

SALTASH YOUTH NETWORK

Tuesday 14th July 2026

THE CORE 7PM



1. Present

Don Berrey	
Jonathan Burgess	Saltash Air Cadets
Charlotte Carpenter	The Core; Chair of SYN
Charlie Carter	Saltash Junior Cricket Club
Sarah Davis	Saltash Utd
Tereza de Lucca	Fountain Head House
Hilary Frank	Cornwall Councillor; Secretary of SYN
John Higgins	Saltash Tamar Lions
Alison Hill	Page 2 Stage
Sue Hooper	Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation; President of SYN
Nikki Keyes	St John Ambulance Cadets
Craig King	Page2Stage
Micky Northfield	Saltash Amateur Boxing Club
Julia Peggs	Saltash Town Council, Livewire
Andy Rance	Livewire
Jenny Rowlands	St John Ambulance Badgers
Lucy Sayer	Saltash Community School
Margaret Simpson	Fountain Head House
Cheryl Smith	Saltash Girlguiding
Brian Stoyel	Mayor, Saltash Rotary

2. Apologies

Jonathan Budd	Wesley Youth Group
Sara del Gaudio	Saltash Community School
Dave Edwards	Saltash Army Cadets
Tina Fulcher	Saltash Junior Band
Laura Hodgson	Saltash Rugby Youth
Amy O'Meakin	Saltash Baptist Youth Group
Mike Robins	Saltash Sailing Club Cadets
Jon White	Youth at Redeemer Church
Jenene Williams	Saltash Scouts

3. Chair's Opening Remarks

Charlotte thanked Mayor Brian Stoyel for choosing Saltash Youth Network as his mayoral charity.

She advised members that a Freshers' Fair for youth groups would be held at The Core on 12th September, with representatives from organisations including the police and TEC girls giving short talks. Members were invited to set up stalls in the main hall to promote their groups. It is hoped that the event will help groups attract more adult volunteers.

NB: Since the meeting the date has been changed to Saturday 13th October from 1pm to 4pm.

ACTION: Members to let Charlotte or Hilary know if they want to set up a stall at Freshers Fair.

4. Adoption of the Minutes from the last meeting, April 2026

Proposed by Micky, seconded by Sue and agreed by all.

5. Matters Arising (Not on agenda elsewhere)

None.

6. Treasurer's Report

In Amy's absence, Charlotte reported that there was £4617.13 in the bank account.

7. Hardship Funding Application

Saltash United Juniors, £150 towards the cost of polycarbonate glasses.

Proposed by Andy, Seconded by Craig.

Approved unanimously.

8. Member Updates

ABC: Micky Northfield

- The gym is now completed, thanks to Travis Perkins and the father of one of the boxers.
- Numbers were really high until it became hot. They have dropped, but we still had 117 last month.
- There is a great ethos in the club.
- All the students from Fountain Head House have graduated. It was an absolute joy to coach them.

Fountain Head House: Tereza de Lucca and Margaret Simpson

- The school is going from strength to strength.
- Two Sports Days were held recently, one for younger students and one for older).
- The school is increasing in size from 93 to 120 students, and is refurbishing the second floor of the Lynher Building to accommodate the additional students.
- Contact with the local community is amazing, and the young people particularly enjoy their time in the boxing club and Livewire.

Margaret spoke about careers for students at Fountain Head House. She pointed out that, although all the learners have education, health and care plans (EHCPs), the Gatsby Benchmarks emphasise the importance of giving them opportunities to explore careers and learn practical skills. She was keen to find local businesses that might be able to welcome a group of young people.

Girlguiding Saltash, Cheryl Smith

- The Division Thinking Day was hosted in Saltash this year, and was attended by nearly 250 people from places including Looe, Callington, Liskeard.
- Brunel School's kitchen was used to cook tasters for Thinking Day.
- Rainbows enjoyed their Pot of Gold Day.
- Guides will be attending the Jamboree in a couple of weeks.
- The Rangers Unit has 20 members, making it the largest in Cornwall.
- We need adults who are willing to join the Management Committee for the Hall.

