



## Community Flood Forum advises on risk to Saltash

The Saltash Neighbourhood Plan team has welcomed the formation of an independent Community Flood Forum (CFF), which will build on extensive work already carried out by Cllr David Yates and his team.



Cllr David Yates

Operating as a specialist channel to feed back information, knowledge and research findings to the Saltash Neighbourhood Plan team, the forum has been set up by Sue Hooper MBE to address immediate concerns about the flood risk in Saltash. The CFF has already presented vital information to

the Neighbourhood Plan team in response to the Cornwall Local Plan consultation and, as the forum grows and gathers expertise, it is envisaged that the two groups will work closely together. Cllr David Yates says: "The CFF will play an ongoing role as an informative 'Watchdog' and a mechanism to convey specific concerns, based on research demonstrating both historical and current flood risk, which will feed in to the wider and longer-term Neighbourhood Plan picture for Saltash."

Ensuring that adequate flood protection measures are built into development plans, and providing key information as required when large planning applications come forward to Saltash Town Council, are ways that the CFF can support future town planning. It is hoped that by linking in to Saltash development decisions regarding flood risk and mitigation, the CFF will help the Neighbourhood Plan's work so far in ensuring that appropriate measures are implemented to protect our town

and community from the risks of flooding.

There will be a CFF meeting on 18th May, which will be attended by experts in the fields of flooding, drainage, and environmental issues including extreme weather, climate change and water management. Saltash residents from the vulnerable flood-risk areas of Forder, Burraton Coombe and Saltash Waterfront are also expressing an interest in the forum. Cllr Richard Bickford sent these 'stark examples of Waterfront



Cllr Richard Bickford

flooding' to the group, warning that "This is guaranteed to happen again – it is not just a fear – these events will get worse as sea levels rise." It is hoped that by bringing victims of local flooding together with experts and those who live or work in flood risk areas across the town, a full picture can be created

to inform the level of need in managing flood risk in Saltash – now and for the future.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Sue Hooper MBE is inviting Saltash residents to send her any information or personal data from over the past 25 years up to the present on any flooding or potential flooding experiences. Members of Saltash community are also invited to join the first full meeting of the CFF on 18th May at the Railway Hotel on Fore Street at 6pm. If you wish to attend, please contact Sue on (01752) 843073 or email [suehcf@msn.com](mailto:suehcf@msn.com).



Sue Hooper MBE



A recent scene of flooding at Saltash Waterfront

## Mayor Choosing

It was Reginald de Valletort, Lord of Trematon Castle and Trematon Manor, who granted a charter to the burgesses of Essa (as Saltash was called at the time) confirming a variety of privileges, including the ability to elect a Reeve, which is a high-ranking supervisory official. That was some time around 1225. Over the centuries, the term Reeve was replaced by 'Mayor', a title that was made official in the charter granted to Saltash by Queen Elizabeth I in 1585. These days, the new Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Saltash are elected every year by fellow councillors, and the choice is ratified at a traditional ceremony called Mayor Choosing. One of the rituals in the ceremony sees the new Mayor throw hot pennies and fruit from the first floor window of the Guildhall to children waiting below.

The Mayor Elect, Hilary Frank, says: "Our young daughters have always enjoyed trying to catch the coins and fruit that are thrown by the new Mayor hanging out of the Guildhall window. They have suggested I could throw chocolate coins this year. I've suggested water balloons..." All children are welcome to come along just after 7pm on 5th May to the Guildhall to take part in a time-honoured tradition and try to catch some coins and fruit. Make sure you avoid the water balloons, though.



Mayor Elect, Cllr Hilary Frank

## Meet your Councillors

Did you know that Saltash Town Councillors are available to chat with on the first Saturday of the month on Fore Street, come rain or shine! So if you feel there are any matters you would like to discuss on an informal basis, please pop along between 10am and 12midday. The next session is **Saturday 7th May.**

## What's the story on social media?

Following a unanimous vote for the Mayor Elect by Town Council members, this tweet has been popular: "The Mayor Elect of Saltash 2016-17 is Councillor Mrs Hilary Frank. The Deputy Mayor Elect is Councillor Mrs Jean Dent." Join in the conversation on the Saltash Town Council Facebook page and @SaltashTC on Twitter.

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