

## **To receive a report on litter in Saltash and consider any actions and associated expenditure**

### Overview

Essa Ward Members recently received an email from a member of the public regarding litter outside the fire station, brought about mainly by its proximity to the shops on Callington Road.

There are bins outside the shops but from the report it would seem people are walking away from the shop area and discarding their rubbish outside the Fire Station.

The resident approached Cornwall Council about them providing a bin to alleviate the issue but was told there isn't the finances available, and to contact the Town Council to see if they could assist.

Below is a picture of the amount of rubbish the member of the public collected in 1.5hrs.



Below is a picture of the amount of rubbish after 7 days. This is only in that one area, 35m from a bin.



Further to this, Cornwall Council were contacted so that we could understand their role and responsibilities regarding litter in the town.

Cornwall Council

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/)

CC highly recommend this route for anything that comes to STC from the public when it's a Cornwall Council issue - this is the best method for any issues or complaints to be reported to Cornwall Council.

Rubbish collections, recycling collections, street cleaning and public open space cleaning are provided by Biffa. Below are the cleaning details received from Cornwall Council based on how the town is zoned:

Callington Road, Saltash is classed as a **Zone 2** location, therefore, all Zone 2 locations are swept on a **four weekly schedule** as stated in this Contract, however if any location is below **Grade B** as stated in the 'Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse' (extract below) between the scheduled 4 weekly cleanse this can be reported by calling 0300 1234 141 or by e-mailing [refuseandrecycling@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:refuseandrecycling@cornwall.gov.uk) the reported location would be cleansed within the 'response times' as set out below.

**Grade A: No litter or refuse**

**Grade B: Predominately free of litter and refuse apart from some small items**

**Grade C: Widespread distribution of litter and/or refuse with some minor accumulations**

**Grade D: Heavily affected by litter and/or refuse with significant accumulations**

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>CLEANSING FREQUENCY</u>	<u>RESPONSE TIME</u>
Zone 1	Daily	½ day
<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>6/8 weeks</b>	<b>24 hours</b>
Zone 3	6 monthly	14 days

With regards to the provision of additional bins Cornwall Council are not in a position to provide additional bins due to budgetary constraints. There is **not** a statutory duty for Councils to provide litter bins, however **there is a bin directly opposite the fire station and a total of 6 bins along Callington Road, one of these bins being sited last August.**

In relation to cleansing within the actual grounds of the Fire Station this would not be land that is included in this Contract, therefore the responsibility of Cornwall Fire Brigade, however Biffa are responsible for rubbish collections, recycling collections, street and public open space cleaning which would include the pavement directly outside of the fire station.

Regarding Callington Road - if standards fall below grade B between the scheduled cleanse this can be reported and as this location is in a Zone 2 area it will be completed within 24 hours. Just to confirm that this only applied to CC land.

There is more useful information here:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/environmental-protection/environmental-crime/>

### Volunteer Service in Saltash

#### 1. Saltash Environmental Action Group (SEA):

There is currently a Litter Ranger Service that is provided by SEA. The Service is available for adults to sign up to a particular street or green area.

SEA promote the Service at every opportunity i.e. May Fair.

SEA offer a long-term loan of a grabber, hoop and hi viz jacket.

Further information can be obtained via the SEA website including how to sign up, and areas that have already been adopted [www.seasaltash.org.uk/saltash-litter-rangers/](http://www.seasaltash.org.uk/saltash-litter-rangers/)

### Summary

I am sure we would all agree there are littering problems in many places, not just Saltash.

Members are asked to be mindful to not only support one area in Saltash when there are many areas tackling litter problems.

The Service Delivery Team litter pick the areas the Town Council is responsible for, but nothing wider than that due to capacity and current service commitments.

### Suggested Options

1. Look to work in partnership with Cornwall Council to widen the remit to litter picking (similar to the dog fouling work), we would need to ascertain if they have the capacity to do so;
2. Review and consider Cornwall Councils – supporting your community address low level crime (tackling litter, dog fouling and dogs on restricted beaches) – **agenda item 12**;
3. It is highly recommended to encourage everyone to report rubbish, recycling and waste via Cornwall Council's 'report something' link [www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-something/)

The recommended option is number 3.

**End of report  
Town Clerk**