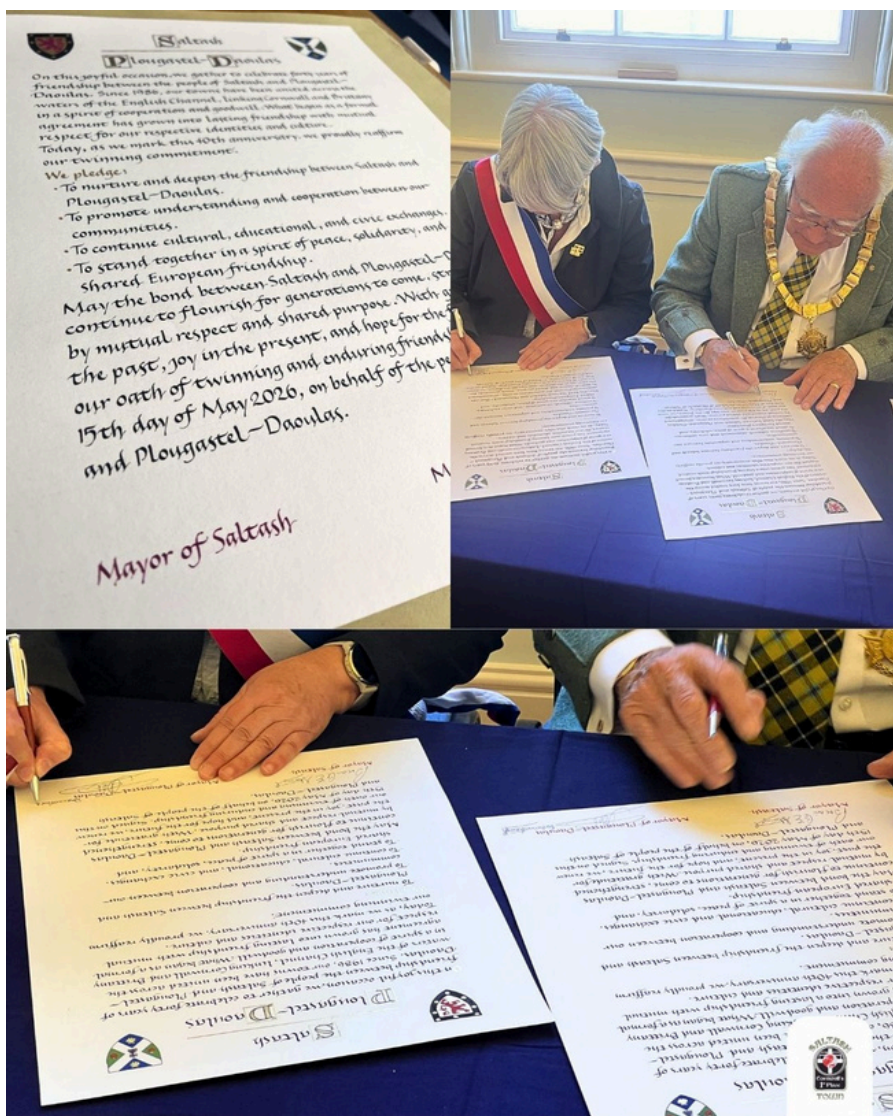


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PRESS RELEASE

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH TWINNED TOWN PLOUGASTEL-DAOULAS

Saltash Town Council is pleased to share that we recently renewed our Charter of Friendship with our twinned town, Plougastel-Daoulas, celebrating 40 years of connection.



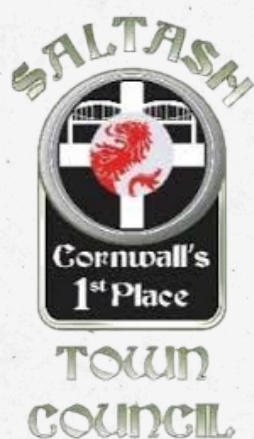
Plougastel-Daoulas, in Finistère, Brittany, has a population similar to Saltash and is situated just over the bridge from the city of Brest, a naval city with a university, much like its twinned city, Plymouth.

Over the past 40 years, the Saltash Twinning Association has strengthened Saltash's relationship with many Plougastel families, with both French and English groups making trips to visit each other once every other year, hosted by local families in each town.

As this year's visit from the First Deputy Mayor of Plougastel, Patricia Henaff, and accompanying representatives was particularly special, the occasion was marked with a dedicated event held at Saltash Guildhall on Friday 14 May 2026.

During the event, the Mayor of Saltash, Cllr Brian Stoyel, and First Deputy Mayor of Plougastel, Patricia Henaff, each signed a copy of the renewed charter, reaffirming our shared commitment and the strong cultural ties between our communities.

The twinning event was also attended by Mayoress, Maxine Stoyel, members of Saltash Town Council, Saltash Town Council's Town Clerk, Deputy Mayor Cllr Brenda Samuels, and Town Council staff member Stephen Blake, who kindly stepped in as Town Crier and delivered a fantastic cry to mark the occasion.

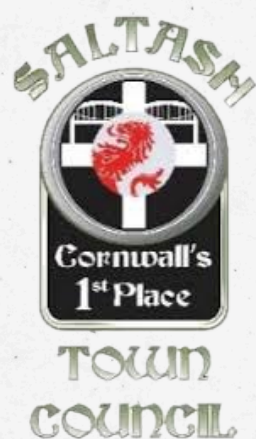


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As part of the celebration, gifts were exchanged between the Twinning Association, Saltash Town Council, and Plougastel. These gifts included the winning photograph from the Railway 200 competition by Stephen Evans, a beautifully handcrafted bowl from the Saltash Community Shed, and a commemorative book gifted by the Saltash-Plougastel Twinning Association.

The pairing of Cornish cream with Plougastel's delicious, locally grown strawberries was a highlight, enjoyed by all who attended the celebration.



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It was truly a collaborative effort between the Twinning Association, Plougastel, and Saltash Town Council to bring everyone together for this special occasion.

As we look ahead to many more years of friendship, Saltash Town Council remains committed to supporting town enrichment through cultural activity and community engagement.

Mayor Cllr Brian Stoyel says:

"Another very successful twinning weekend with the signing of a new pledge, cementing the intention of continuing for another forty years.

Family friendships abounded, fostering goodwill, culture and laughter across the water. Excursions were well received despite the expected typical English wet sunshine.

Dancing on the Saturday evening showed the need for a lot of practice in the coming years, but there was certainly much laughter and rhythm from some.

A glorious weekend, with happy memories, was had by all. Thank you to the organising team."

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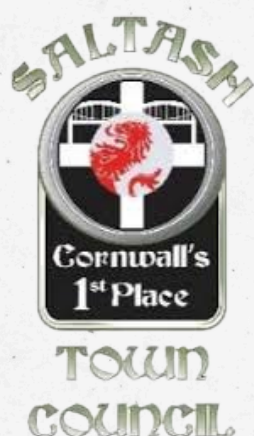
Notes To Editor

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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