

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

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Annual Report 2025-2026





A cheerful welcome from the Mayor of Saltash



Since our time as Mayor and Consort, Matt and I have attended many delightful events, both near and far, and met so many wonderful people along the way. I can honestly say we have thoroughly enjoyed every event.

We have taken part in numerous mayoral services, mayor-making ceremonies, and civic events, enjoying the opportunity to connect with other mayors, often referred to as the "chain gang." These experiences have been both enjoyable and inspiring, and I have taken away ideas to bring back to Saltash.

One such idea came from attending Bodmin Mayor Making, where the Town Crier introduced the Mayor. Inspired by this, I appointed a new Town Crier for Saltash, Andy Williams, following an audition. Andy has since become a valued presence at many events, including Mayor Making, Beating the Bounds, the Christmas lights switch-on, and St Piran's Day.

A highlight of the year was the J24 World Sailing Championships reception at Saltash Sailing Club, showcasing our beautiful Waterside to an international audience. Over the summer, we also attended many local events, including the Regatta, Forder Fete, and Tincombe Tea Party. Despite mixed weather, these were a joy to be part of.

Beating the Bounds was another successful event, joined by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall, with a warm welcome from Botus Fleming.

Remembrance was a particularly important time, with services and wreath-laying across the town, culminating in the Civic Service and participation in national commemorations, including the Poppy Train.

We also enjoyed visits to local schools, taking part in workshops and attending performances, including an outstanding production of The Little Mermaid at Saltash Community School.

The Christmas lights switch-on was a magical highlight, especially riding in the Rotary sleigh with Santa. We also attended many festive events and I was proud to start the Saltash Santa Run.

This year, I have organised Mayor's charity quiz nights, raising £1,413.10 so far for Memory Box and Saltash Youth Network. My Civic Service in February and the first St Piran's Day walk were also memorable successes.

This has truly been a remarkable year. Thank you to everyone who has supported me along the way. Meur ras!

Mayor Cllr Rachel Bullock



Meet Your Councillors

Every third Saturday of the month outside Saltash Heritage, Fore Street. 10-12pm.



Deputy Mayor, Cllr Brian Stoyel

I am very appreciative of the opportunity I have had to serve as a Saltash Councillor for Trematon Ward and, this year, as Deputy Mayor. Shaping and learning more about the ways and means of making Saltash a secure and pleasant environment for residents and those working in our town, and establishing a hub of exciting, developing initiatives for all ages, has been rewarding in itself. Everyday life can be busy, but it requires a few volunteers in every town to give that something extra in time, expertise, patience, endeavour, or simply the ability to listen in order to help our community.



Enjoyment is a key factor in devoting time – for instance, helping to promote, support, and organise our Christmas Lights, Remembrance tributes, Beating the Bounds, Churchtown Farm, St Piran’s Day, Safer Saltash, and youth programmes, as well as attending numerous local functions, gatherings, and meetings, helps to mould our town. These have kept me on my toes, so I would urge anyone to try to give something back to our town of Saltash and enjoy the experience.

DID YOU KNOW?

At every Meet Your Councillor event, a selection of informative leaflets is available for residents to take away. These include the latest news and updates from Saltash Town Council, details of upcoming events and activities across the town, Community News, and information from the Saltash Town Council Library Hub.

The leaflets help residents stay informed about local developments, learn more about available services and facilities, and discover opportunities to get involved in community life. Councillors are also on hand during the events to discuss the information and answer any questions.



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Meet the Team

The Town Clerk

The Town Clerk serves as the Proper Officer of the Council and, in this capacity, is legally responsible for performing all statutory functions of the Town Council and issuing any notifications required by law of a local authority's Proper Officer.

In addition, the Town Clerk provides guidance to the Council on overarching policies governing the Authority's activities.

They ensure that the Council is supplied with all necessary information to make informed and effective decisions, and are responsible for implementing those decisions efficiently and constructively as directed by the Council.



Administration and Finance

The Town Council's Administration and Finance Departments are dedicated to supporting Members of the Town Council, residents of Saltash, and the wider community.

The Administration Team serves as the organisational hub of the Council, playing a key role in governance by implementing resolutions from Committee meetings and ensuring compliance with statutory requirements.

The Finance Department manages the Council's finances with diligence and integrity, ensuring that all financial dealings adhere to relevant rules and regulations. They oversee budgeting, accounting, and financial planning, supporting the Council's mission to deliver effective services and benefits to the residents of Saltash.



