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PRESS RELEASE

SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL SPONSORS BRUNEL PRIMARY AND NURSERY ACADEMY IN 2026 ST LUKE'S HOSPICE GUIDING LIGHTS ART TRAIL

Saltash Town Council is pleased to share that the children at Brunel Primary and Nursery Academy have completed the decoration of their "Little Light" sculpture, sponsored by the Town Council, as part of the St Luke's Guiding Lights Project.



This project holds special significance for Saltash Town Council, as the sponsorship is in memory of Grahame O'Donoghue, the Town Council's much-valued former Casual Caretaker. The lighthouse includes a special dedication to Grahame, with his name thoughtfully incorporated into the design in recognition of his memory and contribution to the community. His wife, Marjorie, was also closely involved in the project.

To see the full artwork and dedication, visitors are encouraged to visit the lighthouse at The Box during the Guiding Lights trail.



You can see Marjorie, Grahame's wife, in the photo above alongside the Town Council's Town Clerk, former Mayor Cllr Rachel Bullock, current Mayor Cllr Brian Stoyel, representatives from Brunel Primary and Nursery Academy, and two of the children who took part in the project. The group visited Brunel School to see the completed lighthouse before it was sent to its display location at The Box in Plymouth as part of the St Luke's Guiding Lights Project.

The sculpture forms part of the Little Lights schools project trail, which runs alongside the main Guiding Lights Art Trail. These unique sculptures will be displayed at The Box, Plymouth from 7 July until 13 September as part of an exclusive indoor trail.

St Luke's Guiding Lights Project aims to raise vital funds and increase awareness to support the expert end of life care St Luke's Hospice provides for patients and families across the region. The symbolism of the lighthouse reflects what St Luke's represents for patients and their loved ones—offering direction, reassurance, and support as they navigate times of uncertainty and profound difficulty.

Brunel Primary and Nursery Academy's sculpture was decorated by pupils with the support of local artist Jo Beer, who helped bring the artwork to life with a strong Saltash theme.



The design celebrates the town's rich heritage and includes recognisable landmarks such as the Celtic Cross, the two bridges, Mary Newman's Cottage and Isambard Kingdom Brunel. The Cornish phrase 'Degemer an Jydh' also appears on the lighthouse, translating as 'Seize the Day'. This reflects the school's motto and highlights the sense of aspiration and opportunity it encourages among its pupils.

Saltash Town Council's support of Brunel Primary and Nursery Academy's involvement highlights its dedication to community health and wellbeing, educational opportunities, and cultural activity.

The Town Council is delighted to see the incredible final piece and to hear that the pupils thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this meaningful project.

Cllr Rachel Bullock says:

"It has been a privilege for Saltash Town Council to support Brunel Primary and Nursery Academy in taking part in the St Luke's Guiding Lights Project. The finished lighthouse is a wonderful celebration of Saltash's heritage, creativity and community spirit, and the pupils should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved. What makes this project especially meaningful is that it has been sponsored in memory of Grahame O'Donoghue, whose contribution to the Town Council and the wider community is fondly remembered. Seeing his memory reflected so thoughtfully within the design makes this a truly special tribute."

Darren Woolner, Headteacher at Brunel Primary and Nursery Academy says:

"We are absolutely delighted to be part of the St Luke's Guiding Light Project and thank the Town Council for sponsoring our school. This inspiring initiative, which you can find more information about online, brings together schools, artists and the wider community to create a trail of beautifully designed lighthouse sculptures across the city of Plymouth."

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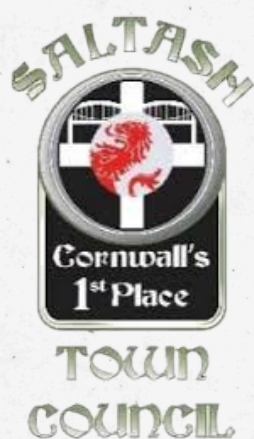
Notes To Editor

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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