

Report from the Saltash Area Road Safety Committee, March 2020

Saltash Town Council, St Germans and Polbathic PC, Landulph PC, Botus Fleming and Hatt PC and Landulph PC have all attended nearly all meetings. The police have been represented at all but one meeting and we have had visits from Cormac - each time to give specialist advice. The Speedwatch team also attend the meetings and give reports on their visits to different sites around the area. Vice chairman Councillor Martin Worth from Landulph expressed his thanks to Saltash Town Council for hosting the area meetings.

Inevitably over the last year there has been a concentration of activity on the issues around road safety on the A38 between Saltash and Trerulefoot. The current situation is that the various councils, this committee and Cornwall Council are all seeking to renew with this new government the commitment to improving road safety along the stretch.

There have been a variety of other issues throughout the area including children's safety on St Stephens Road Saltash, the proposed and currently being developed cycle and pedestrian improvements within Saltash and the failure to make any real progress with the cycle route between Saltash and Callington following the feasibility study which has been carried out. The committee has taken an interest also in planning applications that have relevance to Road safety.

One of the continuous themes has been driver behaviour around schools when the school day finishes and parents are seeking to pick up their children to take them home. Sadly, this continues to take a lot of police time and this does not seem to have improved. Since the last road safety meeting the chair and Councillor Tamlin have spent the morning with a representative from Sustrans the National cycling organisation looking at road safety, pedestrian and cycle way issues in Saltash. As part of this all the school sites were visited and the Sustrans representative had meetings with heads of the schools.

The committee has been represented at Cornwall Council meetings in Truro, Wadebridge and Launceston.

The committee had welcomed members of the public to speak on their particular issues and on other issues on the evening's agenda.

The committee has welcomed a new secretary Councillor Julia Peggs who has settled in well and is making determined attempts to keep the chair in order and up-to-date!

Derek Holley
Chair SARSC