

Wednesday 20th January 2026

Oaklands Community Centre – Oaklands Information Café and Mobile Food Larder -
Councillor Support Report

Councillors attended from 10am-12noon on: Wednesday 11th February, Wednesday 11th March, Wednesday 8th April and Wednesday 13th May.

The aim of the sessions is to provide residents with a friendly space to chat, ask questions, and find support from a range of local services. The local police service were in attendance when available, as well as representatives from Cornwall Housing and MD Group who carry out local repairs, our local Social Prescriber.

In November 2025 Saltash Town Council granted funds to contribute towards Stage 2 of the centre's improvement works, helping to purchase essential kitchen equipment. This has been vital in supporting the mobile food larder which is essential in supporting members of the local community who struggle to get to Fore Street.

Social media has been important for gaining momentum. Councillors in attendance have been able to offer signposting to local residents, attendance and physical presence has exemplified STC's continuing support for community groups in Saltash.

Jackie Ashton (Vice Chair) has asked me to pass on thanks to STC for supporting the sessions thus far. Oaklands have started collecting data which will evidence community engagement and access to the larder. There are now a group of locals residents who attend monthly to socialise and use the larder. The reach for the May session was 14 residents attending the session which potentially means the larder supported 14 families in the one 2 hour session. It is likely the centre will begin a second food larder per month, once per month of an afternoon, so the larder can reach more residents who potentially can't access the sessions on Wednesday mornings.

For as long as Councillors wish to volunteer to attend, my recommendation is to:

1. Continue to support the monthly sessions and renew our commitment, that we continue attending the sessions and report back to Council only where matters arise that require consideration, I am happy to write an updated report if requested (as advised by TC staff to keep FTC agendas manageable).
2. I would also like to recommend that STC continue to post monthly on social media signposting the public to our attendance at Oaklands for the Information Café and Food Larder.

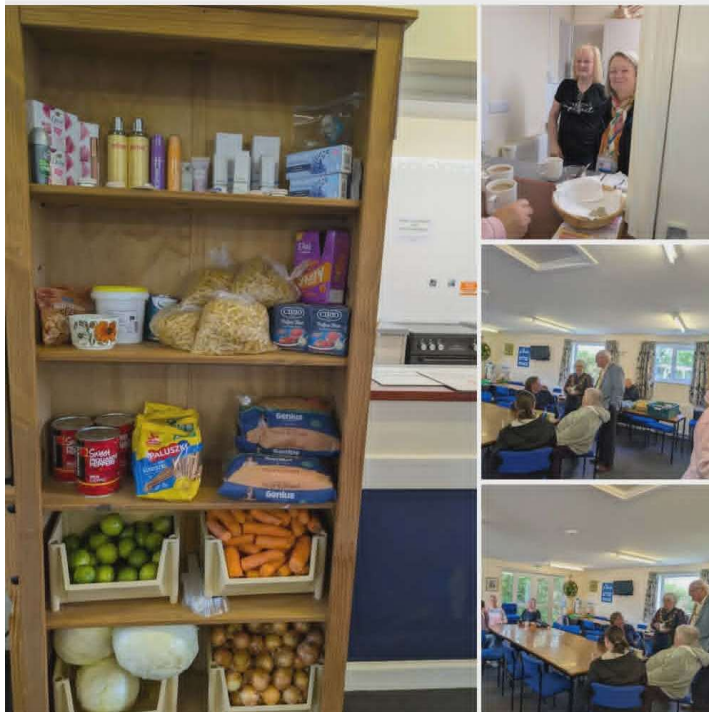
The next session is on Wednesday 10th June 2026 10am-12pm.

Thank you Saltash Town Council
from everyone at **Oaklands Community Centre.**

For our grant of **£925** we bought
a new cooker, dishwasher,
soup warmer and other
cooking utensils
as seen here.



Thankyou to all who attended **Oaklands Community Centre** food larder/information cafe this morning. Special thanks to Mayor Councillor Brian Stoyel and his wife and Councillors Rachel Bullock, **Alice Victoria Ashburn** and Jane Suter, also **Cornwall Housing** team and the social perscriber. The centre will be open again Thursday morning 10-12. The next larder/information cafe will be held on Wednesday 10th June 10-12



Cllr. Mrs. Alice Victoria Ashburn Essa Ward. End of report.