

Mayor Column January 2023

Firstly, a belated Happy New Year. I hope that as we emerge from this cold snap that spring brings some warmth and that everyone in Saltash has a positive year. The Town Council continues its positive approach, supporting and managing several projects that should bring long term benefit to our town.

Despite a short Christmas break, the Town Council continues to work on a number of important projects. We are very pleased that funding has been awarded to several Playparks in Saltash through the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) a kind of tax on new developments, these total £75,000 for Saltash, with a further £42,000 going towards the amazing Summerfields Playpark project who are showing exactly how a local community can save and drive investment. Please get in touch if you would like to try the same elsewhere in Saltash. The Town Council will even match fund up to £10,000 towards play equipment.

The Town Council, as a key member of the Town Team are still looking to make improvements to the Town Centre and we hope that the Town Team plans, to run street markets and add additional planting will make a difference. The Town Council itself were awarded funding through the CLUP (Community Levelling Up Programme) fund to investigate improving transport links to and from the Waterside as well as ferry services on the water. We are aiming for that project to host some trial options in a few months time.

Our War Memorials stand as a valuable reminder to conflicts of the past, as well as a permanent place to remember those who gave their lives. Prompted by some tireless work by former Town Councillor Peter Clements, we now have a list of names that have never been recorded on a Saltash War Memorial, and a small Working Group of councillors have been planning a way to rectify this. We now have all the relevant permissions and hope we can have something in place for the Remembrance Commemorations in November. As with many memorials of this type, the Town Council are offering the opportunity for anyone to make a donation should they wish. You can get more information by contacting the Guildhall.

You will see elsewhere on this page, information on how to nominate someone for the Honorary Freedom of Saltash award. This is a very special award that is rarely made. Please don't confuse this award with the annual Civic Awards, these will be advertised very soon and are completely separate.

Councillor Richard Bickford

Mayor of Saltash 2022-24

Meet Your Councillor

Councillor Rachel Bullock

Essa Ward



I became a member of Saltash Town Council after being co-opted for East Ward in February 2021. Following the May 2021 elections, I am now an elected Councillor for Essa Ward.

A bit about me: My family moved from Hemerdon, Devon to Saltash in 1977. I attended Longstone Infants, Saltash Junior School and Saltash Comprehensive. I have older twin sisters and one younger sister, all of which still reside in Saltash with their families.

I live near the Town Centre and share my home with my husband, two sons and our three cats.

I worked for Plymouth City Council Revenues and Finance for 17 years. Most of this was in customer facing roles in the Council Tax and Housing Benefits Department, which helped me appreciate the diverse range of people living around us. I am a friendly, empathetic, down to earth person who is always happy to help anyone. I left Plymouth City Council after taking voluntary redundancy and now spend my time carrying out voluntary work in the town.

I am a volunteer at Community Enterprises PL12 and enjoy baking cakes in the Community Kitchen for their cafe. It is a challenge which I love as I have to try and create cakes from donated food. The courgette cake and rhubarb and ginger loaf were a success with the customers. I love history, especially the history of this fantastic town; I am a member of the Saltash Heritage committee. I enjoy my time stewarding in the museum, teaching visitors all about our local history that we should be proud of.

During my time on the Council, I have become a member of many of the Sub Committees and working groups. I am currently the Chairman of the Station Property Sub Committee, and Vice Chairman of the Devolution Sub Committee.

The Town Council encourages Isambard House alongside other owned venues as a facility for hire, the Town Council for example are holding a Murder Mystery event, *I Haven't a Clue-do you?* on Friday 16th February 2024 at 19:00 at Isambard House, why not purchase a ticket and come along. More information on the Town Councils facilities for hire can be found by scanning the below QR code to visit the following weblink <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/facilitiesforhire.php>, or by contacting the Guildhall.

I am currently part of the working groups which aim to improve the Town Centre and Waterside connectivity, these are some exciting projects to be working on, further information on these projects are available on the Town Councils website, please scan the below QR code to visit <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/consultations.php> or contact the Guildhall.

In my spare time I enjoy walks in the country and days on the beach with the family, I also love running and have entered the Saltash Half Marathon again this year, the best half marathon in the country – in my opinion!

I am very passionate about our town, its history, its present and, most importantly, its future. It is an honour to serve this fantastic community.



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Town Council consultations.

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