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## Saltash Town Council Sign Armed Forces Covenant Pledge at Armed Forces Day Event

Saltash Town Council was pleased to attend the Armed Forces Day Flag Raising Ceremony on Monday 22 June at Cornwall Council's Civic Office in Truro.

Mayor Cllr Brian Stoyel and Deputy Mayor Cllr Brenda Samuels represented the Town Council alongside representatives from across Cornwall, senior Royal Navy personnel and Armed Forces veterans. The ceremony was led by the Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall, Colonel Sir Edward Bolitho KCVO OBE, and included performance by the Military Wives Choir of Culdrose and St Mawgan.

On the day, Mayor Cllr Brian Stoyel also formally signed the Armed Forces Covenant pledge alongside Lieutenant Colonel John Porter. Through this pledge, Saltash Town Council commits to upholding the Covenant's key principles:



- No member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen.
- In some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate, especially for the injured or bereaved.



Saltash Town Council recognises the significant contribution made by serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families. In support of this, the Town Council will promote Armed Forces events and activities, support veterans and their families through fair and inclusive recruitment practices, encourage staff participation in the Reserves and cadet organisations, and continue to mark national occasions such as Armed Forces Day, Remembrance and the Poppy Appeal.

At a local level, the Town Council will continue to support Armed Forces charities, maintain and care for war memorials across the town, and work closely with organisations including the Royal British Legion and the Royal Naval Association.

The Chairman of Saltash Town Council, Mayor Cllr Brian Stoyel, is an Honorary Member of the Royal British Legion, reflecting the Town Council's ongoing connection with the Armed Forces community.

Saltash Town Council will continue to reflect the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant in its work and engagement with the community.

A video of the occasion was put together by Cornwall Council, which is available to watch online: [Watch Cornwall Council's Armed Forces Day Video](#)

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**It is a privilege to demonstrate Saltash Town Council's support for our Armed Forces community through signing the Armed Forces Covenant. We recognise the dedication and service given by so many, and are committed to ensuring they, alongside their families, are treated with fairness, respect and understanding within our community.**

**I am also proud, as an Honorary Member of the Royal British Legion, to support the continued work that honours and assists those who have served.**

— 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.