Livewire: Andy Rance

- Mondays and Thursdays are very busy.
- The team is doing a lot of work on the Waterside, but Livewire also has a team of two outreach workers going around Saltash, encouraging young people to engage in activities.
- The team visits the secondary school every Monday and Friday.
- An assistant has been taken on for Bernie, the mental health lead.
- From September, Livewire will be working with students at risk of exclusion and suspension.
- Livewire run a careers advice on Friday mornings.
- The Buttle Trust is a national children's charity that provides grants to children and young people affected by serious financial hardship or a recent crisis.

Page 2 Stage: Alison Hill

- Page 2 Stage really enjoyed leading the May Fair Parade. Thanks for the opportunity.
- Next year's show will be Beauty and the Beast, and we are delighted to confirm that both rehearsals and the show itself will be held at the secondary school.
- We've received 11 applications to join the group from September.
- At least two of the older cast members want to stay and join the production team.
- Our committee of 10 is filled to capacity.
- I've taken the difficult decision to step back from working directly with the children, but I will carry on as Chair. I was a founder member in 2012 and have been active ever since, so I will really miss it all, especially the contact with the children.
- Going forward, two producers will be taking on my role.

Safer Saltash, Julia Peggs

- The town council toilets have been vandalised again, and children have been causing damage at the pontoon. It is a minority of children, but it is still causing a lot of grief.
- There has been an increase in ketamine use.

Saltash Air Cadets, Jon Burgess

- Cadets from 335 Squadron supported Royal Cornwall Show organisers.
- The Commanding Officer has flown to Washington DC to attend the International Air Cadet Convention.
- Successful camps have been held in various locations.

Saltash Community School – Lucy Sayer

- A choir from the school sang in Birmingham at the weekend and gave an outstanding performance.
- Our Instagram account is @TeamSaltash. Please tag us.

Saltash Junior Cricket Club – Charlie Carter

- The club currently has between 15 and 20 All Stars, and about 10 Dynamos.
- The Under-10s recently won their first away match!
- We are hoping to organise taster sessions for scouts and guides.

Saltash Rotary – Brian Stoyel

- I have chosen the Youth Network as my mayoral charity for the year.
- There will be a 'B is for Brian' Quiz on 1st August and a Race Night 24th October to raise funds for the Youth Network.

Saltash Tamar Lions, John Higgins

- The Lions have experienced difficulties getting enough young people to form a Leos club in Saltash.
- The Lions have donated £200 to The Core for summer activities

Saltash United Juniors – Sarah Davis

- United Juniors has 23 registered teams, offering players a pathway into Saltash United.
- We are the only football club that offers specialist goalkeeper training.
- Winter training pitches remain a problem. Arrangements with the school did not work out, so the club has had to return to Saltmill, but it does not receive priority for available slots, which is causing issues.
- Winter training is costing the club £28,000, so we have had no choice but to increase annual subscriptions from £160 to £185.
- The club has seeded all its pitches, but there is no rain!

St John Ambulance Badgers – Jenny Rowlands

- The group has a full complement of Badgers, including a large number of 5-year-olds.

St John Ambulance Cadets – Nikki Keyes

- There are 10 cadets in the group.
- A Resusci Anne, a Baby Anne mannequin and a training defibrillator are available for use by SYN members. Members should contact Nikki if they would like to borrow them.

Sue Hooper Charitable Foundation – Sue Hooper

- The Foundation has distributed £1,500 to young people involved in music and the performing arts.
- Paryssa received funding to attend the National Youth Theatre.
- Two young opera singers, Rupert and Florence, received funding to attend the National Youth Choir.
- Livewire received funding to set up a stage at Saltash Regatta.
- Funding was awarded to Drama Express.

The Core – Charlotte Carpenter

- The Core is getting ready for summer activities, which will include visits to Crealy, Woodlands and Adrenaline Quarry.
- There has been a noticeable increase in the number of electively home-educated (EHE) young people, and The Core has set up a new Grub Club specifically for EHE students.

Wesley Youth – Craig King

- Jonathan is leaving the Wesley, and a new Deacon will be joining in October.
- The Wesley hosted the Library while the refurbishment was taking place, and this has led to an increase in the numbers of families attending Little Fishes.
- The new after-school club for primary-aged children is thriving thanks to the help of parents.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th October 2026, 7pm at The Core