Service Delivery

The Saltash Town Council Service Delivery Department provides essential services to residents and visitors, maintaining public buildings, green spaces, and outdoor facilities such as parks and play areas. Their work includes operating ride-on mowers, pruning trees, cutting hedges, and strimming.

The team also oversees cemeteries, public toilets, allotments, public gardens, the Jubilee Pontoon, and community events. For a full overview of all services, please visit the Town Council website.



Saltash Library Hub

Saltash Town Council Library, also known as the Saltash Library Hub, is a community-focused library service managed by Saltash Town Council in partnership with Cornwall Council.

It provides access to books, digital resources, and free public services such as computer use, alongside a wide range of regular activities and events for all ages. More than just a traditional library, it acts as a welcoming community hub, offering a space for learning, social connection, and local support, while helping to promote wellbeing and community engagement across the town.

The Saltash Library Hub has had a vibrant and productive year, with established groups like Knit & Natter, adult colouring, and the beloved Music Man continuing to attract loyal attendees, while a wide range of seasonal workshops, children's activities, author talks, and community events boosted engagement across all ages.



The Summer Reading Challenge was another success, with hundreds of children taking part. The last stage of the refurbishment will update the library and provide accessible and inclusive facilities.

We look forward to what the next year holds!

Projects and Communications

Our Project and Communications Department is a newly established team that plays a pivotal role in driving the growth and development of our town.

They focus on identifying and securing funding opportunities, ensuring that the community has access to the resources needed for various initiatives.

By submitting funding applications on behalf of the Town Council, they strive to improve the town's infrastructure, services, and overall quality of life.

They also serve as a key communication hub, facilitating the flow of information between Saltash Town Council and the community.

Through effective communication channels, press releases, and various outreach efforts, they ensure that everyone is informed, engaged, and empowered to contribute to the town's continued progress.



YOUR TOWN COUNCIL WORKING FOR YOU

The Town Council consistently works towards six strategic priorities to ensure Saltash becomes an envied riverside town, being greener, more inclusive and prosperous.

Saltash Town Council's Six Strategic Priorities - Part of the 2024-2027 Business Plan.

Below are just a few examples of how Saltash Town Council aim to deliver these goals, more can be found on our website here: www.saltash.gov.uk/town-council-business-plan



BOOSTING JOBS AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Saltash Town Council is committed to increasing local prosperity, reducing poverty, and enhancing the quality of life for residents, while promoting the town as a vibrant destination for visitors.

To achieve these goals, the Council is expanding adult education opportunities, trialling CCTV in the Town Centre, maintaining public facilities such as toilets, and revitalising Fore Street.

New staff have also been recruited to strengthen community support and ensure services are delivered effectively.

In addition, the Council actively promotes Saltash and supports festivals and community initiatives via its Grant and Match Funding policies.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Town Council remains dedicated to supporting the Saltash Healthcare Action Group in strengthening local NHS services. This includes a continued focus on improving mental health support, enhancing fitness facilities, promoting children's educational well-being, and ensuring young people have access to high-quality learning opportunities.

Additionally, Saltash Town Council promotes community health and wellbeing by hosting events such as the free NHS Winter of Wellbeing at the Guildhall, providing residents with access to health checks and information about local support services.



HOUSING

Saltash Town Council will continue to work in partnership with Cornwall Council to provide a balanced mix of high-quality, affordable housing for local residents.

By collaborating closely with Cornwall Council and guided by the approved Saltash Neighbourhood Plan, the Town Council will strive to identify suitable development sites, promote sustainable housing designs, and support inclusive housing policies that meet the needs of people across all income levels.



TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

The Town Council is working with key stakeholders to improve access to affordable, accessible, and sustainable transport across Saltash and surrounding rural and urban areas, while encouraging walking and cycling.

To support this, Saltash Town Council has created and distributed a "Using the Train" leaflet, helping residents better understand local rail travel options and making journeys easier, more accessible, and more sustainable for the community.



CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The Town Council recognises the urgent climate emergency facing our community.

Saltash Town Council is committed to adopting sustainable practices across all its services, helping to protect the environment for current and future generations.



RECREATION AND LEISURE

Recreation and leisure are key priorities for the Town Council. That's why Saltash Town Council continues to support and enhance play parks, open green spaces, library services, leisure and sports facilities, and cultural activities.

The Council also invested £28,500 in Christmas lights and a switch-on event, transforming the town into a festive wonderland. This initiative not only created a vibrant and joyful atmosphere for residents and visitors alike, but also helped to support local businesses by attracting more footfall, and fostered a strong sense of community by bringing people together to celebrate the holiday season.

