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Cornwall and Plymouth Vote to Increase Tamar Tolls

Cornwall and Plymouth City Councils have voted in favour of applying for a 15% increase in the Tamar tolls, which will see charges rise to £1.50 for TAG holders and £3 for drivers paying in cash. The vote in Cornwall was won by just two votes. It came at the end of a heated debate with pleas from councillors across the political spectrum for the increase to be denied. Councillors highlighted the ongoing financial burden on SE Cornwall residents, where tag holders are already paying around £3.5 million per year in tolls.

With 33 in favour and 12 against, the Plymouth City Council vote means that an application can be made to the Secretary of State for Transport for the increase. Against the political backdrop of the petition launched by SE Cornwall MP Sheryll Murray asking the government not to support the increase, however, Cornwall Council's Portfolio Holder for Transport Cllr. William-Pears amended the motion to include a delay of 55 days before submitting the application to give MPs time to make approaches to government for financial support.

Tamar Tolls Action Group's

Scott Slavin commented: "Whilst it remains disappointing, Cornwall's 38-36 vote is a significant step change in our favour, and in popular opinion. We take heart from this as it

means our campaign is gathering momentum, with the public and local politicians alike finally beginning to recognise that change is not only necessary, it is inevitable."

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Tamar Bridge

From the Mayor of Saltash

As spring begins to come along our Service Delivery team will be out and about ensuring the Town Council's managed areas are looking good and are well maintained. You may have seen recent pictures of works undertaken at Silver Street, Huntley Gardens and large areas of Pillmere. You can keep up to date with the team and other Town Council news, as well as valuable community information by following our Facebook page.

Sarah and I have been out and about a fair amount over the last month meeting more

Meet Your Councillor Cllr. Julia Peggs Deputy Mayor Tamar Ward

Well another Council year is coming to an end, I can't believe it's gone so quickly! As Deputy Mayor for the last two years, I've worked closely with the Mayor on such a lot of projects.

Trying to get funding is such a long process, but we have been successful in getting funding for ideas for redevelopment of Saltash Waterside, and connectivity from Fore St to Saltash Waterside. Also an application to encourage more people to shop in Fore St with food markets, greening planters, generally making it a more attractive place to visit.

Beryl bikes will be here soon, I might have to have a go, but never having ridden a bike I'll put the warning signs out before I attempt it!!!

We are waiting for the formal contract from Cornwall Council to obtain the lease for Victoria gardens. I'd like to thank the few hardy Volunteers who have turned up with me every Saturday morning, rain or shine through the winter, to litter pick and generally keep the gardens tidy. I look forward to seeing the volunteers return with better weather. If you would like to volunteer please contact:

j.peggs@saltash.gov.uk . We would be delighted to see you, no matter how great or small your contribution. The Queen Elizabeth rose garden is almost complete and will be officially unveiled when it looks a bit greener(and not just a few sticks in the ground) on May Fair Day (4th) I'd also like to thank Saltash Rotary club for their donation of some much

amazing people. It was a pleasure to both open the festival and attend the gala concert evening for the Music, Speech and Drama Festival held over two weeks and hosted at the Saltash Wesley Church. Congratulations to Phil Taylor and all his dedicated team in running another successful festival. Once again, the Town Council supported this event with funding from our Community Chest Fund. If you are involved with any voluntary group in the town, please look into it, we may just be able to help you get a new project off the ground.

I have a couple of dates for your diary. Firstly, Saltash Comedy, masterminded by Saltash resident David Chapple, are running a Comedy Night at Isambard House on Sunday 17th March. Profit from this show will go to the Mayor's Charities, and I am very grateful for their



support. If you like comedy, search for Saltash Comedy on Facebook where you will find more information.

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needed tools and Hi-Viz vests.

D-day 80 will soon be upon us, 6th June, and whilst Saltash itself didn't play a huge part, we did have many service personnel who lived in camps in Saltash go across the river to what's known now as Normandy way. 36,000 troops walked down that hill for what was to be the largest Naval, Air and Land operation in history. We will be lighting the beacon on Saltash Waterside along with the rest of the country and the commonwealth. We would like residents and traders to light lanterns and lights as a "Light of Peace"

If you're a knitter, crocheter, sewer please make some poppies to decorate Fore St and Victoria Gardens, especially if you're very creative, for the top of the post boxes or hanging baskets. The final details will be announced soon, but please get knitting!

We are so lucky to have such an amazing community spirit in our town and I feel very privileged to have met and worked alongside some amazing people who work so hard for our residents on a voluntary basis, for the young and elderly, those struggling and in need.

I have had such a busy and exciting year with too much to put in this article. However please continue to stop and have a chat, (my husband says it takes hours to go shopping now!).

