




PUTTING YOUNG PEOPLE FIRST

Following the loss of wider funding for youth work provision, Saltash Town Council has stepped in to enable and develop this vital work in our community. Saltash charities Livewire, The Core (formerly K3) and Groundwork have been awarded sums totalling £40K between them to take forward professional youth work catering for those young people most in need of support. The three organisations came forward in response to advertising of the opportunity, and went through a procurement process to ensure high-impact use of the funding for maximum benefit to young people in our town.



We are delighted at Livewire to have received this crucial funding from Saltash Town Council to ensure the excellent and valuable work at Livewire continues. I believe it will also help to develop a more joined up approach to youth work in the town, ensuring more young people are able to access a wider range of provision.

Andy Rance, Youth Work Coordinator at Livewire Youth Project

Cllr James Shepherd (pictured, below), who spearheaded the proposal last summer to include youth work funding provision within the town's precept, quickly galvanised support from the rest of the Council, leading to approval early this year. As James states: "The contract is dependent on match funding, and so the town and its young people will be getting a lot of value from the budgeted amount." The level of experience and breadth of skills across the three organisations means that the funding provides four and a half open access sessions per week, workshops on issues including alcohol and drug abuse, sexual health, legal highs and mental health problems, as well as outreach work designed to hook young people into ongoing support.



What's the story on social media?

"Would you approve of an application for CCTV in Fore Street?" is attracting a lot of interest on Facebook (search 'Saltash Council') and you can also join in the conversation on Twitter @SaltashTC



These are exciting times for professional youth work in Saltash – not only to be able to turn our vision for The Core into reality, but to be able to link in with Livewire and Groundwork... We have a lot of expertise between us to be able to provide an innovative range of services to those young people who are most in need of support.


Charlotte Carpenter, Youth Work Coordinator at The Core (formerly K3)

Saltash is fortunate to have not just one, but three highly skilled organisations – Livewire, The Core (formerly K3) and Groundwork – capable of taking this level of needs-led professional youth work forward over the coming year from this September. Cllr James Shepherd sees the new funding as a "fantastic opportunity to bring these experienced groups together for the benefit of young people – Saltash also has many fantastic leisure and sports clubs providing activities for young people, so we really are very well set up to link together and put young people first".



We are thrilled to be working alongside Livewire and The Core in delivering an exciting programme with and for young people in Saltash. Our team will be out in the community working to develop activities which are relevant to young people in Saltash.

Nicola Hazell, Operations Manager at Groundwork South




MAYOR'S QUESTION TIME

CLLR BILL PHILLIPS

Have there been any developments around Tamar Bridge filtering issues?


Following the recent questions raised on the Tamar Bridge lane control system, I've visited the control room along with a group of councillors to see behind the scenes and view the operation live. We had a great in-depth view on how it all works. We were informed that the lane system has to run from the start of the bridge right through the tunnel, and it is not possible to split the lanes at any point along that stretch.

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



Mayor's Tribute to Cllr Martin Gee

Many people in the town will have heard by now that Cllr Martin Gee has sadly passed away, and was laid to rest on 21st September. Martin was elected to Saltash Town Council in 2007 and served as Mayor during 2012-13. He was a strong asset to our council and to our town. Martin tirelessly worked to organise our finances, and invested a lot of time in his roles as Chair of the Policy and Resources and, more recently, our Staffing Committee. Being Mayor was something he really enjoyed – he was a larger-than-life character, always said what he thought, and was much liked by all he came into contact with. Martin will be greatly missed by all Council members. Our thoughts and sympathy are with Martin's family at this sad time.



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 West Ward.

DAVID YATES



Where's the Neighbourhood Plan up to now?
The initial consultation phase came to an end on 24 September. We are very pleased with the level of response to questionnaires – the next part of the process is to analyse the results and set up working groups to form policies for the Neighbourhood Plan.

As a member of the Burraton Community Players, can you tell us the secret to playing a convincing pantomime villain?! Your character must be believable and appeal to the complete age range in the audience. When I played the Sheriff of Nottingham in Robin Hood, the Alan Rickman portrayal was an inspiration, although watching him does remind me why he is an actor and I'm not! Be the part on stage, but remember – this is pantomime and the baddie never wins!

GLORIA CHALLEN



How has Saltash changed physically over the years? One visual change in Fore Street is the chain retailers, and another very noticeable change is the increase in housing estates where there used to be more green fields. The local bus service to Saltash from Plymouth has improved significantly over the years, and bus bays being made wider in Saltash town centre has been a good development.

What do you love about Saltash? Saltash has been the home of my family for many years, and we all have seen changes within Saltash. The population has grown over the years, but there is still a strong community spirit throughout the town.

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