Saltash Town Council's Business Plan outlines and clarifies the strategic priorities of the Town Council and aims to provide a framework for budget setting and identified operational targets over the period. The Town Council's Business Plan sets out Saltash Town Council's vision for Saltash, its purpose, values, objectives and priorities. You can locate the Business Plan on the Town Council's website here:

www.saltash.gov.uk/town-council-business-plan or you can visit us at The Guildhall or Saltash Library Hub to view a printed copy.

Schedule of Meetings

Saltash Town Council Schedule of Meetings Calendar for the year 2026-2027 can be found here: <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/council.php>.

The meetings are open to the public and press. Agendas are published on the website, social media and notice boards three clear working days before each meeting.

Any member of the public requiring to put a question to the Town Council must do so by email or via The Guildhall no later than 12 noon the day before the meeting. Members of the public are advised to review the Receiving Public Questions, Representations and Evidence at Meetings document prior to attending the meeting.

Churchtown Cemetery

The Town Council is responsible for the management and care of Churchtown Cemetery, located at the top of Farm Lane, opposite St Stephen's Church.

Our Service Delivery Department carries out regular maintenance to ensure the cemetery grounds remain tidy, respectful, and well cared for. The team also oversees burial services and works to ensure that the cemetery continues to provide a peaceful and dignified place for remembrance.

The Town Council also offers a range of memorial options for members of the public wishing to commemorate loved ones. These include memorial benches and the planting of memorial rose bushes, providing a lasting tribute within the tranquil surroundings of the cemetery.

For further information about Churchtown Cemetery, burial services, or available memorial options, please contact the Guildhall or visit our website: www.saltash.gov.uk/churchtowncemetery.php

Allotments

Allotments and community gardens provide a wonderful opportunity to grow your own fruit, vegetables, and flowers while enjoying the benefits of spending time outdoors.

Saltash Town Council manages three allotment sites across the town: Fairmead, Grenfell, and Churchtown. These sites offer residents the chance to enjoy gardening within a friendly and supportive community environment.

Due to high demand, there are currently waiting lists for all three allotment sites. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact the Town Council by calling 01752 844846 or by emailing services@saltash.gov.uk.

Repairs and Maintenance

The Town Council's Service Delivery Department carries out a wide range of essential tasks to help keep the town welcoming, safe, and well maintained throughout the year.

The small but dedicated team plants and maintains colourful floral displays across the town, helping to brighten public spaces for residents and visitors. They also undertake regular grass cutting, pathway maintenance, and hedge trimming to ensure green spaces and public areas remain tidy and accessible.

In addition, the team carries out maintenance and repairs to Town Council buildings and public facilities, and provides practical support for community events. Unfortunately, the town's public toilets are sometimes subject to vandalism; when this occurs, the team often completes the repair work in-house and works hard to restore and reopen the facilities as quickly as possible for the community.

Jubilee Pontoon and Waterside

Saltash Town Council is responsible for the management and maintenance of the Pontoon, ensuring it remains a safe and well-kept facility for those using the waterfront.

The Pontoon provides 10 permanent berths for regular users, as well as a number of public moorings available for short stays. These moorings can be used by visiting vessels through the Visiting Boat and Trusted Boater Schemes, helping to support access to the river and encourage visitors to enjoy Saltash from the water.

For further information about berths, short-stay moorings, or the available schemes, please contact the Town Council on 01752 844846 or email services@saltash.gov.uk.

Committee Structure

Saltash Town Council's website provides an overview of the Council's Committee Organisational Structure, including committee membership and a clear flowchart showing how the committees operate.

You can view the organisational structure here: <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/council.php>

For more information on any of the services the Town Council offer please call 01752 844846, email enquiries@saltash.gov.uk or visit the Guildhall to speak to one of the friendly staff who are always happy to help.

PROFESSIONAL YOUTH WORK 2025/26

The importance of Professional Youth Work

The young people of Saltash are the town's next generation of dynamic, creative, and inspiring individuals. They are increasingly raising their voices about the challenges, barriers, and inequalities they face, and it is essential that we respond with both positivity and purpose.

High-quality, professional youth work provides safe, supportive, and imaginative spaces where young people can express themselves, build friendships, and explore their interests. This vital work relies on the skill, experience, and empathy of trained youth workers and volunteers, who guide and support young people as they navigate their path in the world.

