within the circulated report pack as they contain live public information.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

7/24/25 **REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS:**

Members thanked all organisations for their submission of reports for members to receive.

Members discussed the outstanding and impactful work being carried out within the Saltash community, expressing their gratitude to all volunteers and community members for their dedication in making Saltash a supportive and thriving place to live.

The Chairman requested the following reports be taken en bloc.

- a. Age Concern, Saltash;
- b. Community Enterprises PL12;
- c. Livewire;

- d. The Mabbot Trust;
- e. Saltash Chamber of Commerce;
- f. Saltash Environmental Action;
- g. Saltash Heritage;
- h. Saltash Neighbourhood Plan;
- i. Saltash Regatta Committee;
- j. Saltash May Fair Committee;
- k. Tamar Valley National Landscape;
- l. The Core Youth Project;
- m. Saltash Youth Council;
- n. Saltash Youth Network;
- o. Safer Saltash;
- p. Town Team;
- q. Surfers Against Sewage;
- r. Saltash Bowls Club;
- s. Saltash Foodbank;
- t. Saltash Repair Café;
- u. Saltash Rotary Club;
- v. Saltash and District Branch of the Royal British Legion;
- w. Saltash Healthcare Action Group;
- x. Friends of Churchtown Farm Reserve.

It was **RESOLVED** to note.

8/24/25 **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.**

None received.

9/24/25

**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.**

It was **RESOLVED** to note the date of next Annual Town Meeting with Parishioners of Saltash to be held on 5 March 2026 at 6:30p.m.

Rising at: 6.42 pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____

Agenda Item 5

It's been an honour to be Mayor of Saltash 2025-26 and to represent the town I love. I have thoroughly enjoyed attending all the groups, meetings and events I've been invited to.

I would like to thank my husband Matt who has attended events and groups with me. We have both enjoyed finding out more about the amazing work undertaken by volunteers, and the social opportunities and events in our community. I would also like to thank Deputy Mayor Councillor Brian Stoyel and his wife Maxine Stoyel who have supported me throughout my Mayoral year.

Since our time as Mayor and Consort, Matt and I have attended lots of great events, near and far and met lots of lovely people along the way. I can honestly say we have thoroughly enjoyed every event that we have been to.

We have attended many mayoral services, mayor choosing ceremonies and mayors civic services. We loved these events and we have enjoyed getting better acquainted with the mayors from other areas, being part of the "chain gang" as some mayors call it! I have learnt a lot from other mayors' events and stole a few ideas along the way:

When we attended Bodmin Mayor Making last May, the Mayor of Bodmin was introduced into the church by their Town Crier. I loved this idea and set about appointing a new Crier for Saltash and for my own Mayor Making. Historically we have had a Town Crier, but for one reason or another Saltash has had a period without one. Following an audition, our new Town Crier, Andy Williams, was officially appointed.

Andy has since been a regular attendee at events in the town such as my Mayor Making ceremony, Beating the Bounds, the Christmas lights switch on, my Mayors Civic Service and St Piran's Day celebrations.

Last September, The Saltash Sailing Club hosted an evening reception for the J24 World Sailing Championships event at their Sailing Club on Waterside. The World Championships consisted of teams from all over the world. It was a beautiful evening, and it was lovely to see our Waterside being showcased to people from all over the world

The summer saw my husband and I attending lots of local outdoor events such as Saltash Regatta, The Core Garden Party, Forder Fete and Tincombe Tea Party. Sadly, the weather wasn't always on our side, but despite that they were still a pleasure to be part of.

The annual Beating the Bounds event was a success with many residents coming along for the scenic, historical walk. We were joined by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall, Daphne Skinnard who enjoyed being bumped on a boundary stone. The residents of Botus Fleming welcomed us by opening their parish church of St Mary for a visit and welcomed us with some well needed respite.

Remembrance – The Civic party had the pleasure of attending the St Stephens Church for their morning Remembrance service, following this, wreaths were laid by myself at St Stephens Church war memorial, Ashtorre Waterside, the railway station and the Peace Garden. In the afternoon we held the Council's Civic Service of Remembrance at Saltash Wesley Church. Following the service, a piper led the procession down Fore Street to the St Nicholas and Faith church war memorial, where wreaths were laid by me and others, representing many organisations. Despite the appalling weather it was a lovely day of remembrance that was an honor to be part of. On 11th November, Remembrance Day itself, my husband, deputy mayor Brian Stoyl and I attended Saltash Station to meet the Poppy train, where the Saltash Town Council wreath was presented to train staff. The wreath was then taken to Paddington Station and then on to the Cenotaph. Later at 11'oclock the Civic Party joined RBL and members of the public outside the Brunel pub on Fore Street to observe the minutes silence.

We have had lots of interesting visits to our local schools over the last year. My husband and I enjoyed helping the children make lanterns at the Christmas lantern workshops which took place at Bishop Cornish, Brunel, Burraton and St Stephens primary schools. We also attended some fantastic school performances, St Stephens Harvest Festival concert and St Stephens's carol concert, both held at St Stephens church. Also, the St. Stephen's School nativities and finally the "Little Mermaid" performance at Saltash Comprehensive which was outstanding!

The Christmas light switch on was another highlight of the year, having the opportunity to ride in the Rotary sleigh with Santa was a childhood dream come true. It was very touching to see the excitement on the children's faces seeing the sleigh as we processed up Fore Street. It was lovely to see this event so well supported by the townspeople and shops.

My husband and I also enjoyed attending lots of other Christmas events, such as the Age Concern Christmas lunch, Saltash Sailing Club Christmas ball, Christmas parties at Rowan House and St Anne's and the Christmas Festival. I had the pleasure as mayor of starting the Saltash Santa run and then joining in with the runners to run it myself!

2026 - I have been busy organising my mayor's charity quiz nights, so far I have raised £1413.10 from the first three quizzes I have hosted, with another two quizzes to go before my mayoral year is over. My Mayor's charities this year are Memory Box and Saltash Youth Network. Two charities very close to my heart.

In February I held my Mayors Civic Service in St Nicholas and Faith church. It was a lovely service with performances from Brunel School who sung beautifully.

St Piran's Day – On the March Saltash Town Council hosted the first ever St Piran's Day walk "to England and Back" which was a real success. The council intends to

make this an annual event going forward. The following day my husband and I attended the St Piran's Day Concert at Saltash Library, this too was a lovely event.

End of report

Saltash Town	March 2025 to February 2026	March 2024 to February 2025	% Change
Totals	1,017	923	10.2%
Arson	7	5	40.0%
Bicycle Theft	2	1	100.0%
Burglary - Business and Community	8	7	14.3%
Burglary - Residential	19	12	58.3%
Criminal Damage	109	138	-21.0%
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	34	36	-5.6%
Other Sexual Offences	36	34	5.9%
Other Theft	64	77	-16.9%
Possession of Drugs	12	16	-25.0%
Possession of Weapons	19	13	46.2%
Public Order Offences	80	66	21.2%
Rape	17	23	-26.1%
Robbery	6	9	-33.3%
Shoplifting	123	49	151.0%
Stalking and Harassment	156	111	40.5%
Theft from the Person	8	6	33.3%
Trafficking of Drugs	3	9	-66.7%
Vehicle Offences	30	18	66.7%
Violence with Injury	115	112	2.7%
Violence without Injury	169	181	-6.6%
	Increase in RED	Decrease in GREEN	

**ANNUAL REPORT TO SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING WITH PARISHIONERS
MARCH 2026**



COUNCILLORS ELECTED IN MAY 2026

Cllr. Paul Cador (Reform), Saltash Trematon & Landrake

Appointed to:

- Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
- Licensing Act Committee
- Licensing Act Sub Committee
- Miscellaneous Licensing Committee
- Street Trading and Pavement Licensing Sub Committee
- Urgent Driver/Operator/Vehicle Sub Committee

Cllr. Hilary Frank (Liberal Democrat), Saltash Essa

Appointed to:

- Cabinet (Portfolio Holder for Children, Families and Schools)
- Chief Officers Employment Committee
- Committee in Common between Cornwall Health & Wellbeing Board and the Integrated Care Partnership
- Cornwall Growth Board
- Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
- Cornwall Virtual School for Children in Care
- Cornwall West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site
- Tamar Valley National Landscape

Cllr. Keith Johnson (Reform), Saltash Tamar

Appointed to:

- Budget Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Together for Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

OVERVIEW

In 2025/26, Cornwall Council was responsible for gross expenditure of £1.6 billion, with increasing demand for services, particularly in Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and adult social care.

Collaboration with Saltash Town Council has included Community Infrastructure Levy projects, alongside joint work on town centre activity.

Partnership working has also supported the management and enhancement of the environment and public spaces, including the removal of abandoned boats.

End of Report

Community Enterprises PL12 CIC report to 2026 Saltash Parishioners' Meeting

Community Enterprises PL12 CIC is probably not familiar to many, nor its previous name, Saltash Gateway CIC. It is, however, 20 years old this year. It has had a number of roles in improving the lives of the people of Saltash from its origins in the Saltash Community Strategic Action Plan through the Hopper Service to running the Community Kitchen at 8 Fore Street, and Memory Box, which is responsible for supporting those affected by dementia or other cognitive impairments. They run a singing group under the title of Do You Mind If I Sing, and also a Memory Box Café, which is held in the Kitchen on Thursdays. We also run the Fridge and the Shop at 4 Fore Street. Both the Kitchen and the Fridge support our environmental and social objectives through the use of food diverted from landfill to make meals at the Kitchen and given away on the Fridge.

CEPL12 also leases the building at 18 Belle Vue Road, from Cornwall Council. This is home to Citizens' Advice Cornwall, which, had we not taken over the building, would have been made homeless. As part of the agreement, CAC continues to reside there, alongside two other charities, Foodbank and StoryBook Dads, as well as some local businesses.

We have some 120 volunteers who cover the Shop, the Kitchen, the Fridge, and MemoryBox. In the last 12 months, we have been consolidating our position, and to this end, we are now opening the Shop and the Kitchen on Mondays. The Kitchen is serving drinks and a simple lunch of soup on the Mondays, while the menu on the other days is unchanged. We are striving to become less dependent on grant funding, as this becomes ever more elusive in the current climate. We would welcome new volunteers in any of our enterprises, or indeed admin or director roles. Please get in touch if you would like to help.

End of report
CEPL12



**YEAR END REPORT TO
SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL
2025-2026**

Dear Person behind Me,
The World is a
better place
with YOU in it
The Person in front
of me

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Provisions Across the Year

Youth Work

Senior Sessions

This year we have provided two senior sessions per week (Mondays and Thursdays) for young people aged 13-21. It's an opportunity to access social spaces, music facilities, support from youth workers and on-the-spot counselling from our volunteer counsellors. Our coffee bar gives young people access to food and drink to buy at their leisure; we also provide free hot food courtesy of Saltash Community Hub, granting hungry young people without any money the ability to eat without having an impact on any ongoing financial pressures.



Young people can also use the stage in our venue to perform solo or as a band, which has immense impact on their confidence and self-esteem, and opens the door to new opportunities in music and performance.

Junior Sessions

On Wednesdays we have opened our doors to our junior group, comprised of young people in school years 6 – 8. These evenings are much like our senior sessions with access to social spaces, music facilities, youth worker support and mental health services. This is, as you can imagine, is where we sell most of our sweets and lollipops!

The great thing about these sessions is the energy the young people bring. Open-mic slots are available in the venue for young people to perform a song in front of everyone; the whole building comes alive with dancing and singing as all the young people support their friends. We have had a handful of young bands form in the junior group this year, and senior members who volunteer as music tutors help these young bands develop their musicianship before they are unleashed onto the stage!

Young Women's Music Sessions

Our young women's session has been going on for a good few years now and is still of real benefit to the young people who attend. Functionally these sessions remain identical to our generic senior sessions, with the key difference being an all-female staff of musicians, youth workers and counsellors. *The Other Woman*, a band which formed at this session some years ago, have really come into their own this year. Their presence on social media and the local music scene is both impressive and uplifting for the Livewire team to see; we wish them all the best in their future musical endeavours.



Across this year the young women's sessions have been involved in a research project concerned with violence against women and young girls. The project was a collaborative between both University of Plymouth, Marjon and Livewire, and we are currently waiting for the findings of the project to be published. It's been our privilege to contribute to work being done in this area and seriously hope for a positive impact for all women and young girls off the back of it.

Friday Wellbeing Sessions

Young people struggling with social anxiety have been continuously making the most of our wellbeing provision. Heidi, who runs the group, has done a fantastic job this year of creating activities and provisions within the group that suit the needs of its members. Arts and crafts take centre stage, creating unique opportunities for youth work to be carried out with young people who otherwise may not feel comfortable opening-up. Such is the magic of arts and crafts!

The small size of the group, which is necessary for the wellbeing of its members, has brought some challenges this year. The small group capacity has been clashing with the number of young people wanting to access it. This is solely down to volume of interest, which is anything but a positive, and our solution has been to work with our longer-term members, encouraging them to consider giving our other sessions a go. This is already a natural process of the group, as it is always our intention to empower and encourage them to overcome their anxieties and make the most of the opportunities in front of them. We are continuing with this strategy to make sure all local young people with these issues are getting the best out of this provision.



Monday & Saturday Recording Sessions

This year during Monday evenings and Saturday daytimes, our lead musician Will has run our recording studio to provide young bands and artists the opportunity to record and learn how to use the recording studio themselves. We've been immensely proud of some of the work created and continue to encourage young musicians to make the most of this equipment; watch this space!

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Counselling

Our counselling service continues to gain new clients as our volunteer counselling team grow. We are receiving more referrals as local doctors and service providers become aware of what we offer. We are pleased to have managed the pressure of this influx without impacting our waiting list, which remains a maximum of two weeks from referral.

We have a new counselling lead, Berni, who has stepped into the shoes of Lisa to continue our counselling provision. She has been with us for over a year and has since brought new life and energy into our services. We're excited to have Berni on board and can't wait to see what the future holds with her!



1-1 Support

This year we have put more focus on providing effective 1-1 support to our young people during open-access sessions, as well as in the wider community with our outreach work. In session each youth worker

has a small handful of young people which are allocated to them for regular catchups in which the young person can offload any short-term issues they are dealing with.

Peer Mentoring

Our senior members, when volunteering at the junior group, have had the opportunity to deliver peer-to-peer mentoring to younger members struggling with difficult situations or circumstances. This programme has been successful over the last year, with volunteers working long-term with junior members with issues that affect them. The youth work team has supported these peer mentors in their role by offering guidance, assistance and advice. This has been to the benefit of both the young people and the youth work team, allowing more work to be carried out in the junior group where it is really needed.

Music

Free Music Lessons

We're proud to have provided free music lessons to all our young members across the course of the year. The scope of what's available has only widened as we have assessed what young people are looking for in us. Young people have been mentored and guided in our band development space with a paid musician; honed skills in live sound behind the sound desk in our venue; received instrument tutoring in guitar, bass, drums and singing from a wide range of volunteer musicians; and practiced their stage performances in our venue in front of friends and fans.

Gigs & Events

This year we have put on over fifteen public events in our venue, ranging from school showcases and alumni events to Metal 2 The Masses, a multi-heat battle of the bands with a grand prize of a performance slot at Bloodstock Festival! We have also proudly been part of Saltash Regatta and Saltash Mayfair where our young people have performed their music on a small stage; this community inclusion has been a great part of our year. Further afield we have worked with Boardmasters festival where our young people have performed on the 'Keg and Pasty' stage, and Glastonbury where we sent a team of volunteers to work as stewards at the festival.



News & Developments

New Charity Status

In 2025 Livewire changed its charity status to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), granting us the ability to hold the deeds to our building. This now allows us more freedom for developments and renovations to our building!

Accessibility Ramp

Passers-by will notice a brand-new accessibility ramp leading up to our front door; this ramp was installed in October and has been a hugely welcome addition to our facilities. Staff and young people with mobility issues now have better access to our building, and conversations have now started regarding wheelchair access for the rest of the building.

Apprenticeship

As part of Livewire's succession plan and the longevity of the project, an apprentice has been appointed to shadow the Head Youth Coordinator in their day-to-day activities. This appointment has so far been hugely successful and to the benefit of the project, with training being delivered both on-the-job and at Marjon. One of Livewire's patrons has very generously agreed to pay for this apprenticeship for three years, and we



Evaluation Project

As part of our Heart n' Soul project, which is at the heart of our mental health provision, Livewire has worked with an independent consultant funded by the National Lottery to carry out an evaluation project. This evaluation involved conducting a survey with the young people and gathering data from all our provisions. The evaluation, which has been sent out alongside this end of year report, has hugely uplifted the feeling of staff and reassured us that our work is effective and well-received! We would implore you to give it a read.

Thank You

We at Livewire are ever grateful for the support we receive locally and from further afield. Saltash Town Council have been very forward thinking in terms of youth work and provide money to ensure that the good work can continue. Thank you to them and all others who advocate for our project!

LIVEWIRE

Youth Project
Making Music, Changing Lives

Registered Charity No. 1205758

HEART 'N' SOUL PROJECT
YEAR FOUR

February 2025
to January 2026

 **COMMUNITY
FUND**



**Livewire Youth Project Heart 'n' Soul Project Year Four
Report prepared February 2026**

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1 OVERVIEW

What has the funding helped Livewire to do?

The overall aim of the lottery funded Heart 'n' Soul project is to bridge the gap in provision for young people's mental health services and to provide support for young people when they need it.

LIVEWIRE'S KEY METRICS WITHIN THE LAST YEAR IN NUMBERS:



410
members
aged 10 to 21



230
open access music sessions attended by 175 young people per week, and over 10,000 annually




164
young people receiving counselling



78
young people receiving direct youth work interventions

2/3 of Livewire's members come from the highest **50%** areas of multiple deprivation in England with **1/5** of members from the **10%** highest areas of multiple deprivation





Livewire members live in Saltash (**34%**), Plymouth (**39%**) and other areas of South-East Cornwall, and Devon (**27%**)



51 Livewire members participated in our survey, representative by age, geography, disability, ethnicity, gender and sexual orientation

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44% of survey respondents would be **'devastated'** if Livewire didn't exist



94.1% of survey respondents rated Livewire as **'excellent'**

ALSO, WE HAVE:

⊙ Started **succession planning** through the appointment of Joe Day, an apprentice to work alongside Andy Rance over the next three years. Joe, who attended Livewire throughout his adolescence, is studying youth work at University of St. Mark & St. John whilst mirroring Andy's responsibilities in the workplace. Together they will work to secure Livewire's future.

⊙ Installed an **accessible ramp** for use by people with mobility issues.

⊙ Installed a **new lighting desk** to provide young musicians with up-to-date equipment.

⊙ Built **three new counselling rooms** to facilitate Livewire's ever-growing mental health provision.

⊙ **Celebrating 80 years of Livewire** as a charity at The Waterside in Saltash.

⊙ Hosted a well-attended **AGM** (for the period ending 31st March 2025) in November 2025 followed by a public performance from our members.

⊙ Continued to host a **women's-only open access** nights on a Tuesday for young women to make use of Livewire's facilities and socialise in a safe environment.

⊙ Ran **successful events including Edfest and Metal 2 The Masses**, important in terms of profile and fund-raising.

⊙ **Encouraged young bands and performers** to develop their skills by playing at regular, local and regional events such as Boardmasters Festival and Saltash Regatta.

⊙ Provided a team of **stewards for Glastonbury**.

⊙ Converted the charity to a **Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO)** on 1st December 2025 with the deeds of the building transferred to the new Livewire CIO – new charity registered number is 1205758.


⊙ Implemented a **new data/CRM management system** to track Livewire's members, counselling sessions, youth work, music sessions and interactions with clients.

⊙ Been **nominated by Plymouth Pavilions**, now rebranded as Plymouth Arena, as their charity of the year.


⊙ **Helped circa 30 young people grow and develop their musicianship** through the formation of new exciting bands.



Watch our film clips and read our articles

 **FILM:** A shout out by Pete Townshend of The Who (patron of Livewire) playing at The Eden Project followed by Andy Rance, Head Youth Work Coordinator and Livewire members saying what Livewire means to them:


<https://youtu.be/FcLiUF6ic3E>

 **FILM:** Brief talk about Livewire and its significance, Andy Rance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JU2nMBWhRJJ>

 **ARTICLE:** Interview with Andy Rance by Plymouth Culture:

<https://www.plymouthculture.co.uk/creative-community/in-conversation-/in-conversation-with-livewires-andy-rance>

 **ARTICLE:** Succession planning with Andy Rance and Joe Day:

<https://www.cornish-times.co.uk/news/livewire-legend-looking-to-the-future-with-new-appointment-832297>

2 OUR MISSION & VISION

What we do and how we do it

Livewire Youth Project is a unique charity that combines professional traditional youth work practice/ activities with music-making and mental health support, aimed at helping young people aged 10 to 21 navigate their journey through adolescence into adulthood.

