



# Town Messenger

## Working for the People of Saltash



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#### Homelessness

Homelessness is complex and often reflects other vulnerabilities or circumstances related to health, justice or social services. Successful homelessness strategies require all public services to contribute in a way that recognises the personal needs, strengths and assets of every household.

Homelessness can affect anyone at any time. Homelessness means not having a home. You are considered homeless if you have nowhere to stay and are living on the streets - but you can also be homeless even if you have a roof over your head. Homelessness can often reflect other vulnerabilities or circumstances related to health, justice or social services. Homelessness often results from a combination of events such as relationship breakdown, debt, adverse experiences in childhood and through ill health.

Cornwall's current Homelessness Strategy runs until March 2020 and needs reviewing in light of recent legislative and other changes. The Council's Homelessness Services are managed through Cornwall Housing Ltd.

#### Notice of Vacancy: Saltash North Ward

An opportunity for co-option as a Town Councillor for North Ward was recently advertised and interviews were held at the Guildhall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Following the interviews Sarah Gillies was appointed and we welcome Sarah to the Town Council as a North Ward Councillor.

Sarah is a keen volunteer and has been a Cub Scout Leader in Saltash since 2008 and is passionate about bringing opportunities for the young people in the area.



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### **Deputy Mayor Councillor Pete Samuels**

It would be something of an understatement if I said I was both pleased and delighted when my fellow Councillors voted just a very few months ago for me to become Deputy Mayor of Saltash for 2019-20.

When first elected to the Town Council just two years ago, it did not occur to me that such a privilege ever would come my way, or if perhaps it ever might, it would surely be some time in the dim and distant future.

Growing up in London during the 1950s and 1960s in surroundings that are so accurately portrayed in the TV series 'Call The Midwife' I now look back with incredulity at the path in life that brought me to Saltash and to the role that I am proud to play within the Town.

Saltash is a wonderful place to live and work and is the place I have been able to call home for the last 8 years.

It is a privilege to work alongside our new Mayor, Gloria Challen, who I have come to realise is known, respected and loved around the Town. I also realise that there is an important role for the Mayor and I to play in reconnecting with residents who may not know just what the Town Council does and how it works hard for the benefit of all who live and maybe work here.

When elected as Deputy Mayor, I was told that there would be a substantial workload that came with the title and the last couple of months have certainly proven that point.

But that workload can also be pleasurable, because it does not just mean countless meetings at the Guildhall, but also the opportunity to visit other Towns in Cornwall for events such as their Mayor Choosing or Civic Services.

Truro, Callington, Liskeard, Launceston, St Austell are amongst the places I've visited and made new friends and acquaintances, plus an official visit to Nottingham to support the Saltash.net team that entered in to the Rotary Youth Speaks competition, becoming one of the top seven teams in the whole Country. Speaking both as Deputy Mayor and also a member of Saltash Rotary Club, I congratulate them, it was a privilege and a pleasure to meet such nice young citizens who are a credit to this Town.

I have been delighted to visit local events such as the St. Barnabas Cream Tea afternoon and the Scout Movement 'Day for Joy' event, where my old Scout shirt of many years ago seemed to put a smile on many faces.

Saltash Regatta was, as always, a huge success and it was a pleasure to be part of it, both in a 'Civic' capacity and also as a member of Saltash Rotary Club. I started the



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day on Saturday wearing the Deputy Mayor robe for the Civic procession which started at Victoria Gardens and proceeded via Fore Street to the Waterside / Waterfront, after which I spent the rest of the day and evening helping my Rotary colleagues to provide food and refreshment at the Ashtorre Rock. Sunday was also a mix of Civic and Rotary duties.

As well as looking back over the last couple of months, I am also looking to the future and to what might be achieved in the coming months.

This year will see a Remembrance Day Parade, which has already been organised by our new Mayor in conjunction with the Royal British Legion, a 2 minute silence will take place on 11<sup>th</sup> November with the Mayor and myself in attendance, plus some exciting plans to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day next May.

There are to be Civic Services at several churches in Saltash during the Mayoral Year and Saltash Town Council will continue to support many of the local organisations with which we have had connections over the years.

It is a pleasure for me to work alongside a team of Town Councillors who give so much of their time for the benefit of their fellow residents. Look out in the Town Messenger next month for a new feature where you will get to learn more about the individuals who make up the team that I am proud to be part of.

Pete Samuels  
Deputy Mayor