Supporting professional youth work is a top priority for Saltash Town Council. To strengthen this commitment, they established a dedicated working group that supports local youth organisations, including Livewire and The Core. These organisations are doing outstanding work and have highlighted a growing need for support, particularly in the area of young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Saltash Town Council has reaffirmed its long-term commitment to young people by confirming a substantial increase in funding for professional youth work across the town. The Council has allocated £300,000 for youth services from April 2026 to March 2029, including £100,000 for the 2026/27 financial year, building on the £60,842 provided in 2025/26. This investment demonstrates a clear commitment to sustaining high-quality youth provision for the future.

The Town Council remains dedicated to meeting the growing demand for youth services through its annual professional youth work tendering process. For more information about this initiative, please contact us at enquiries@saltash.gov.uk

In 2025/26, £30,421 was awarded to each of Livewire and The Core. The increased budget reflects a significant uplift in investment to meet the growing needs of young people across Saltash.

The Mayor of Saltash Councillor Rachel Bullock said, "Saltash Town Council is proud to continue investing in professional youth work across our town. High-quality youth services provide safe, supportive, and creative spaces where young people can develop confidence, life skills, and wellbeing. This increased funding reflects our commitment to ensuring that every young person has access to the opportunities and support they need to thrive."

THE CORE & LIVEWIRE

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

850+

Total registered Members



120+

Young people engaged every week

80

Young people supported annually through key programmes:

30

in Grub Club (cooking & life skills)

164

young people receiving counselling

50

young people supported in holiday provision

230

open access music sessions attended by 175 young people per week



14

young people in the Education Support Programme
(3 sessions per week, term-time)



Working in Partnership for the people of Saltash

At the heart of our town's progress and prosperity lies the collaborative efforts of Saltash Town Council working collaboratively with various stakeholders and community members.

Recognising that the strength of a community lies in its unity, we actively engage with residents, businesses, local organisations, and Cornwall Council to address challenges, seize opportunities, and create a sustainable future for Saltash.



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Saltash Market Trials

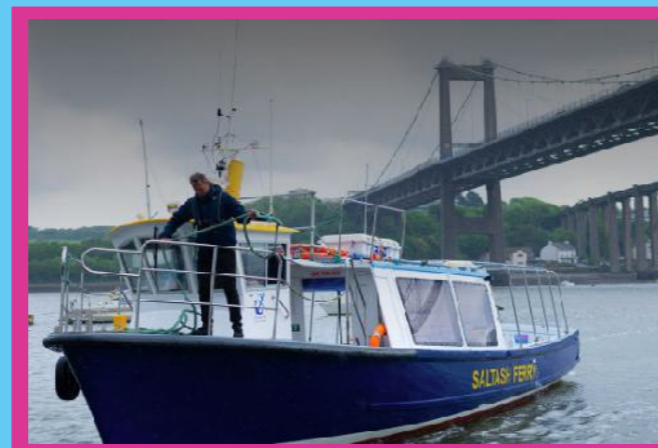
Saltash Town Council work in partnership with the Town Team to coordinate development in the town centre, aiming to enhance its economic, social, and environmental revitalisation, making Saltash a better place to live, work, visit, and enjoy.

This includes delivering town centre projects that support the Town Council's Business Plan in providing a vibrant Town Centre.

One project that was successful was Saltash Market Trial, funded by the Town Regeneration and Improvement Programme by Cornwall Council.

The Saltash Market Trials formed part of the Fore Street Public Realm Project, aiming to increase footfall, support local traders and bring additional vibrancy to the town centre. The markets took place on Fore Street from March to August 2025, featuring a variety of local traders selling artisan food, crafts, gifts and other locally produced goods. Delivered in partnership with Saltash Town Team, the markets created a welcoming community event that supported independent businesses and encouraged more visitors to the high street.

Due to their popularity and positive feedback from residents, traders and visitors, additional funding was secured through the Town Regeneration and Improvement Programme to extend the market trials from September to December 2025. The success of the trials has helped inform ongoing work to explore a sustainable long-term model for markets in Saltash, ensuring they can continue to support the vitality of Fore Street and the wider town centre in the future.



Plymouth Boat Trips

Following the successful partnership established during the Saltash Town, Waterside and River Links Connectivity Project, the Town Council has greatly valued its continued collaboration with Plymouth Boat Trips and looks forward to building on this positive working relationship.

Saltash Town Council has welcomed the expansion of the Waterlink Ferry service this year and continues to work in partnership with Plymouth Boat Trips to support its ongoing development.

