

I've tried to write this month's report with a greater emphasis on Saltash. Last month there was an unintentional focus on the environment and this month the theme seems to be transport.

Kerb and deck waterproofing work on the Tamar Bridge started in late May, the work began on the southern cantilever which is open to pedestrians. The contractors had planned to close the southern cantilever but have been able to maintain this access which has so far eliminated any disruption despite the signs warning of delays. This work will move over to other parts of the bridge in August and the southern cantilever will be opened to westbound traffic. Pedestrians, cyclists and mobility scooters will then have access to a free shuttle bus that will operate day and night between Fore Street and the Tamar Bridge car park until the end of the project.

As mentioned in last month's full council meeting there was a meeting of the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee which was open to the public at which a review of the height of the barriers on the Tamar Bridge was discussed. The report found an engineering solution that provided for higher barriers. However health professionals who attended the meeting had concerns that these barriers would both make it harder for someone to self-rescue (which most people do) and therefore create a more dangerous situation and push people to other locations which do not have the constant monitoring or suicide intervention and awareness training that staff receive at the bridge. The committee decided to hold further meetings in both Saltash and St. Budeaux to hear more evidence relating to this matter and gain the views of affected members of the public.

Following on from engagement events for town and parish councils, Cormac have created a list of significant surface treatment works that are planned over the next 12-18 months. This is part of a programme of changing the way that the company works adding area-based delivery and works programmes. The planned surface treatment works in Saltash which do not have specific dates are as follows:

Road Name	Section Closed
Albert Road	Full length of road
Barkers Hill	From St Stephens Hill to Castle Hill to Junction with Longlands Lane
Broad Walk	Full length of road
Fairmead Road	Full length of road
Fore Street	Full length of road
St Stephens Hill to Castle Hill	From "The Barn" to junction with Barkers Hill

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