Through music, participants are encouraged to unlock their creativity, develop musical skills, and, most importantly, learn to enjoy music. Livewire offers one-on-one counselling and youth worker support for targeted and vulnerable individuals.

Whilst many young people attend Livewire due to their passion for music and the opportunity to pursue their musical ambitions with access to state-of-the-art facilities and a wide range of free lessons, others come seeking friendship. A great many also seek to overcome personal challenges such as anxiety, lack of confidence and low self-esteem in a safe and welcoming environment.

We are committed to helping young people face and conquer their challenges, regardless of the obstacles they encounter in their lives. With **thirty plus years of experience**, we enable young people to reach their potential, both musically, socially and personally. Our aim is to change young lives and foster productive engagement through music and traditional youth work activities, helping young people to become confident and active members of their communities whilst developing resilience to navigate life's challenges.

Livewire uniquely blends **youth work**, **music-based activities**, and **mental health** and **well-being** services, offering a holistic approach to supporting young people in Cornwall and Devon.

Our charity has been operating since the end of the Second World War (*images below*) starting as **The Waterside Boys Club**, later to be known as the **Saltash Boys Club** before becoming **Livewire Youth Project**.

This year, the charity is celebrating 80 years at The Waterside, with its base located beside the stunning twin bridges in Saltash on the banks of the River Tamar.



Mission and Vision

- ⦿ To create an appropriate environment for young people to gain the skills and confidence to reach their full potential and offer that environment to young people aged 10 to 21 from Cornwall, Plymouth and Southwest Devon.
- ⦿ To provide support, tuition, opportunity and encouragement to young people for the development of their skills and talents in music, with the result that they increase their confidence, wellbeing and better their opportunities to gain employment.
- ⦿ To provide professional support and referral advice to young people for all personal, financial and other issues that may cause them concern or distress.
- ⦿ To provide one to one counselling and youth worker support to young persons aged 10 to 21, as required.
- ⦿ To seek out opportunities to undertake relevant contracted youth education work with young people through public or private organisations during the daytime.
- ⦿ To become and remain an effective independent organisation, fully funded through voluntary, public and private sources, in accordance with our funding strategy.
- ⦿ To create resilience against future funding and policy shocks through developing sustainable and diverse funding streams.
- ⦿ To support young people becoming emotionally and socially resilient, so they are better prepared to navigate growing up and life in general.

**With the help of The National Lottery Community Fund,
we are achieving our mission and vision – thank you.**

Our Facilities

Livewire provides a full range of quality facilities and activities including music, lessons, guitar, bass and vocals, rehearsal and recording studios and a 200-capacity music venue plus coffee bar area with pool table.

The key areas are:

The Venue

Our state-of-the-art venue gives young people the chance to live out their wildest musical dreams, offering them a chance to thrive among like-minded people through live performance. It is a place where foundations of confidence and resilience are laid and live performance skills can be honed.

It is also a place where young people learn about the music industry; lighting engineering, sound engineering and stage crewing can be carried out, equipping young people with the knowledge and skills to support new and exciting career prospects. This venue has hosted prestigious events like the Metal to the Masses heats and occasional gigs such as Stiff Little Fingers, The Damned, Phil Campbell (Motorhead) and Enter Shikari. The main purpose is to give every young person the chance to practice, enhance their skills, perform in public and simply learn how to use a professional stage.



Band Development (BD)

Kitted out with drums, guitars, amps and other miscellaneous instruments, BD is a space where young groups can work on team-building and creative collaboration with the help of a professional musician. Members are guided through performance and songwriting and encouraged to explore musical ideas.



Pete's Place

Our music studio houses a sound desk donated by our patron, Pete Townshend (The Who). Pete's Place gives young people the opportunity to professionally record their music, learn how to operate equipment and hone their professional musicianship skills with the help of a qualified musician and sound engineer.



Ed's Place

This smaller practice space gives young bands a space to make some noise and create/collaborate musically. It's a place where collaboration and creativity can thrive and young people can deepen creative relationships and form long lasting memories.



Through the above facilities, young people get the opportunity to do the following:

- ⦿ **Learn to play music** – using instruments such as guitar (acoustic, electric and bass), drums, keyboard and piano.
- ⦿ **Learn to sing** – for those who prefer a microphone in their hand, there are vocal lessons.
- ⦿ **Technical skills** – learn professional studio mixing, live sound making on the Electrovoice line array system and the backstage 'know how' including stage lighting and mixing and recording in Pete's Place.

Our Services

Livewire offers three core services: **Youth Work**, **Music** and **Counselling**; services are intrinsically linked as the diagram demonstrates.

Youth Work

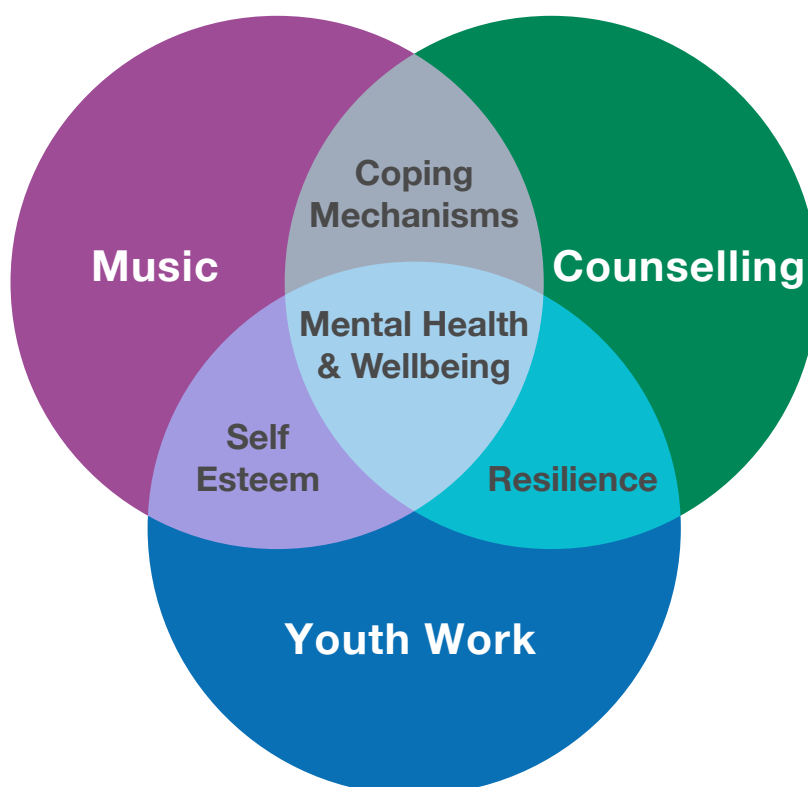
Without youth work, Livewire would not exist. Our core purpose is to guide, mentor and support young people to ensure their lives are **thriving** and successful. We help young people to find a voice, gain essential **life skills**, overcome **barriers**, embrace **passions**, and find their place in society. With a team of JNC-qualified youth workers offering 1:1 support and mentoring, supported by a wider community of musicians, counsellors and volunteers, Livewire offers a safe and supportive environment for young people to explore and grow into the best version of themselves.

Music

Music is at the heart of what Livewire is all about. Our name and ethos are built upon the foundations of rock 'n' roll. We strive to build **confidence** and **self-belief** in our members by involving them in the creation and performance of live and recorded music. With the help of musicians, we tutor and mentor young musicians, encouraging them to form bands and friendships with like-minded people who will support and encourage them in their journey. A number of music sessions are held five days a week.

Counselling

Since 2018, Livewire has provided **mental health** support to young people in the community. With a team of **qualified volunteer counsellors**, we help young people **identify the issues** they face, **teach strategies** to navigate and deal with those issues and encourage a **wider exploration of self**, allowing for growth and self-compassion in later life. Blocks of six sessions can be booked and up to three blocks can be offered meaning young people have up to **18 sessions of free counselling** in a safe space where they can talk about anything and receive the help they need.



3 YOUTH WORK

Our approach and outputs

Support is available from qualified/trained and volunteer youth workers on a one-to-one basis either through formal booked sessions or more informally as required. Youth worker support is less formal compared with counselling although some elements are similar.

Youth workers can offer young people support in various areas; these include anxiety, self-harm, drug and alcohol use, employment, unemployment, relationships, sexual health and pretty much any issue a young person may face.

This table demonstrates the youth work sessions carried out with young people:

February 2025 to January 2026 Number of Youth Work Direct Interventions													
Session	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Totals
Monday	16	25	18	15	18	17	15	8	16	14	9	59	230
Tuesday	9	12	9	10	12	10	8	7	13	11	7	8	116
Wednesday	15	21	12	15	14	18	13	9	12	15	19	50	213
Thursday	27	34	15	17	17	21	20	12	23	13	16	32	247
Friday	21	30	15	26	15	13	20	16	14	17	20	28	235
Totals	88	122	69	83	76	79	76	52	78	70	71	177	1041



4 MUSIC

Our approach and outputs

Music is at the heart of what Livewire is about and hence each week day night, there is a different session to support young people in different ways.

Livewire adapts the sessions in response to the needs of young people catering for all age groups and emotional needs. For example, the young women's sessions not only support women in a single-sex environment but also encourage greater female representation within the music industry.

What sessions are delivered, when and for whom?

The sessions held during the past 12 months are as follows:



Day	Session
Monday Seniors 13-21 year olds 7.00pm – 9.30pm	Open access session for all young people aged 13 to 21. The session includes access to music lessons, youth worker support, counselling and a general opportunity to socialise. There is also an Open Mic for anyone to join in or spectate!
Tuesday Women's Group 12-21 year olds 7.00pm – 9.00pm	Targeted session for young women aged 12 to 21. This session is for young women who wish for a safe space to develop their music skills, access female youth worker support and counselling, and socialise with other young women.
Wednesday Juniors 10-13 year olds 6.30pm – 8.30pm	Open access session for young people in school years 6 to 8. The session includes access to music lessons, youth worker support, counselling and a general opportunity to socialise. There is also an 'Open Mic' for anyone to join in or spectate!
Thursday Seniors 13-21 year olds 7.00pm – 9.30pm	Open access session for all young people aged 13 to 21. The session includes access to music lessons, youth worker support, counselling and a general opportunity to socialise. You can also use our stage for band rehearsals.
Friday Wellbeing Group 13-21 year olds 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Targeted session for young people aged 13 to 21 who might struggle with anxiety or socialising. It is a very small group of up to 8 young people who book their attendance on a week-by-week basis. These sessions include music, arts and crafts and a wonderful therapy dog called Akira.



The table below demonstrates the attendance levels at each of the weekday sessions each month during the 12-month period from February 2025 to January 2026:

Day	Activities & Services	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
Monday Seniors 13-21 year olds 7.00pm – 9.30pm	Music lessons, youth worker support, counselling, coffee bar, stage karaoke	325	361	221	240	237	194	157	243	265	287	353	266	3149
Tuesday Women's Group 12-21 year olds 7.00pm – 9.30pm	Music lessons, youth worker support, counselling, coffee bar, stage performances	94	107	96	67	58	81	49	53	59	48	64	37	813
Wednesday Juniors 10-13 year olds 6.30pm – 8.30pm	Music lessons, youth worker support, counselling, coffee bar, art club, stage karaoke	228	257	249	237	271	314	206	117	247	211	200	173	2710
Thursday Seniors 13-21 year olds 7.00pm – 9.30pm	Music lessons, youth worker support, counselling, coffee bar, band development, bands on stage	304	443	228	332	264	276	318	206	276	289	301	278	3515
Friday Wellbeing Group 13-21 year olds 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Music, arts and crafts, Akira the therapy dog	21	30	15	26	15	13	20	16	14	17	12	20	219
Totals		972	1198	809	902	845	878	750	635	861	852	930	774	10406

5 COUNSELLING

Our approach and outputs

Livewire provides enhanced services in relation to the provision of mental health and well-being needs with a fully qualified lead counsellor and team of qualified and trainee counsellors. Trainees have built upon their existing professional qualifications by undertaking a number of mental health related training courses ensuring the best level of support to young people.

Counselling helps young people to identify what they may want to work on and teaches strategies that help to manage stress, anxiety, low mood or intrusive thoughts.

The table below shows the number of sessions served to our 164 counselling clients during the past year – February 2025 to January 2026:

2025-26	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	TOTALS
Sessions	61	21	18	51	57	56	26	37	27	50	46	52	502

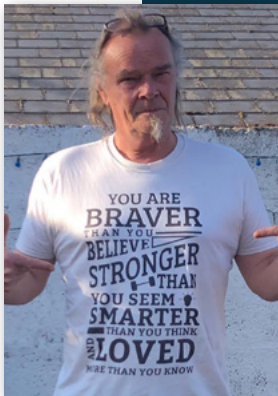


6 WHO DELIVERS OUR SERVICES

Our dedicated Livewire team & staff

Livewire's team includes: 9 volunteer counsellors, 1 counselling lead, 3 youth workers, 1 apprentice youth worker, 25 volunteers and 4 musicians.

Our Paid Professional Staff



Andy Rance
Head Youth Work Coordinator

Livewire's beating soul, Andy has transformed the place into a music haven for young people. He carries out youth work, organises events, carries out fundraising and fights every day to keep Livewire running!



Julie Rance
Office Administrator

Julie has been an instrumental part of Livewire's history, practicing youth work alongside Andy for many years. Together they have fostered an incredible space for young people and have always advocated for the rights and wellbeing of young people.



Karen Coleman
Youth Worker

Karen works closely with Andy to carry out youth work at Livewire and has set up a Women's Night on Tuesdays to allow young women a safe space in which they can enjoy everything Livewire has to offer.



Lisa Chaffer
Counselling Lead

Mental health services at Livewire wouldn't have been the same without Lisa and her team of volunteers. Together they ensure that free, accessible counselling remains available for young people in the area. Lisa also works closely with the youth work team to make sure everything is being done to support young people in need.



Will Rogers
Senior Musician

Musician, studio engineer, live sound engineer, stage manager – Will is the music man who makes it all happen. Alongside offering tuition during evening sessions with other volunteer musicians, Will helps young people interested in live production put on shows in Livewire's venue, teaching them how to use the sound desk, set up stages, maintain gear and everything else that goes into putting on a show!



Joe Day
Apprentice Youth Worker

Joe is an ex-member of Livewire and has been mentored by Andy Rance since his mid-teens. Taken on as an apprentice as part of Livewire's succession plan, he currently shadows Andy whilst studying Youth & Community Work at the University of St. Mark & St. John. Livewire has been a huge part of Joe's life, and he is dedicated to ensuring it lives on to benefit young people long into the future!



Our Volunteers

The contribution made by volunteers to Livewire is significant. Whilst there is a paid staff team providing counselling, youth work and music services, our charity relies heavily on volunteers to support our sessions. This ensures that there are appropriate individuals for smooth and effective operation of our open-access sessions, people who can be a friendly face, provide music lessons, and identify where young people may need further support and help. The volunteers work with the paid staff to allow them to triage the need for mental health and well-being services when necessary. Volunteers also support Livewire to run events and manage operations and fundraising working with our Trustee Board.



Volunteers at Livewire are largely members of the local community who see its value and wish to help it thrive. From the town's ex-mayor to members of the local police force, retirees with an interest in music and parents of young people who attend, volunteers are drawn from a whole host of backgrounds.

Opportunities to grow and develop often come from these volunteers: our logo, branding and promotional material is produced by Mark, who is a graphic designer by trade; public access live music events which help promote our young bands are organised and promoted by Mike, who is a parent of an ex-member; our digital database system was developed in partnership with Jon, who alongside teaching bass to young people during our sessions, works as a database designer for local schools.

Another large proportion of our volunteers are young people who help run our junior session. Through a young volunteer award scheme, young people can set personal aims and strive to achieve them through running the junior session. Responsibilities include running the coffee bar, operating live sound and lighting in the venue, offering peer-to-peer support to younger members, delivering music tuition, and making sure everybody has fun!

In summary, volunteer roles include the following:

- ⦿ Peer mentoring
- ⦿ Running the various sessions including ensuring the smooth running of the junior clubs
- ⦿ Getting involved in teaching music including drums, guitar, bass, keyboard and vocals
- ⦿ Helping to run the coffee bar, art workshops, organising and operating karaoke
- ⦿ Volunteering in the studio, helping to record peers
- ⦿ Running the venue, doing the live sound and lighting as well as stage management and event promotion

Our Trustees and Governance

During the past year, there have been 10 trustees who bring a variety of skills and experience to Livewire, meet every month and have six main duties:

- ⦿ To ensure compliance with Livewire's governing document and the law
- ⦿ To ensure the charity is carrying out its purposes for the youth benefit
- ⦿ To ensure that Livewire is accountable
- ⦿ To act in Livewire's best interest
- ⦿ To manage Livewire's resources responsibly
- ⦿ To act with reasonable care and skill

Trustees have specific roles such as Chair, Treasurer and have specialisms/expertise around event management, health and safety, safeguarding, fundraising, education and marketing.



Our Delivery Partners

We work with all the **local secondary schools** in the area, alongside **local colleges** and **specialist alternative provision schools**. The primary aim of these relationships is to provide mental health and wellbeing support to young people experiencing difficulties in school. Our main partnership is with **Saltash Community School**, where we provide a weekly mental health and wellbeing drop-in service; we also arrange visits and provide specific advocacy and support for young people who are not able to receive the support they need from school.

We also work with universities to provide similar support, alongside placement opportunities to youth workers and counsellors in training. We are occasionally invited to **deliver lectures, workshops** and **talks** at local universities. We maintain strong communicative relationships with other local youth work organisations to ensure local young people are getting the most out of all local provisions, and to communicate issues affecting the local area.

Our relationship with **The Zone, Headstart, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)**, local **doctor's surgeries** and other **non-NHS mental health services** involves channelling referrals into Livewire's free counselling service, ensuring young people do not suffer from the long waiting lists currently experienced within the NHS.

We will work with **social workers** to provide alternative provision opportunities to young people outside of mainstream education.

We are a member of **Saltash Team for Youth, a sub-committee of Saltash Town Council** for youth work delivery in the town by Livewire and The Core, another local youth organisation. We are also a member of **Saltash Youth Network** which brings together all youth-adjacent organisations in the area to confer and collaborate, and Saltash Together, a wider network of local organisations. We occasionally attend other local meetings which may be relevant to young people and Livewire; it's important to us to be active in the local community.

7 OUR MEMBERS

Livewire has 410 members from across Cornwall and Devon – see chart below.

There is no initial cost for becoming a member; members can use all facilities, lessons, undertake training and access youth and counselling services free of charge. When attending the youth club, members are invited to contribute £1 each time but no young person is turned away.

Many young people come from deprived areas shown by the **Indices of Multiple Deprivation** information below.

Livewire has a healthy spread of ages amongst its members with many members joining at a young age and staying with the club until their late teens and early twenties (see table below). New data gathering from our digital database will soon allow us to track these journeys and get an idea of how long members generally stay with us.

