

ANNUAL REPORT OF STYC 2022

Saltash Town Youth Council have met regularly over the past year – and we are now pretty much ‘back to normal’. We have continued to offer support to our youth organisations by way of Grants and send regular emails keeping everyone up to date with all the help that is available including outside funding, training courses etc.

Some of the Youth Organisations continue to struggle especially with the lack of adult volunteer leaders. These include Brownies and Scouts and St John Ambulance Cadets and Badgers. Without willing leaders these organisations simply cannot function.

STYC supported our members at the Mayfair by sponsoring the Youth Village in Victoria Gardens. This venue proved popular and whilst not all organisations were in attendance due to lack of volunteers, we hope to be invited back by the May Fair committee and build on this for next year.

STYC have, since January 2022 awarded grants to Waterside Explorer Scouts, (first aid training), The Core (for summer holiday activities), Saltash United Youth Football Club (Tournament), Saltash Baptist Church Youth Club (marquee for camps), Town Junior band (new learner music books), Livewire (sound engineer training), Girl guiding (contribution towards their camping trip). We have also bought resuscitation training equipment for use by all STYC members to help teach young people vital life saving techniques.

We have also started a crisis fund that our member organisations can apply to. This was set up to ensure that young people/families who are experiencing financial difficulties can still access their clubs. STYC pay the subs direct to the club to a max of £100 per organisation. This ensures children don't miss out and ensures the organisations can still cover their costs. With the current financial crisis we feel that this, especially over the coming months will prove to be a very valuable lifeline to some young people and families.

We would also like to encourage any youth organisations in the town who are not affiliated to the Youth Council to join us and benefit from the grants and information/connections we have.

Also attached is a list of 60+ Youth clubs/organisations/facilities we have in the town – these include our current members, not for profit, charities, National youth groups and private businesses. This is just a simple list for anyone who wants to know what is available to young people in the area – all clubs and up to date information can be found using a simple internet search of google/facebook which will bring up the suitable ages/venues/days/contact details etc. Not all clubs have a specific youth section but will welcome young people with a parent/carer. Please feel free to add this list to your website and let us know of any clubs that you feel should be added. Saltash young people, unlike many towns in Cornwall have access to a wide ranging and thriving youth organisation network. We as a committee recognise how vital it is to support these clubs and thus the mental health and well being of young people. We will, with your help continue to support them in any and every way that we can.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Saltash Town Council for their continued support which will undoubtedly prove vital to sustain us through the next difficult year.