

Chairman's Annual Report

It has been a privilege to serve a second year as Mayor of Saltash for 2023 – 24. I have had the pleasure of being invited to a wide range of events, performances, and organisations. I have enjoyed finding out all that our town has to offer, being immersed in the many cultural offerings of our town, and above all meeting the residents of Saltash.

Alongside me has been my wife Sarah, and I would like to thank her for her unwavering support, I know she has taken great pleasure in attending the many community events we have been invited to. Further thanks go to Deputy Mayor Councillor Julia Peggs and her consort Geoff Peggs for their continued support.

During the year we have supported three organisations, Saltash Foodbank, the Community Kitchen at Number 8 and CAP – Debt Management and Advice. All these organisations provide vital support to many in the town. I know the money raised during the year will go directly to helping residents of Saltash who are in need.

I have been pleased to have been involved with some new initiatives this year, many of which the community have been invited to have their say on.

In June, the Town Team consulted residents and visitors on potential new green community space in the Town Centre. Alongside this, a consultation was undertaken by the Saltash Waterside Coastal Communities team on plans to improve and mitigate future tidal flooding for the Waterside. I sincerely hope these projects lead to real improvements that benefit our town.

A further project the Town Council and partners are working on is the Waterside Connectivity Project which is exploring links from the Waterside to the Town Centre and further into Saltash, as well as ferry services across the river and beyond. This is an exciting proposal for the town and could deliver social and economic benefits.

Finally, I would like to thank all the many volunteers, fundraisers and spokespeople who work hard to champion for and support others. I would also like to thank our Town Council 'family'; from volunteer councillors to our hard-working staff, everyone is doing their bit. The town of Saltash is a wonderfully supportive and vibrant community of which I'm proud to be a member.

Councillor Richard Bickford
Chairman of Saltash Town Council 2022-2024