

Reference the Waterside Mural.

Dear Mr. Lane, Town Clerk,

I am concerned about the Waterside Mural on the gable end of the Union Inn. Some parts are in a very poor state with some areas in an alarming state, especially on the eastern side nearest to the river. The whole mural is in great need of a complete and thorough clean and restoration in a number of places.

Painted in 1999 the mural has been a great asset to the town as part of the Heritage Trail, now it needs some attention! This very morning I stood and watched a bus load of American tourists who were admiring the Mural and taking photographs of it. The common voice was one of dismay, I quote: 'It's a great pity that this could be lost, just like the one on the Barbican . . . and so on.' Not a good advert for Saltash, surely we do not want to lose it – do we?

I would be very happy to restore the mural before I get too old to do it! It would require scaffold for access with the required permit as it would cover a walkway. I estimate that the work would take approximately one month to complete, that is to clean remove troublesome areas, repair any cracked areas, restore the paintwork and finish with a new coat of Anti-Graffiti.

As an estimate, without a full and accurate costing a figure of Three Thousand pounds should pay for the work. If the council did decide to carry out these recommended works I can issue a complete breakdown of costings and materials.

I put it to you the council, at the moment the main figurative panels are in a fairly reasonable state, but at the current deterioration level it will not take that long before we have a tragedy on our hands. We do need to do something!

Yours sincerely David Whitley.