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PRESS RELEASE

ENHANCING COMMUNITY SPACE: SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL LIBRARY HUB UNDERGOES KEY IMPROVEMENTS

Saltash Library Hub will undergo some exciting internal work to update and improve the space for the community. Saltash Town Council is committed to accessibility and inclusivity, with the next stage of the library refurbishment providing facilities to improve the library experience for all users.

Following customer feedback, an accessible public toilet with baby-changing facilities is to be installed at the library. With the needs of the library users in mind, Saltash Town Council recognise that public conveniences are a benefit to all who use the library and would make a positive addition to the Library Hub offer.

Within the main library area, the central office block will be removed, creating an open and welcoming space. Removal of the office block will provide a more flexible and communal space for holding community events and activities. Community hubs are vital for bringing people together and the improvements to the building aim to increase engagement and time spent within the library. Upon fruition of the refurbishment works, modest refreshment facilities will be considered.

To ensure safety during construction, the library will close for several weeks and temporarily relocate to Saltash Wesley Methodist Church, where the library service will continue to provide books, click and collect reservations and signposting. During the refurbishment project, some of the library services will be reduced such as printing, photocopying and public PC's, however Saltash Town Council will be offering additional space for established library groups and activities to continue to run. Patrons of the library are valued, and Saltash Town Council supports the facilitation of groups to combat social isolation and promote well-being and creativity. Groups and activities will be held in one of the rooms at the Saltash Wesley Methodist Church, ensuring as little disruption to the library offer as possible.

A carefully selected collection of books will be available for browsing and borrowing at the temporary library; however, borrowers are encouraged to take advantage of the click and collect service which allows books across the whole of Cornwall to be ordered in. Friendly and experienced library staff will be available to assist with click and collect requests and any other enquiries.

Saltash Wesley Methodist Church is situated at the top of Saltash Fore Street and has a private car park at the rear of the building. There is additional on-street parking outside of the building and a small public car park opposite. The Church also benefits from good public transport links and central to Fore Street.

Inside the Saltash Wesley Methodist Church, there is a café, public conveniences and wheelchair access to the rooms. Current library opening hours will remain, avoiding as little disruption to the service as possible.

The Saltash Town Council Library Hub building will be closed to the public from Monday 30th March and reopen once building works have concluded.

The library service aims to reopen at the temporary relocation of the Saltash Wesley Methodist Church on Thursday 9th April. The refurbishment project will be ongoing for approximately 10-12 weeks and further updates on re-opening at the newly updated Library Hub building will be communicated through social media, the Saltash Town Council website and information boards.

Mayor of Saltash, Councillor Rachel Bullock, has said

“This final phase of the library will see it become a more spacious and user-friendly building with access to a public toilet. I look forward to seeing the completed works on this beautiful, historic building.”

Saltash Town Council Library Hub thanks all library users, visitors and stakeholders for their continued support and understanding and we look forward to welcoming you into the new space very soon

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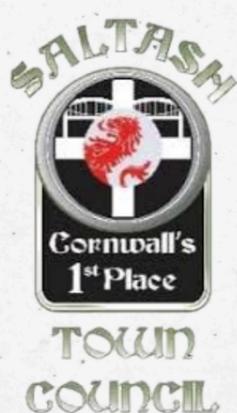
Notes To Editor

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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