Our current members come from the following area and age spread:

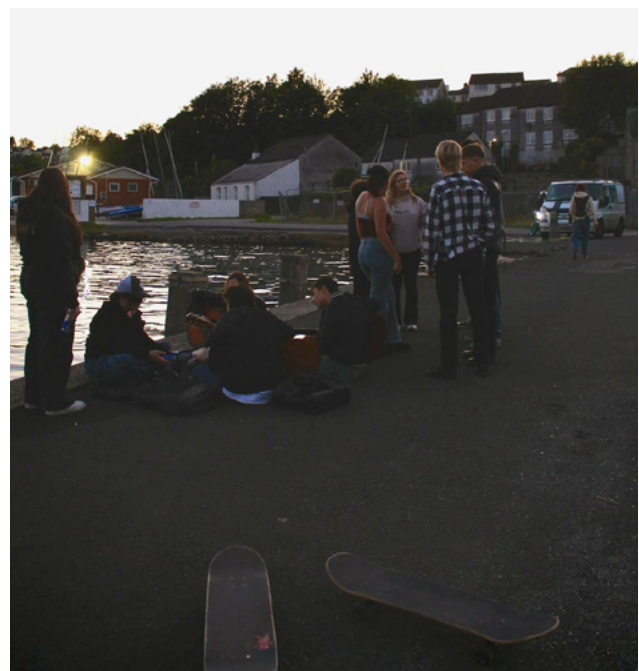
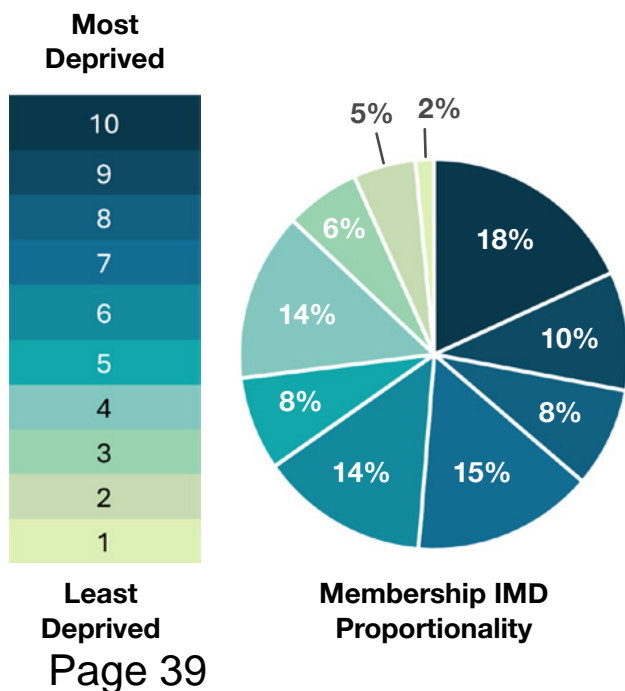
AREA	NO. OF MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE
SE CORNWALL	75	18%
SALTASH	138	34%
PLYMOUTH	161	39%
SW DEVON	26	6%
NOT PROVIDED	10	3%
TOTAL	410	100%

Age	Percentage
10	3%
11	7%
12	6%
13	7%
14	13%
15	17%
16	16%
17	12%
18	12%
19	5%
20	1%
21	1%

Livewire Membership Deprivation Data

[Indices of Multiple Deprivation Explained](#)

(links to GOV.UK 'English indices of deprivation 2025: statistical release' web page)



8 SURVEY & ANALYSIS

What our members say (appendix 1)

During September to November 2025, Livewire launched a survey and encouraged young people to complete it. The survey was completed by 51 respondents, whose ages ranged from 12 to 21, from South-east Cornwall, Plymouth and West Devon.

The results show that Livewire plays a very important role in the lives of the respondents, not only in terms of music but also as a safe and sociable meeting place for young people. The benefits of Livewire include a place to make friends, help build confidence, improve self-esteem and learn new music skills.

Every respondent who answered the survey rated Livewire as an **excellent/good** facility and its importance is emphasised by the fact that over 80% of the respondents would be **devasted/would really miss it** if it did not exist. The respondents are generally satisfied with the services Livewire provides, with few suggestions for any improvements needed.

The young people responding had concerns about their mental health, what the future holds for them, making friendships; all these concerns were mitigated by the support received from Livewire. As a result, a big concern for young people was the threat of Livewire closing.

Alongside concerns, young people expressed their hope and ambitions for the future and their interests which included music – both playing, listening and writing music.

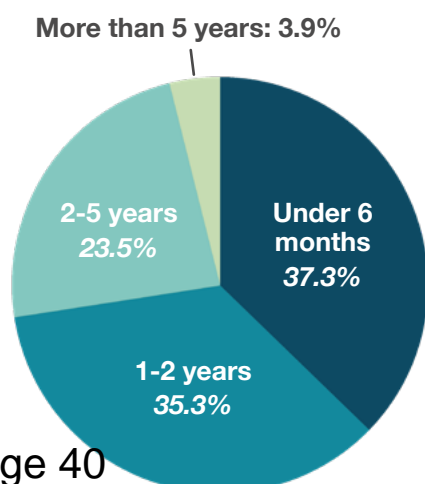
Testimonials from the respondents are included in the outcomes section (pages 22-25).

SURVEY

A summary of answers to the key survey questions:

Q2. How long have you been coming to Livewire?

The respondents reflect a good cross-section of members with a mix of longer-term users and more recent users. Almost a quarter of the respondents have been coming to Livewire for between two and five years, whilst over a third have been coming for between a year and two years. 37% had been coming for less than six months. Our digital database system logs when a member has been added to the system, meaning we can accurately pinpoint when they joined as well as tracking their journey with us since joining.

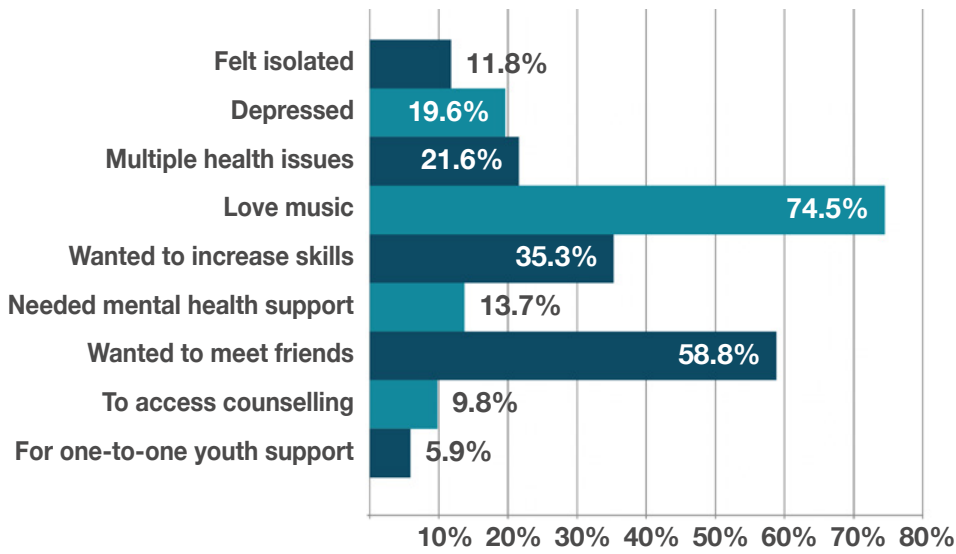


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Q3. What led you to come to Livewire?

Respondents come to Livewire for several different reasons and for many there is more than one reason. The most cited reason is the **'love of music'**; with almost 75% of respondents choosing this, followed by **'wanting to meet friends'**, selected by 58% and **'wanting to increase skills'** chosen by just over one third of respondents. The main other reasons selected were multiple health issues, being depressed and needing mental health support.



Further comments from respondents:

'I helped build the counselling rooms I have now used, and it really does make me glad I have had my part in that!'

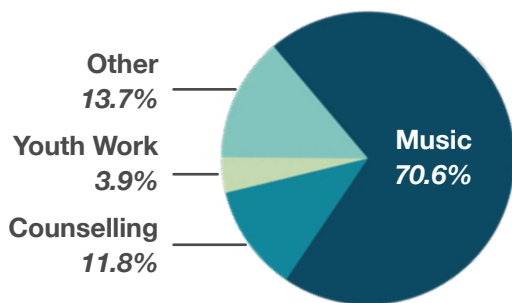
'I mainly came to Livewire because I remember attending a session a few years ago when I was younger and saw the stage, the lights and the community they had but I couldn't bring myself to go on stage back then. However, recently I remembered Livewire through my friend who comes here regularly and after realising how much I loved to sing and be on stage, I decided to give it a go again. Now, it's been a year, and I've made many new friends and become more confident in my skills and being on stage.'

'Amazing place to make friends and no one is enemies.'

'Good place, have fun.'

Q4. What services do you use at Livewire?

The service used the most by respondents is **music** with over 70% indicating they use this service which correlates with the main motivation for accessing Livewire initially. **Counselling** is the other main service used with 11.8% accessing this.



Respondents' comments:

'I mainly use the music services but having the youth support has been a great help at times.'

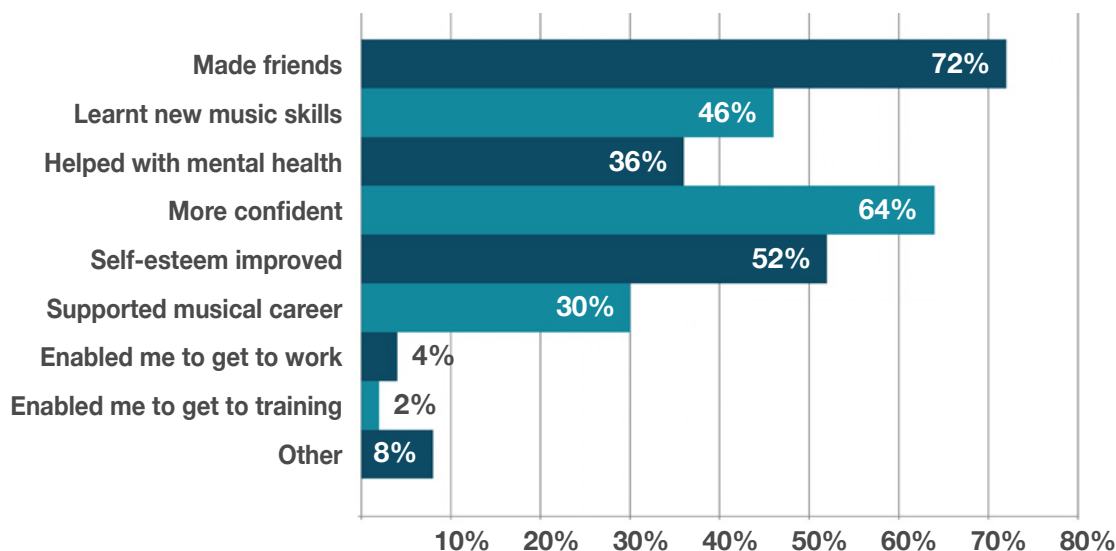
'To see my friends and make new ones.'

'Pretty much everything.'



Q5 What has been the main benefit for you of Livewire?

The benefit mentioned most by respondents is **making friends** with over 70% choosing this. The second biggest benefit is **feeling more confident** with almost two-thirds of respondents selecting this followed by **improving self-esteem** with 52%, **learning new music skills** with 46% and **supporting a musical career** with 30%.



Q7. Is there anything that Livewire could improve for you?

Generally, the respondents are satisfied with Livewire and see little that could be improved. There were a few suggestions for possible improvements as outlined below:

Possible improvements:

- ⦿ Extending the length of the Tuesday group by half an hour
- ⦿ Sport
- ⦿ Fixing any broken instruments
- ⦿ More inside quiet spaces
- ⦿ Warmer
- ⦿ More pasties

Further comments:

'Personally, as unhelpful as it is, I don't think there's anything I could think of to make it better for me.'

'No, it's all amazing, prices affordable.'

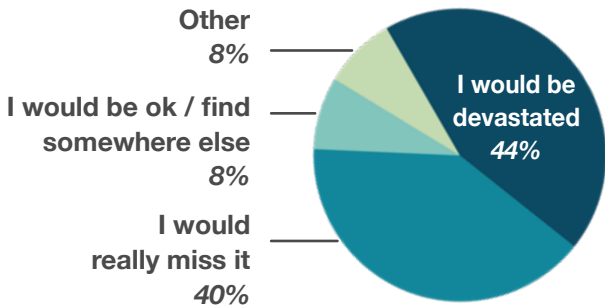
'No, I think it's great the way it is and should stay running for a very long time.'

'I would also love if they expanded the Tuesday group by half an hour, even if it's fortnightly or monthly, that extra half an hour would be nice.'



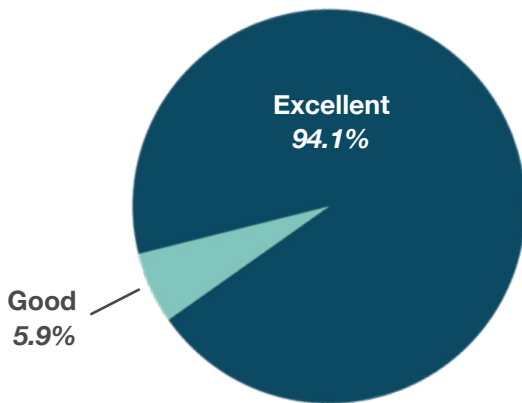
Q8. How would you feel if Livewire didn't exist?

If Livewire did not exist it would have a significantly detrimental effect on the lives of many of the respondents, with 44% indicating, they would be **devastated** and a further 40% **would really miss it**.



Q9. How do you rate Livewire?

The respondents rate Livewire very highly with **94.1% saying it is excellent** and **5.9% describing it as good**. Not a single respondent rated Livewire as average or poor.



Comments:

'If this place didn't exist, then I think I can say for all people that come here they wouldn't feel at home nor have a place to feel like they can be themselves and express themselves.'

'I would cry to be honest.'

'I would miss Livewire so much, this is where I met some of my closest friends and have joined a band that I am really enjoying being in.'

'Livewire has made me more comfortable and confident in myself with making friends and helping others.'

'A fantastic place for young people to see their friends and have a place to talk about stuff.'

'I would really miss it because I find it very beneficial for young people including myself due to regular appointments and have a routine set around it.'

'I've grown to love the women's community I'm a part of and I truly don't believe I would be able to find another place like this that's accessible and as welcoming as Livewire is. So yes, I would be devastated.'

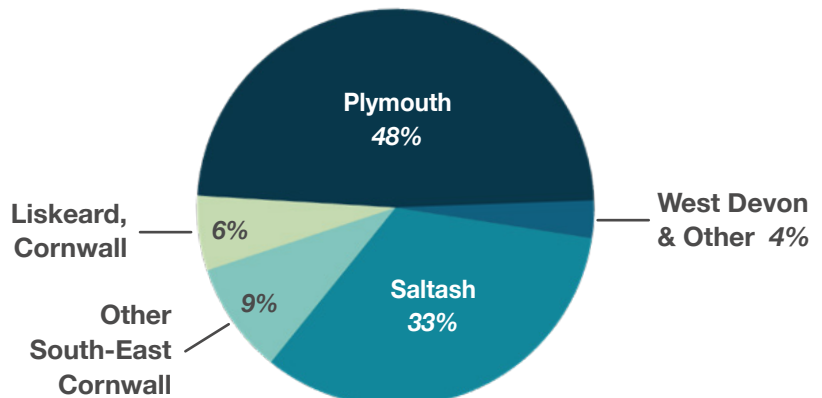
'Without Livewire I wouldn't be able to play music or socialise with other people.'

About the Respondents

Below shows that the survey attracted a good cross section of Livewire members. This was an optional part of the survey so not all of the respondents answered this section.

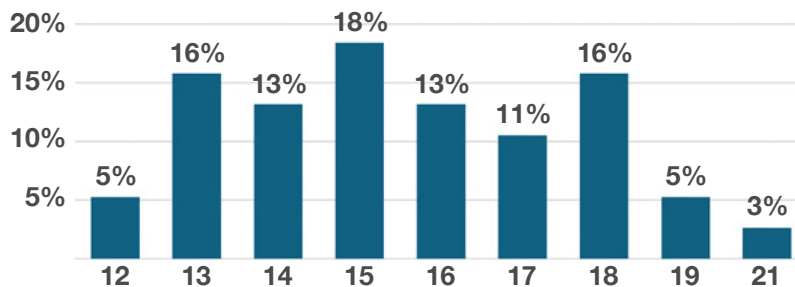
Where do you live?

33 (65%) of the 51 respondents answered. 16 (48%) respondents were from Plymouth and 11 (33%) from Saltash. The remaining respondents were from other places in South-East Cornwall, Liskeard and West Devon. This is proportionate to the geographic spread of Livewire's membership.



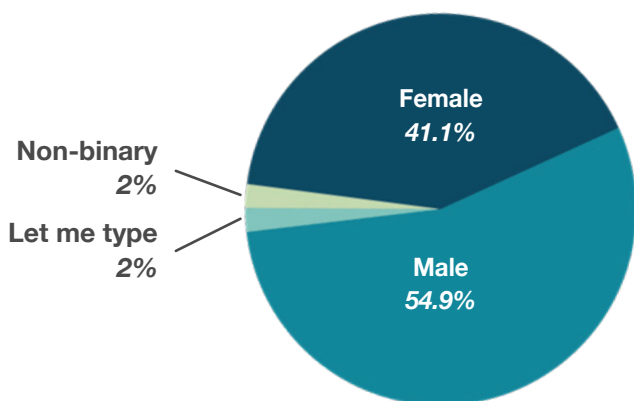
How old are you?

Thirty-eight of the fifty-one respondents (74.5%) answered this question. The respondents ranged in age from twelve to twenty one, with the majority between the ages of thirteen and eighteen. The age groups with the largest representation were fifteen with 18%, thirteen with 16% and eighteen also with 16%.



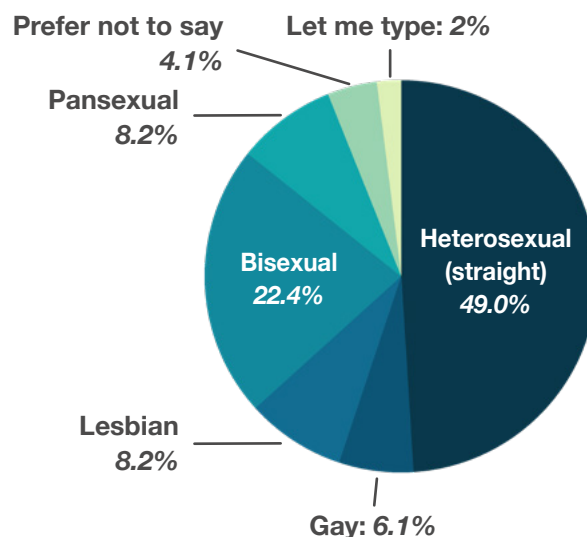
How do you describe your gender?

41.1% of respondents described their gender as female, 54.9% as male, 2% as non-binary and 2% as gender fluid.



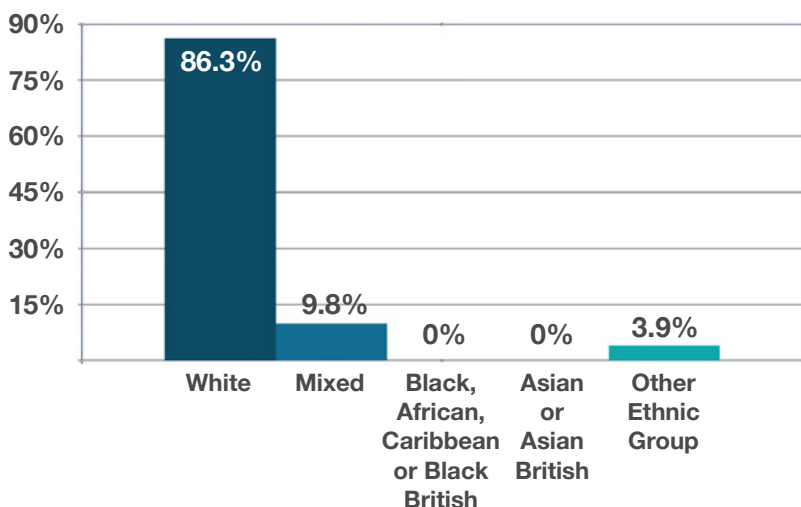
What is your sexual orientation?

49% of respondents indicated their sexual orientation was heterosexual, 22.4% as bisexual, 8.2% as lesbian, 8.2% as pansexual and 6.1% as gay.



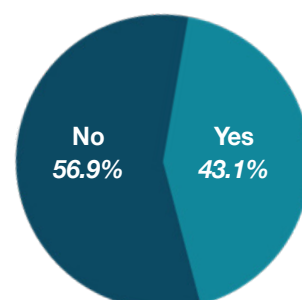
How do you describe your ethnicity?

86.3% of respondents described their ethnicity as white, 9.8% as mixed and 3.9% as other ethnic groups.



Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

43.1% of respondents considered themselves to have a disability. Those respondents that were prepared to give more information about their disability/disabilities mentioned ADHD, autism, dyslexia, spina bifida, anxiety, Lyme disease and dyspraxia.



9 OUTCOMES WITH TESTIMONIALS BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORTED

During the last year, the project has achieved the following outcomes consistent with those that were pledged as part of the Heart ‘n’ Soul funding:

OUTCOME 1: INCREASED MENTAL WELLBEING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDING COUNSELLING (80 per year)

⊙ **Counselling Sessions:** There have been 502 sessions delivered by counsellors with 164 young people aged 12 to 21 participating from February 2025 to January 2026. The chart in section 5 shows the outputs by month.

⊙ **Livewire Survey:** Feedback from the Livewire survey carried out during September to November 2025 asking respondents to indicate the main benefit of Livewire had the following responses:

36% of respondents said the main benefit was the support given with their mental health by the Livewire team.

What young people who undertook our 2025 survey said:

Mental Wellbeing Testimonials

I had bad mental problems for a few years and when I started coming to livewire I was in the stage of improvement. Personally, I believe having an activity that I came to weekly and making new friends and just being able to release stress and sing was one of the main reasons I’ve improved my mental health now.’

‘It has allowed me to create strategies for overcoming my anxiety; additionally, it has given me the reassurance that I needed to move on with my life.’

