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## Report to Saltash Town Council: January 10 2019

I gave you a very detailed update in my report in December. We subsequently enjoyed a busy time at 4 Fore Street at the switching-on of the Xmas lights; and we also invited our many volunteers to a special dinner at Saltash College, which again was very enjoyable and much appreciated. Otherwise, things have ticked over since then. We did not hold a meeting of Directors last month.

### CIC Membership

In the background, however, our Admin Team has been proceeding with the task of reconfirming individual memberships and issuing our new **membership cards**. We have tried to make the process as simple as possible, and we have had an unexpectedly positive response from members since we emailed them. We will be sending out reminders to members who have not responded during the course of this month. We will, regrettably, need to terminate memberships at the end of February if they are not reconfirmed

The new membership card doubles as a SaltashCard. Although existing SaltashCards can remain in use, they are not proof of membership of the CIC and do not enable holders to use our services, eg the Hopper buses. Getting a new membership card is therefore very important!

### Volunteering

Volunteers are critically important to everything we do. We are also aware of the way volunteering supports so many other organisations in the town. But the need to keep recruiting is always there, especially as new projects come into being and responsibilities expand. We are therefore planning some special events this year to promote volunteering across the town. You will see publicity about this in due course. In the meantime please direct anyone who may be interested to our Hub at 4 Fore Street.

The approach we are pursuing can be summed up as follows:

*We believe that volunteers should feel able to come forward on their own terms, offering the hours they wish, at the times they find convenient, and using the particular skills, interests and experience they already have. We also know that volunteers can learn and develop personally in such work, and currently Community Enterprises PL12 has a wide range of volunteer opportunities available, for example:*

- **coordinating specific projects**, eg promoting the SaltashCard with local businesses, creating regular publicity features for us, and also expanding our volunteer service.
- **providing practical assistance** at our Hub, in the Scrapstore, or at our Dementia support groups,
- **driving our buses** (or otherwise helping as a **passenger assistant**)
- **becoming one of our Directors**

*Want to join in, as either a new volunteer, or someone needing voluntary helpers? Just contact us at 4 Fore Street, Saltash - Tel 01752 848348, email [hub@cepl12.co.uk](mailto:hub@cepl12.co.uk). We are looking forward to talking to you.*

## **St Barnabas Hospital**

Members of the patient groups at the two surgeries and the League of Friends of St Barnabas Hospital attended a meeting convened by the NHS in Cornwall on December 12th. We heard about plans for consultations on the future of St Barnabas and other local health services, which will be kicking off this month (not before time, we thought!). We were told that final conclusions would not emerge until after the autumn!

I wondered how long it would be before there was any action after that? As I said in my report to you last time, "after two years of no beds and no Minor Injuries service, the continuing slow pace of progress is all a bit disappointing".

An initial meeting for people on, or linked to, the existing St Barnabas Group will be held on 17 January to establish "the case for change" - which will be the foundation of the consultations.

**Peter Thistlethwaite**  
**Chair**

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