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Saltash Road Safety Committee report for the Town Council AGM March 2017

The committee comprises councillors from Saltash, parish councillors from St Germans and Tideford, Landrake, Botus Fleming and Hatt and Landulph, Speedwatch representatives, a representative from heavy haulage, from Saltash.net school, the police and visiting members of the public bringing special issues. The committee is served by a secretary, Mrs Helen Moram and Chair, Derek Holley.

The committee's parish councillor representatives have asked that their grateful thanks be given to Saltash Town Council for the meeting rooms and administrative help given.

The committee meets quarterly meetings and holds site meetings as appropriate.

Sadly the police have been unable to attend two of the four meetings because of the cut from five to four of the PCSO's in Saltash and other changes to staffing. This has made the operation of the committee difficult because the presence of the police enables matters to be resolved quickly and answers given on the spot. Police views on road safety matters and answers to queries have been very important in the past. The parishes find the absence of the police especially difficult because they no longer attend Parish Council meetings.

The committee has discussed, written letters and taken advice from Speedwatch and requested Speedwatch surveys around the committee's area. Speedwatch remain an essential part of the committee's work and the committee is very grateful to the volunteers involved. More volunteers are needed (training is given) and residents are asked to contact the Guildhall, Saltash on 01752 844846 if they can help. Speeding drivers are sent warning letters and if a driver is caught speeding three times in the area a normal speeding penalty is applied through the police. Over the last year Speedwatches have taken place in Polbathic, Tideford, Hatt and a variety of sites within Saltash. Again and sadly the Devon and Cornwall anti-speeding programmes and in particular the "Operation Slowdown" on main roads have been virtually cut because of the government's cutbacks to police budgets. This matches the road safety cutbacks from Cornwall Council which have taken place (road safety has now been tagged onto the Fire Service responsibilities).

Other issues covered include inconsiderate parent parking around schools (every meeting and all schools, and regular letters are sent to Heads), signage on the A38, the Carkeel roundabout works, traffic intensity and pollution in Tideford, the A388 around the Hatt roundabout, the A388 at Painters Cross, heavy haulage lorries around Landrake, the main A38 junction at Landrake, child safety around the Landrake playing field. Within Saltash there have been, amongst many other issues, child pedestrian matters around Longstone Park (the county will shortly repair the gates), road humps in Fore Street, Lollipop ladies, crossings of roads including at Burraton Methodist Chapel, safe routes to school, the new cycling proposals and road lighting and turning out from exits onto Broadwalk.

The Chair represents the committee at the regular update meetings held about the new Carkeel roundabout and has represented the committee on a Facebook interview.

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The Chair has also put the committee's views and attended meetings on the forthcoming Traffic Regulation Orders around the town.

Councillor Derek Holley
Chair .