

## **To receive and note a report on Saltash Together**

Saltash Together is a volunteer network that brings local organisations, community groups and residents together to celebrate the incredible work already taking place across our town. By building stronger connections, the network aims to create more opportunities for people of all ages to get involved, share skills and strengthen the local community.

On 22 July 2026, members received a presentation from Jenny Lightley of the Cornwall Community Foundation (CCF). The presentation provided an insightful overview of the organisation, its history, and the support it provides to communities across Cornwall.

The Foundation's origins date back to 1999, when a group of philanthropists sought to give a voice to those facing hardship across the Duchy. They established the Cornwall Independent Trust, which later evolved into the Cornwall Community Foundation in 2003.

Today, Cornwall Community Foundation works with donors to fund charities and community groups throughout Cornwall. Grants are aligned to an organisation's specific needs and priorities, supporting areas such as:

- Children and young people
- Community facilities
- Environmental projects
- Fuel poverty
- Financial hardship
- Mental health and wellbeing

Grant values vary depending on the funding programme. Each grant scheme has its own priorities, eligibility criteria and application process, and organisations must demonstrate that they meet the relevant requirements before submitting an application.

The scale of support provided by the Foundation is significant. During 2025 alone, Cornwall Community Foundation awarded approximately 714 grants to community groups across Cornwall, distributing an impressive £2.6 million in funding.

The presentation highlighted the valuable role that Cornwall Community Foundation plays in supporting local communities and demonstrated the wide range of funding opportunities available to organisations seeking to make a positive difference across Cornwall.

Saltash Studios update; Lindsay Endean advised that she has been working alongside Cllr Frank and 'On Course SW' to provide Adult Education from Saltash Studios starting in autumn. English and Maths classes to begin with possibility of moving onto other subjects later.

Recommendation: Saltash Together should continue to engage with Cornwall Community Foundation and promote awareness of available funding opportunities amongst local community groups and voluntary organisations within Saltash.

**End of report**

**Cllrs Johns and Bullock**