Mayoral snippets October 2026

3rd **Beating the Bounds**
Another great day to explore the extremities of Saltash. More attendees than previous and made even more enjoyable as there were no mishaps. Thanks to: Council staff for preparation, first aid and lead up to the day. Cllr Brenda Samuels for the cream tea and Former Mayor Rachel for her enthusiasm -already plans in place for 2027!

4th **Launceston Civic Service** a welcome opportunity to see how other towns undertake the pageantry of these occasions.

Saltash Model Railway Show – their first standalone exhibition. Good variety of layouts and footfall in the Burraton Community Centre.

6th **CALC training day** held at the Royal Cornwall Showground an opportunity to hear different approaches to a wide variety of topics including planning, AI and data management.

7th **Induction and welcome** of our newly coopted councillor John Steers.

8th **SaltashU3A showcase** in the Wesley. With over 300 members and numerous all-embracing topics offering much needed opportunities for our residents.

9th A morning driving around Saltash to see the scope and demands of our **Service delivery department**. A must for all councillors to really understand our responsibilities and value to our residents. Regrettably we saw a disappointing view of our allotments! Hopefully these can be better maintained for the next growing season.

13th Together with our Town Clerk, Mayoress Maxine and myself were invited to greet **HRH The Princess Royal** at the China Fleet Country Club where she was visiting in her capacity as Patron of the Naval Children's Charity.
The weather was warm & sunny as we stood outside in the line up to receive HRH, and our Lord Lieutenant both having arrived at the Rugby club by helicopter.
It was a formal occasion which soon relaxed as everyone heard stories from some of the families who have received first hand help from this Charity. From a family with three children, two of whom had mobility issues and their whole house had to be re-organised, to other families who could not afford computers or school uniforms.
The speakers, young & old, did very well & HRH made a knowledgeable resume of her duty as Patron.
The CFCC was an ideal venue as everyone carried on with their daily routines - fitness, coffee, golf etc. - and anyone using the swimming pool had a marvellous view of the Princess.
15th & 19th **St Stephens School Harvest Festivals** with an autumnal feel about the songs. Singing and readings were well presented and obviously fun for the participants and staff!!

18th **Falmouth Civic Service** pageantry and swift walking in the sea air.

22nd **Town Clerks meeting at Bodmin** Cllr Lisa Mortimore and myself had the opportunity to hear differing aspects of our County and the progress of small planning and affordable housing projects for our residents.

22nd **Mayors gathering** – eleven of our number met in the Bodmin Mayors' Parlour, what a grand location, to chat about our roles. To learn Falmouth, have a precept in excess £4 million with a staff of 100+!
My contributions on this occasion were our Waterside patrol, Christmas Lights and length of Full Council meetings having heard of one council whose meeting lasts nearly three hours by which time many have lost the will to live!!!!! Likewise, STC will be horrified to hear how a council can lose over half a million pounds!!! On the plus side one council successfully instigated a 'Love your Street' programme having grown tired of county performance in weed control etc.

24th **Anna Geldred MP - Saltash Walkabout** in torrential rain gathering information for her submission on the Tamar Bridge Tolls. An interesting morning well received in various coffee shops and PL12 – rushed home to dry off.

27th **Saltash Music Speech & Drama AGM**

The Chairman's report noted the success of the 2026 Festival with 500+ entries, new items, very efficient adjudicators and many congratulations from the public.
The Committee wished to thank the Mayor & Deputy Mayor for their interest and attendances and the STC as a whole for their continued financial support.
Special thanks go to the members of the community who support individual entrants, be they relatives, teachers or activity instructors. Many of the cups & awards have been presented from this sector.
Going forward there is some concern, as with everything, over increasing costs, ageing helpers etc. They are searching for a new treasurer and a publicity officer. At present the Festival has no website and the committee enquired whether there is a way their activities can be linked with the STC's notices?
Finally the Chairman announced the 2027 Festival dates 25th Jan – 6th Feb and the next AGM - October 19th 2027.

27th **Spatial Planning meeting**. Gathering information at Ashtorre where I was ably assisted by Emma. On this occasion a quiet response venue.

28th **Churchtown Farm Partnership** an informative meeting on the development and progress of the part-time Ranger and animal introduction. Natural burial site nearing readiness for occupation! STC to be kept up to date by a synopsis of the quarterly meetings.

28th **PL12 Community Enterprise meeting** Deputy Mayor, Cllr Suter and myself attended and listened to the concerns, operations and visions for the future for this much-admired/needed community enterprise scheme. Cllr Suter during the meeting was elected as a Director. Future updates to STC will come from the newly appointed Chairman Peter Ryland.