

**ANNUAL REPORT OF SALTASH YOUTH NETWORK FORMERLY SALTASH TOWN YOUTH COUNCIL
(STYC)2023**

At the AGM of the Saltash Town Youth Council it was formerly agreed that the name be changed to Saltash Youth Network to better reflect the works undertaken by the organisation.

Saltash Youth Network have met regularly over the past year. 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. We held a Defib workshop last year and purchased our own training defib equipment, resuscitation Annie and baby which is all available to any youth organisation to borrow for training purposes.

Some of the Youth Organisations continue to struggle especially with the lack of adult volunteer leaders. Without willing leaders these organisations simply cannot function. Most of our Youth Organisations are running at full capacity and waiting lists exist for some clubs. If more adult volunteers came forward they could expand access.

SYN once again supported our members at the Mayfair by sponsoring the Youth Village in Victoria Gardens. We hope to be invited back by the May Fair committee and build on this for next year.

SYN have, since January 2023 (10 months) awarded in total £3530 in grants –

The Core (for summer holiday activities),
Saltash United Juniors Football Club (Club ties),
Town Junior band (to help with costs to travel to their competition in Cheltenham),
Girl guiding (contribution towards their camping trip). Saltash Wesley Youth Club (large screen TV)
Saltash Rugby Club (funding towards their U16 end of season tour). We also made grants to 2 individuals – one of whom went to Accra Ghana with Dream Africa Care to help in a medical facility.
Saltash Amateur Boxing Club (new boxing gloves and water filled punch bags)

We are in the process of costing some silent disco equipment which will be held by the Saltash Youth Network. This equipment will be loaned, free of charge to any affiliated youth organisation so that they can use it to fund raise for their own club.

Our crisis fund that our member organisations can apply to is still up and running. This was set up to ensure that young people/families who are experiencing financial difficulties can still access their clubs. SYN 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 continues to be a very valuable lifeline to some young people and families.

We actively encourage any youth organisations in the town who are not affiliated to the Youth Network to join us and benefit from the grants and information/connections we have. If you know of any who wish to join please feel free to pass on our details, or they can make contact through our Facebook page.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Saltash Town Council for their continued support which is very much appreciated.