

Saltash Rotary Annual Report to Parishioners 2024-2025

During the Rotary Year 2024-2025 we have continued to support the local community, both with grants and donations to some very worthwhile causes, together with a presence in the Town where we maintain the Rotary Flower Boats that can be found in Fore Street, North Road, Pillmere and Old Ferry Road. Additionally, we have taken on responsibility for the flower boats at the Railway Station where a new boat has also been added to platform 2 (the Up Platform). Planting of these boats has been delayed due to the recent weather conditions, but should commence shortly.

In addition to our traditional venues, we meet once a month at the Community Kitchen where we enjoy a good meal made from ingredients that have been given at no cost by local businesses, for which each diner makes a donation to the Community Kitchen funds.

We enjoy excellent relationships with many local organisations, such as Ashtorre Rock, where we support events including Regatta, Gig Racing and the Saltash Model Club, typically serving up tasty bacon rolls and delicious home-made cakes to hungry competitors, exhibitors and visitors, the profits from which are ploughed back into Club funds to enable us to carry out our community projects and to support charities and other voluntary organisations.

During the year we held some very successful events such as our annual Quiz Night and our Race Night, both of which were enjoyed by many, whilst raising additional funds to enable our work to continue. We also celebrated the 65th anniversary of Saltash Rotary Club being granted its Charter, with a Christmas Lunch at St. Mellion Estate, attended by some notable guests, including former South East Cornwall MP Sheryll Murray, together with husband Bob.

We have recently selected our Club officers for the year 2025-2026 with Mike Phillips being elected as President and Brenda Samuels as Vice President, providing continuity for the coming years.

As with all voluntary organisations, we are always looking to recruit new members and are very receptive to those whom would like to find out more about Saltash Rotary Club. There is perhaps a public perception that Rotary consists largely of retired bank managers, but the reality is that we have members from all walks of life, who can contribute their skills and knowledge to make the Club successful.

Pete Samuels

President 2024-2025

Rotary Club of Saltash.

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