

Saltash Waterside CCTV

There has been a Rapid Deployable Camera (RDC) live on the Waterside for some time now.

This was originally installed by Fire and Rescue on a trial basis free of charge so we could see the benefits. They have now removed the camera as it was due a software upgrade and have fed back that it will be available for Saltash to continue using on the Waterside, but it will no longer be free of charge.

The cost of reinstallation is £385 and there is a daily admin charge of £25 per day.

Would Saltash Town Council consider funding the RDC over the Summer period up to the end of September?

We have certainly seen a decline in ASB on the Waterside since the camera has been in situ, albeit over the Winter/Spring months, but it is likely the camera has had an impact.

Some of the footage from the RDC was also used to support investigations and having spoken to some of the Waterside residents, they have felt far safer having the camera up and have expressed their support for it being reinstated.

I am waiting to hear when the RDC will be ready from but, at a guess, if we were to assume it could be redeployed from 1st July for 3 months to 30th Sept (92 days) this would cost £2,300 plus £385 installation = **£2,685.**

The recent Town Council public consultation showed the majority of the businesses and residents would like to see CCTV in the Town Centre and surrounding areas and it may be this could be a temporary solution until the funding for the permanent CCTV is secured.

Further information:

Sam Moore (Fire CCTV manager);

We don't live monitor the RDC's currently, however there may be an option to do so, but it would have a cost implication and would need to fit in with current monitoring hours which are 4pm – 3am Thurs, Fri, Sat and Monday. There has been a delay to the software upgrade on the RDC's I'm afraid, so we wouldn't be ready to redeploy until the latter part of July, but it could then be in position for as long as required, but with the admin charge of £25 per day. I've checked with control and we only had 3 ATV requests while the camera was insutu, however I do know that the footage was used to assist with the investigation into the suspected murder.*

**ATV= authority to view e.g. download the footage within a set time frame and provide this footage to the Police.*

Police Sgt Gary Smith;

Significant incident where a male fell from a wall and suffered life changing injuries, the subsequent police investigation was helped enormously by the RDC footage.

Waterside Resident feedback;

"The camera was taken down about 3 weeks ago, for 'software updates'. Please can you find out when it will be put back? We are sure it has been a most useful deterrent for this area"

"Ourselves and other residents of Tamar Street and Brooke Close have had to dial 999 to alert the police of fighting, drug use, fireworks (aimed at properties) and antisocial behaviour at the weekend. We have Police reference numbers but no CCTV images, which the police are asking for. Please can you advise ASAP"

End of report.

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