

SAFER CORNWALL

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Meeting Title	Safer Saltash	
Date:	18 March 2026	
Time:	10 -11:30	
Location:	The Core Youth Project (Saltash, England, PL12 4AE)	
Chaired by:	Lucy Allison	Safer Cornwall (chair)
	Gary Smith	Police NTL, Devon & Cornwall Police
	Martin Cummings	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Kat Buckingham	ASB Caseworker, Cornwall Council
	Danielle King	Safeguarding lead at Saltash Community School
	Drew Burley	Safer Cornwall
	Joe Day	Livewire
	Charlotte Carpenter	The Core
	Jamie Musgrove	Police Sector Inspector, Devon & Cornwall Police
	Cllr Rachel Bullock	Mayor and Saltash Town Councillor
	Sid Losonczy	Resettlement Team, Cornwall Council
	Dawn Tucker	Resettlement Team, Cornwall Council
Apologies:		
	Cllr Paul Cador	Cornwall Cllr
	Emily Thuysbaert	We Are With You
	Jayne Roycroft	Volunteer Cornwall
	Cllr Julia Peggs	Saltash Town Council
	Luisa Scott	Children's Services
	Nachelle Nightingale	Healthy Cornwall
	Pip Davey	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Nick Evans	Saltash Community School
	Cllr Rachel Martin	Saltash Town Councillor
	Cllr Keith Johnson	Cornwall Cllr
	Cllr Hilary Frank	Cornwall Cllr
	Catherine Thomson	Localism, Cornwall Council
	Andrew Hawke	Civil Enforcement
	Sinead Burrows	Saltash Town Clerk
	Sarah Delgaudio	Saltash Community School

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the group and introductions were made.

2. Agency Updates

Police Update

- Crime levels have reduced recently, supported by increased training focused on professionalising neighbourhood policing and strengthening ASB responses.
 - Unlike Saltash, Liskeard has experienced activity from a small number of prolific shoplifters, with custodial sentences of up to 20 weeks imposed.
 - A drugs warrant executed in Saltash achieved positive outcomes, addressing safeguarding concerns and improving neighbour impact. Follow-up door-knocking has been completed.
 - Intelligence development is ongoing in relation to a further property of concern.
 - Funding has been secured via the Town Council for a new camera at Carkeel McDonald's, supporting shoplifting prevention and retrospective intelligence gathering.
 - Potential Traveller activity may impact the town. A previous Section 60 notice was issued, though its deterrent effect may be limited. Any response may need to be implemented at short notice. Communication between partners was identified as essential.
 - Youth ASB is currently low following sustained enforcement and engagement.
 - Police social media communications have been increased to improve engagement and reassurance.
 - Awareness information has been shared from partners in Plymouth regarding a possible child criminal exploitation network involving boys aged 14–17 grooming younger girls (national awareness raising).
 - Incidents of "swatting" (hoax reports prompting armed police deployment) have been noted in other areas; this has not occurred yet, but the situation is being monitored.
 - County lines education for schools and parents was recommended, particularly around sudden changes in friendships, cross-border associations, or behaviour.
 - Drug offences remain low. Individuals linked to specific areas in the town are being monitored, with visible policing and clear communication considered effective.
 - Schools continue to engage with safeguarding concerns and are actively seeking funding and training to support pupils.
 - Significant e-bike seizures in Plymouth were noted, allowing Cornwall to respond swiftly should similar issues arise locally.
 - Possible links between cash only barbershops and money laundering were discussed.
- Action:** Lucy will circulate guidance on identifying concerns and submitting intelligence.

- Police visibility around school drop-off and pick-up times and driving behaviour was considered beneficial.
- Ramadan is concluding, with Eid Mubarak celebrations expected to bring increased visitor numbers. A large celebration is anticipated in Launceston on Saturday 28th March.

During the ensuing discussion, the below points were noted:

- Hate crime is being dealt with appropriate seriousness and procedural rigour.
- There are currently no police-designated ASB hotspots in Saltash or Southeast Cornwall; this is positive, and due to the low levels of ASB.
- Communications have been issued regarding a Dog Control Order that has been signed
- Specific safeguarding concerns were raised regarding an individual and their property, this is being monitored and the landowner is aware.
- Police are considering uniformed engagement at upcoming community events to support visibility and reassurance.
- Pubs Against Drugs (PAD) activity continues, including licensing checks and drugs swab testing.
- An operation planned in Looe, focusing on safeguarding within hotels. This may also include some hotels in Saltash.

Saltash School Update

- The school is actively addressing issues involving friendship groups and students being collected from school, with a focus on harm reduction and behavioural challenge. An ASB notice has been issued by Pip.
- Changes in weather were identified as a potential enabler of adverse behaviour, reinforcing the importance of parental education.
- Further parental engagement initiatives are being considered, including assemblies, involvement of local organisations, invitations for partners to attend school, and publication of communications online.
- A parental engagement day was discussed. The school calendar will be reviewed to align activity with parents' evenings, with an open evening identified as a possible option.

Action: Danielle to propose suitable dates for a parental engagement evening.

The Core Update

- The building opposite the Core is scheduled for demolition over the Easter holidays to facilitate school expansion and new classrooms. No recent ASB has been linked to the site.

Livewire Update

- A new access ramp has been successfully installed at Livewire this has however caused some funnelling of young people towards the Union pub. While no alcohol-related incidents have been reported, this has been identified as a potential risk and is being addressed.

Town Council Update

- The Town Council has increased youth work funding from £60,000 to £100,000 per annum.
- Organisations report being in a stronger financial position and have submitted a bid to the Town Council tender process.
- Multiple community events are planned, with more than ten scheduled. Engagement levels are high and community relations are positive.
- A public engagement event is scheduled to take place on Friday.

3. Any Other Business

None was raised.

The Chair thanked partners and concluded the meeting.