

Saltash Youth Network
Report for STC Annual Meeting
Chair, Charlotte Carpenter



This year has been another positive one for Saltash Youth Network.

After the challenges of the last few years, it's been great to see the network continuing to grow, with lots of energy, ideas and commitment from everyone involved.

We've continued to settle into our new identity as the Saltash Youth Network, which better reflects what we do: bringing youth leaders and volunteers together, supporting one another, and helping local groups and young people access funding.

It's been really encouraging to see good levels of engagement across the network, with new members getting involved and bringing fresh ideas. We've also really valued our ongoing connection with Saltash Community School, which helps us stay connected to young people and their needs.

A big part of our work this year has been distributing funding to local youth organisations and individual young people. We've seen an increase in individual grant applications, and it's been a real privilege to hear young people's stories and learn about the amazing opportunities they've taken part in, while also being able to support those most in need.

We are especially grateful to Saltash Town Council for their continued trust and support. The funds they entrust us with are a lifeline for our volunteer-run groups and help them continue to grow and open their doors to young people across the town. Our special thanks also go to our Mayor, Rachel Bullock, for choosing the Network as her charity this year, helping to raise both awareness and additional funds for our work.

One of the highlights of the year has been the incredible fundraising challenge taken on by Simon Wengrad. Last May, Simon set out to complete 50 marathons in 50 days, starting his first marathon at the May Fair. Although he sadly had to stop at marathon 33 due to injury — still an incredible achievement — the town rallied together to complete the challenge by combining their own runs and walks. It was a truly heart-warming example of the community coming together, with even the Brownies getting involved by walking across the bridge.

Simon raised an amazing £6,192, which has since been distributed among our member groups.

The Youth Village at the May Fair was once again a real highlight, bringing youth organisations together and offering fun activities for young people. Huge thanks go to all the volunteers who helped make the day such a success — we're already looking forward to planning this year's activities.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who has supported the Network this year — our members, volunteers, partners, and supporters. Your time and enthusiasm make a real difference, and we look forward to building on this work in the year ahead to continue supporting young people across Saltash.

Honorary President	Sue Hooper, MBE
Chair 2025-26	Charlotte Carpenter
Vice Chair 2025-26	Don Berrey
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Affiliated Youth Groups 2025-2026:

Air Cadets
Amateur Boxing Club
Army Cadets
Baptist Church, Youth
Girlguiding Saltash
Livewire
Page2Stage
Redeemer Church, Youth
Rugby Club, Youth
Sailing Club Cadets
Saltash Scouts
Saltash Town Youth Band
Saltash United Junior Football Club
St John Ambulance Badgers & Cadets
Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation
The Core
Waterside Explorer Scouts
Wesley Youth

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