

SALTASH MUSIC, SPEECH & DRAMA FESTIVAL REPORT TO SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Firstly, may I thank Saltash Town Council for the financial support given to the Saltash Music, Speech & Drama Festival.

The Festival took place at Saltash Wesley Methodist Church during the two week span from Monday 22 January to Saturday 3 February 2024. The syllabus and programme highlighting that the Festival was supported by Saltash Town Council. In addition, in the church was two screens with instructions for audiences to refrain from recording, etc. and in bold lettering that Saltash Town Council supported the Festival. These screens stayed on for the duration of the Festival.

It was a great honour to have the Town Mayor and Mayoress in attendance to officially open the Festival at 0900 hours on the opening day and also in the evening of the first day to watch & present trophies and awards to those who took part in the Mayor's Drama competition.

The Festival this year boasted over 400 entries which was slightly up on the numbers of the previous year. We had 5 sessions of Speech, 3 sessions of Vocal & 5 sessions of instrumentals.

The three professional Adjudicators were excellent and all gave the performers much encouragement and provided advice on how improvements could be made. It all provided a very relaxed and accommodating atmosphere so much so that nearly everyone said Saltash Festival was a pleasure to be at and would be coming again next year.

At the end of the Festival it was an honour to have the Town Mayor & Mayoress attend the Gala Concert at which he presented 35 special trophies and awards. The Town Council were thanked publicly for their support which was appreciated by the committee of volunteers and the audience alike.

Hopefully we provided a platform for both old and young to perform in a relaxed & warm atmosphere and that the Town of Saltash benefitted from the many people who visited the Festival.

Finally, may I once again thank Saltash Town Council for their financial support to the Festival.


Chairman of Saltash Music, Speech & Drama Festival