

Report to STC - August 2021

Tamar Bridge resurfacing project

Work on the second phase has started now on the Tamar Bridge which means that the cantilevers have reopened and work on the main deck has begun. Chamber has been involved in key stakeholder meetings alongside Cornwall Councillors and Plymouth City Councillors and is working on a community engagement event which will be held together with the main contractor of the bridge works Volkerlaser.

SaltFest 2021

The one-day SaltFest on 31 July organised under the umbrella of the Chamber of Commerce proved to be just the tonic that Saltash needed as a first event after a long and hard 18 months. Stall holders, retailers, community groups and the public alike were in full praise of the event, with some lovely comments sent thanking the team and volunteers for their efforts.

The event was busy but not packed, with plenty of space to maintain social distancing in Fore Street and on Longstone Park. The music being extended into the evening was a definite crowdpleaser, and feedback shows there is certainly an appetite for more such music events in the Saltash summer events calendar.

We would like to thank Saltash Town Council and Carlton Plastics for sponsoring the event, and Chamber members Chapple Property Management, Eclectic at Home and The Bookshelf for their generous donations of cash prizes for our Fund the Fun raffle.

Thanks to all who came for supporting the event and for buying over 1000 raffle tickets. And congratulations to the Mayor and Mayoress on winning third prize!

S106 Bids

Chamber took two bids to the S106 panel last month: help with funding SaltFest 2021/Christmas Festival 2021, and a subsidised car parking initiative to be run in the Autumn to boost footfall in the town. Both bids were granted by the panel and we would like to thank all panel members for their support.

New Chamber website

Chamber has a new website and a new domain name - www.saltashchamber.co.uk. The brilliant team at Carbon Pixel have been working these last few months on a new website, more representative of the Chamber of Commerce in Saltash. We are really pleased with the results! We will continue working on the website to keep it up to date so that all Saltash businesses are up to speed with events and initiatives we are working on. Thank you to Antonia and Shane at Carbon Pixel for their continued hard work on the website.

August networking meeting

There is no Chamber meeting in August as is the case every year in the summer holidays but we felt it was important now restrictions have been lifted to get together for a networking event. We will be organising one for Fore Street to take place in Studio 79, date tbc. More information will be sent out to members and distributed via our social media channels.