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PRESS RELEASE

SALTASH BURSTS WITH CORNISH PRIDE FOR ST PIRAN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Celebrated each year on 5 March, St Piran's Day honours Saint Piran, the patron saint of Cornwall and a powerful symbol of Cornish identity, heritage and culture. Across Cornwall and beyond, communities mark the occasion with parades, music, traditional songs and gatherings that celebrate the county's rich history and strong sense of community.

For Saltash Town Council, the day began with a gathering of the Saltash community at 10:30am on Fore Street, where the Town Crier delivered a wonderful proclamation to mark the start of the celebrations, the Mayor's Chaplain delivered a beautiful prayer, and the Memory Box Choir, along with Dave the Music Man, sang some of Cornwall's most traditional songs, including 'Cornwall My Home'.

At 11:00am, residents gathered for the much-loved 'Walk to England and Back', beginning on Fore Street and crossing the Tamar Bridge before returning to Cornwall. During the walk, participants joined together in singing the Cornish anthem 'The Song of the Western Men', also known as Trelawny, creating a memorable moment of shared pride. A particularly symbolic highlight was the removal of the Mayor's chains at the Cornwall–England border, marking the historic connection between Cornwall and England. Photos were taken at the viewpoint next to the Tamar Crossings Visitor Centre, with a stunning backdrop of the bridge, Saltash, and the Cornish landscape.

The celebrations continued at 11:45am with a Community Celebration at the Cornish Cross, where residents gathered to wave flags, take pictures, and share in a very special moment: the planting of a Silver Birch tree in collaboration with the Saltash Environmental Action Group, creating a lasting symbol of the day and of the community's commitment to Cornwall's natural and cultural heritage.

Mayor Cllr Rachel Bullock said:

"It's truly inspiring to see our community come together to celebrate Cornwall's rich heritage and traditions. From the Town Crier's proclamations, the Memory Box Choir and Dave the Music Man singing beloved Cornish songs, to Revd Laura Bushell Hawke for her beautiful prayer, and witnessing the pride of our residents while taking part in the Walk to England and Back, today has been a wonderful celebration of unity, community spirit, and Cornish pride here in Saltash."

Memory Box Choir said:

"The Memory Box Choir goes from strength to strength with ever growing confidence, and it is always delighted to be a part of community events in Saltash with St Piran's Day being particularly special. Taking part in the towns celebrations was a joy and an honour. A lovely tribute to such an historic Day."

Beyond the Council's organised activities, the wider community in Saltash fully embraced St Piran's Day with a variety of events and celebrations taking place across the town. Community groups, organisations and local venues hosted their own activities, ensuring that everyone had the opportunity to take part in marking the special day alongside communities across Cornwall.

Saltash celebrated with a fantastic range of events, including a Cream Tea Morning at Oaklands Community Centre, Cups for Cornwall at the Saltash Town Council Library Hub, a quiz night and sing-along of Cornish songs at Ashtorre Rock, the traditional Trelawny Shout at 9pm, a St Piran's Day film night at Saltash Studios, and many more activities that brought the community together in celebration.

Saltash Town Council extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who took part, from local volunteers, Saltash Police, and the performers who made the day possible, to the cars who honked at us during our Walk to England and Back.

Here's to Cornish pride, tradition, and the continued spirit of togetherness that makes Saltash shine.

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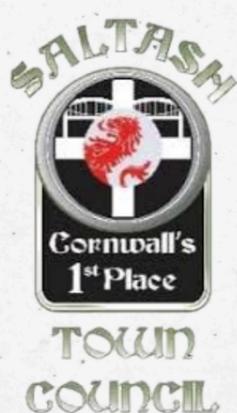
Notes To Editor

Saltash Town Council forms the third tier of local government and works with Cornwall Council who are our Unitary Authority. We are the largest Town Council in the south-east area of Cornwall.

The Town Council is committed to providing excellence in the Services and Facilities which it delivers. We aim to be responsive, accessible, and transparent in our approach and in the work delivered.

There are sixteen Councillors representing three Wards – Essa, Tamar and Trematon. Councillors are elected from the community every four years. Spaces are filled via by-elections, or by means of the Town Council choosing new Councillors via co-option.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman are elected by Members of the Town Council annually at the Annual Town Council meeting held in May. The Chairman also undertakes the role of Mayor representing the Town Council and community at official engagements, with their consort.



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