



## CEPL12 Report to Town Council

**Date** 21.03.24

It's been another busy month for CEPL12! (Every month seems to be a busy month!)

Transport has continued to be at the forefront of our discussions, after many months of deliberation the decision was, reluctantly, made to hand over our Community Transport to Red Bus. The enterprise was originally set up to meet a need for the PL12 community, however, with the advent of the Red Bus this need has diminished and we were in danger of competing with each other to the detriment of both. Hopefully, our 'Hopper' will continue to serve the PL12 population for years to come.

We held a 'thank you' event for all associated with the transport enterprise over the years, it was well attended by volunteers past and present. We used the opportunity to say a huge thank you to Roger Fursier who has been involved with the buses for seven years as a driver, trips' co-ordinator and, more recently, as stand in director at short notice. He is yet another example of the support we get from our 130+ volunteers.

Our Dementia Voice group have been active, they were pleased to support the Dementia Friendly Tea and Cake Concert, featuring the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Trio. They had a lovely afternoon of music and fun, everyone really enjoyed it and said how good it was to have classical music come to Saltash. Over 100 tickets were sold and you could have heard a pin drop while the musicians were playing their harp, flute and cello,

We recently received funding to support the DV singing group, this will enable them to continue for the next three years. Sadly, the enterprise has been without a Director for over two years now, whilst Rose and Carol continue to keep all the sessions running we desperately need someone with energy to further develop the group. Please let me know if you are interested.

We have recently restructured the management of Number 4, our Lead Volunteer, Lisa, acquired a full time job earlier this year ( great for her but sad for us!) As a result we now have a team of four volunteers who are working together to ensure that the shop continues to flourish. We have more new traders so, if you haven't been in recently, pop in and see what we have to offer.

Storage for No 8 remains an issue, recently a rat infestation was discovered in the storage shed, whilst the clean up operation is in hand it highlights the need for a new unit that is fit for purpose. Again, we would welcome support from local businesses.

Last week the Directors came together to talk about our aims and ethos along with our aspirations over the next five years. It was a productive session and It was great to see everyone working together with the obvious commitment to enhance the lives of the PL12 community. Our main priority is maintaining financial stability in order to maintain and develop our work. Clearly this is only the beginning of the process and we still have much to do, but we are a strong team and I am confident that we are up for the challenge. Our thanks go to Oakland Community Center for allowing us to use their facilities for the session.

Our organisation, like so many others, relies heavily on the support of others, whether through donating their time or supporting us in other ways. Here are some examples of the support we have received recently:

**Saltash Carpets:** A special thank you goes to Saltash Carpets for their generous donation of matting, spare carpet gripper trim, and adhesive for our Community Shop.

**Burcombe Haulage** our thanks also go to Burcombe Haulage and Ben Cook for their donation of two pallets of crisps this month. Their contributions make a significant impact, and will be enjoyed by our customers and visitors.

**Friary Mill** for their kind donation of four boxes of coffee and hot chocolate, all donations enable us to continue to run our activities from No 8

In return we have been able to support other groups this month:

We provided Saltash Heritage with a charity pasty lunch and refreshments for the Gig Charity event.

For some time we have hosted the local Rotary Group twice a month, we are hoping we can extend this to every week in the near future.

On Easter Saturday we are supporting the Town Connectivity event with food and volunteers.

**Celebrating National Social Prescribing Day**

We had a blast celebrating National Social Prescribing Day at the Community Kitchen this month, with activities ranging from art to balloon badminton. A special thank you to everyone who helped support the event

We are now looking forward to the lighter evenings and, hopefully, warmer days and more opportunities for us to add our bit to PL12.

Jo Grail 26.03.24

*For more information about any of our activities please check out our facebook and Instagram pages, our website or pop into No 4 or 8 to find out more.*

**'Together we can, together we do.'**  
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