



Help create a cleaner, brighter future in Saltash

We all like to live in a clean, litter-free environment, don't we? We want to feel proud that our town presents the best version of itself to visitors. Saltash Town Council has set up and been involved in many activities to address these and other environmental issues.

As part of their collaboration with Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) for the monthly Community Litter Picks, the Town Council has bought litter pickers to help make this important work easier for volunteers. Their Saltash Creative Space decorative boat at this year's Regatta has also been used to highlight litter issues. The council's commitment to planting and maintaining a wide variety of colourful flowers has been recognised in the last couple of years by the Cornwall in Bloom Award.

The efforts of those who participate in these projects to enhance our environment are commendable but just think how much of an impact we could make if we all did a bit. Recycle! Never leave waste where it shouldn't be! Take care of our own Saltash patches! Come to a Community Litter Pick! All these things help to keep our town looking and functioning at its best for us all to enjoy and be proud of – now and into the future...

...and then there's the Saltash Sustainability Show on Thursday 16 July (10am-6pm at the China Fleet Club). Organised by China Fleet, Zero to Landfill and Saltash Town Council, this fun and sociable event

Right: A team of volunteer Community Litter Pickers giving up their time to clean up the streets of Saltash



Left: Saltash Town Council's Moonbeam boat highlighting litter issues at the Saltash Regatta

is free to all visitors. Come and find out how Saltash is working hard to become Zero to Landfill for its trade waste. Inspiring exhibitors and guest speakers throughout the day include Dartmoor Zoo, Plymouth University and the Eden Project.

If you are a Saltash resident or business, the event is a fantastic opportunity to increase your knowledge and awareness of how everyday choices can make a huge difference to our own and our children's futures. The Neighbourhood Plan team will be around to chat to about a wide range of community issues linking to the central themes of the show. The family-focused session (4-6pm) includes fun activities that help anybody, of any age, to make our town even lovelier to live in. So come along and help create a sustainable Saltash!

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

DOG

DOG put forward a 'devo large' proposal to take control of several local services and buildings by April

This month another working group of Saltash Town Council, DOG – aka the Devolution Option Group, is put under the spotlight. We chatted to the Chairman of DOG, Cllr Adam Killeya about the complex issue of devolution, and what Saltash's forward-looking approach potentially means for our town.

DOG was set up look at what Saltash Town Council might take over from Cornwall Council as part of a move to devolve services and buildings to town and parish councils. Following several meetings with Cornwall Council and other parties,

2016, plus a smaller 'fast-track' proposal to take over some toilet blocks in the shorter term. The group is currently awaiting a decision on what aspects of their proposal will be accepted.

Cllr Killeya explains the benefits to Saltash of achieving the large-scale devolution: 'More local control of services would enable us to respond to concerns better and more quickly - for example if a particular play area needed repairs. We would also be able to invest more in the services in Saltash, based on what residents want us to prioritise.'

MAYOR'S QUESTION TIME

Cllr Bill Phillips, what are you enjoying most about your new role as Mayor of Saltash? The best part of this role is meeting people – Jean and I love talking to people.



Which events and organisations have you been involved with this last month?

In the last month we've been to Bishop Cornish School's opening of their model railway, Saltash United Junior Football's presentations, a Young Stagers' event, a Volunteering Celebration, three civic services and four Mayor Choosing ceremonies, to list just a few.

If you were to highlight a current town council project or initiative, what would it be?

This is very difficult to answer as we have a lot going on at the moment, but top right now has to be the Saltash Neighbourhood Plan, which is the basis for our way forward as a town in many ways.

What's the last thing you bought from a Saltash shop?

Two ties from VanEssa.

What makes you feel proud to be a Saltash resident?

The people are great. The town's grown a lot since we came, and we've grown with it.



Top picture: Presenting an award to Scout Leader Len Maddock at Community Enterprise PL12's Volunteering Celebration event.

Bottom picture: The Mayor Cllr Bill Phillips watching the freshly unveiled model railway with children at Bishop Cornish School.

Councillor Focus

Your chance to find out more about the dedicated volunteers who represent our interests in the town – first up are two councillors from South Ward – Sue Hooper being the longest serving, and Matt Coot being the newest member of the council.

SUE HOOPER MBE



What has been your proudest moment as a Saltash Councillor?

I have such pride in Saltash residents who raised £20,000 for the Boscastle Flood Disaster, and £5000 for the Indian Ocean Tsunami (both in 2004). I was proud to lead those projects. And what an honour to be elected Mayor of Saltash on four different occasions.

What do you love about Saltash?

Its wonderful generous and friendly people and its outstanding institutions, churches and organisations. The town is blessed with volunteers helping the aged, youth and those in need. The local shops and businesses provide employment and generosity. I love Saltash and suggest that it's the best place ever – to live, work, rest and play!

MATT COOT



Why did you become a Saltash councillor?

I love giving back to a town that gave me so much when I was growing up.

Where's your favourite place in Saltash to relax?

There are so many places to choose from, but Churchtown Farm has always been the place where I can clear my head. I also love the Waterside.

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