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Regatta Reflections – Chairs report

Regatta 3rd & 4th September 2022

Karen Lilley, Chair and Aaron Monk (Diverse Events CIC) along with the volunteers organising the annual Regatta and Waterside Festival, are delighted to celebrate another successful event, if not a little wet!

Feedback has been very positive overall. A clash in dates this year meant that the Caradon Gig Rowers were unable to run their usual Championship races during the Regatta weekend. This was a one off scenario and arrangements have already been made for next year, to ensure this does not happen again.

Sponsorship was sourced in the main from Saltash Town Council, Cornwall Community Foundation and Waterways Drainage. Financial contributions were also gained from Cornwall Councilors, Carlton Plastics, Spinnaker International, Grove Nurseries Boarding Kennels, Infinite, and a small number of businesses locally. Raising money is becoming harder each year.

The support the event received from the Royal Navy Submariners and Air Cadets was exemplary. They helped with all aspects of the management, in particular road blocks. Additionally they had a great attitude and got involved in the races at the same time.

The event supporters included CBL Hire and Sales, Redeemer Church, Mike Pitches Photography and Community Enterprises, PL12.

The Saltash service deliver teams were really helpful throughout every stage of the preparations and the event itself. Sean was very supportive indeed in every way.

A huge thanks to the Mayor at the Civic and Children's Parade. The Mayor opened the event and spent some visiting stalls.

Saltash Town Band led the procession safely to the Waterside, where prizes were handed out. The parade had fewer children due to its timing in September, when schools are not engaged, but was still a spectacle.

The Regatta Relay Paddle board race was well supported, as was the glorious Paint Party and the thrills and spills of the Cardboard Boat Race. Jon and Dee White, along with their team of volunteers from Redeemer Church, have been organising this infamous spectacle for five years now and do a fantastic job. They also created a fun Treasure Hunt and gave out prizes.

We could not find a free recycling service this year for the boats, so had to use our budget for the removal of cardboard.

Once again, Saltash Environmental Action worked to keep the area spotlessly clean.

The future is creative fundraising, the Regatta will return again but we need to push very hard for community support and sponsors, as despite it being a great event; sadly these costs rise year on year

We could not have run this event without the financial support received by Saltash Town Council.

Yours Sincerely

Karen Lilley