The service provides residents and visitors with a convenient, scenic, and more sustainable travel option, helping to strengthen connections across the region. It also plays an important role in supporting local businesses by encouraging more people to travel between communities and explore what the area has to offer.

The Council remains committed to supporting the growth of the service and working alongside Plymouth Boat Trips to ensure it continues to benefit residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

Saltash Environmental Action

Saltash Town Council works in close partnership with Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) to support and enhance the local environment for the benefit of the whole community.

SEA is able to use Isambard House free of charge to host a range of community talks and workshops, helping to raise awareness and encourage positive action on environmental issues. These events are open to all and warmly welcome members of the public.

A particularly memorable collaboration this year was during the St Piran's Day celebrations, when a Silver Birch tree was planted in collaboration with SEA.

This meaningful act created a lasting symbol of both the day and the community's shared commitment to Cornwall's natural environment and cultural heritage.



Churchtown Farm

Following Cornwall Wildlife Trust's difficult decision to end their farm tenancy on 29 September, a new partnership between Antony Estate, Saltash Town Council, and Friends of Churchtown Farm was approved to ensure this important reserve is protected for future generations.

Saltash Town Council is proud to play a key role in supporting the future of Churchtown Farm Community Nature Reserve, working closely with Antony Estate, Friends of Churchtown Farm, and wider stakeholders to protect and enhance this much-loved landscape.

This collaboration reflects the community's deep connection to the reserve and reinforces shared ambitions to restore its rich natural habitats, maintain its historic character, and ensure it remains a peaceful, thriving space for residents, visitors, and wildlife alike.

There is more information available on this on our website here: <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/notices.php>



The future looks bright...

The Town Council is committed to seeking relevant funding opportunities to better improve the town. The Town Council worked in partnership, identified, applied and were successful in securing over **£82,992.17** for the year 2025-2026

The Town Council continues to work hard in bringing successfully funded projects to fruition in collaboration with key stakeholders.

Here are just a few of the successful projects:

Fore Street Improvements

Saltash Town Council is proud to have successfully delivered the latest phase of enhancements to Fore Street as part of the wider Public Realm Project, working in partnership with Saltash Town Team.

With funding secured from Cornwall Council's Vitality Accelerator Fund and Town Delivery Fund, the Council has overseen the installation of newly branded planters and street furniture, incorporating Cornish language inscriptions. These high-quality additions represent a significant step forward in improving the look and feel of the town centre, helping to create a more attractive, welcoming, and culturally distinctive environment for residents, businesses, and visitors.

As part of this achievement, Saltash Town Council has also committed to the ongoing maintenance of these assets, ensuring they continue to enhance Fore Street for years to come.

The improvements have already been warmly received, reflecting a shared pride in the town and its unique identity.

CCTV Installation

New CCTV cameras were successfully installed in Saltash on Friday 26 September 2025 as part of Saltash Town Council's commitment to strengthening public safety and supporting local policing. Delivered in partnership with Plymouth City Council, Cornwall Council, Devon & Cornwall Police and Safer Saltash, the cameras were installed at priority locations including Old Ferry Road, Fore Street and Burraton Cross to help deter anti-social behaviour and provide evidential support when needed. The system is monitored by the Plymouth CCTV Control Room and operates in accordance with all legal and data protection requirements.

The Council has also secured additional funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall, which will enable a further CCTV camera to be installed later in the year, continuing efforts to enhance safety and reassurance for residents, businesses and visitors.





Did You Know?



It can often be confusing to determine which services fall under the responsibility of each local authority, particularly for residents who may be unaware of the distinctions.

The table below provides a brief guide to the services delivered at each level of local government. However, it should be noted that councils have some flexibility to develop services that benefit the community, meaning certain activities may be undertaken at either level of government.

Saltash Town Council

- Saltash Library Hub
- Saltash Public Toilets
- Allotments
- Play Parks
- Open Spaces
- Public Rights of Way
- Jubilee Green Pontoon
- Burials and Memorials
- Planning and Licensing (Consultees only)

Cornwall Council

- Rubbish and Recycling
- Highways and Transport
- Council Tax
- Schools
- Parking
- Play Parks
- Open Spaces
- Benefits
- Health and Social Care
- Housing
- Planning and Licensing

To identify the exact locations of the above services please refer to Saltash Town Council's Portfolios which can be found on our website here:

www.saltash.gov.uk/town-council-portfolio.php

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