

SALTASH MAY FAIR 2026

A REPORT FOR SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

Saltash May Fair	Start Date of Event	2 nd May 2026
	Finish Date of Event	3 rd May 2026
	Total Estimated Cost	£ 16,308
	Total Actual Cost	£15,702.54
	Grant Awarded from STC	£ 5,000

Please list the aims and objectives of your organisation	* To boost community cohesion through a weekend event across Fore Street, Victoria Gardens and Longstone Park that is free to attend * To boost footfall in to the retail centre of the town * To offer traders the opportunity to sell products * To offer charities and community groups the platform to promote their activities and raise funds * To offer opportunities to boost health and wellbeing, including running races and outdoor fitness sessions * To offer local musicians the opportunity to showcase their talent on a large stage * To collaborate with Saltash Youth Network to provide a Youth Village in Victoria Gardens * To promote awareness of environmental issues All these aims were met through Saltash May Fair 2026.
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Highlights on Saturday 2nd included:	• Market the length of Fore Street • Parade of Youth, led by Page2Stage • Youth Village in Victoria Gardens • Maypole dancing with Geraldine Lamb School of Dance • Free, live music in Longstone Park until 9pm, with an 80s tribute band as the headline act Highlights on Sunday 3rd included: • Half Marathon, 5K and Fun Run, with over 400 runners • Dog Show, hosted by Gables (raising £1,315 for the charity)
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Who benefitted from the project?	Heavy rain on Saturday afternoon led to a drop in visitor numbers, but over the two days, the event still attracted an estimated 5,000 visitors from Saltash and surrounding areas. It delivered a positive impact for local businesses, promoting our town to a wider audience. Local charities and community groups (Approx. 50) Local business taking stalls (Approx. 50) Youth groups (Approx. 15)
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What sponsorship did you receive for this project?	Sponsorship from Carol Spinks Care Agency of £500. Sponsorship from Thompson Jackson of £350. Income from stalls etc. was approx. £4,700. Fundraising in 2026 raised £330. Sale of tickets in the May Fair cash raffle generated £1,113. (compared to £700 in 2025)
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Estimated expenditure at time of bid to STC:		Actual expenditure	
Staging and Sound	2,200	Staging and Sound	2,420
Entertainment	2,090	Entertainment	1,940
Traffic Management	1,900	Traffic Management	1,577.52
Licences and Insurance	741	Licences and Insurance	794.70
Raffle printing	86	Raffle printing	---
Medical	1,275	Medical	1,597.42
Security	1,153	Security	980.10
Waste Management	354	Waste Management	512.40
Event Management	2,957	Event Management	3019.86
Volunteer expenses	310	Volunteer expenses	120
Ground mats	450	Ground mats	450
Marketing & Publicity	483	Marketing & Publicity	444.20
Toilets, barriers	1,033	Toilets, barriers	834
Photography	120	Photography	120
Red Bus	226	Red Bus	---
Generator	450	Generator	408.34
Raffle Prizes (cash raffle)	300	Raffle Prizes (cash raffle)	300
Sunday PA	90	Sunday PA	90
Trailer stage	50	Trailer stage	50
Trophies	40	Trophies	44
		Total costs	£15,702.54
Total estimated costs :	£16,308		
		Invoices for the following have been attached:	
		• Medical Services	£ 1597.42
		• Stage & Sound, Longstone	£ 2420
		• Security	£ 980.10
		• Livewire	£200

COMMENTS ON BUDGET

The event came in under budget, helped in part by an unexpected saving arising from the weather. Although it was hugely disappointing that the May Fair was battered by heavy rain, the resulting drop in attendance meant that the portable toilets did not need to be emptied and serviced on the Sunday morning, saving £200.

Moving raffle ticket sales online proved extremely successful. The raffle raised more than £400 above last year's total, while removing the cost of printing tickets and the need for volunteers to run a stall and write out ticket stubs. Given the reduced footfall caused by the rain, it is also unlikely that we would have sold as many tickets had we relied on sales at the event.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The May Fair depends on the support of many organisations across the town, and we are grateful to everyone who played a part. Particular thanks go to Tamar Trotters for once again organising and delivering an excellent programme of running races.

