



# Town Messenger

## Working for the People of Saltash



### September 2019 Publications:

#### **Climate Emergency**

In January 2019 Cornwall Council declared a Climate Emergency, setting out certain aims and ambitions to reduce carbon emissions and to become carbon neutral by the year 2030.

When this was discussed recently by Saltash Town Council, it became apparent that many of the applicable aims, ambitions and policies had already been separately implemented in Saltash.

A majority vote by Saltash Town Councillors was sympathetic to the aims and ambitions of the Cornwall Climate Emergency, but it was decided to pursue the independent stance on carbon emissions which had already been previously commenced. As a Town, we would prefer to lead in an innovative and proactive way.

Saltash Town Council already has representatives on local environmental groups and the work put in by those representatives and the groups they attend, should be both encouraged and applauded.

We will always welcome well-reasoned, practical and sustainable suggestions to further reduce carbon emissions and to tackle other environmental issues, whether those suggestions come from environmental groups or individuals, whilst we seek to engage the wider community in ways that will garner support.

#### **Plastic Free School Uniforms**

Over the last few months it has been our pleasure to meet so many local people who are engaging in Plastic Free Saltash. Some of the work being undertaken is fantastic and ongoing.

We now have several businesses who have gained their award, and many more who are working towards their Plastic Free status.

We are now working with allies e.g. local organisations, schools, clubs etc. to obtain their status too. One of the businesses we met this week was a real surprise. Did you know you can get your children's school blazer that's totally made of recycled plastic



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bottles? Please contact Saltash Town Council lead representative Councillor Julia Peggs for further information [j.peggs@saltash.gov.uk](mailto:j.peggs@saltash.gov.uk)

It takes 18 plastic bottles to make a jacket. All skirts and trousers are 30 - 40% plastic, 5 bottles each. The number of plastic bottles saved by buying eco uniforms in Saltash is four times the length of Elizabeth Tower at Westminster!

If you are a local business and would like to pursue the plastic free award, or you have ideas to help the town, please contact Saltash town Council lead representative Councillor Julia Peggs for further information [j.peggs@saltash.gov.uk](mailto:j.peggs@saltash.gov.uk)