‘Livewire definitely saved me at my lowest and helped guide me on the right direction when I had no one to turn to for help.’

‘I find it’s improved my mental health because I can talk with other people with similar interests to me.’

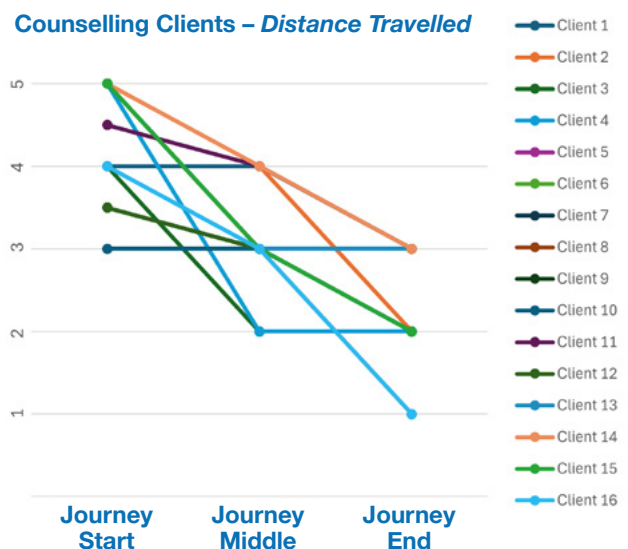
⊙ **Counselling Client Feedback:** Data collected from counselling client feedback forms demonstrates the benefits of Livewire’s counselling service; without doubt, this is positive. Clients feel that time spent in counselling has lessened the impact their issues have on their lives.

Clients were asked to rate three metrics indicating how they felt pre-counselling compared with post-counselling – (Note: the higher the score the more positive the client felt):

Metric	Score Pre-Counselling	Score Post-Counselling
Feelings/emotions	3.8	5
Ability to cope	4.0	5
Life as a whole	4.2	5

16 individual clients were also tracked:

The chart below shows their progress – (Note: in this chart, the lower the score the more positive the client felt):



⊙ **Counselling Client Feedback:**

Clients gave the following testimonials:

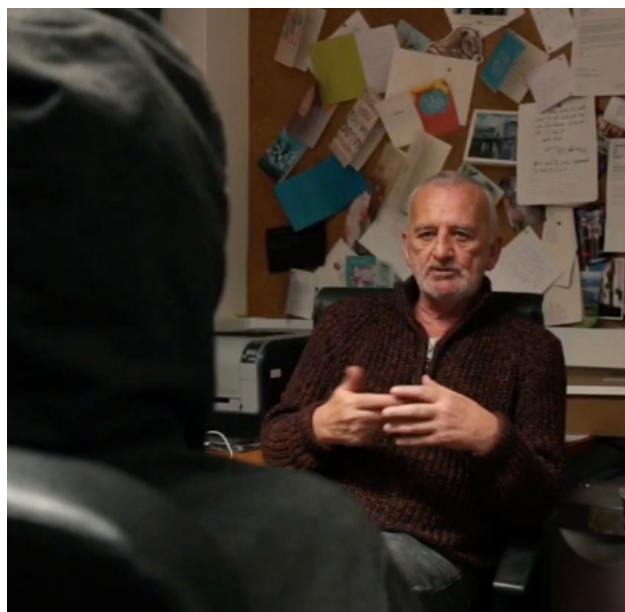
'I feel more confident and willing to go out and do more things. I'm less anxious in public'

'I've developed self-compassion, self-acceptance, confidence and the ability to manage my worries'

'Helped me to come to terms with a lot of things about myself and better my self-image'

'It's kept me alive. I couldn't have carried on and been where I am now without this support'

'Helped me see things the way they really are instead of how I perceive them emotionally'



⊙ **Parent and Carer Feedback:** see case study information in **section 9** (page 30).

OUTCOME 2: INCREASED CONFIDENCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (95 per year)

⊙ **Youth Work:** 1,041 direct youth work interactions with young people aged 10–21 years old carried out by the youth work team. The chart in section 3 has full details.

⊙ **Livewire Survey:** Feedback from the Livewire survey carried out during September to November 2025 asking respondents to indicate the main benefit of Livewire had the following responses:

64% of respondents said the main benefit was being more confident and 52% cited that their self-esteem had improved since attending Livewire.

What young people who undertook our 2025 survey said:

Confidence Testimonials

'The team at Livewire are very supportive and playing with other people as a band has helped me with my confidence and communicating with other people'

'Singing on stage has helped my confidence skyrocket'

'Livewire has genuinely saved my life, time and time again. Before I started coming here, I was a fraction of the person I am now. I've gained confidence in everyday life; I've made friends that'll last and become happier in day-to-day life'

'I would say Livewire and the team over there have really gotten me out of my shell and I do things that I never knew I could do'

'I think Livewire has changed me in the best ways possible. I've always had a problem with my confidence and self-esteem, and this has really helped me bring that up. And it also has helped me make a lot of new friends and given me a lot more opportunities'

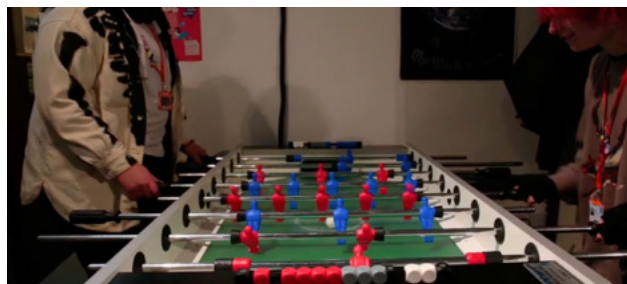
'Livewire has helped me become a better version of myself and has helped me develop better social skills'

→ ◎ **Counselling Client Feedback:** Client feedback in the previous section is also relevant to increased confidence

◎ **Parent and Carer Feedback:** see case study information in **section 9** (page 30).

◎ **Case Studies:** see **section 9** (page 28).

**OUTCOME 3:
INCREASED
FRIENDSHIPS
AND POSITIVE
CONNECTIONS**
(50 per year)



◎ **Livewire Music Sessions:** There have been 230 sessions delivered with 10,406 attendees per year, five days a week for young people aged 10-21 from February 2025 to January 2026. The chart in section 5 shows the outputs by month.

◎ **Livewire Survey:** Feedback from the Livewire survey carried out during September to November 2025 had the following results:

72% of respondents said the main benefit was making friends which had in turn supported them to be more confident, improve self-esteem, be more positive about their futures.

What young people who undertook our 2025 survey said:

Friendships and Positive Connections Testimonials

'I made new friends and joined a band'

'Livewire made me more happy meeting new friends having a blast'

'Livewire has made my life better because I have met more people and have loads of new friends'

'I've met some good friends here and I enjoy the atmosphere of it'

◎ **Parent and Carer Feedback:** see case study information in **section 9** (page 30).

◎ **Case Studies:** see **section 9** (page 28).

**OUTCOME 4:
INCREASE THE
NUMBER OF YOUNG
PEOPLE RETURNING TO
EDUCATION, TRAINING
OR WORK**
(15 per year)

◎ **Music Education:** A natural by-product of our music provisions involves pointing young people towards music courses at both Plymouth City College and Access to Music. A significant proportion of our members are currently home-schooled or considering home-schooling (accurate data on this will be a by-product of our database system). A positive relationship with music is reportedly resulting in encouragement to enter music-centric education. 1-1 support offered to young people in tandem with these provisions has helped older young people access new jobs.

◎ **Livewire Survey:** Feedback from the Livewire survey carried out during September to November 2025 had the following results:

6% of respondents said the main benefit was that Livewire had enabled them to get into work or training.

What young people who undertook our 2025 survey said:

Young People Returning to Education and Training Testimonials

'Andy helped me get work experience for college. I usually meet here with my friends when they go on stage and I love the music that gets played here.'

OUTCOME 5: YOUNG PEOPLE IMPROVE MUSICIANSHIP SKILLS (200 per year)

© **Livewire Music Sessions:** Through the 230 sessions held from February 2025 to January 2026, there were more than 200 young people who had the opportunity to improve their musicianship skills.

© **Livewire Survey:** Feedback from the Livewire survey carried out during September to November 2025 had the following results:

46% of respondents said the main benefit was that Livewire had enabled them to learn new music skills with 30% saying Livewire had supported their musical career.

What young people who undertook our 2025 survey said:

Young People Improving Music Skills and their Future Ambitions Testimonials

'I want to learn how to play bass on a professional level'

'I mainly use the lessons available - Lizzy and Kirsty. Both of them have greatly helped my confidence when it comes to singing and I appreciate how welcoming and non-judgmental they are, giving me the self-esteem to accept that I can sing. They even helped push me forward to do an open mic opportunity when I asked for advice on whether I should do it'

'They have let me sing and that makes me really happy, and I love learning drums'

'I have improved my abilities in guitar and increased my confidence'

'I am able to get lessons here that I would have to pay a lot for elsewhere; they definitely benefit my confidence too'

'Livewire has made me happy and has expanded my music career'

'Livewire has made me more confident with my singing and inspiring me to make my own songs'

'I enjoy playing drums and guitar at Livewire; I hope to make it big in the music industry'

'I want to be a rockstar'

'In the future I want to become a musician'

© **Parent and Carer Feedback:** see case study information in **section 9** (page 30).

© **Case Studies:** see **section 9** (page 28).

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OUTCOME 6: INCREASED YOUTH VOICE AND PARTICIPATION (20 per year)

27 of Livewire members are also volunteers and hence have an increased voice and participation in the delivery of Livewire's services which in turn gives them an understanding of how the charity operates as well as its challenges – **see Volunteer section** (page 14).

Young people have shaped the services that Livewire offers – for instance, the Tuesday women's only session and the Friday wellbeing session were both instigated following feedback from Livewire members.

New workshops are due to start in 2026 for four distinct groups of young people to find out how Livewire can support them by better understanding their needs - young women, young men, LGBTQ+ and people who are neurodivergent. It is hoped that these workshops will lead to the creation of a youth committee with representation from these groups; the committee will come together to innovate and further hone the services that Livewire offers.

See Section 13 - Next Year – Our Ambitions (page 32).

During local and national elections, we ensure young people have an opportunity to voice their issues and concerns to prospective councillors and MPs.

OUTCOME 7: ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH WORK SKILLS FOR STAFF THROUGH TRAINING *(up to 20 per year)*

⊙ **Appointment of an apprentice:** The appointment of Joe Day, as an Apprentice Youth Worker, has bolstered the support network of mental health support to young people; the apprentice is being thoroughly trained in mental health work skills as part of his overall education.

⊙ **Training:** Safeguarding training and suicide alert training has been undertaken by all paid staff.

Supervision training has been undertaken by the Mental Health lead. Trainee Counsellors have built upon their existing professional qualifications by undertaking a number of mental health related training courses ensuring the best level of support to young people.

OUTCOME 8: INCREASE PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS/COLLEGES

⊙ The appointment of an Apprentice Youth Worker expands the potential for programme delivery in schools and colleges, thanks to the ability to share responsibilities more widely across the youth work team.

⊙ Alongside Livewire’s mental health and wellbeing drop-in service, invitations have been received to deliver talks on sexual health, sexting and positive relationships.

b) Drop-in Sessions: very positive feedback from students on this provision. The confidential nature of the space is one of the key draws along with Andy’s accessibility according to the Assistant Headteacher. Sessions are well attended and support students some of whom attend the music project.

Saltash Community School



There is a strong partnership between Saltash Community School and Livewire with Andy Rance being a vital element of the school’s pastoral support network, visiting the school on a fortnightly basis for the following:

a) 1:1 Sessions: Saltash Community School has an inbuilt referral system with 1:1 sessions undertaken in school, which forms a key part of what our Heads of Year can offer to students and parents with special educational and mental health needs.

Testimonial from Nick Evans, Assistant Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead at Saltash Community School

‘Our in-house referral process gives children 3 one to one sessions with Andy (of 30 mins). From this we have had expedited referrals into Livewire’s counselling sessions following triage by Andy. We have been able to identify needs following these sessions and this helps us to make decisions on further referrals/amend support in school.’

To be rolled out shortly is a questionnaire to be completed before and after the 1:1 session to assess the impact further. The feedback will also influence the work that Andy Rance does in the future during those sessions.

Our other partnerships across 2025 include:

Liskeard Secondary School, T Plus and The Wave Academy: alternative specialist provision schools who send students for specialist music sessions with musicians and youth workers

Ace School: young people referred for counselling and youth work support

Daytime 1-1 music-based sessions are provided for students from:

- ⊙ **Fountain Head School**
- ⊙ **City College**
- ⊙ **Plympton Academy**
- ⊙ **Sir John Hunt School**
- ⊙ **All Saints**
- ⊙ **Social Services**
- ⊙ **University of St. Mark & St. John**



OUTCOME 9: REDUCE PERMANENT EXCLUSIONS FROM SCHOOLS/COLLEGES

⊙ A huge amount of the work we do with young people during open access sessions is orientated around school; we mentor young people and carry them through personal difficulties to ensure that they survive school life and remain within the system until college or work.

⊙ The youth work team are aware of 15 young people who are or have been at risk of being excluded from school – the very nature of youth work with under 16s is focussed on school and difficulties in schools with the intention of keeping them in education until they leave.

OUTCOME 10: DEVELOP CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (CAMHS IN PLYMOUTH/DEVON AND CORNWALL)

⊙ Livewire has worked across the funding period to achieve a maximum of 3 weeks waiting period before counselling begins, reducing risk to young people being referred from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

⊙ Due to Livewire's well-established counselling service and the shortness of our waiting period, it is overwhelmingly the case that young people are referred from CAMHS to Livewire. The range of counsellors available to young people means that most issues raised can be dealt with within Livewire's provision.

⊙ Our relationship with CAMHS has been consistently positive for many years particularly when CAMHS's waiting times enter the extremes; in these cases, we have offered to take on referees to both ease the pressure on CAMHS and reduce the risks to young people's wellbeing.

10 **CASE STUDIES****Further positive impacts of Livewire****Livewire Current Members****Young Person 'A'**

'A' is a well-known face at Livewire. Whilst attending senior sessions she is always on the lookout for peers who may need a shoulder to lean on and is the first to lend a hand when others are in need. As a volunteer for junior sessions, she operates the sound desk and helps young people build confidence on the stage, shouting words of encouragement and making sure everybody has equal opportunity to shine.

When 'A' first came to Livewire, she was too scared to even to get out of the car. Her anxieties were so intense that she could only manage a brief conversation with Andy through the window before she asked to go home. Before she left, Andy pleaded with her to come back.

"You can do it," he told her. "Just come back and try again. We'll still be here."

For the next few weeks, Andy would speak with 'A' through the car window and talk through her anxieties to work out what was holding her back. He empathised and encouraged her, refusing to give up on the girl in the car. On the fourth week, 'A' built up enough courage to pull the handle, step out and take her first steps into Livewire.

Andy has been 'A's youth worker for over a year. In that time, they have found ways to overcome her anxieties, alongside other issues that have affected her all through her life. She is now considering her own pathway into youth work.

Young Person 'B'

'B' is the drummer of a band regularly seen up on Livewire's stage. They have been together since September 2025 and are already working toward positive goals, endeavouring to work on their own material and join the Plymouth music scene. 'B' is also developing skills as a guitarist and vocalist and provides singing lessons to juniors on Wednesdays.

When she first turned up at Livewire, 'B' could only stand by herself in the corner. She had been home-schooled for much of her life and spent most of her free time caring for her four younger siblings alongside her mum. She hadn't known anything like this before.

Staff allowed 'B' to stand with them during sessions, as they were friendly faces who made her feel wanted and welcome. They would speak to her about hobbies and interests, point out people 'B' would likely get along with, and encouraged her to book some music lessons. Eventually 'B' found another young person whose music tastes and interests lined up with hers. Before long they were getting along like a house on fire, talking about music, sitting on the sofa with snacks from the tuck shop, mingling with other young people. Her confidence began to grow, and her small group of friends grew to include three young and keen musicians who were desperate to start a band!

'B' is now thriving at college, where she is studying music with her bandmates. She has a boyfriend, a group of friends and a band she pours her heart into. She's living her best life, and we can't wait to see where the road leads for her.

Young Person 'C'

'C' is a bright and uplifting face at Livewire; whenever he enters a room, people know about it. He is loud and bright, happy to speak to anyone, super-engaged with learning the bass guitar, and actively engaging with all staff in his mental health struggles. Prior to becoming an active Livewire member, he found it difficult to get out of the house and make friends. His learning difficulties led to a distinct lack of confidence in his abilities and problems at home brought about some difficult feelings which he

struggles to navigate on his own.

'C' now meets regularly with a youth worker at Livewire to talk and work through how he feels and often gets on stage to sing his favourite songs alongside friends he has made at Livewire. He is distinctly more positive and engaged in what Livewire has to offer, and has recently started a band with a few friends.

Livewire Alumni

Jonah

Jonah first attended Livewire in 2011 and remained an active member until his late teens. Whilst a member, he explored passions in photography, lighting and stage crewing. He was eager to enter a career in photography and had passion for putting on live shows and being an active part of the crew. When old enough, he went with Livewire volunteers to local festivals, where he helped in building and breaking down staging. He continued volunteering himself for events, making a positive impression with a local company who went on to employ him as stage-crew for a wide range of festivals including Boardmasters and Glastonbury!

Jonah's photography has since blossomed and he is successfully self-employed as a photographer. He is also closely involved in events management and promotion in Plymouth.

Dom

Dom is the current drummer of The Wurzels! – <https://londondrumsticks.co.uk/artists/dom-chiswell/> - an opportunity which landed at his feet after many years acting as a stage tech, sound engineer and stand-in drummer for the band. Dom's interests in music were formed at Livewire, where he struck up relationships with peers as well as the sound engineers. He formed bands, relationships and grew immensely in confidence. Dom's interest in music and live sound led him to work at Boardmasters festival as part of Livewire's volunteer stage crew, and this, combined with his musicianship, led to employment with the manager of various bands, eventually bringing us to his current success!



Finn – aged 19, told in his own words:

My name is Finn and I first came to livewire at around 13/14 years old.

I had recently lost my dad to suicide and was both numb and closed off, acting out both at school and at home. My mum, bless her, had put me into a series of phone call based grievance counselling sessions and it just didn't help whatsoever. Through local community groups she had heard of Livewire and recommended that I try attending.

And so I did and this is when I met Andy and the crew. The crew themselves are all absolutely lovely, selfless individuals who provide a safe, non-judgmental environment for people of all age ranges who potentially are struggling in their lives or just want to make friends. Most of my time at Livewire, however, was spent with Andy.

I can truly say that Andy was exactly who and what I needed at that time in my life in order to progress and learn. I dreaded the idea of counselling, a clipboard, a pen and just being another case. Andy spoke to you

as a friend, he really deeply cared. And as said, it was exactly what managed to break through to me at that point in my life. An older sense of guidance with a young sense of humour.

I have known Andy and the team for half a decade now and try to keep in contact when adult life and other commitments permit me to. And speaking to him, it's easy to see just how much he cares.

I also have a deep love for music which is a passion Livewire shares. And the young people I have seen them nurture into young artists using the facilities over the years is just incredible. I was also provided with the tools and lessons to learn both the guitar and piano here, as well as experiment with a sound control board in a booth, a peaked interest that helped me relate to my dad as he was a DJ in his spare time.

I would invite anyone to sit in the hall as I did and just listen to it all, taking in the rawness of the performances.

Parents/Carers

Feedback from parents and carers demonstrates that Livewire helps young people in a variety of ways:

- ⦿ Expanding their horizons via music.
- ⦿ Providing opportunities that young people wouldn't ordinarily have.
- ⦿ Building confidence and widening their social groups.
- ⦿ Nurturing a safe and non-judgemental environment.

'K', Parent

'I am just so impressed with the work at Livewire. As a retired psychiatric nurse, I spent time working at a young offender establishment and at an adolescent unit and realise how important your service and work is to young people'.

