SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL
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PRESS RELEASE

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Saltash Christmas Lights Switch-On Event Returns for 2026

Saltash Town Council are hosting their annual Saltash Christmas Lights Switch-On Event on 13 November 2026, in partnership with Saltash Chamber of Commerce and Saltash Rotary Club.

Following a successful 2025 event, Saltash Town Council are pleased to announce that the Saltash Christmas Lights Switch-On Event will be returning on 13 November 2026, starting at 6.00pm. The official 'switch-on' moment will take place at around 6.30pm, outside Superdrug.

Last year's enhanced Christmas display was a highlight for many, filled with special moments shared by the community; from Santa, the Town Crier, and the Mayor taking part in the festive parade, to the appearance of the Golden Girl and Ice Queen, and the beautiful carols sung by local school groups.





Following a formal tender process, the Town Council secured a three-year contract in 2025, with qualified contractors to provide the lights, including design, supply, installation, maintenance, and removal. The total investment over the three-year period is £79,960.20, ensuring that Saltash continues to enjoy festive and seasonal lighting displays for various events, that are modern, sustainable, and designed to delight residents and visitors alike. This year, The Saltash Town Centre Festive Lighting, and Christmas Light Switch On event, have been made possible in part thanks to funding from Cornwall Council.

This year, the event will return with another vibrant display, a visit from Santa in his sleigh, a festive parade, school choir performances, late night shopping, special visitors and more. The popular Elf Hunt will also commence on the night, with many shops along Fore Street taking part in the fun. Once again, there will be prizes for the top winners of the Elf Hunt and treats for anyone taking part. Saltash Town Council would like to thank all those who have donated prizes for this year's event, who are mentioned on the dedicated event page linked below.

The 2026 lights switch-on event has been planned through the Saltash Town Council working group, helping to make the annual celebration a continued success. The group has worked closely with industry professionals, ensuring expert delivery and continued collaboration to make the event truly special.

Saltash Town Council’s investment in this event demonstrates its ongoing commitment to providing and supporting memorable cultural activities in the town that bring the community together, while encouraging attendees to support the local economy through shopping locally. With additional funding support from Cornwall Council, the event reflects the Town Council’s continued commitment to promoting Saltash as a vibrant and welcoming destination for residents and visitors alike.

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To find out more about the event, visit Saltash Town Council's dedicated Facebook event page.

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> **Saltash Town Council is proud to continue investing in events and activities that bring our community together and showcase everything that makes our town special. The Christmas Lights Switch-On is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our town, support our town centre and create lasting memories with family and friends.**
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> **This event would not be possible without the support of our partners and contributors, including Saltash Rotary Club, Saltash Chamber of Commerce, local schools, local businesses, Cornwall Council through its funding support, and all those working hard behind the scenes to bring the event to life.**
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> **I am delighted that this popular event will return soon and I look forward to seeing Saltash illuminated once again as we welcome the festive season.**
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> — Mayor Cllr Brian Stoyel

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Notes To Editor

Saltash Town Council forms the first 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.