

Community Enterprises PL12 CIC report to 2026 Saltash Parishioners' Meeting

Community Enterprises PL12 CIC is probably not familiar to many, nor its previous name, Saltash Gateway CIC. It is, however, 20 years old this year. It has had a number of roles in improving the lives of the people of Saltash from its origins in the Saltash Community Strategic Action Plan through the Hopper Service to running the Community Kitchen at 8 Fore Street, and Memory Box, which is responsible for supporting those affected by dementia or other cognitive impairments. They run a singing group under the title of Do You Mind If I Sing, and also a Memory Box Café, which is held in the Kitchen on Thursdays. We also run the Fridge and the Shop at 4 Fore Street. Both the Kitchen and the Fridge support our environmental and social objectives through the use of food diverted from landfill to make meals at the Kitchen and given away on the Fridge.

CEPL12 also leases the building at 18 Belle Vue Road, from Cornwall Council. This is home to Citizens' Advice Cornwall, which, had we not taken over the building, would have been made homeless. As part of the agreement, CAC continues to reside there, alongside two other charities, Foodbank and StoryBook Dads, as well as some local businesses.

We have some 120 volunteers who cover the Shop, the Kitchen, the Fridge, and MemoryBox. In the last 12 months, we have been consolidating our position, and to this end, we are now opening the Shop and the Kitchen on Mondays. The Kitchen is serving drinks and a simple lunch of soup on the Mondays, while the menu on the other days is unchanged. We are striving to become less dependent on grant funding, as this becomes ever more elusive in the current climate. We would welcome new volunteers in any of our enterprises, or indeed admin or director roles. Please get in touch if you would like to help.

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