

Saltash Plastic Free

As in the detailed report from Last month's full Town Council meeting, you can see that despite the criteria changing a little we have made great strides to complete the criteria set by Surfers against Sewerage to gain our award.

***WE WILL NEVER GET RID OF, OR WANT TO GET RID OF SINGLE PLASTIC < BUT WE CAN ALL HELP TO REDUCE IT!**

Guildhall -:

Have already been acknowledge as a Community Allie. The staff have worked hard and continue to look at ways to reduce not only single use plastic, but recycling of paper and cardboard and using as little paper as possible.

Library -:

Also have been recognized as a Community Allie, reducing the use of single use plastic were possible. The criteria ask for each organization is to change 3 single use plastic items to something more eco / recyclable friendly.

They are also continuing to look at future ways to be more Eco friendly overall.

Longstone / Waterside

Still have to formally be recognized, but are well on their way and should be an Allie by the end of this lock down.

They are also looking at ways to be more eco friendly whilst still keeping within Council budgets.

The future Station / Library Cafe'

The use of non recyclable plastic should not be a big issue for either destination, as both can become a "Free tap water refill station " as many shops and Cafes in Saltash are already. The use of recyclable cardboard cups for tea, coffee, individual recyclable sugar paper packets , and either canned drinks or a recycling bin for plastic bottles, paper bags instead of plastic bags etc, would probably be all that is required.

All of this is in general use in most Cafes now.

Saltash Town Council passed a motion last August 2019,

I quote, to –“Support the journey to a “Plastic Free Community status “and to giving support with initiatives and events, whenever possible in the future.”

The three Plastic Free Communities motions required (as set by Surfers against Sewerage who give the Awards) are -:

1 Saltash Council agrees to put a member on the local Saltash steering group –

(Achieved Cllr Julia Peggs)

2 Saltash Council agrees to support all Plastic Free Community initiatives in its area –

(This literally means we give our support, we do not need any action – This is NOT extinction rebellion)

3 Saltash council pledges to act by example and remove single use plastic items from its premises and operations – (Done. Just waiting for Longstone . It does NOT state ALL plastic items)

I hope the wording required, and the explanation is a little clearer, so that we can pass a motion to ***support the three criteria required.***

We can then finish the few other changes required and Saltash will become one of the few who have already gained the award In Cornwall, which we will be able to use for PR in the future, and do our bit for the planet.

In anticipation of your support

Cllr Julia Peggs

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