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Meet Your Councillor - Councillor David Yates - West Ward Saltash



David has lived in Saltash since 1983, moving here while in the Royal Navy.

After retiring from the Royal Navy in 1998 he joined Babcock Marine (then DML) and worked for them as an engineer before retiring.

David joined Saltash Town Council in 2007 and has served as Mayor and Deputy Mayor as well as Chairman of the Services Committee (and its predecessor the Industry Commerce and Transportation and Tourism Committee).

Over the course of the current council his main activity has been involvement, as Chairman, in the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which is taking the lead in preparing the Saltash Neighbourhood Development Plan for controlling future housing, industry and infrastructure development in Saltash up to 2030.

He said that one of the most important parts of preparing the Saltash Neighbourhood Plan is getting people's views of what they wanted for Saltash in the future. This has been done by sending out questionnaires and having a variety of consultation meetings including weekly face to face discussions on Saturday mornings in the Library and taking part in "Meet your Councillors" events in Fore Street.

He said that the results of the questionnaires and the Neighbourhood Plan consultations have confirmed the importance of the planning and management of the proposed improvements in Saltash including taking over and refurbishing the Library and Station Building and expanding Town Council responsibility for public spaces.

David can be contacted via the Saltash Town Council at www.saltash.gov.uk



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Saltash Library Hub - Update



In a time of uncertainty and worry, when things feel they are once again changing for the worst, it's nice to be able to affect change in a positive way, a way that feels that the norm may be returning, however incremental.

Saltash Town Council took the positive step to bring the Library Hub out of its forced Covid slumber and open its doors to the public to browse once again. While its click and collect service is extremely popular and has allowed the public to order their favourite books online and collect from the doorway, the opportunity to return to some kind of normality was an option keenly supported and taken by the Council in re-opening its doors to the public.

Having made that decision, the Library is now open again for the public to safely browse a selected number of books across genres such as adult fiction, crime, new books and children's fiction and learning. Our team is also on hand to help if the requirement is for books not on display and will happily guide our customers through other books available from our shelves. Genres such as biographies, autobiographies, sci-fi, adult non-fiction and young adult reading are but a short walk away. Not forgetting of course our Cornish selection.



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The Library also has made available the use of one of its public computers, alongside a scanning and printing service. Whilst it has to be booked in advance to follow Government safety guidelines it is another step in a positive direction.

Not only has the Library Hub taken the next step to open its doors across the week, it's also returning to a Saturday morning opening too. This is of course a day of the week that was popular for families and working professionals who were unable to pop in weekdays, again it is a welcome return to a little bit of normality.

The need for books to help us through these difficult times has never been greater, the need to transcend reality and escape into literature is one of life's great joys. Saltash library also has the whole of Cornwall's library inventory at its fingertips. So if the library hasn't got it, we probably know someone who has and can order it for collection.

Updated day to day, the Saltash Library Hub Facebook page has become an important information portal supporting library services and our community in the face of constant change. It is becoming an important digital tool in the development of the Council's on-line relationship with its followers.

Against a background of uncertainty, this is only the beginning of what the Council has in store moving forward for our Library services. For now it is a welcome return to some kind of normality.

To quote Groucho Marx, 'Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.' Says it all really.

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Saltash Library Hub – Library Public Consultation Results and Saltash Council Tax Precept Increase

Back in the summer Saltash Town Council consulted with the community of Saltash on the exciting project of the library refurbishment works and the Town Council's vision to provide a multiuse facility to serve its community now and in the future.

The Town Council received positive responses and in the meantime costed the project to enable the Town Council to move forward with the second stage of the public consultation. The results of the public consultation and images of the Town Council's vision can be viewed here: <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/library-public-consultation.php>



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At Full Town Council held on 1st October 2020 it was **RESOLVED** to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for the PWLB loan:

1. Loan of £200,000 for the refurbishment works and replacement of windows to the library building.
2. Fixed interest rate of around 1.95% over a loan period of 10-years.
3. The annual loan repayment will come to around £21,156.50 and total repayment will come to around £222,143.25.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. The shortfall of £5,105.21 for the completion of the works be included in the Precept for the year 2021/2022.

It is intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by 2% which is the equivalent of an additional £4.00 per year for a band D equivalent dwelling.

It is important that Saltash Town Council demonstrates public support for this exciting project for the community and future of Saltash.

Watch out for the leaflet drop for further details and make sure you have your say.

Closing date Monday 21st December 2020