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PRESS RELEASE

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Saltash Town Council Supports Design of New Information Boards at Churchtown Farm

Saltash Town Council has worked in partnership with Friends of Churchtown Farm and Cornwall Councillor Hilary Frank to redesign and reinstall brand new information boards at Churchtown Farm community nature reserve.

Churchtown Farm is a community reserve in Saltash, and is an important nature haven for both people and wildlife. It is owned by Antony Estate, with public access maintained in partnership with Saltash Town Council.

The land itself has a rich history of quarrying, farming and maritime activities, with extensive views over the River Lynher, Antony Passage, Forder Creek, the River Tamar, and beyond to Devonport and Plymouth. The Friends of Churchtown Farm group support the area through promoting its wildlife, heritage, and landscape through community events. The reserve is a popular location for dog walkers, photographers, bird watchers, and more, with its diverse habitats ranging from grassland and woodland to estuarine mudflats and disused quarries.

In October 2025, Cornwall Wildlife Trust ended their lease with Churchtown Farm. To help maintain this important area for public use, the Town Council formed a partnership with Churchtown Farm through Antony Estate in 2025.

This partnership involved the refurbishment of the information boards located around the site. Working alongside the Friends group, Freeman of Saltash, Bob Austin, and Cornwall Cllr Hilary Frank, Saltash Town Council's dedicated working group helped to facilitate the redesign of the information boards, recognising the partnership between Antony Estate, Saltash Town Council and Friends of Churchtown Farm.

The content of the information boards was strongly considered to ensure Churchtown Farm was well represented with regards to its history, and how visitors can make the most of the area. The final information boards advise visitors to be respectful of the space, to keep an eye out for particular wildlife and habitats, and to explore the farm in a way that suits them best - be it a circular route, an accessible path, or a more adventurous route across the fields and shoreline.



There are four new information boards positioned around Churchtown Farm; in place at the main entrance, railway bridge, Forder entrance and the cemetery entrance. The boards were installed by Dave Waters, a member of the Friends of Churchtown Farm committee.

Saltash Town Council would like to thank all those involved in making the project a success, and encourages members of the public to visit the farm and see all it has to offer.

The Friends of Churchtown Farm group hold regular walks, talks, and community events for those who would like to explore the reserve. On 4 November 2026, Mayor Cllr Brian Stoyel joined Antony Estate Manager William Trinnick, Bob Austin, and members of the public on the 'What's Happening on the Farm' walk to present the new information boards.





To find out more about Churchtown Farm, you can visit the Churchtown Farm Community Reserve website.

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Saltash Town Council is working in partnership with Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) and Antony Estate to organise community tree planting days at Churchtown Farm. This project is made possible with the support of a grant from The Tree Council and Network Rail's Community Tree Planting Fund.

If members of the public would like to get involved with the community tree planting day on Friday 4 December 2026, please reach out using the details below. Please be aware that there are only 20 spaces available.

Email: freya.pretty@saltash.gov.uk
Phone: 01752 844846

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Saltash Town Council is committed to investing in local green spaces that benefit both people and wildlife. The redesign of the nature reserve's information boards and the organisation of community tree planting events have helped to improve visitors' understanding and enjoyment of the site, while contributing to local biodiversity and environmental sustainability. This work directly supports the Town Council's strategic priorities of Health and Wellbeing, Climate Emergency, and Recreation and Leisure.

> **I personally would like to thank Saltash Town Council for all the support they are giving to Churchtown Farm, a community space for the people of Saltash to enjoy, may it long continue!**
>
> — Bob Austin, Freeman of Saltash and Chairman of the Friends of Churchtown Farm committee

> **Churchtown Farm is a treasured community space, enjoyed by residents and visitors alike for its wildlife, heritage and beautiful surroundings. These new information boards will help people learn more about the reserve and make the most of all it has to offer. My thanks go to everyone involved in this fantastic partnership project, which will benefit the community for years to come.**
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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.