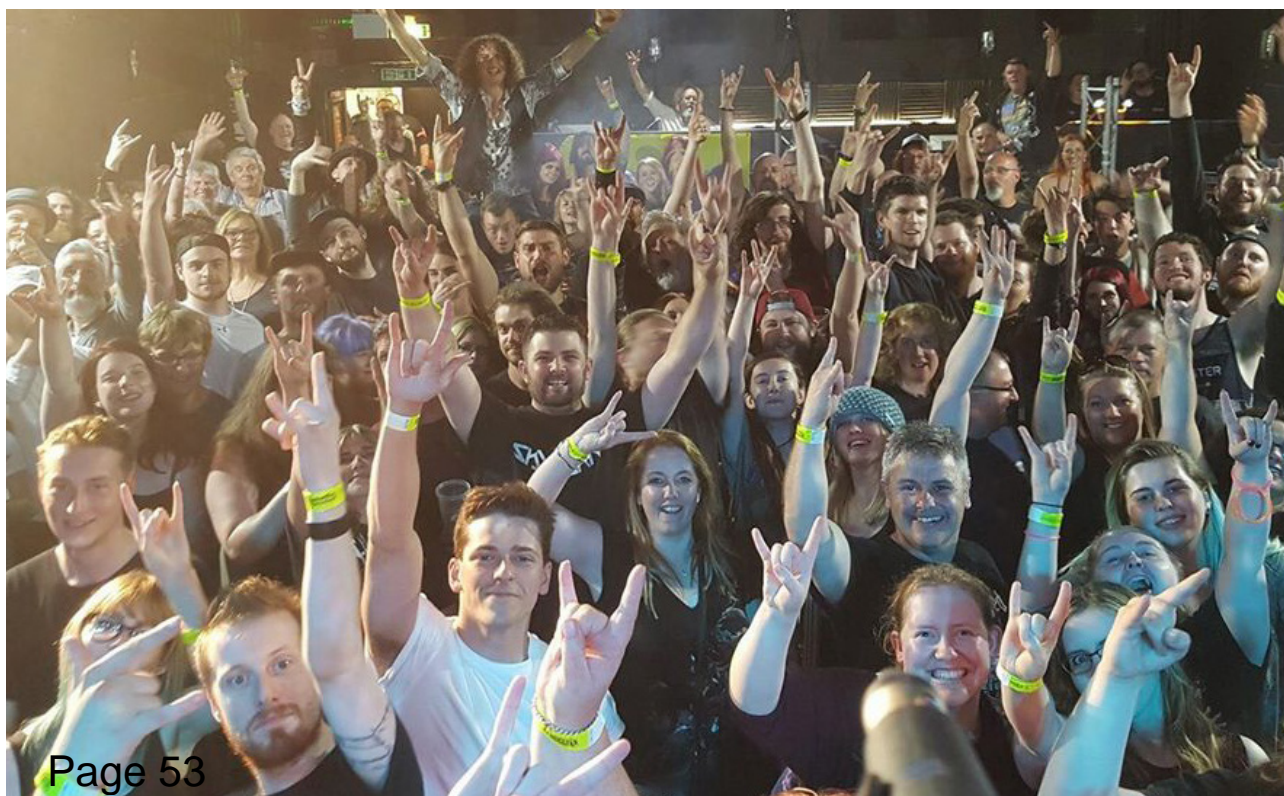
'B', Grandparent

'She has really grown as a musician and has gained confidence from Livewire to perform. As a musician myself, I am very proud of her and so glad that Livewire has nurtured her talent. Long may you continue to inspire young people to play and learn from your sessions.'

'P & P', Parents

The moment we drove round the corner and saw young people queuing to attend, dressed in their finery, we knew he'd found his people. The way Andy greeted him confirmed this. He has regularly attended ever since; it is the highlight of his week. He has grown in confidence considerably, has widened his social groups and has discovered that it's ok to be an individual. It has also inspired him to see music/sound as a potential career path.

We can't thank all the youth workers and volunteers enough for all the support and knowledge they have shown him. Livewire is an invaluable resource for young people in this area. An inspiring, accessible project that truly nurtures through the community of music.



11 LEARNINGS

What's gone well?

- ⦿ Delivery of music sessions, youth work and counselling as per report.
- ⦿ Feedback from Livewire members, parents and carers – all positive.
- ⦿ Remaining sustainable through a variety of income streams.
- ⦿ Retaining valuable staff and volunteer support as well as attracting new trustees with knowledge and expertise that Livewire needed.
- ⦿ Started succession planning (and executed it!)

What's been challenging?

- ⦿ Moving towards digital database tool with a **new membership database** – now done.
- ⦿ Converting the charity to a **CIO** – now done.
- ⦿ **Fundraising to sustain the charity** – success with new small grants. Importantly, a fundraising/income generation strategy is being prepared for 2026.
- ⦿ Shortly after Livewire received funding from the lottery, Livewire's Head Youth Work Coordinator suffered a heart attack, significantly affecting the organisation's ability to maintain reporting and deliver provisions. Not long after, Livewire's internal Office Administrator's health also took a negative turn, further impacting internal processes. These issues are still, in some cases, ongoing, and the appointment of new staff has been instrumental in restructuring record keeping and other internal processes.
- ⦿ Considering the sustainability of Livewire from a staffing perspective – succession now in place with the appointment of an Apprentice Youth Worker.

What's been interesting and unexpected?

- ⦿ A guitar that was donated from a famous musician to another well known musician has generated a £25,000 donation to Livewire.

- ⦿ **Pete Townshend, patron of Livewire** gave Livewire a shout-out during his performance at the Eden Project, helping raise Livewire's profile and reaching more young people in need:  <https://youtu.be/FcLiUF6ic3E>



- ⦿ One of Livewire's members made their way to the finals of **The Voice** in 2023!

 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vU1VgAJ1zw>

- ⦿ The uplift granted to Livewire by **The National Lottery**

Community Fund in autumn 2025 has supported the collation of evidence contained within this report. This has led to the charity being able to record and document the immense impact Livewire has on the lives of young people in Cornwall and Devon. The systems to enable full evaluation into the future are now in place – thank you to The National Lottery Community Fund.

- ⦿ The **donation of £10k** from a local patron toward a new sound system, which led to the acquisition of a cutting-edge line array system.

- ⦿ The knowledge that **virtually every band in Plymouth** has a Livewire member or ex-member as a band member!



12 ISSUES, CHALLENGES OR RISKS

Finance

The principal risk and challenge facing Livewire is the continued availability of appropriate and relevant sources of income which can be successfully applied for or sought. Livewire needs circa £220,000 per year to meet its expenditure; revenue costs particularly staff, constitute the majority of expenditure.

It is hoped that Livewire's track record and successful delivery of essential services for young people will put the charity in a strong position to secure available funds, recognising that given the current economic climate, funds may be harder to secure. In addition, during 2025, the charity has secured external support to help with making grant applications or sourcing other income.

During January 2026, the trustees met to discuss and agree a Funding Strategy and Action Plan considering all sources of income including grants. Opportunities to minimise expenditure without compromising on the delivery of services which impact young people, are an ongoing consideration.

The funding strategy and action plan linked to marketing is being drafted as this report is published. A wide range of opportunities are being considered with each rated according to level of difficulty/time input required versus likely reward.



Succession

During 2025, in close discussion with staff at Livewire, trustees recognised the need to consider HR requirements to enable the continued running of Livewire.

Joe Day, Apprentice Youth Worker, has been appointed and is working alongside Andy Rance to provide sustainable management support for Livewire in the future:



<https://www.cornish-times.co.uk/news/livewire-legend-looking-to-the-future-with-new-appointment-832297>

13 NEXT YEAR

Our ambitions

1. Implement Funding Strategy and Action Plan including grants and other sources of income.
2. Continue mentoring and training of Joe Day under the guidance of Andy Rance.
3. Continue to enhance our CRM system to keep even better track of Livewire's members, counselling, youth work, music sessions and interactions with clients.
4. Strengthen governance through the allocation of specialist roles to trustees.
5. Survey children at Saltash Community School to assess the impacts of the 1:1 sessions run by Andy Rance and influence the shape of these in the future.
6. Continue to survey Livewire members to ensure services are meeting their needs and use feedback to inform future delivery.
7. Run workshops for four distinct groups of young people – young women, young men, LGTQ+ and neurodivergent, to find out how Livewire's services benefit each and to plan/tailor any improvements.
8. Create a youth committee with representatives from the groups above; the remit being to innovate and develop ideas for Livewire's members, ensuring delivery is in line with what young people need.
9. Review the member survey feedback and consider any changes – e.g. extending the Tuesday group session by half an hour.

14 FINANCES

To the end of March 2025, Livewire achieved a small operating surplus despite an increase in costs.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds not designated for a specific use are maintained at a level equivalent to three to four month's expenditure. Should there be a significant drop in funding, this allows the trustees to continue the charity's activities whilst urgent consideration is given to ways in which additional funds can be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Funds remain tight and a Funding Strategy and Action Plan for 2026 has been discussed by trustees at their January 2026 meeting.

15 THANK YOU

The trustees and staff team at Livewire together with the 410 young members who use Livewire wish to thank the National Lottery Community Fund for their continued support.

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APPENDIX 1 – Livewire survey



Please tell us what you think by Friday 21st November 2025

We are privileged to help and support you. We hope Livewire is making a big difference to your life.

Livewire relies on funding to keep running; the majority of our income comes from external grants. We are continuously applying for new funds to sustain our future. Whenever we receive a grant, the funding authority understandably wants some information from us on what services we have delivered. In particular, they are really keen for us to demonstrate what impact our work has had for the young people we support. In short, they need to know what difference their grant has made to your life.

Please can you help us by completing our survey so that we have valuable feedback from you. We may also use this information in the future to adapt our service to deliver what you need. What you tell us will also be used as evidence to support future funding applications so by completing this survey, you are helping to keep Livewire sustainable to support more young people like you, long into the future.

Thank you.

How We Will Use Your Data

At the end, we ask for a bit more information about you – whilst you can do this survey anonymously, it is helpful for us to collate this data. We assure you that unless you give us consent, the information will not be attributed to you as an individual but will be analysed and summarised when liaising with our funders. If you do give us any personal information, this will be kept confidential in line with data protection legislation. Individual responses will remain anonymous unless you tell us we can publish any information e.g. supportive testimonial.

Are you aged 16 or over?

Yes

No

If under 16 (ticking 'No') Please can you confirm you have consent from your parent/guardian to complete this survey?

Yes

No

If 'No', please gain consent before continuing

1. Tell us a bit about yourself

What you enjoy doing, what you are good at, what you want to do in future, what worries you, what interests you?

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2. How long have you been coming to Livewire? (please tick as appropriate)

- Under 6 months
- 1 – 2 years
- 2 – 5 years
- More than 5 years

3. What led you to come to Livewire?

Below are some suggestions (tick as many as you wish) or feel free to write your own answer

- Felt isolated
- Depressed
- Multiple health issues
- Love music
- Wanted to increase skills
- Needed mental health support
- Wanted to meet friends
- To access counselling
- For one-to-one youth support

Comments:

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4. What services do you use at Livewire?

- Music
- Counselling
- Youth Work
- Other Please state:

5. What has been the main benefit for you of Livewire?

Below are some suggestions (tick as many as you wish) or feel free to write your own answer

- Made friends

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- Learnt new music skills
- Helped with mental health
- More confident
- Self-esteem improved
- Supported musical career
- Enabled me to get work
- Enabled me to get training
- Other

Comments:

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6. Can you give us a bit more information in relation to your answers to question 5 so we can understand what difference, if any, has Livewire made to your life?

Please tell us if you have subsequently accessed new training or educational opportunities, secured work experience or paid employment. If attending Livewire has helped with your musical career aspirations, we would also like to know. Any improvement to your mental health, confidence or self-esteem is also really important – being happier than you were before is a great outcome.

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7. Is there anything that Livewire could improve for you?

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8. How would you feel if Livewire didn't exist?

- I would be devastated
- I would really miss it
- I would be OK/find somewhere else to hang out
- Other

Please comment:

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9. How do you rate Livewire?

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor

10. Would you be happy to give us a quote to say what a difference Livewire has made to you?

Yes No

11. If yes, we will be in touch with you.

Can we use your name?

Yes No

About You (optional but completing this will help Livewire)

1 Name:

2 Where do you live? (street and postcode or area)

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3 How old are you?:

4 How do you describe your gender?

Female Male

Non-binary Prefer not to say

Let me type

5. What is your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual (straight) Gay Lesbian

Bisexual Asexual Pansexual

Prefer not to say Let me type

6. How do you describe your ethnicity?

White Mixed

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Black, African, Caribbean or Black British

Asian or Asian British

Other Ethnic Group

7. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes

No

Please tell us as little or as much as you are happy to do so

Comments:

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Thank you for completing this survey

TO THE PERSON
BEHIND ME:

YOU ARE
AMAZING
BEAUTIFUL

&

ENOUGH

Remember That

GET UP

NEVER



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Saltash Foodbank

ANNUAL REPORT

2025



Saltash foodbank

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS



We don't think anyone in our community should have to go hungry.

That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people facing hardship who are referred to us.

14 million* people live below the poverty line in the UK. People in Saltash are going hungry today.

Source: The Joseph Rowntree Foundation

'Food banks are not just about food. They are helping people so they don't have to come back again.'

JOHN

who has experience of hunger and poverty

GET INVOLVED TODAY

DONATE FOOD

VOLUNTEER

DONATE MONEY



<https://saltash.foodbank.org.uk/>

We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.



A message from the Chairman



**Richard
Margetts**

This Annual Report shows that Saltash Foodbank has had another very busy year. I want to start by saying a big Thank You to all our Trustees and Volunteers, for their dedication and hard work. We are also deeply grateful to everyone in our community who has supported us with food or donations. Without your help, we could not continue to support the many people who need us.

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We are a Trussell Trust foodbank, focused on providing emergency food to people in crisis. But we know that food alone does not solve the deeper challenges our clients face. That is why we also offer practical help when we can, whether that is with household essentials, help with energy costs, or a phone and SIM to stay connected.

An important part of our work is guiding people to other organisations who can offer longer-term support. This starts with information included in food parcels and continues through follow-up calls from our virtual signposting team. In some cases, clients are referred to our Citizens Advice adviser, who works with us one day a week through a joint project with Callington Foodbank. We also work closely with nearby foodbanks, local schools and groups like the Community Kitchen, to make sure food donations go where they are most needed.

This year, we have seen more people placed in short-term accommodation such as the Travelodge or the Cardinals Hatt/Croft site. These lack proper cooking facilities and are far from support services. We have raised our concerns with local councillors. We understand that the issue stems from a wider shortage of affordable housing. While the County Council is aware of the problem and is taking some steps, meaningful change may take time. In the meantime, we are adapting what we offer to better meet these needs.

None of this would be possible without our fantastic team of volunteers: collecting, packing and delivering food, wrapping presents, answering emails and calls, offering signposting support, managing accounts and IT, and much more. So, a heartfelt thank-you to each and every one of you.

Richard

Foodbank Centre Report - Rika Chanter

What We Do at Saltash Foodbank

Saltash Foodbank provides emergency food and practical support to individuals and families in the PL12 area, who are struggling to afford the essentials. As part of the Trussell Trust network, we also contribute to national efforts, campaigning for long-term solutions to poverty and food insecurity.

Our Local Impact This Year

We distributed 654 emergency food parcels to people in Saltash and the surrounding area, in the past year. This was only possible because of the generosity of local residents, churches, schools, businesses, and community groups.

In 2024–25 these 654 emergency food

parcels supported 900 adults and 394 children, feeding a total of 1,294 people.

In 2023–24 we received vouchers for 539 households, comprising 795 adults and 540 children, with a total of 1,335 people fed.

In 2022–23 we received vouchers for 614 households, comprising 926 adults and 685 children, feeding a total of 1,611 people (during the start of the period of high energy costs).

50 dedicated volunteers helped to collect, weigh, pack, and distribute the food. They also offered a warm welcome, emotional support and information on where to find further help.

We received referrals from 102 different local organisations and agencies, many of which have multiple staff who can refer clients. This highlights the wide range of community partners working together to support local people in crisis. Our signposting volunteers contacted clients after they received a food parcel to connect them with services such as benefits advice, housing support and debt counselling. The data we gather on local food insecurity contributes to the broader Trussell Trust campaign to advocate for systemic change. We have seen a significant increase in single men - and some single women - in temporary accommodation requiring food support. This is linked to lodges at the Cardinals Hatt (The Croft) being used to house people after issues had arisen at previous placements. We have also seen rising demand from residents of the Travelodge, Notter Bridge Chalets, and a small number of individuals who are street homeless. The number of those stating they are insecurely housed has risen from 49 in 2023–24 to 185 this year, a 377% increase in people without a fixed address.



Rika Chanter at the 'Guarantee our Essentials' event

How the Foodbank Works

Saltash Foodbank operates through a referral system, ensuring people are connected to additional sources of help. Local organisations - such as Citizens Advice Cornwall, health services, schools, housing associations and social services - issue Foodbank vouchers through the Trussell Trust e-referral system. If someone is not already in contact with a referral agency, we encourage them to call us directly at 0800 328 2124 or use the Help Through Hardship freephone line at 0808 208 2138 run by Citizens Advice nationwide. Our data show we received referrals from over 102 agencies this year, with the main referrers being Help Through Hardship, followed by We Are With You, Cornwall Council, and Cornwall Housing.

We are open:

- Mondays and Wednesdays: 2:00 – 4:00

- Fridays: 11:00 – 1:00

Food parcels can be collected during these times. We also offer limited deliveries within the PL12 area in exceptional circumstances (e.g. mobility issues, illness, or lack of transport). Due to space constraints and our proximity to a pay-and-display car park, we are unable to provide a waiting area. We aim to minimise client costs, so we contact them in advance to ask about dietary needs, toiletries, pet food, and other specific requirements, allowing us to prepare parcels ahead of time.



Rika Chanter receiving a most generous donation from the staff at 'The Railway' pub

Supporting People Beyond Food

We don't just offer food—we offer hope and pathways to stability. Thanks to our signposting process, we can refer clients to:

- Universal Credit assistance
- Disability benefits support
- Local mental health and wellbeing services
- Debt and budgeting advice

Our goal is not only to meet immediate needs but also to reduce long-term reliance on foodbanks in Saltash. We have contacted our local MP as part of the Trussell Trust's "Guaranteeing Our Essentials" campaign, as well as raising concerns with Cornwall Council councillors, particularly regarding issues affecting people in temporary accommodation.

Foodbank Use

On average, individuals in Saltash are referred 1.8 times per year, which shows that for most people, the Foodbank acts as a short-term lifeline. However, in some cases - such as delays in benefit payments or individuals living in temporary accommodation with no cooking facilities - three parcels are not enough. We take a case-by-case approach and work closely with referral partners to ensure each person's needs are fully considered. Although most of Saltash Foodbank's clients are from the Saltash area and its three wards - Essa, Tamar, and Trematon - we have also seen people from across the wider PL12 postcode, as well as individuals from Plymouth and further into Cornwall, request support.

From the data collected by our partner agencies, of the adults we help:

- 82% on benefits
- 5.5% no income at all
- 11% households where someone is working, who may / may not be claiming benefits

The most common reasons people come to Saltash Foodbank include:

- Increased cost of essentials (mentioned 246 times)
- Insecure housing (185 times)
- Ongoing impact of physical or mental health conditions (156 times)
- Priority debts (100 times)

Many vouchers cite more than one reason for needing support.

Ensuring Nutritional Balance

We use carefully formulated Trussell Trust packing lists to ensure each food parcel meets basic nutritional guidelines for a three-day period. We ask clients about dietary needs and adjust parcels based on need and availability. Our guidance is regularly reviewed in consultation with professional nutritionists. We have had to make special adjustments for those in temporary accommodation, as they may only have access to a kettle for cooking. This limits the types of food we can supply, but using a 'kettle packing list' we can still provide nutritionally balanced parcels. We also supplement these with bread and fruit, kindly donated by supermarkets at the end of the day, helping to stretch parcels further and add extra nutrients. Fresh vegetables from Hay Farm and Cornwall Gleaning and fruit from Tamar Fresh have also increased the variety and quantity of produce we can offer. However, it is sometimes disheartening when clients decline these items, explaining that they do not know how to cook fresh vegetables in their raw form.

Thanks

Saltash Foodbank wishes to thank the local community for its continued support, including local businesses, groups, churches, and schools. A special mention goes to our amazing, non-judgemental volunteers who greet every client with a smile, as well as those who work behind the scenes and treat each day as an opportunity to help someone in need. Your dedication to the Charity is truly admirable.

Just had the delivery, absolutely overwhelmed with the generosity, to have flowers too just made me feel happy so I thank you all so much.

Virtual Signposting Report

Jackie O'Melia

The Virtual Signposting project reached its third anniversary in June and in that time the Signposting volunteers have contacted over 400 new clients following receipt of their food parcel. 130 of those calls have been made in the last year (up to June 2025) as well as numerous follow up calls with existing clients. The Signposting Team have provided clients with information on many avenues of support as well as direct referrals to Kremena from Citizens Advice who can provide clients with one-to-one support on the issues that are specific to their individual situations. Very big thanks to the signposting team, Elizabeth, Jan, Katharine & Sara, for all of their hard work this year and thank you to Charles, Corina, Jill, Rika and Richard for their continued support with the project.

