



WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

COMMUNITY CHEST

Every year, Saltash Town Council sets aside a sum of money to support small-scale community projects in Saltash. So, if you are a community or charitable organisation needing grant funding to improve the town and community, you can apply for up to £1000 to help your cause. Occasionally, larger grants of up to £1,500 will be considered if clear community or partnership working benefits can be demonstrated. Applicants need to have full audited accounts in place and will normally be expected to show some sort of contribution, either in cash or in kind (eg volunteer time).

to lots of different kinds of ideas as long as they provide a tangible benefit to Saltash.

Applications are assessed every other month by Saltash Town Councillors, who consider the following factors in their decision-making:



Successful applicants in the last year include Junkyard Skatepark, Saltash United AFC, Sailing Club Cadets, The Saltash Chronicles Embroidery Project, Saltash Rugby Club, Dementia Voice PL12 and the Saltash Music, Speech & Drama Festival.



Previous funding has provided for a wide range of community needs, including upgrading and replacing equipment and facilities, developing existing resources to cater for more people, and the promotion and awareness of a campaign.



A selection of last year's Community Chest beneficiaries (clockwise from top): Junkyard Skatepark, Saltash Rugby Club, The Saltash Chronicles Embroidery Project, Sailing Club Cadets, and Saltash Music, Speech & Drama Festival



If your project or idea is nothing like these examples, don't let it put you off – Saltash Town Council is open

Forms can be obtained from the Guildhall – call (01752) 844846 to find out more about the application process.

- Track record – as indicated by factors including membership, most recent accounts, annual reports, previous projects, evidence of partnership projects and support from other people and organisations.

- Strength of the project – to what extent it benefits Saltash town and community.
- Sustainability of the project – what long-term impact it will provide.
- Cost-effectiveness

– shown by factors including creative and resourceful approaches, competitive quotes etc.

- What contribution the applicant and/or others are making to the project.
- What benefits it offers Saltash Town Council – in terms of publicity for the scheme, or support for events or projects involving the Town Council.



MAYOR'S QUESTION TIME

What's involved in planning the budget for the town?

This is happening at the moment – we call it our precept and it deals with the amount of funds that our town council needs to run the town. The figures we arrive at come from our committees, which consist of Staffing, Policy & Resources, Services, Burial Board and Burial Authority. Funding requests are submitted to full town council by the individual committees, for approval. Once these budgets are added together, the sum arrived at becomes our precept.

Is there anything coming up that you're looking forward to in particular?

Yes, you may have heard about my charity event at Saltash Social Club on the 12th of March. It will be a fun night featuring The Sultans, who are a local Swing band with a great singer. There will be a buffet and prize raffle, and all proceeds will go to my nominated charity, which is the Little Harbour Children's Hospice South West. I had the pleasure of finding out all about the work they do at the hospice when I visited before it opened. It was an experience that left a mark on me, and now I have the opportunity to help with the running costs of this much-needed facility in Cornwall, I'm very pleased to be able to do so.



Email questions for the Mayor to hello@backbonemedia.org.uk.

Councillor Focus

Your chance to find out more about the dedicated volunteers who represent our interests in the town. This month we talk to two councillors in the East Ward, including the newly co-opted Julie Rance.

RICHARD BICKFORD



What is it about Saltash Waterfront that you connect with most? The bridges and the river are some of the most important features of the town, and help give it character. Brunel's bridge is such a special piece of world history, and the river is a wonderful playground that the whole town should enjoy. I love being involved with the Regatta. The gig rowing and sailing bring a real authenticity to the weekend. This year's Regatta is on the 11th and 12th of June, and we are always looking for volunteers to help (contact via the Facebook page).

What is the Saltash Rail Users Group (SRUG) and why did you create it? SRUG was formed some ten years ago to fight rail cuts; we won that battle and the group now promotes rail use and gives advice, as well as continuing to press for better services and facilities. The more people use the train service, the stronger the argument for increased services and facilities. Luckily growth is good, both for commuting and leisure travel. If you haven't seen our survey, please visit www.srug.org.uk.

JULIE RANCE



You're well known in Saltash for running Livewire Youth Music Project with your husband Andy – what made you decide to become a Councillor? It was something I had thought about a few years ago now, when a Town Councillor approached me and asked me if I would stand. We discussed what was involved and it sounded really interesting. I love Saltash and I loved the idea of being able to serve our community beyond my role as a youth worker. At that time I was unable to commit to the role but I did say, "Ask me again, because I will when I can". The sad loss of Cllr Martin Gee meant that time came sooner than I expected, and I applied for the vacancy arising for a co-opted Councillor.

What aspects of our town do you think should be developed to make Saltash an even better place to live and work? The people – because any town is only as good as those that live there make it and Saltash is amazing. I think improving relationships and getting better understanding across different generations can only enhance the town.



Calling all members of Saltash Community – join in the nation's biggest litter pick **CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN** – pick up your free special edition litter bags before the big day from SALTASH GUILDHALL – help make Saltash sparkling clean in time for Her Majesty's 90th birthday – Saturday 5th March meeting 10am at the Brunel Statue at the Waterside – the Town Council has a set of litter picking equipment available to lend out.

What's the story on social media?

This tweet is attracting a lot of positive attention: "Saltash has won funding to set up schemes to reduce the amount of rubbish we throw away. All cool ideas welcome - get in touch!" Join in the conversation on the Saltash Council Facebook page and @SaltashTC on Twitter.

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