

To consider the maintenance programme of the World War 1 Pebble Memorial
and consider any actions and associated expenditure

Report to: Services Committee

Date of Report: 16.07.25

Officer Writing the Report: Service Delivery Manager

Pursuant: Services Committee 14.07.2021 minute 10/21/22

Officers Recommendations

Members are requested to consider approving the repainting and resin coating of the memorial pebbles, at an estimated cost of £4,000, to be allocated to budget code 6506 – SE Grounds Maintenance and Watering.

Looking ahead, Members are also asked to consider allocating funds over a five-year period to ensure the ongoing maintenance of the memorial pebbles. It is proposed that this be budgeted under code 6571 – SE EMF Saltash Recreation Areas – to protect the funds over the years.

Please note that the Service Delivery Manager will ensure this maintenance work is incorporated into the Service Delivery Department's programme of works.

Report Summary

At the Services Committee meeting held on 14 July 2021, Saltash Town Council resolved the following:

*It was proposed by Councillor Peggs, seconded by Councillor Dent and **RESOLVED** to adopt the memorials subject to receiving permissions to install and maintain, and to receive a comprehensive inventory list of items including names and contact details of those who carried out the works to the various memorials in the town.*

Since that resolution, the Service Delivery Department has undertaken annual cleaning of the resin surrounding the memorial pebbles, typically scheduled towards the end of the summer season. This maintenance includes the removal of moss, dirt build-up, and general weather-related staining. However, over time, several memorial pebbles have sustained damage.

The surrounding railings are currently in fair condition. Repainting of the railings has been scheduled and added to the Service Delivery Department's programme of works for the upcoming year.

Recently, Members of the former Saltash Great War Commemoration Committee contacted the Town Council to advise that the memorial pebbles are due to be repainted and re-coated with resin to restore their appearance.

Further details provided by the Committee can be found in **Appendices A and B**.

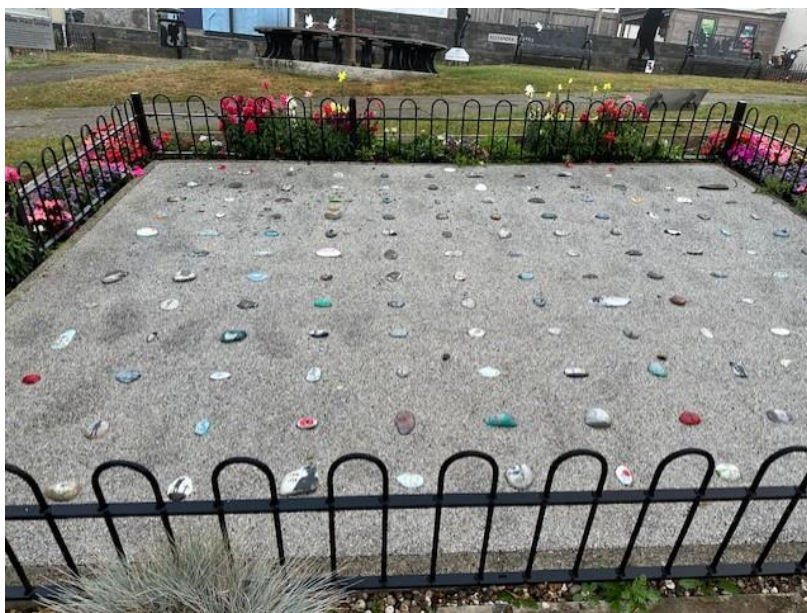
Report Images

Below images of the pebbles when first installed.



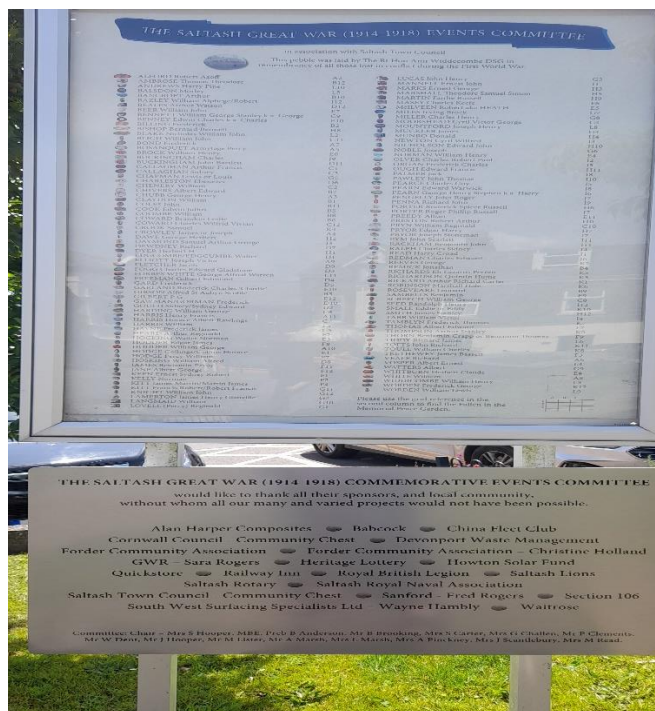
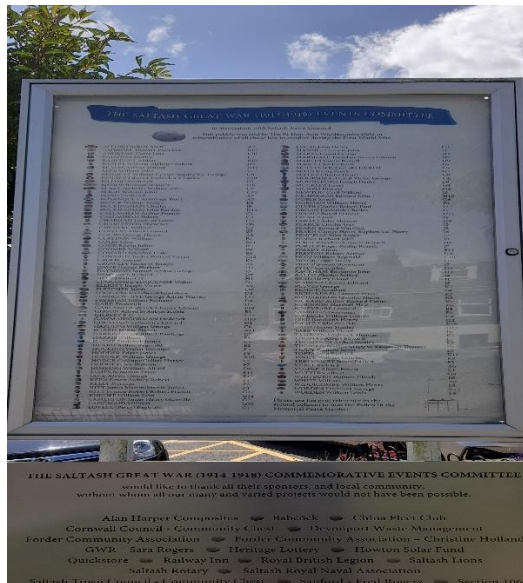


Below pictures of the pebbles in their current state:





Below are pictures of the information boards displaying a list of the 140 Saltash WW1 fallen, together with a printed record of the 140+1 pebbles.



How Does This Meet the Business Plan?

Recreation and Leisure – to continue to provide, improve, and support in Saltash, play parks, open green spaces, library service, cultural activity, leisure and sport facilities, and to acknowledge our unique position on the Tamar and Lynher Rivers.

Quotes Provided

Refer to **Appendix C** to review full costings to repaint the memorial pebbles.

Refer to **Appendix D and E** to review full costings to recoat the memorial pebbles with resin.

Financial Regulations/ Procurement Threshold

Two quotes obtained to recoat with resin. One quote received for the repainting of the pebbles.

Financial Regulations request at least 3 fixed price quotes.

Budgets

Budget Availability: £12,393

Budget Codes: 6506 Grounds Maintenance and Watering

Committed Spend: £0.00

Note: Saltash Town Council allocated £18,450 under budget code 6506 for the 2025–26 financial year to support Victoria Gardens, the Maurice Huggins Room, and the Waterside play area and sensory garden. As these projects have not yet progressed, the allocated funds remain available for use.

Signature of Officer:

Service Delivery Manager