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Foodbank warehouse volunteer Jane and Firefighter team leader Lee at foodbank



Margaret Evans accepting a community donation

Supermarket Collections Report

Julie Tuffnell

I took over the Collections organisation last year and we have had several successful supermarket collections so far this year. I have booked a collection every month either at Co-op in Saltash or Waitrose to allow volunteers to save the date for our Collections. Local community baskets continue to bring in donations which are collected and delivered to the warehouse, where volunteers weigh and store the donations.

Omg ... I'm crying Thankyou so so much. I was feeling sad today as I have to go to use the food bank which we have never had to do in our lives and we shouldn't have too but you've made me cry (with relief tears). As you can imagine it's been a very stressful month and still ongoing.... I really can't thank this charity enough. When I'm able to I will put back to the food bank. Thanks.

Agency Report - Sara Walker

Saltash Foodbank has 100 local and some national Agencies on its referrer list. This includes statutory, voluntary and charitable organisations who have day-to-day contact with people in need of food. The various teams within these Agencies are now able to make e-referrals of people in need of a food parcel, which they are able to collect from our base in Saltash. Over the last 12 months there have been 654 referrals from 102 teams within these Agencies. 'Help Through Hardship' has been the most frequent referrer with 104 referrals. Although many Agencies have made fewer than 10 referrals we believe it is important that they have the ability to do so, thereby achieving our aim to reach as many people as possible, in need of a food parcel. In the last year a small



One of our many generous food donors

number of Agencies have withdrawn from the list, stating that their staff no longer have the time to make referrals. They have, however, agreed to advertise the Help Through Hardship number in their public areas. With the current pressures on people's purses, many clients return several times. Although the expectation is that a client will have no more than 3 parcels in 6 months we try to be as flexible and generous as our stock allows.

Volunteering Report - Kathryn Caves

Over the past 12 months the demand for support from the Foodbank in our community has not diminished and we endeavour to meet an increasing variety of needs. As ever, we rely upon a large and very capable band of volunteers who are generous with their time and flexible enough to meet the variety of demands placed upon them. Inevitably, over the past year we have lost some volunteers due to other commitments, ill health or changes in circumstance. However, we have been fortunate to recruit six new helpers who are invaluable 'cogs' in the wheel which keeps our organisation running.

In an average week, volunteers carry out collections from supermarkets, the weighing in and dating of food, packing food away in the warehouse and replenishing shelves, basic cleaning tasks at Belle Vue Road, pre-packing food parcels ready for drop-in sessions, manning drop in sessions and delivering food parcels to those who cannot collect in person. They make 'follow-up' calls to clients who may need additional support. In addition to this, numerous administrative tasks are undertaken by Trustees and our Manager.

Some volunteers work on a weekly basis at the Foodbank, but equally important are those whom we can call on to cover absences caused by holidays or illness. We are indebted to you all. The time you give makes a real difference to those in need within our community.



A generous donation from Ashtree Community Charity

Warehouse report - Rika Chanter

Thanks to our lovely warehouse volunteers we have managed to sort through nearly 30 tonnes of stock that came into the Foodbank this year. Our main donations come via our collection points at Co-op, Lidl, Waitrose and Food Warehouse, with food also coming from Pascoe's Pantry. In addition, we have received donations from special events such as church and school 'Harvest Festivals' as well as Christmas. Many community groups, businesses and individuals have provided vital support. We have stopped collecting from Tesco Transit Way, Plymouth, which is now a collection point for Plymouth Foodbank.

Keeping the items in our warehouse flowing takes 4 teams of volunteers on 4 separate days, spending 1 to 2 hours per day, sorting, labelling and placing items in the correct area of the warehouse. The warehouse consists of the drop-off area, where we have a large table with several large tubs for donations that come in. Items are weighed-in and recorded in our warehouse logbook, then date-marked with a permanent marker pen, so the expiry date (best-before date) is clear to all volunteers. The item is then placed either on the picking shelves of a date that needs to be used soon, warehouse shelves for longer-dated items or to the discretionary area (if the item is an unusual item we do not normally have in our food parcel, or the item has some damage to the outer packaging, e.g. an open cereal packet). If the item is out-of-date or severely damaged, we place it in one of 2 different bins: one for up to 12 months past best-before date and one with even longer past best-before dates. These 2 bins are for the CEPL12 Community Larder and Fridge (for the up to 12 months past best-before date), or as waste if older.

Unfortunately, due to the 'Cost of Living Crisis' many of our regular donors have had to reduce what they give to us. Some have had to stop donating completely. Our figures for the past few years show a consistently reduced amount donated at our supermarket collection points. To compensate for reduced donations, we are now regularly buying in stock to fill the gaps on our shelves. This has been possible because of the generous grants we have received. As we are doing more non-standard food parcels (i.e. for homeless people, and kettle packs for those in temporary accommodation) we have needed to buy in more stock, which is generally more expensive. Some of the reduction is also due to fewer collection points. Some organisations give us free stock, which has been a blessing. Cornwall Gleaning provides seasonal vegetables direct from the farms, received weekly in the harvest season, Earthbreeze give laundry sheets with one pack being enough for 40 washes. This is great for families. Beauty Bank send us an assortment of toiletry items that are direct from manufacturers, that they can no longer sell. Furthermore, fresh root vegetables are donated weekly from Tremain Carew Pole, Hay Farm and Antony Estate. A volunteer collects this weekly on Mondays to ensure a fresh supply each week, mainly of potatoes, onion, swede and carrots. This has been well received and great for a stew! Tamar Fresh has recently started donating apples.



Once again, Saltash Rock Choir has supported Saltash Foodbank

Donors to the Foodbank can find out what we need in various ways. They can check the list at our collection points, check our website, look on our Facebook page, or use the BanktheFood app. This sends the list of items we need direct to people's phones on entering a participating store. This list is linked to our website which is updated on a regular basis. Unfortunately, the list is long, but we are happy to have just one of the items on the list as each 'tin' matters. We do at times have surplus stock, especially baked beans, cereal and tins of soup and we try to ensure the shelves stay at a manageable level by distributing these to local school Breakfast Clubs, Shekinah, Warm Spaces initiatives and other charities that are approved by our Trustees. Our Warehouse coordinator Ruth, distributes these items to contacts at local schools.

In addition to community donations, we also receive store donations. We collect from Lidl, Waitrose and The Co-op Depot in Plympton. These are items the store can no longer sell, either because the outer packaging is damaged, for example if a multipack has an item missing or is damaged, items that are no longer being sold (such as Christmas themed items in January) or if the item will be past its best-before date on the day of collection (such as fruit, vegetables and bread). If there is no sign of spoilage on the fresh items, we can pass them on. Bread that is sliced, we date with the day it is placed in the Foodbank freezer, and we distribute it during the week. Early in 2025 the Foodbank Trustees decided to end collecting the end of day items from Waitrose in Saltash and we have allowed the Community Fridge and Larder to collect it instead. We only used to keep about 10% of what was donated with the remainder being passed on to the Community Fridge and Larder anyway! This has reduced the workload of our volunteers processing these donations. Other surplus items that we always get a lot of (such as cans of drinks and bottled water) are passed on to groups such as The Core, Shekinah and Wesley Church.

Good evening. I have a got great news today. Council agreed to refund the payments. We received the heater yesterday. Thanks for your support. You are incredible.

Community groups, businesses, families and individuals continue to support us with our request for items for our Christmas Hampers. In these hampers we include seasonal treats such as sweets and Christmas puddings, but also ham, pickle, sauces, savoury snacks, biscuits (both sweet and savoury) and as extras, some of our surplus food items, such as pasta, cereal, tinned soup and baked beans. Groups that have supported us with our Christmas Hampers include: Saltash Rock Choir, Pentillie Castle, Royal Mail Distribution Centre, Nichols and Sainsbury Solicitors, Motion Personal Training Company, Knit and Natter group at the Library, Jade Allen and her family (5th year of supporting us), Saltash Citizens Advice, and Saltash Age Concern. New organisations that donated to us include Schneider Electric UK, HMS Raleigh, our new MP, Helping Hands, St Germans Thursday Club, and several families. It is great that we continue to have such wonderful community support to allow us to provide these hampers. During December we distributed 146 Christmas Hampers (136 in 2023) to households in the PL12 area. In total 204 adults and 225 children had something extra for Christmas. These households were referred to us for a Christmas Hamper by the Agencies we work with, such as social workers, schools, Citizens Advice and many other Agencies. Many also helped with the deliveries, for which we are very grateful. Our sincere thanks go to the many volunteers who have supported the Foodbank during the year, and our especial thanks go to our Volunteer Coordinator, Kathryn.

Secretary's Report - Corina Clement

The Trustees have continued to hold regular monthly meetings on Zoom over the year, with reports from the Treasurer, and regarding the Warehouse, Drop-In Centre, Collections, Agencies and Projects. Our AGM was held in SSNF Church Rooms and was well attended by Trustees and volunteers. After the formal business there was an opportunity to socialise. Another opportunity where volunteers could get to know each other was a lunch in January.

The Virtual Signposting initiative is proving very beneficial and the Trustees are very grateful to Jackie O'Melia and all the volunteers making the calls. The arrangement for referring clients to an adviser at Citizens Advice continues successfully.

The Trustees through the Chair have expressed their concerns to the local MP and County Councillors regarding unsuitable temporary housing in Saltash and continue to monitor the situation.

We are particularly grateful to those organisations and businesses that have supported Saltash Foodbank: Barratt Homes, Saltash Rock Choir, Waitrose, Lidl, Co-op and Tesco Transit Way (although the arrangement with Tesco finished during the year), the smaller local shops which host collection baskets, and the local schools, the Core, Community



Richard Margetts receiving a really generous donation from Jo Towns of The Barratt Foundation

Enterprises PL12, and the Community Fridge and Larder. We are also very grateful to the Antony Estate for providing weekly donations of fresh vegetables.

The Hot Meal Voucher scheme has continued to enable homeless Saltash Foodbank clients to have a hot meal from Cod Fathers and the Poolside Cafe.

Projects Report – Charles Worth Communication and Information Access

Ensuring our clients and volunteers have access to clear, accurate and timely information continues to be a key part of our work. This year we created a new "Help in Saltash" webpage, helping clients to find the most appropriate local support. Over the winter months we also provided online 'Warm Spaces' information. Clear signage remains essential, and we updated our posters and signs for donation points, drop-in sessions and special projects such as Harvest and Christmas. Cards with QR codes were distributed to places where homeless clients are temporarily accommodated – such as Cardinals Hatt and the Travelodge – to help them access help more easily. We try to show our appreciation of the hard work of contributors to the Foodbank through 'Thank You' letters and Certificates, detailing the donations provided by schools, churches, businesses and other organisations.

Thank you everyone for your support and so big help. ❤️❤️❤️
You are people with a big heart.
🙏 Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. ❤️❤️❤️🥰

Infrastructure and Equipment

To support both volunteers and clients, we made several equipment investments this year. We:

- Purchased two laptops, mice and phones
- Installed a new printer at Belle Vue Road
- Refreshed the Treasurer's computer and upgraded the Warehouse's broadband, phone and laptop setup, with the kind support of Paul Melling at CFD Architects
- Created a new Google Site with a custom domain for potential future expansion
- Refreshed anti-virus protection across all volunteer computers
- Carried out hardware setup and troubleshooting across the team

All of these activities would only be possible with the kindness, hard work and generous-hearted collaboration of the volunteer group. They are a wonderful Team!

Finance Report - Jill Morton

This year has seen our Foodbank spending more money than we received in the year. The net overspend was £2,511. This overspend has seen our restricted funds reduce by £10,066 to £1,692. Our unrestricted funds increased by £7,555, due to the generosity of our regular donors and the other one-off donations received.

With the help of food donations, money donations and the grants that we have received, we have been able to help clients, not only with emergency food, but also with their energy costs, phone top-ups and other items when in crisis, including those clients that are homeless or in temporary accommodation.

In the year we have financially helped:

21 Energy/Phone Top Ups - Total: £529

57 Crisis Payments - Total: £3,001

Being a member of Fuelbank we are able to help our clients who are on pre-payment meters. We are very fortunate not to have to fund this service as Fuelbank receives grants to cover these costs. However, this may not be the case going forward with more clients being in fuel poverty. Fuelbank have topped up 29 of our clients at a cost of £1,340. We are very grateful to Fuelbank for their support and look forward to working with them in the future.



Staff and children from Brunel School donate their Harvest collection

This year we have purchased items such as tents, sleeping bags, slow cookers, throws, thermal underwear and thermal socks etc. to help clients in crisis.

We are very lucky that food donations continue to come in regularly to the Foodbank and we would like to thank the people of Saltash and the surrounding area for being so very generous. However, the demand for our services is ever increasing and this year we have had to spend £6,403 on food and hygiene products. We would not be able to do this without the generosity of the cash donations that we receive.

Jill has done the fuel bank referral I needed from Rika so thank u! That's all I needed. It gives me £30 till Friday which means I can now be ok and cope. I love u all for all ur help I am not sure where I'd be without the help from u or Jill u know. Ur a god send to this community 🥺❤❤❤❤❤ And I cannot reply to Jill's text pls tell her I'm so grateful ❤

Donations were received from our very generous regular donors, Ashtree Charity, Tamar Trotters, NEU Cornwall, in Memory of Colin Breed, Looe Golf Club Vets, Saltash Rotary Club, Barratt Charitable Giving, Pentillie Christmas Carols in the Courtyard, Wesley Church, Botus Club, Saltash Mayors Fund, and many donations from individuals. We are very grateful for all donations, regardless of size, that help us to continue our work to help relieve poverty in Saltash and the surrounding area. This year we received one grant from Neighbourly of £230.

The Trustees have agreed that our reserve fund should enable the Foodbank to operate for a 12 month period. The reserve fund has been calculated at £31k. This reserve fund gives us the comfort of knowing that we are able to carry on our extremely valuable work, even in these challenging times.

The Trustees would like to thank Stephen Richards for examining our books and records and for his Report thereon.

The Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2025, the Balance Sheet as at 30 March 2025 and the notes to the accounts are set out below.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of: Saltash Foodbank

On accounts for the year ended: 31st March 2025 Charity no (if any): 1157577

Set out on pages: 1-4

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent examiner's statement
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: SRLS Date: 14/25

Name: STEPHEN RICHARDS

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): —

Address: 3 PRINCE HILL, PLYMPTON, PLYMOUTH, DEVON PL7 7R

In the year donations were received from:	
Name	Amount
Regular monthly donors	£6,041
CAF	£2,119
Other donations	£9,256
Total	£17,418

I'd just like to thank you all. Today whilst I was napping a lady knocked on our door and passed a Christmas hamper to my son who is ill. This was so lovely and touched us deeply. My son gets poorly a lot and this year I've had to take over 120 days off work (I'm a self employed single parent) so money has been so tight. The foodbanks food donations have really got us through a tough time.

Appendix - Statistics

Top 19 Agencies	
Referral Agency	Total
Help through Hardship	104
We Are With You (formerly Addaction) Now 'With You'	55
Cornwall Council	45
Cornwall Housing	41
Plymouth City Council	38
Citizen's Advice - Liskeard	24
Saltash Wesley Methodist Church	24
Saltash Foodbank	22
Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service	22
Rehousing Accommodation Team Cornwall Council	14
Cornwall Council Assessments and Crisis and Care Team	14
Plymouth Citizens Advice	12
Cornwall Housing - Rough sleeper team	12
CAP	11
Seetec Pluss	11
Age UK Cornwall - Social prescriber	11
Together for Families Services East Cornwall	10
Refugee and Asylum Seeker Outreach and Support Team	9
Health Visiting and School Nursing Advice Line	7

Reasons for referral	Vouchers	Adults	Children	Total
Change in work hours	13 (2.15%)	18 (2.15%)	15 (3.97%)	33 (2.72%)
Unemployment following permanent work	22 (3.63%)	29 (3.47%)	15 (3.97%)	44 (3.62%)
Unemployment following temporary work	7 (1.16%)	9 (1.08%)	2 (0.53%)	11 (0.91%)
Delay in or awaiting other income	35 (5.78%)	58 (6.94%)	33 (8.73%)	91 (7.5%)
Benefit delay	51 (8.42%)	74 (8.85%)	43 (11.38%)	117 (9.64%)
Benefit deduction due to overpayment or benefit advance	10 (1.65%)	13 (1.56%)	6 (1.59%)	19 (1.57%)
Benefit reduction due to change in eligibility	11 (1.82%)	19 (2.27%)	10 (2.65%)	29 (2.39%)
Benefit reduction due to sanction	18 (2.97%)	22 (2.63%)	9 (2.38%)	31 (2.55%)
Awaiting first benefit payment for less than a month	11 (1.82%)	15 (1.79%)	6 (1.59%)	21 (1.73%)
Awaiting first benefit payment for more than a month	2 (0.33%)	2 (0.24%)	1 (0.26%)	3 (0.25%)
Priority debt	100 (16.5%)	145 (17.34%)	100 (26.46%)	245 (20.18%)
Non-priority debt	50 (8.25%)	76 (9.09%)	39 (10.32%)	115 (9.47%)
Cost of dependents has increased	36 (5.94%)	58 (6.94%)	82 (21.69%)	140 (11.53%)
Rising costs of essentials	246 (40.59%)	349 (41.75%)	175 (46.3%)	524 (43.16%)
Other unexpected expense	81 (13.37%)	126 (15.07%)	72 (19.05%)	198 (16.31%)
Insecurely housed	185 (30.53%)	211 (25.24%)	29 (7.67%)	240 (19.77%)
Loss of support from friends or family	13 (2.15%)	13 (1.56%)	1 (0.26%)	14 (1.15%)
Change in relationship status	13 (2.15%)	17 (2.03%)	12 (3.17%)	29 (2.39%)
Domestic abuse	26 (4.29%)	31 (3.71%)	18 (4.76%)	49 (4.04%)
Change in dependents	10 (1.65%)	15 (1.79%)	17 (4.5%)	32 (2.64%)
New physical or mental health condition	16 (2.64%)	23 (2.75%)	9 (2.38%)	32 (2.64%)
Ongoing impact of physical or mental health condition	156 (25.74%)	211 (25.24%)	66 (17.46%)	277 (22.82%)
None applicable	8 (1.32%)	12 (1.44%)	3 (0.79%)	15 (1.24%)
Change in existing physical or mental health condition	1 (0.17%)	1 (0.12%)	0	1 (0.08%)
	606	836	378	1214

Household structure questions asked, with responses	Vouchers fulfilled	People fed
Single adult household (with or without dependents)		
Single adult with no children	357	357
Single adult with 1 or 2 children (0 - 16 years old)	70	159
Single adult with 3 or more children (0 - 16 years old)	22	92
Sub-total	449	608
One couple household (with or without dependents)		
One couple household with no children (0 - 16 years old)	28	56
One couple household with 1 or 2 children (0 - 16 years old)	42	149
One couple household with 3 or more children (0 - 16 years old)	24	126
Sub-total	94	331
Couple and additional adult(s)		
Couple and additional adult(s) with no children (0 - 16 years old)	5	22
Couple and additional adult(s) with 1 or 2 children (0 - 16 years old)	5	24
Sub-total	10	46
Multi-adult household		
Multi-adult household with no children	41	90
Multi-adult household with 1 or 2 children (0 - 16 years old)	19	72
Multi-adult household with 3 or more children (0 - 16 years old)	12	71
Sub-total	72	233
Totals	625	1218

Income source of referrals				
Income	Vouchers	Adults	Children	Total
Earning, no benefits	14 (2.34%)	22 (2.68%)	3 (0.82%)	25 (2.11%)
Earning and benefits	45 (7.51%)	67 (8.17%)	61 (16.71%)	128 (10.8%)
Benefits, not earning	499 (83.31%)	673 (82.07%)	277 (75.89%)	950 (80.17%)
Income but no or insufficient access to it	10 (1.67%)	13 (1.59%)	9 (2.47%)	22 (1.86%)
No income	31 (5.18%)	45 (5.49%)	15 (4.11%)	60 (5.06%)
Totals	599 (100%)	820 (100%)	365 (100%)	1185 (100%)

Vouchers by Ward				
Ward	Vouchers fulfilled	Adults	Children	Total
Bere Ferrers	1	2	1	3
Budshead	1	1	0	1
Callington & St Dominic	1	2	3	5
Calstock	1	2	0	2
Ham	5	8	4	12
Honicknowle	39	60	30	90
Liskeard South & Dobwalls	2	2	0	2
Lynher	13	24	11	35
NFA	97	111	11	122
Rame Peninsula & St Germans	8	9	1	10
Saltash Essa	163	248	183	431
Saltash Tamar	140	190	78	268
Saltash Trematon & Landrake	133	165	30	195
St Budeaux	45	70	39	109
St Cleer & Menheniot	1	1	0	1
Torpoint	1	1	0	1
Truro Moresk & Trehaverne	1	1	0	1
Unknown	2	3	3	6

