

Sue and John Hooper

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**To Saltash Town Council
Ref: the late Brad Hine**

Dear Councillors,

Our beloved friend of Saltash Brad Hine has sadly most untimely passed away after a bravely borne illness. Saltash is much the poorer in the loss of Brad.

For the past 30 years, Brad, with his brother Didge Hine, created many beautiful floral beds and boats, planters, gardens and roundabouts all around Saltash in partnership with Saltash In Bloom, and in more recent years, with Saltash Lions, Saltash Waterside Residents' Association, WW1 and WW2 Committees and Saltash Town Council.

His work was that of a genius, none more than the floral works that Brad and Didge did originally at the Saltash Memorial Peace Garden; and continued to do work with free consultation on planting schemes until very recently.

Those floral soft works were his creations and will be a lasting legacy to him and the Hine Brothers.

Brad sadly lost his brave fight to live somewhat longer, which was borne with dignity.

Brad will never be forgotten as he left a creative mark all around Saltash and beyond.

He was very dedicated to Saltash Town in the work put in to show that with care and creativity that he gave, Saltash achieved 2 Gold awards for the town over the years.

Every weed was picked out and soil turned over to keep all the plants looking good. Moreover, the endless evenings he worked watering and

deadheading flowers in his own time, was proof that he took pride in his work unequivocally.

Hundreds of people have always commented on how the town was looking exceptional, and the Memorial Peace Garden since its conception is the Jewel in the Crown for Saltash, thanks mainly to Brad.

We have attached some photographs of works that Brad did in association with Saltash in Bloom and both the WW1 and WW2 Committees. There are of course other projects that Brad was closely associated with in addition to these.

Both John and I, in memory of Brad are asking if the Saltash Town Council would kindly consider planting a tree and small ground plaque in the Saltash Memorial Peace Garden, the garden that Brad and his team created on behalf of the Saltash Town Council between 2014 and 2016, which was officially opened by Mayor Cllr B Phillips in 2016.

Indeed, Brad's work continued one way or another at the Memorial Peace Garden since that time. More recently, Brad and his brother Didge, created the borders around the WW1 pebble memorial which attracts sincere admiration every day. Brad has also acted as a consultant to the Council on planting schemes at the garden, again more recently.

Hundreds of people now sit in the garden to enjoy the floral and tree blossoms displays and when appropriate remember those that have sadly passed away.

We have consulted with Brad's widow, Mrs Lorraine Hine and Brad's close family, and they would all welcome a tree and a small plaque in Brad's memory.

The proposed tree is to be the Hawthorn variety which blossom. Hawthorns was one of Brad's favourite trees.

The tree and the small ground plaque would not be costly, and if necessary we would raise the funds which would be no more than £50/£60 in total. Insurance and maintenance and risk assessments we presume would be in tandem with all the other environs in the Saltash Memorial Peace Garden (please see photo of suggested site/s of the memorial tree).



Brad planted all the trees in the Memorial Peace Garden, and his favourite was the Hawthorn to the right of the pebble structure looking into the garden from Station Road.

It may be helpful to note that Saltash In Bloom Committee that I chaired, when its members retired arranged generous funding for the guardianship of Saltash Town Council's continuation of improving Saltash environmental projects.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely

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