



<b>Minutes</b>		
<b>Meeting Title</b>	Safer Saltash	
<b>Date:</b>	29 April 2026	
<b>Time:</b>	10 -12:30	
<b>Location:</b>	Isambard House (Saltash, England, PL12 4DY)	
<b>Chaired by:</b>	Lucy Allison	Safer Cornwall (chair)
	Alex Arthur	Amethyst, Cornwall Council
	Sophie Coles	Amethyst, Cornwall Council
	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
	Dave O'Conner	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Sarah Diaper	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Sid Losonczy	Resettlement Team, Cornwall Council
	Dawn Tucker	Resettlement Team, Cornwall Council
	Cllr Keith Johnson	Cornwall Cllr
<b>Apologies:</b>		
	Cllr Paul Cador	Cornwall Cllr
	Jayne Roycroft	Volunteer Cornwall
	Luisa Scott	Children's Services
	Phillippa Davey	Devon & Cornwall Police
	Cllr Hilary Frank	Cornwall Cllr
	Sinead Burrows	Saltash Town Clerk

### 1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the group and introductions were made.

## 2. Saltash Town Profile Presentation – Alex Arthur, Sophie Coles

The Chair opened the meeting and introduced Alex and Sophie. It was confirmed that the primary purpose of the meeting was to act as a planning session to inform the Delivery Plan, following the presentation.

Sophie presented the new Saltash Town Profile. It was explained that the profile will be published on the website Safer Cornwall website and updated annually in line with the financial year and will be an interactive, accessible tool available via laptops and tablets.

The software was demonstrated to partners, with a detailed overview of its functionality and capabilities. The profile includes:

- Demographic and geographic information
- Links to the Local Insight Tool
- An interactive crime tool, including a traffic light comparison system allowing benchmarking against other Safer Towns
- Crime trends and key areas of increase within Saltash, alongside the wider Cornwall context
- Seasonal trends, broken down monthly
- Crime data by offence type
- Crime flags and anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents
- ASB data by month and category
- Information on the work of Safer Saltash, including links to partnership initiatives addressing identified issues

It was noted that changes to crime classification or grouping may contribute to apparent increases and could cause undue concern if not contextualised appropriately.

A discussion around data, context and public perception was had; it was emphasised that appropriate caveats are essential to provide context for perceived increases in crime, which may otherwise cause public concern.

Inspector Musgrove commended the tool and highlighted that improvements in reporting systems, such as UKPAC, have contributed to increased reporting levels. This increase was viewed positively, as it reflects improved engagement rather than solely increased incidence.

The meeting noted an upcoming media release intended to provide justification for potentially controversial traffic calming measures.

The Town Council reiterated ongoing efforts to encourage the public to report incidents through the appropriate channels.

**Action:** Inspector Musgrove and Sophie to discuss the inclusion of crime outcome data within the Town Profile.

A discussion, introduced by Councillor Johnson, explored recent increases in crime and the perceived need for enhanced police presence.

- It was noted that, in context, Saltash continues to have the lowest overall crime volume when compared to other Safer Towns. The importance of ongoing monitoring of data was emphasised.
- Partners agreed that the Town Profile platform is beneficial, as it enables the public to view not only headline crime figures but also the work being undertaken to address local issues.
- It was suggested that positive outcomes, such as the effectiveness of CCTV in reducing crime, could be incorporated into the profile using police data.

**Action:** Inspector Musgrove to explore evidence of CCTV effectiveness and identify information suitable for public dissemination.

- The Town Council confirmed that funding for CCTV at Carkeel has been secured through the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). Further discussions regarding precise camera locations are to take place.

**Action:** Julia to provide an update regarding the Carkeel CCTV camera.

- Councillor Johnson raised a query regarding road markings. Police partners confirmed that they were not aware of road markings directly provoking crime. However, they advised that obstruction-related issues could be addressed. Potential involvement from the Fire Service was considered.

**Action:** Police partners to consider proactive policing measures, including door-knocking in areas affected by traffic issues.

### 3. Agency Updates

#### The Core Update

Charlotte reported concerns regarding incidents involving young people being threatened, including reports of a knife being brandished, alongside abusive language of a sexual and homophobic nature. These incidents have been appropriately reported.

Police partners emphasised the need to call 999 where there is immediate risk, noting that safeguarding remains a priority and requires a robust response. Increased patrols are being considered.

The neighbourhood policing email was shared to support intelligence gathering and inform enforcement activity where appropriate. Police will also undertake engagement at Livewire and The Core, with Thursdays identified as particularly busy. The use of ASB measures was discussed as a means of addressing those responsible.

Mikes Trust will deliver school sessions focused on knife crime awareness. The school's anonymous reporting system was highlighted as a positive tool to encourage reporting.

Partners also discussed safeguarding approaches, including monitoring ages and ensuring that young people who are NEET are identified and supported.

### **Town Council Update**

The Town Council reported that £300,000 of funding has been secured to support youth provision over the next three years. This was welcomed as a significant opportunity to enhance services and engagement for young people locally.

### **Delivery Plan 2026/7**

The Delivery Plan for 2026/27 was discussed in detail. Partners reviewed existing priorities and considered future focus areas. It was noted the plan will be circulated for partner input prior to final agreement.

**Action:** Lucy to circulate the Delivery Plan to partners once finalised.

**Action:** Julia to liaise with Councillor Hillary Frank regarding support for traffic-related measures.

### **4. Any Other Business**

None was raised.

The Chair thanked partners and concluded the meeting.