Stock In					
Donor	Donor type	Total	Customer Donations	Store Donation	One off collection
Ackroyd Family	Individual(s)	21.20			
Age Concern club	Community group	21.50			
Antony Estate - fresh root veg	Corporate	5565.00			
Baptist Church	Church	56.06			
Beauty Bank - mixed toiletries donation	Charity	20.00			
Bishop Cornish	Education	66.05			
Blunts Methodist Church	Church	21.80			
Brunel School	Education	141.95			
Burraton Chapel	Church	23.00			
Burraton School	Education	111.00			
Cadbury	Corporate	42.65			
Citizens Advice	Community group	3.60			
Co-op	Supermarket	1153.92	846.57	0.00	307.35
Co-op Depot	Supermarket	2404.65		2404.65	
Community	Individual(s)	688.05			
Community Hub	Community group	3.05			
Cornwall Gleaning	Community group	101.60			
Earth Breeze	Corporate	18.00			
Family of Bill Rossiter	Individual(s)	28.90			
Food Warehouse	Supermarket	139.05	139.05		
Foodbank volunteer	Individual(s)	89.00			
Gleaning Cornwall - Fresh vegetables	Bulk food distributor	131.15			
Helping Hands		68.75			
HMS Raleigh		13.00			
Jade Allen	Individual(s)	17.95			
Knit and natter group	Community group	24.00			
Landulph Church	Church	32.40			
Landulph School	Education	56.11			
Lidl supermarket	Supermarket	6550.37	3327.89	3222.48	0.00
Motion PT Company	Corporate	53.30			
MP's Office	Corporate	5.90			
Nicholls and Sainsbury Solicitors	Individual(s)	17.15			
Our Lady Catholic Church Saltash	Church	132.95			
Pascoe's Pantry	Corporate	1.10	1.10		
Pentillie Castle	Corporate	12.00			
Post Office Distribution Office	Corporate	23.35			
Rock Choir	Community group	155.40			
Saltash Community School	Education	165.50			
Saltash Wesley	Church	295.45			
Saville	Individual(s)	19.40			
Schneider Electric UK	Corporate	192.05			
Sir Thomas Moore Church, Southway	Church	17.35			
Spar Mote Park	Supermarket	16.70	16.70		
Spar St Stephens	Supermarket	8.60	8.60		
St Dominic's School	Education	39.20			
St Germans Methodist Church	Church	28.90			
St Germans Thursday Club	Charity	23.90			
St Mellion School	Education	23.45			
St Nick's and St Faith's Church	Church	37.40			
St Stephens Church	Church	123.35			
St Stephens School	Education	65.25			
Tamar Fresh	Corporate	8.15		8.15	
Unknown	Individual(s)	152.20			
Waitrose Saltash	Supermarket	8943.95	4423.95	4332.80	187.20
Totals of Donations		28175.71			
In addition items were purchased from:					
Applejack Barn	Shop	39.10			
B&M	Shop	86.75			
Co-op	Shop	21.30			
InKInd	Online Shop	111.15			
Lidl	Shop	952.70			
Waitrose	Shop	52.90			
Not specified	Shop	419.30			

Stock Out	
Stock out type	Weight
"Help yourself" items	15556.88
146 Christmas hampers (for 204 Adults and 225 Children)	701.15
Distributed from 'Saltash Foodbank' to 'Liskeard & Looe Foodbank'	98.85
Distributed to Bishop Cornish School	52.05
Distributed to Brunel Primary School	196.60
Distributed to Burraton School	58.60
Distributed to CEPL12 Community Kitchen & Fridge	513.79
Distributed to Fountain Head House School	77.85
Distributed to Landrake Monday Gang	72.10
Distributed to Landulph Primary School	25.45
Distributed to Perranporth Age Concern	27.00
Distributed to Saltash Comprehensive School	345.85
Distributed to Saltash Wesley including Warm Spaces	107.85
Distributed to Shekinah Mission	223.00
Distributed to St Stephen's School	251.56
Distributed to Ukraine supporting charities	32.95
Distributed to Wesley Warm Spaces	68.15
Emergency food boxes	491.95
For disposal (Out Of Date/damaged)	194.80
Supplied to 'Saltash Foodbank ' as food parcels	10613.11
Total	29661.80

Saltash Foodbank Trustees

Richard Margetts – Chair of Trustees

Sara Walker – Agencies

Rika Chanter – Manager

Rev Di Burrows – Link with Saltash Churches

Jill Morton – Treasurer

Charles Worth – Projects

Jackie O'Melia – Virtual Signposting

Elizabeth Pearson

Corina Clement – Secretary

Katherine Willis

Kathryn Caves – Volunteers

Darren Chapple

Saltash Foodbank - Registered Charity Number: 1157577

Registered in England and Wales

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 or towards the cost of attending sports events and books/equipment for students. 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

Annual Report – Saltash Chamber of Commerce

Unfortunately, once again we had to cancel the street market in the Christmas Festival due to the poor weather and re-jig some of the other elements but what was achieved was well received. We also worked with the Town Council on the Christmas Lights Switch on event. This went relatively well and was well attended by the community. The new lights were a pleasure to see but some work will need to be done to sort out the acoustics for this years event.

The Chamber membership continues to grow and many more businesses are expressing interest in our activities but attendance at our monthly meetings remains low. Several of our members are also members of Town Team (reported separately), albeit some with their Town or Cornwall Council hats on, and have been busy in that respect. We have, over the years, helped many members, and indeed other businesses, with their lease renewals and rent reviews and have managed to keep rental levels relatively low.

This has benefited the town in three ways:-

- 1.To some traders it has meant the difference between making a profit or breaking even
- 2.There is a high occupancy rate of units both in the Town Centre and on the Business estates
- 3.As the evidence of rentals passing is used by the Government in setting the rateable values of business units, the rateable values are relatively low and hence business rates payable are low

During the year we have made representations re the possible privatisation of Newquay Airport, Bridge tolls and the roadworks on the A38 and Saltash Tunnel

Peter Ryland
Chairman
Saltash Chamber of Commerce

End of report



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SEA has hosted five Public Meetings in the last year, on topics including *The Rise of the Rebel Botanists*, *Go Wild in your Garden*, *Heatpumps* from Community Energy Plus, and the film *Under the Surface* by Cornwall Climate Care with commentary by Clare Wallerstein who produced and directed the film. SEA is grateful to Saltash Town Council for use of Isambard House.

David Orton has joined SEA Committee. As manager of the Library Hub, he introduced bioWATCH which encourages Saltash residents to record sightings of wildlife. With approval of Saltash Town Council, SEA has agreed to host the bioWATCH project, and David has organised online reporting directly on the database.

SEA continues to monitor the management of Pillmere Meadow for its wildflowers, and is working with the Council to regenerate Elwell Woods, with hedge-planting and control of heliotrope. The Community Allotment in Grenfell Avenue, together with the nearby Playpark Community Garden, continue to thrive. Tree Saltash plans this planting season including planting 3 trees among housing, and to maintain those trees and hedgerows planted in the last 3 years.

SEA has organised 11 Community Litterpicks involving around 70 residents and collecting upwards of 75 bags of rubbish. SEA is holding 3 litter picks in March this year as part of Great Britain Spring Clean, by Keep Britain Tidy.

SEA has issued eight Newsletters.

SEA Committee March 2026

End of report



Saltash Regatta Committee CIC

c/o 14 Lockyer Terrace

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10/02/2025

Annual Parishioners' Report

Saltash Regatta and Waterside Festival 2025

This report is submitted on behalf of the organising committee of the Saltash Regatta and Waterside Festival to inform parishioners, Town Councillors, residents, and visitors of the event's achievements, ongoing challenges, and future aims.

The Saltash Regatta continues to be a well-attended and valued community event, bringing together residents, local organisations, and visitors to celebrate the town, its waterside, and its strong sense of community. The event is delivered by a very small core team of volunteers, supported by Diverse Events and is responsible for fundraising, planning, event delivery, entertainment coordination, marketing, and compliance.

Funding, Fundraising, and Financial Pressures

The Regatta continues to face increasing financial pressures due to rising costs associated with safety, infrastructure, waste management, and services. While grant funding from Saltash Town Council remains essential to the event's viability, it is not sufficient on its own to cover all costs. As a result, fundraising and sponsorship activity has become increasingly important. Income from stall bookings continues to rise year on year and provides a vital contribution to the overall budget. The organising committee continues to seek additional sponsorship, grants, and fundraising opportunities to ensure the event remains financially sustainable.

Community Engagement and Development

This year we will work on improving a dedicated children's and family area on Waterside Green. This space will be designed to provide a safer, more inclusive, and engaging environment for younger attendees and families. The introduction of this area was piloted in 2025 and will continue to be developed and improved in future years.

The Regatta also continues to benefit from strong community involvement, local organisations, and partner groups who support activities and logistics across the event site. Environmental considerations remain important, with ongoing efforts to maintain cleanliness and reduce waste where possible.

Entertainment and Cost Management

In response to rising costs, the organising committee is actively reviewing the costs of running two stages and intends to use the space outside Livewire this year, enabling stall bookings on Waterside green and reducing sound engineer costs. We will continue to have an undercover bar and the popular disco caravan.

Successes, Challenges and Future Considerations

The successes have been the Cardboard Boat race, paint party, sea shanty singers and stalls. The challenges are the children's parade which lacks support and is labour intensive, with road closures. Finding affordable entertainers continues to be difficult for us. Volunteer recruitment remains a significant challenge, with the event continuing to rely on a small number of committed individuals. Security, traffic management, and parking arrangements also require ongoing review as attendance continues to grow.

Securing long-term funding, increasing fundraising capacity, and maintaining volunteer support will be key priorities to ensure the Regatta can continue in future years.

Governance and Conclusion

The Saltash Regatta operates as a Community Interest Company (CIC), providing a stronger governance structure and improved transparency. Planning for future Regattas will continue in partnership with key stakeholders, with dates confirmed following discussions with relevant clubs and service providers. This year's event will be held over the weekend of July 25th and July 26th, 2026.

The Saltash Regatta remains a much-loved community event that delivers social, cultural, and economic benefits to the town. Continued support from the Town Council, local businesses, volunteers, and parishioners is essential to its long-term success.

Submitted by:

Karen Lilley

Chair, Saltash Regatta and Waterside Festival

End of report

SALTASH MAY FAIR 2025 A REPORT FOR SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Saltash May Fair	Start Date of Event	3 rd May 2025
	Finish Date of Event	4 th May 2025
	Total Estimated Cost	£ 15,405
	Total Actual Cost	£16,307.16
	Grant Awarded from STC	£ 5,000

Please list the aims and objectives of your organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To boost community cohesion through a weekend event across Fore Street, Victoria Gardens and Longstone Park that is free admission * 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 style="text-align: center;">All these aims were met through Saltash May Fair 2025.</p>
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	<p>Highlights on Saturday 3rd 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 Oasis tribute band as the headline act <p>Highlights on Sunday 4th 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 • Dog Show, hosted by Gables (earning over £1000 for the charity)
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Who benefitted from the project?	<p>The event attracted an estimated 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. 12)</p>
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What sponsorship did you receive for this project?	<p>Sponsorship from Vulcanising SW of £250.</p> <p>We were granted £1099.20 from Howton Solar Farm.</p> <p>Cornwall Councillors granted £679.</p> <p>Sale of tickets in the May Fair cash raffle generated £700.</p>
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Estimated expenditure at time of bid to STC:	Actual expenditure
Staging and Sound 2,160	Staging and Sound 2,200
Entertainment 1,900	Entertainment 2,090
Traffic Management 1,500	Traffic Management 1,900
Licenses and Insurance 1,100	Licenses and Insurance 740.59
Raffle printing 55	Raffle printing 85.80
Medical 1,275	Medical 1,275
Security 1,125	Security 1,152.62
Waste Management 380	Waste Management 354
Event Management 3,000	Event Management 2,957
Volunteer expenses 300	Volunteer expenses 310
Ground mats 450	Ground mats 450
Marketing & Publicity 500	Marketing & Publicity 482.95
Toilets, barriers 1,100	Toilets, barriers 1032.80
Photography 120	Photography 120
Red Bus 140	Red Bus 226.40
Total estimated costs : £15,405	Generator 450 Raffle Prizes (cash raffle) 300 Sunday PA 90 Trailer stage 50 Trophies 40 Total costs £16,307.16
	Invoices for the following have been attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Services £ 1275 • Stage & Sound, Longstone £ 2200 • Waste Management £ 354 • Security £ 1152.62 • Livewire £200

COMMENTS ON BUDGET

Overall, our expenditure exceeded our income by approximately £1,611. While we were able to cover this shortfall from existing reserves, those reserves have now been exhausted. Despite our best efforts, it is becoming increasingly hard to get sponsorship. Recognising this, we are planning a series of fundraising events throughout the year to give us a financial cushion for May Fair 2026.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE, 2025:

Melissa Caldwell
 Thomas Caldwell
 Hilary Frank
 Adam Webb
 Josie Webb
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GENERAL COMMENTS

We extend our sincere thanks to the many organisations who contributed to the event’s success, with particular appreciation to Tamar Trotters, who once again excelled in delivering the running races. The organising committee would especially like to express its gratitude to Saltash Town Council for its generous financial support, without which the event could not have been delivered. We’d also like to thank the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Julia Peggs, for presenting awards, delivering speeches and being such a warm and supportive presence throughout the weekend.

The committee of volunteers works hard to deliver the May Fair, but there is no way it could be achieved without our event partner, Diverse Events CIC. It is their professional expertise and dedicated commitment that mean we are able to ensure the event is delivered both safely and successfully.



We’d also like to thank the volunteers from Saltash Community School, who were a credit to their school in the enthusiastic way they supported the May Fair.

PARADE OF YOUTH AND AWARDS

Thanks to Saltash Guides and Rangers for engaging so enthusiastically with the samba workshop and leading the Parade of Youth.



Their samba rhythms brought energy and fun to the Parade.

Awards given at the Parade of Youth:

- **Prizes** to the Saltash Community School students for designing the medals in the 5K and Fun Run races (Lexie Ness and Lacey Jones).
- **The Pip Miller Award for Sporting Achievement**
To Holly Pryn, who played for Saltash United ‘Tigers’ boys football team in the Cornwall Junior League for three seasons, and is currently playing for Plympton Ladies football club in the Division 1 South League.
- **Unsung Hero Award**
To Simon Eglinton, who joined South West Ambulance Service as a volunteer Community First Responder in 2007, and supports the St John Ambulance cadets.
- **Best Dressed Youth Group**
Rainbows.

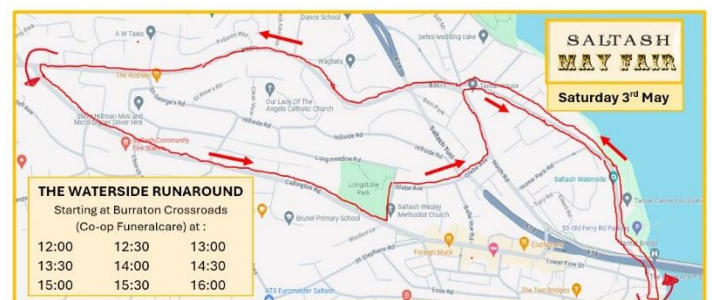
Marathon Man

To celebrate his 50th birthday, Simon Wengrad was running 50 marathons in 50 days, with funds raised being donated to Saltash youth groups. He set off on his first marathon from the stage at May Fair, cheered on by members of the youth groups as he ran up Fore Street. His marathon on the second day was two laps of the May Fair Half Marathon.



Saltash Red Bus

For the second year, we engaged the Saltash Red Bus to run two loops (one starting at Pillmere and the other taking in the Waterside) to ensure residents were able to come along to May Fair without having to drive.



THE FULL PROGRAMME

Saturday 3rd May 10.00 – 21.00
FORE STREET | LONGSTONE PARK | VICTORIA GARDENS

Parade of Youth	10.00
Market on Fore Street	10.00 – 16.00
Youth Village in Victoria Gardens	10.00 – 16.00
Stalls and inflatables in Longstone Park	10.00 – 21.00
Rubik's Cube Competition, Fore Street Stage	14.00 – 15.45
Rubik's Cube Final, Fore Street Stage	15.45

LONGSTONE PARK – MUSIC

Livewire	11.00	Memory Box Singers	14.15	Tom Hannigan	16.30
St Stephens School	13.15	Roxie Grew	14.45	Deuces Wild UK	17.45
GraceNotes Acapella	13.45	Simon & John	15.30	Kernoasis	19.30

Sunday 4th of May 10.00 – 15.00
LONGSTONE PARK

Saltash Half Marathon, 5km and Fun Run, plus Food Stalls and Inflatables

May Pole dancing – Geraldine Lamb School of Dance	13.00
Dog Show – Gables Cats & Dogs Home	14.00
Harding's Hike – Meet at Cecil Arms for a 2-hour guided walk	14:30

FREE Hail and Ride shuttle buses on Saturday 3rd May

Route 1 – THE MAY FAIR LOOP
LEAVING PILLMERE AT: 10.00, 10.45, 11.30, 12.15, 13.00, 13.45, 14.30, 15.15, 16.00.
 Going along Yellowtor Road, Oaklands Drive and St Stephens Road to the top of Fore Street, then back to Pillmere via Callington Road.

DETAILS



Route 2 – THE WATERSIDE RUNAROUND
LEAVING BURRATON CROSSROADS (CO-OP FUNERALCARE) AT:
 12:00, 12:30, 13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 14:30, 15:00, 15:30, 16:00
 Going down Callington Road, Glebe Avenue and Old Ferry Road to the Union, then back to the Burraton Crossroads via North Road.

The May Fair is organised by volunteers and comes with a price tag of £15,000. Saltash Town Council and sponsors help our fundraising efforts, but we also need your support! Please buy a raffle ticket or two from the information stall on Longstone Park. Cash prizes of £150, £100 and £50.

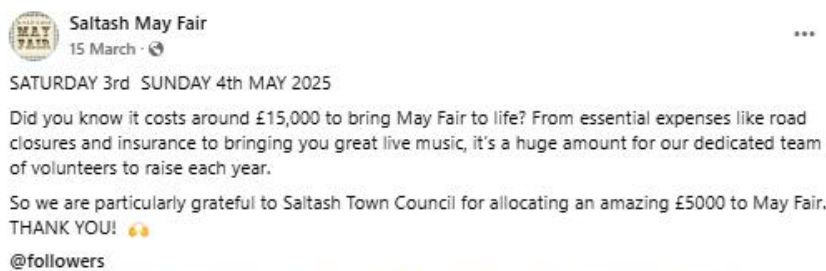


We were pleased to offer a mixture of music on the Longstone Park stage, from home grown talent to crowd-pleasers Kernoasis.



PROMOTION OF STC

Posters and leaflets featured the STC logo.



Facebook posts like this one thanked Saltash Town Council for their financial support.

As well as promoting the Town Council on Facebook, we also thanked them for their financial support in articles in the Saltash and District Observer and by displaying the STC banner on the trailer stage:

Market stalls, maypole dancing and May Fair magic are all on the way as Saltash prepares for a weekend packed with community spirit.

On Saturday 3rd May, Fore Street will be lined with a vibrant street market from 10am to 4pm, offering a wide array of stalls, food and local crafts to browse and enjoy. At the bottom of Fore Street, the trailer stage will host a fast-paced Rubik's Cube competition from 2pm. Meanwhile, Victoria Gardens will be home to the Youth Village, where local youth groups will be showcasing their projects and activities in a welcoming community space.

Just a short stroll away in Longstone Park, the festival stage will welcome performers from 11am, offering live music throughout the day until gone 9pm. The line-up celebrates home-grown talent, from the young performers of St Stephens Primary School to the high energy of Livewire and the soulful sound of Tom Hannigan. The music will

build to a show-stopping headline performance from Kernoasis, Cornwall's very own Oasis tribute band.

Sunday 4th May brings a change of pace, with traditional maypole dancing, inflatables and running races offering family fun in Longstone Park.

Behind the scenes, it takes over £16,000 to bring the May Fair to life. The event simply wouldn't be possible without the £5,000 grant from Saltash Town Council and the generous support of local sponsors. Bandits, Nicky's Glowbeads and Boutique, and the Cockleshell Micropub have each sponsored the cash raffle, with prizes of £150, £100 and £50. Organisers are urging everyone who enjoys the May Fair to buy a ticket. Not only could you win some money, but it is also a great way to show your support and help keep the May Fair magic alive.



