

Annual Report Mayor's introduction

It has been my honour to serve as Mayor of Saltash for 2022-23. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the visits I have made, performances I have watched and events I have attended.

It has been a challenging year in many ways, the Town Council has supported, in whatever way we can those affected by the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, those close to home who have and continue to struggle in the current cost of living crisis and those still affected by the pandemic.

I would like to thank my wife Sarah who has supported me throughout the year as Mayoress, Deputy Mayor Councillor Julia Peggs and all my fellow Councillors for their support over the year. I would also like to thank the staff of Saltash Town Council who work hard to deliver services in challenging times.

My chosen local organisations to support for the year were Saltash Sailing Club Cadets and Saltash Environmental Action (SEA).

Saltash Sailing Club Cadets provide a friendly and accessible club for under 18s to learn to sail. It not only offers sailing tuition, but qualifications, coaching in racing and the chance to make new friends and learn lifelong skills.

SEA is a group of volunteers who run many environmentally friendly initiatives in the town. These include litter picking, the community allotment and free events open to the community.

There have been a lot of memorable events this year, the platinum Jubilee celebrations where over 5000 people came to celebrate on Jubilee Green. My fellow Councillors organised the Beating of the Bounds event in honour of the Platinum Jubilee, which was a great success. The town also came together after the sad passing of HRH the Late Queen Elizabeth II and many residents and visitors came to the Guildhall and Library Hub to sign the books of condolence.

This year has had an emphasis on the environment, new trees have been planted in conjunction with SEA including the Darley Oak on Jubilee Green for the Platinum Jubilee and trees at Saltash Library Hub. We continue to plant and nurture wildflower areas across the town and encourage residents and visitors to be aware of the environment.

Saltash Town Council continues to work hard to deliver services under challenging financial times. The budget has increased by 4.15% which is 16 pence per week for an average band D property.

Councillor Richard Bickford
Chairman of Saltash Town Council 2022-23