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## Saltash Town Council Holds Annual Mayor Making Ceremony for 2026/27

Saltash Town Council is pleased to share that Mayor Cllr Brian Stoyel's appointment was formally celebrated at the traditional Mayor Making Ceremony on Friday 12 June 2026, with the newly elected Mayor being presented with the key to Saltash by the Town Clerk, after both signing the Book of Oaths.

This event followed the election of Mayor Cllr Brian Stoyel and Deputy Mayor Cllr Brenda Samuels for the 2026/27 municipal year at the Saltash Town Council Annual Meeting on 19 March 2026. The ceremony was held at the Guildhall, followed by a reception at Isambard House.

The Mayor was joined by Mayoress Maxine Stoyel, Deputy Mayor Cllr Brenda Samuels, Deputy Mayor's Consort Cllr Pete Samuels, fellow councillors, the Town Clerk, visiting Mayors, Rev'd Laura Bushell Hawke, the Mayor's Cadet, Town Crier Andrew Williams, and friends and family of the Mayor and Deputy.

After singing the National Anthem, the civic party and guests heard the invocation, delivered by the Mayor's Chaplain, Rev'd Laura Bushell Hawke.



Speeches followed from the Town Clerk, Former Mayor Cllr Rachel Bullock, Mayor Cllr Brian Stoyel, and Deputy Mayor Cllr Brenda Samuels. These thoughtful words showed care and dedication, particularly through the Mayor announcing his charity for 2026/27, Saltash Youth Network. The History of Mayor Making was also proudly shared by Town Crier Andrew Williams, emphasising the tradition and local importance of the ceremony.

Traditional Cornish songs 'Trelawny' and 'Cornwall, My Home' were sung, with musical accompaniment from the Burraton Boys. The ceremony also included the 13th century tradition of the Mayor, Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor's Consort throwing fruit and pennies from the Guildhall windows down to the children waiting below on Lower Fore Street.

Saltash Town Council would like to thank all the friends and family and members of the public who attended, and the Town Council looks forward to seeing what the Mayor and Deputy Mayor achieve over the Mayoral year.



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**My charity for 2026/27 is the Saltash Youth Network, which supports more than twenty diverse local youth organisations. My teaching and vocation have always centred on helping young people – not only with their schoolwork, but also in forming friendships, developing their skills and guiding them on their way in the world.**

**What a privilege and delight it is to have the opportunity of serving the residents of Saltash. I know it is going to be a busy year, memories of which will last with me and my family for years to come. With the help of community, we can certainly ensure Saltash will shine as a beacon at the Gateway to Cornwall.**

— Mayor Cllr Brian Stoyel

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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.