

To receive a report on Fore Street festoon lighting and consider any actions and associated expenditure.

Background

The Festoon lighting or River of Lights were first installed by the Saltash Christmas Lights team a number of years ago. The idea was that they could be used at other times of the year as well as at Christmas. This has occurred in the past although coordinating and resourcing the switch on for occasional dates has meant this happens less and less.

Proposal

The proposal is to make some changes to the timers that control the lights so that outside the Christmas period the River of Lights could still be utilised between dusk and a later specified time (say 11.30pm).

The benefits in having the lights on every evening are.

1. Liven up and make the Town Centre look more appealing.
2. Light up Fore Street better as it is not well lit in places.

The Town Council replaced the River of Lights only a few months ago, with reduced numbers of individual energy efficient bulbs, so the cost is unlikely to be high and the Standing Charges must be paid anyway.

Better lighting will illuminate some of the darker spots on Fore Street making the area safer at night as well as making it significantly more appealing. A more appealing and vibrant looking Town Centre may lead to enhanced economic activity.

Costs

Costs and need for additional timers are unknown.

The proposal would be for Town Council to consider a two-month trial utilising the current timers to assess impact and cost working within budget.

Budget Code: 6515 SE Festive Lights Maintenance and Electricity
Available Budget: £1,925

End of report
Councillor Bickford