

To receive a report on the markets, greening and wayfinding project and consider any actions and associated expenditure.

Well, what a year we have had.

This time last year we had a report from our consultants, Studio Hive, and had opted for various proposals for planters, seating and markets in the central area of Fore Street. However, following an audit by Cormac, on behalf of Cornwall Council, we were not able to do what we wanted due to potential traffic hazards, so we reconsidered. With the help of Diverse Events we put together an alternative siting for the markets and through a continued dialogue with Cormac evolved an alternative arrangement for the seating and planters. Throughout this process we recognised the importance of not closing Fore Street for the markets due to the impact this would have on nearby residents.

However, the site for the market also had issues re the memorial bench and STC noticeboard. These were reviewed and overcome for the trial by extending the market into Belle Vue Rd. necessitating its closure, which came at a cost but has had no negative response from local residents. To date we have had 3 markets, and each has grown in size/number of stall holders so the market layout will need to be reviewed if it continues beyond the trial. The markets have been well received by stall holders, Fore St traders and the community as a whole.

The planters, seating and wayfinding signage have only recently been installed by Meristem who, by tender process in early 2025, became our nominated contractor for the work. Their work has been complimented by many and with the extensive planting therein we have seen the start of the greening of the town centre. There have been a few snagging issues that required addressing. The gold banding that was omitted has been received and is due to be installed by the Service Delivery Department. Please see pictures below.

With the ongoing communication with Cormac we were also able to secure some other benefits to Saltash including the use of coloured tarmac around the base of various trees in the town to alleviate the potential trip hazards of loose and broken slabs. So Fore Street has become a safer place to walk.

In addition, our subcommittee have been working hard to produce a town brochure and display panels for the notice boards in the town. This work is coming to fruition.

When I accepted the role of Chairman for this year, I had not realised how much work would be involved with extensive face to face and on-line meetings, e-mails, phone calls etc. but with the help of STC officers and our consultant Mel Richardson and the support of the members of Town Team, I believe we have successfully started the future for our town centre to make it a more pleasant place to shop. There is still a way to go but I think we can get there.

I would particularly like to thank the Town Clerk for her strenuous efforts throughout the year and her ability to keep me in line with Local Authority protocol and procedures.

Images of the gold vinyl banding that needs to be replaced:



End of report
Saltash Town Team Chairman – P Ryland