

Saltash Town Council Noticeboards

RESPONSIBLE COMMITTEE: SERVICES

This is a policy/procedure document of Saltash Town Council to be followed by both Councillors and Employees.

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Introduction

The provision of a community noticeboard is not a statutory duty of Town and Parish Councils; however, Saltash Town Council recognises the benefit of such a facility to its residents and provides many noticeboards for community notices to be displayed.

Background

Saltash Town Council uses physical noticeboards to share relevant local information, as set out in the policy below. The policy tries to strike a balance between size of notice and space available to enable maximum availability and content. Priority should always be given to Town Council notices.

Location of Town Noticeboards

There are 6 general Town Council noticeboards in Saltash:

1. Fore Street
2. Waterside
3. St Stephens Church
4. Yellow Tor Road
5. Pillmere
6. Fairmead Road

There are 3 premises specific Town Council noticeboards in Saltash:

1. Saltash Library Hub
2. Isambard House
3. Jubilee Pontoon

Use of Town Noticeboards

General noticeboards can display (in order of priority):

- Town Council information and notifications, e.g. meetings, agendas, minutes, statutory notifications, AGAR, calls to tender, fees and charges, schedule of meetings calendar, consultations and Councillor information. (up to A4)
- Town council events, or those supported by the Town Council through festival or community chest funding, with the relevant acknowledgement as stated in the grant policy. (up to A4)
- Relevant public information events. (up to A4)
- Saltash based time specific community events. (up to A5)
- Saltash based time specific charity events. (up to A5)
- Saltash based organisations adverts (up to postcard/A6)

Any notice that is to be left in the noticeboards for more than three weeks are to be laminated or on suitable paper to reduce fading or curling.

Time specific event posters to be put in the noticeboard no earlier than three weeks before the event.

If there is insufficient room for current/important notices to be displayed, longtime posters will be removed and re-displayed when space becomes available, or event notices will be put in two weeks before the event rather than three weeks before the event.

Do not cover or overlap notices/posters. Avoid overcrowding.

The noticeboard in Fore Street is kept as one side for Saltash based community notices and the other side is split 50/50 for Town Council information only on one half and all Town Council events on the other half. Priority should be given to time specific events; ongoing activity notifications could be placed on the community side of the noticeboard if room dictates.

Premises specific noticeboards are to only have notices advertising events and meetings held in that location. General Town Council notices are only permitted under the direction of the Town Clerk. Community notices are not permitted in premises specific noticeboards.

Saltash Library Hub Noticeboard can display:

1. Agendas and Minutes for the library sub-committee.
2. Events held at the Library that meet the policy requirements for general noticeboards.

Isambard House Noticeboard can display:

1. Agendas and Minutes for the station property sub-committee.
2. Events held at Isambard House that meet the policy requirements for general noticeboards.
3. Relevant transport notices.
4. Trackside Café operational hours, menu, waiting room and toilet facilities.

Jubilee Pontoon Noticeboard can display:

1. Pontoon related notices, e.g. pontoon fees and charges, maintenance works.
2. Ferry information.
3. Visitor information.
4. Pop up sites.
5. Waterside event notices (subject to available space), that meet the policy requirements for general noticeboards.

No commercial advertising is allowed in any noticeboard. Exceptions will be made when Saltash Town Council is working in partnership with the commercial organisation e.g. Plymouth boat trips operating from the Town Council's pontoon or when the commercial activity is taking place in a Saltash Town Council premises e.g. an art show held at Isambard House.

Notices will not be displayed which advertise events outside the Town of Saltash except for free or charity events which are considered to be a benefit to the health and wellbeing of residents.

Political notices will not be displayed.

The Town Council has the right to refuse a poster should it not comply with the policy rules or space is not available at the time of the request.

Requirements to be met by advertisers

Notices should be submitted to The Guildhall, 12 Lower Fore Street, Saltash, PL12 6JX ready to be displayed.

The Town Council is not responsible for printing posters for display.

Notices should contain information on the date of posting and the date the notice should be taken down.

If not clear from the notice the name and contact details of the author should be added to the notice, should we need to contact you.

Authority to use noticeboard and related matters

Town Council officers have the authority to display notices on the noticeboards.

If in doubt, ask the Town Clerk.

Display of material on the Town Council website

Notices approved for the physical town noticeboards will also be displayed on the virtual Town Council noticeboard and events diary (www.saltash.gov.uk). The same policy guidelines as above will apply.