Although the organising team is made up entirely of volunteers, an event of this scale also requires considerable professional knowledge and experience, and so our partnership with Diverse Events CIC is invaluable. Their expertise, commitment and support throughout the planning process and over the May Fair weekend enable us to deliver an event that is both safe and successful.

PARADE OF YOUTH AND AWARDS

Thanks to Page2Stage for leading the Parade of Youth so enthusiastically and then singing at the Opening Ceremony.

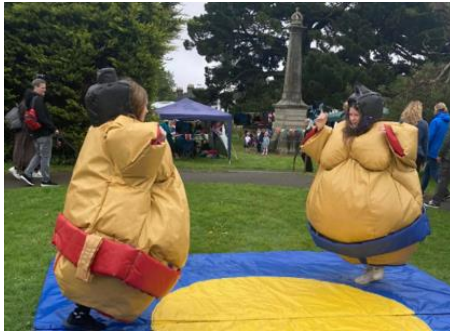
Thanks also to the Mayor (Cllr. Rachel Bullock), the Deputy Mayor (Cllr. Brian Stoyel) and their consorts for making the following presentations:



- **Prizes** to Saltash Community School students for designing the medals in the 5K and Fun Run races (Aiva Blyth, Connie Adams, Keira Keegan and Chloe Mullenger).
- **The Pip Miller Award for Sporting Achievement**
To Megan Daniel, who won two gold medals in the 400m Individual Medley and 200m Breaststroke, three silver medals and one bronze medal at the recent National Championships.
- **Unsung Hero Award**
To Maureen Carvell, who has dedicated decades to Scouting in Saltash, inspiring generations of young people, families and fellow leaders with her kindness, wisdom and unwavering commitment.
- **Golden Heart Award**
To Carol Spinks Homecare, whose team has cared for vulnerable people in our community for nearly 25 years, with kindness, patience and genuine care.



YOUTH VILLAGE



The Youth Village has become an established, integral part of Saltash May Fair. Organised under the umbrella of the Saltash Youth Network, it gives youth groups the chance to showcase what they offer, and gives young people the space to relax and take part in some sumo wrestling.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS



As well as investing in extra bins to encourage recycling, we also ran a campaign asking people to bring their empty cans so we could crush them for charity.

FULL MUSIC LINE-UP in LONGSTONE PARK

11:00 – 13:00	Livewire
13:15 – 14:15	Roxie Grew
14:30 – 15:30	The Fuzz Tonez
15:45 – 16:45	Sound City Collective
17:00 – 17:30	Czech Children's Choir
17:45 – 19:00	Simon and John
19:30 – 21:00	80s Pirates

Particular thanks go to all the musicians who performed so valiantly in the rain, especially Simon and John, who stepped in at the last minute when another band had to withdraw. We had been looking forward to hearing the Czech Children's Choir, touring Cornwall as part of the Cornwall International Male Choral Festival. Sadly, the weather meant that the outdoor performance could not go ahead.

THANKS TO SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

We are enormously grateful to Saltash Town Council, whose generous grant covers almost one third of the event's expenditure and makes the May Fair possible.



SALTASH MAY FAIR

Saturday 2nd May
 MARKET ON FORE STREET FROM 10AM
 INFLATABLES, STALLS, AND LIVE MUSIC
 ON LONGSTONE PARK UNTIL 9PM

Sunday 3rd May
 RUNNING RACES & DOG SHOW
 ON LONGSTONE PARK

80'S PIRATES

2026

USE THE QR CODE TO ENTER THE ONLINE RAFFLE
 CASH PRIZES OF £150, £100 AND £50
 PRIZES ALL KINDLY DONATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES

BROUGHT TO LIFE WITH A GENEROUS GRANT FROM SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL
 Cornwall's 1st Place

Posters featured the STC logo.



Facebook posts like this one thanked Saltash Town Council for their financial support.

As well as promoting the Town Council on Facebook, the MC also gave announcements on stage thanking the council for their financial support, and we displayed STC banners on site:



VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE 2026:

Melissa Caldwell, Thomas Caldwell, Hilary Frank and Adam Webb.