

Community Enterprises PL12

Report to Saltash Town Council

August 2021

Firstly, the bad news. With heavy hearts, we made the difficult decision in July to withdraw from taking on 24 Fore St (old Barclays building). This was due to spiralling unforeseen costs, and a very uncertain economic future.

We are currently exploring other options to find a new home for some of our projects, in particular the community Fridge and Larder, which is getting busier every month, and sees about 60 visitors every session it's open. The food is free to anyone who uses it, although we do ask that people only take what they can use, so that there's plenty for everyone.

Dementia Voice has re-started their activities, with lunch trips, singing sessions & cafes all now taking place, the re-opening has been keenly anticipated.

We are recruiting new volunteers to help run our enterprises, and have a Volunteer Open Evening planned for Thursday 5th August 4-6pm in Saltash Social Club.

Our new 9-seater bus has joined our 16-seater to provide day trips, and every trip so far has been fully booked with people eager to get out & about once more. We are currently designing the artwork for the buses, so keep your eyes peeled over the next few weeks.

Our new website should be launched this month, after many weeks of planning. This will include a small online shop, selling our Saltash-themed items including our eye-catching "What Makes Saltash Great" tea towel.

Dig for Saltash continues, with organically-grown produce from the Community school plot (grown by volunteers) being sold through the Community shop on a pay-as-you-feel basis. We are also receiving produce donations from residents, including plums, courgettes & runner beans. All proceeds will buy new seed for next year and help support the community fridge.

Our AGM has been scheduled for Wednesday 29th September, venue TBC.

We hosted a successful "Life Skills PL12" meeting this month, bringing together groups, organisations and charities who are involved in giving PL12 residents life skills and job skills. We hope this forum will result in some new connections being made, and give people access to courses and experience to improve their chances in the job market.