The Core Youth & Community Centre

Delivery of Professional Youth Work Funding Report 2025/26

Our mission is to provide safe, inclusive, and nurturing spaces where young people can thrive. We are committed to supporting young people through open access sessions, targeted groups, sports activities and holiday provision that promote wellbeing, confidence, and resilience. We empower young people to develop life skills, build positive relationships, and have a voice in shaping the services they access. By offering supportive environments, practical opportunities, and access to food during holiday sessions, we aim to reduce barriers, strengthen community connections, and ensure every young person feels valued, heard, and able to reach their full potential

Measuring Service Performance

We currently engage with over 120 young people each week across our full range of activities and groups, demonstrating strong demand for our provision. Our total membership is currently over 450 young people.

Our two open access youth sessions are particularly popular, attracting an average of 40-50 young people per session each week. These sessions provide a safe, welcoming space for social connection, support, and positive activities. Our holiday drop-in sessions are also extremely well attended; during the most recent February half-term session, 50 young people participated. We provide food at every holiday session to ensure young people are nourished, recognising that access to meals can be a challenge for some families.

We reached a total of 80 beneficiaries by combining attendance across our key programmes;

- *Grub Club* supporting 30 young people per year through weekly cooking sessions that build life skills and confidence.
- Our LGBTQ+ group, *Just Be You*, engages 20 young people in a safe and supportive space to connect and express themselves.
- A further 30 young people benefit from our craft club, which promotes creativity, social connection, and wellbeing.
- Together, these groups provide consistent, inclusive and targeted support to 80 unique young people each year, reflecting realistic participation levels based on current engagement and demand in our community.
- Climbing and Boxing continue to attract good numbers and offer 2 evening sessions per week. Both are excellent for building confidence, resilience, and physical wellbeing. These activities provide positive outlets for energy and

emotion, helping young people manage stress and improve self-regulation. Climbing encourages problem-solving, trust, and perseverance, while boxing promotes discipline, focus, and respect. By engaging in structured physical activity, participants develop healthier lifestyles and help to improved self-esteem.

- Our Youth Work Coordinator and Trauma-Informed Practitioner deliver weekly outreach sessions at Saltash Community School, providing 1:1 targeted support to young people who may be experiencing emotional, behavioural, or personal challenges. These sessions offer a safe, confidential space where young people can talk openly, build trust, and develop healthy coping strategies.
- We work in partnership with **Saltash Education Support Programme**, based at The Core, to provide additional support for young people who are home educated or attending school on a part-time timetable due to being at risk of exclusion. Through this partnership, young people can access English and Maths functional skills qualifications alongside a safe social space where they feel supported and understood. The programme currently has 14 young people attending 3 mornings a week during term time.

Expected Outcomes and Difference for Young People

Outcomes focus on improved engagement, wellbeing, and positive progression, reducing the risk of longer-term disengagement and poor outcomes.

Key Outcomes for Young People

1. **Increased engagement with positive services**
Young people will regularly attend youth sessions in a safe, welcoming environment. For many, this will be their first sustained engagement with a structured service outside of home.
2. **Improved confidence, resilience, and wellbeing**
Through activities such as climbing, cooking, youth clubs, and D&D, young people will experience achievement, develop coping strategies, and build self-belief. This will contribute to improved emotional wellbeing and reduced isolation.
3. **Improved social skills and relationships**
Young people will develop communication, teamwork, and peer-relationship skills, particularly those who experience anxiety, neurodiversity, or social isolation.
4. **Development of essential life and employability skills**
Cooking clubs and group activities will build independence, responsibility,

planning, and problem-solving skills that support long-term wellbeing and future employability.

5. **Positive progression and reduced risk**

Young people will be better supported to move towards education, training, volunteering, or other positive pathways, reducing risk factors associated with disengagement.

How outcomes are measured

We use a **proportionate, mixed-methods evaluation approach** to capture both measurable change and personal impact.

Engagement and Participation Data

- Attendance and retention across the year
- Frequency of participation and consistency of engagement
- Progression between activities

Sustained engagement is a key indicator of success.

Young People's Voice

Our Youth Committee is made up of 6 young people who represent the different groups we run at The Core. They meet fortnightly to discuss fundraising events, how to ensure we keep young people at the centre of everything we do and future projects. We also ensure we hear young people's voice by;

- Short session evaluations
- Informal discussions and reflective activities
- Creative feedback methods appropriate to young people

This ensures young people's experiences directly inform learning and improvement.

Case Study: Young Person's Journey

A young person first joined our provision a couple of years ago while being home educated. He started on our Educational Support Programme, which helped him engage with English and Maths functional skills, before joining the Senior Youth Club. He also participated in *Grub Club*, our cooking programme, where he excelled and developed practical skills, confidence, and a sense of achievement. His younger sister, also home educated, subsequently joined the Junior Youth Club. He was then introduced to our Boxing Club, which he now attends twice weekly, further building discipline, focus, and physical wellbeing. Recognising his commitment and leadership potential, we invited him to join the Youth Committee, representing a

range of groups. Currently, he attends the centre every day of the week, engaging in a mix of activities and support, demonstrating how our programmes nurture sustained participation, personal growth, and community involvement.

Match Funding

Grant funding; June 2025 – January 2026

Worval Foundation - £6000

Childrens Mental Health Board - £7190

Police & Crime Commisioner Fund - £5352

Cecily Baker - £1000

Awards for All - £9,9175

Saltash Youth Netwrok = £500

Total = **£29,950**

In addition to the grant funding we have received we also have income from our entry fees for youth sessions, plus a healthy income from hiring out our rooms.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Saltash Town Council for their continued support, without which, we would not be able to continue to offer the wide range of activities and support for the young people of this town.

End of report

Saltash Youth Network **Report for STC Annual Meeting** **Chair, Charlotte Carpenter**



This year has been another positive one for Saltash Youth Network.

After the challenges of the last few years, it's been great to see the network continuing to grow, with lots of energy, ideas and commitment from everyone involved.

We've continued to settle into our new identity as the Saltash Youth Network, which better reflects what we do: bringing youth leaders and volunteers together, supporting one another, and helping local groups and young people access funding.

It's been really encouraging to see good levels of engagement across the network, with new members getting involved and bringing fresh ideas. We've also really valued our ongoing connection with Saltash Community School, which helps us stay connected to young people and their needs.

A big part of our work this year has been distributing funding to local youth organisations and individual young people. We've seen an increase in individual grant applications, and it's been a real privilege to hear young people's stories and learn about the amazing opportunities they've taken part in, while also being able to support those most in need.

We are especially grateful to Saltash Town Council for their continued trust and support. The funds they entrust us with are a lifeline for our volunteer-run groups and help them continue to grow and open their doors to young people across the town. Our special thanks also go to our Mayor, Rachel Bullock, for choosing the Network as her charity this year, helping to raise both awareness and additional funds for our work.

One of the highlights of the year has been the incredible fundraising challenge taken on by Simon Wengrad. Last May, Simon set out to complete 50 marathons in 50 days, starting his first marathon at the May Fair. Although he sadly had to stop at marathon 33 due to injury — still an incredible achievement — the town rallied together to complete the challenge by combining their own runs and walks. It was a truly heart-warming example of the community coming together, with even the Brownies getting involved by walking across the bridge.

Simon raised an amazing £6,192, which has since been distributed among our member groups.

The Youth Village at the May Fair was once again a real highlight, bringing youth organisations together and offering fun activities for young people. Huge thanks go to all the volunteers who helped make the day such a success — we're already looking forward to planning this year's activities.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who has supported the Network this year — our members, volunteers, partners, and supporters. Your time and enthusiasm make a real difference, and we look forward to building on this work in the year ahead to continue supporting young people across Saltash.

Honorary President	Sue Hooper, MBE
Chair 2025-26	Charlotte Carpenter
Vice Chair 2025-26	Don Berrey
Secretary 2025-26	Hilary Frank
Treasurer 2025-26	Amy O'Meakin

Affiliated Youth Groups 2025-2026:

Air Cadets
Amateur Boxing Club
Army Cadets
Baptist Church, Youth
Girlguiding Saltash
Livewire
Page2Stage
Redeemer Church, Youth
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

Town Team report for Parishioners meeting 26/3/26

This year has seen the fruition of several matters which we have had in the pipeline for the last couple of years and took some of the principles contained in the Hive report and brought them to reality. The most obvious of these being the monthly Saturday Street Market. These were initially run for the 6 months from March 2025 on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Stallholders were chosen on the basis of trying to obviate any conflict with existing traders in the town and were welcomed by these traders who saw a benefit to footfall in Fore St. We also had positive feedback from the stallholders and the community. We therefore tried to extend the markets until December but, due to poor weather conditions, two of these markets had to be cancelled. We are looking to re-instigate the markets from April this year and trying to find an indoor location for the bad weather instances.

The new planters, seating and signage in Fore St. have been well received and ,from visual sighting, the seating is being well used on dry days

We secured two lots of Town Regeneration Investment Programme(TRIP) funding in 2025 which enabled us to trial the markets up to December, as mentioned above, and to do some research as to potential funding methods to enable further improvements in and around Fore St.

We are striving hard to make Fore St an even more pleasant place to shop

Peter Ryland
Chairman



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Memory Box is an organisation based in Saltash which provides support and activities for those affected dementia and any other mild to moderate cognitive impairment. We are always happy to welcome new members to attend our activities.

We host a **Memory Box Lunch** every Tuesday from 11.30 am to 1.30 pm at the Community Kitchen, 8 Fore Street, PL12 6JL.

'**Do you mind if I sing**' is a fun singing session which takes place every Wednesday from 10.30 am to 12.00 pm at the Saltash Wesley Church in Callington Road.

We run a **Memory Box Cafe** every Thursday from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm at the Community Kitchen, 8 Fore Street, PL12 6JL.

If you would like more information regarding our activities please contact us via **email** memorybox@cepl12.co.uk or **phone 01752 848348**

Memory Box is part of Community Enterprises PL12



End of report

Oaklands Community Centre

Oaklands is a small but busy community space here in Saltash. We exist simply to bring people together, reduce isolation and make sure there's somewhere local, friendly and affordable for people to go.

We run regular coffee mornings which are as much about friendship as they are about coffee. They're relaxed, welcoming and open to anyone who wants to come along. Our bingo sessions are always popular too, they're good fun, very social and help us raise a bit towards keeping the centre going by selling refreshments and raffles.

Over the last year we have extended our Information Café, which we're particularly proud of. It gives residents the chance to sit down informally with local councillors, council officers and other officials to ask questions, raise issues or just understand what support is available. It helps break down barriers and makes things feel much more accessible.

Our community food larder is another important part of what we do. We provide surplus and donated food in a friendly, dignified setting. It's there for anyone who needs a bit of extra help, and it also helps reduce food waste. There's no judgement, just community supporting community.

Over the next year we plan to hold our summer fete, host events alongside Friends of Tincombe and develop our offerings from the kitchen.

Alongside that, we run gardening and wellbeing groups, dementia-friendly activities and seasonal events throughout the year. Most of what we do is low-cost or donation-based because we want it to stay accessible to everyone.

We also hire the hall out to local groups, small events and meetings. We try to keep our rates affordable so local organisations and residents have a practical space they can actually use.

End of report

Saltash Bowls Club

Our friendly bowls club welcomes and encourages ladies and men of all ages and abilities. We encourage members to play as much and as often as they wish both in friendlies and league games. We also host an informal club night on a Friday evening with the bar open for club members.

We play in both the Cornwall and Plymouth leagues and are affiliated to Bowls England and Bowls Cornwall. Ladies league matches are generally played during the afternoon with men's league matches predominately played in the evenings and Saturday afternoons. We have also joined the Mixed Plymouth & District League which play in the afternoons.

New members are welcome and we offer coaching to all new bowlers by qualified coaches. Hopefully weather permitting we will have our usual open day for people to come in and try bowling and speak to our members and coaches.

End of report

Saltash Repair cafe

Saltash Repair Cafe was started by Mark and Rika Chanter at Wesley Church in January 2019 with one or 2 extra repairers. We were there once a month till Covid hit. After Covid the Saltash Repair Cafe started again, but this time we set up at St Nicks and St Faiths Church Hall, on mainly the second Saturday of the month.

Our aim is to prevent items going to landfill that could be repaired instead and reused. We now have over 10 volunteers who have varied skills from sewing, woodwork, electrical and mechanical, as well as the ladies that help with the refreshments and the admin.

We are mainly self financed by donations we receive on the day, but had a boost from Saltash Scrapstore of £1000 when we restarted after Covid. We also manage to treat the volunteers to pasties and cake from the Community Kitchen at the end of our session.

We have a Facebook page 'Saltash Repair Cafe', which shows our dates and some of our 'fixes' of previous sessions.

End of report

Saltash Rotary Club

Saltash Rotary club are part of the worldwide Rotary organization.

Here in Saltash we help raise money for local charities. At Christmas we raised over £1500 as part of our annual collections and are continuing to raise money at the Ashtore centre on gig race days selling bacon rolls and cakes.

We also help maintain the blue boats in the town and at the railway station and we also installed and maintain the defibrillates found in the town.

We also helped the air cadets last year with costs when they went to Europe on a training holiday and are about to help fund and organise a day out for local children at Trethorne leisure park. We are a friendly bunch who are always looking for people to come and join us or just help out at events to try and make our town a better place.

End of report

Saltash Amateur Boxing Club (SABC)

Saltash ABC was established in 2010 to make boxing accessible to people of all ages and abilities in the Saltash area. We operate from a Local Authority–owned Youth Club, providing structured, affordable, and safe boxing sessions that improve fitness, discipline, confidence, and wellbeing.

Our club is run entirely by volunteers and plays a key role in supporting young people who may not otherwise engage in regular sport or positive physical activities. Boxing is not about fighting, it's a martial art with clear safety guidelines and rules dating back over a hundred years.

We operate from The Core on Wednesday and Friday evenings providing low cost and affordable boxing: all sessions are £3 per person and we run four separate groups each week.

- Wednesday only The Young Team, Age 10 -13 boys & girls, 6 to 7 pm.
- Wednesday & Friday, Junior Boxers, Age 13 to 18 male and female, 7 to 8 pm
- Wednesday & Friday Senior Boxers, Age 18+ male & female 7 to 8 pm
- Fridays only, Ladies only boxing, Age 16+, run by 2 female instructors 6 to 7 pm

Saltash ABC is a friendly safe space with helpful instructors, coaches and volunteers, we are an excellent inclusive club where you can learn boxing and get fit. Initially your learning will be non-contact boxing until you are proficient and have learnt all the basics. You can remain as a non-contact boxer, alternatively you can progress to full contact boxing and compete at Boxing Shows. However our coaching staff will never pressurise you to move into full contact boxing against your or your parents wishes.

We are growing as a club and numbers have increased dramatically since we built a purpose building to house the boxing ring last spring. This year we are adding a gym area with a multi-gym, treadmill and cross trainer.

We are always looking for Former Boxers to join our voluntary coaching staff, especially anyone who has moved into coaching already and is qualified and may wish to oversee sparring.

End of report

Saltash Community Shed

Saltash Community Shed is a friendly, inclusive space where people come together to make, mend, learn, and connect — open to anyone who enjoys working with their hands or wants to pick up new skills. Over the past twelve months we've had a fantastic year, with our sessions proving more popular than ever. Our members have taken on a wonderful range of personal and community projects, from crafting picnic benches, bowls, pens, and Christmas decorations to producing a bespoke set of stocks for the local Historical Society — and we've added 3D printing to our growing list of capabilities. Looking ahead to the next twelve months, we're aiming to grow our membership from 37 to 50, increase the number of sessions we run, and upgrade our laser tooling. We have some exciting community projects in the pipeline too, including a Poppy Project, creating cardboard trophies for the Cardboard Boat Race, and making coasters for the local half marathon. To help us do even more, we'd love to welcome new **members** and **volunteers** — whatever your skill level, there's a place for you at the Shed. Get in touch or come along and see what we're all about!

End of report.

Tamar Trotters

The Tamar Trotters have been running around the streets and country lanes/fields of Saltash since 1996. We have around 200 fantastic members and cater for all abilities from the complete beginner to hardened, ultra athletes.

We organise three running events each year. The Saltash Half marathon, 5k and Fun Run in May, our Magnificent7 in July and the Santa Fun Run in December.

We are currently busy behind the scenes getting things ready for the Saltash Half and are looking for volunteers to help out on the day. Please come and chat to us on the 26th to find out more about what this will involve.

This year we are celebrating 30 years of running. We have several social events planned for our members throughout the year with our big Anniversary Party being held on Saturday 8th August at Saltash Rugby Club. We are opening this event up to anyone who has ever been a Trotter over the 30 years. More details can be found at our event page at <https://facebook.com/events/s/30th-anniversary-party/1555477659919114/>

Each year we run at least two Couch to 5k courses. If you would like to take up running, get fitter or are returning from injury, then this 10-week walk/run programme is a great, gentle-paced way to do it. Some of our Couch to 5k graduates enjoy running regularly with us and others have gone on to complete marathons. There is no limit to what can be achieved.

End of report

Saltash Scrapstore

Our mission is to minimise the amount of 'stuff' that goes to landfill and put it to good use - upwards of £400,000 worth so far! Each year we try to donate to local causes that align with our values and benefit the local community. This year we gave grants for the Lantern Festival, Brunel Builders Shed, St Stephens Forest School and The Core and donated goods to the Women's Refuge, The Community Shed, Ukraine, the Linus Project and local schools and clubs. We couldn't do what we do without our wonderful volunteers - so if you can spare a few hours per week you would be very warmly welcomed!

End of report

Saltash Old Cornwall Society (SOCS) - Established March 1946

Safeguarding Saltash and Cornwall's unique soul and identity through a sound knowledge of its past.

Cornwall's past and present heritage and culture can be an asset to its tomorrows.

Saltash Old Cornwall Society which has been established for 80 years and meets at the Church rooms of St Nicholas and St Faith on the 4th Monday of each month at 7pm.

Eighty years on, the Saltash Old Cornwall Society endures: a living reminder that identity is not preserved in museums alone, but in the quiet, persistent gathering of people who refuse to let their corner of the world forget what makes it distinctive.

SOCS welcomes - speakers, new members and visitors to their meetings.

Details from President - Sue Hooper MBE - Email: suehcf@msn.com - or Secretary - Martin Lister tele 01752 842404

End of report



Friends of Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve

Annual Report to Saltash Town Council, March 2026

Owned by Antony Estate, Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve, situated within the Tamar Valley National Landscape, spans over 150 acres of diverse habitats, including grasslands, mudflats and woodlands.

The past year has been a significant and transformative period for the reserve and the Friends of Churchtown Farm. Following the decision by Cornwall Wildlife Trust not to renew its long-standing management agreement, extensive discussions took place between the Friends, Antony Estate and Saltash Town Council to secure the future of the reserve. This has resulted in the establishment of a new three-way partnership, with Antony Estate resuming management of the site, supported by the Friends and with financial backing from the town council.

This agreement represents a significant milestone in securing the long-term protection and accessibility of Churchtown Farm for the community. The Friends would like to record their sincere thanks to Saltash Town Council for its financial support and strong commitment.

The Friends, set up in 2001, remains a voluntary organisation, working collaboratively with Antony Estate and other partners. Our updated Constitution, formally adopted at the 2026 AGM held on 19th March, reflects this role and reaffirms our core purpose: to support the conservation, protection and enhancement of the wildlife, landscape and heritage of Churchtown Farm, while encouraging responsible public enjoyment and involvement.

Officers 2025/26

- Chair: Bob Austin
- Vice Chair: Keith Rawlings
- Secretary: Hilary Frank
- Treasurer & Membership Secretary: Jackie Austin
- Event Organiser: Judith Allen
- Wildlife Survey: Dr. Phil Jordan
- 4 Wardens: Judith Allen, Peter Chappel,
Geoff Mawson and Keith Rawlings

Committee members 2025/26

Rachel Bullock, Shojiro Frank, Rachel Hamilton, Steve Tait, David Orton, Dave Waters, Debs Whitehouse

2025 Event Calendar

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| ○ January | Winter Waders Walk |
| ○ February | Skylark Awareness |
| ○ March | Litter Pick |
| ○ April | Spring Birds Walk |
| ○ May | Wild Flower Walk |
| ○ June | Bee Walk |
| ○ July | Butterfly Walk |
| ○ August | Bat Walk |
| ○ August | Litter Pick |
| ○ September | Geology Walk |
| ○ October | Fungus Walk |
| ○ November | History Walk |
| ○ November | Celebration Evening at Saltash Guildhall |

Website: [Churchtown Farm Community Nature Reserve Saltash - Home](#)



Celebration Evening at Saltash Guildhall, November 2025

People shown in the photo include:

Tremayne Carew-Pole, Antony Estate

Philip Hygate, Chair of the National Association of National Landscapes

Peter Kent and representatives of Cornwall Wildlife Trust

Cllr. Rachel Bullock, Mayor of Saltash, and town councillors

Bob Austin, Chair, and members of Friends of Churchtown Farm

End of Report