Town Clock Ticking Again!

Saltash Town Council is pleased to announce that the town's Jubilee clock is now working and telling the time to everyone who visits Fore Street. The clock was installed to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Late Queen Elizabeth II in 2002. It will light up at midnight and midday for one minute and will be continuously lit between 4pm – 11pm each day. The Town Council have signed up to a service level agreement to ensure the ongoing maintenance of the important town asset.

Saltash Public Conveniences

Saltash Town Council have approved to sub-contract the cleaning, opening and closing of the town's public conveniences on a three-monthly rolling contract.

The use of the contractor will enable the existing Service Delivery Team to focus their attention to other duties, an example being grounds maintenance for areas that are the responsibility of the Town Council, including Churchtown and St Stephens cemetery and land at Pillmere Estate.

Longstone Park public conveniences will remain closed during the winter period as a result of vandalism to the site. All other facilities will be open 8.30am – 5.00pm during the winter period and 8.30am – 7.00pm during the summer period.

On Saturday the 30th March the Town Council are running a Trial Transport Day, where different transport types will be available in and around Saltash Waterside, this includes ferry services on the river. There will also be minibuses stretching further across Saltash, please make use of these too. The project is funded through the Community Levelling Up fund and we hope it will lead to some permanent solutions. Please come and take part, all the transport will be free, although we would like your opinion on preferred options that may be developed further. Please see elsewhere in the Observer and on social media

for details of routes and things to do on the day.

Elsewhere, in the Guildhall, we are putting the finishing touches on our first Business Plan. This might sound a bit strange for a council, but like all organisations, large and small, we need to plan our work and projects, ensuring they are efficiently resourced, achievable and match what the town wants. One of the main principles is to engage with the community and make adjustments as we deliver the plan. Don't worry, it won't mean big changes, but should mean that we do the things we do now, better.

Our annual call for

nominations for the Civic Awards is now out, with nominations closing on the 25th March. If you know an outstanding volunteer, please have a look there may be a category for you to nominate them in. Please see elsewhere in this paper for details, or visit the Town Council's website or Facebook page.

I'll be back with a roundup of the last 12 months in the next edition, until then I hope you all have a lovely Easter, and if you see Sarah or me around the town come and say hello.

*Councillor Richard Bickford
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Increase Grant Funding for Town Events

Saltash Town Council recognises that costs involved in running public events have increased significantly in recent years, and that they are a valued part of Saltash life. At the Full Town Council meeting held on 1st February 2024 the Town Council agreed to increase the Festival Fund limit to £2,500 per day up to a maximum of two days per event.

Mayor of Saltash, Councillor Richard Bickford welcomed the unanimous decision, saying "I am pleased that we are able to extend our support for large, free events in our town. I believe this shows considerable commitment and we hope that this helps to put them on a more secure financial footing". He further adds, "I would like to pay tribute to these events, which are predominantly run by a small core of dedicated

volunteers. I know they would value more help, so if you have some time to offer, please do get in touch."

Karen Lilley, Chair of Saltash Regatta reacted to the announcement "The Saltash Regatta committee are delighted to hear the announcement that Saltash Town Council has increased the amount allocated within the new budget to support applications for Saltash events.

With the prices increasing every year, it is becoming increasingly difficult to raise the funds needed to keep the events going. This increase will make a huge difference to help with the financial pressure of running events, like the Saltash Regatta. We have always had great support from Saltash Town Council and feel very grateful that they have made this change."

Hilary Frank, Committee Member of the Saltash Christmas Festival was delighted and said "Organising the Saltash May Fair and Christmas Festival is a logistical challenge, but the biggest headache for us as volunteers is getting finance for the events.

We try to keep expenditure down but each event still costs about £8,000 per day to deliver. Saltash Town Council has been hugely supportive in the past, allowing us to bid for a maximum of £1,500 per day. I am thrilled and relieved that the Town Council has recognised not just the spiralling costs but also the value of the festivals and the efforts of the volunteers by increasing the maximum we can bid for to £2,500 per day. This enhanced collaboration

goes a long way to helping ensure the success of the events, and we are truly grateful to the Town Council for their support."

The Town Council have two funding opportunities available, a Festivals Fund and Community Chest Fund, and in recent years the Festivals Fund has supported many popular events in the town, such as Saltash Regatta, May Fair, Christmas Festival and the Tincombe Tea Party.

For further information on grants awarded and available funding please refer to the following link <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/grants.php> or contact the Town Council.

If anyone would be interested in volunteering for either the Saltash Regatta or Saltash Christmas Festival please contact the Guildhall on 01752 844846 or email enquiries@saltash.gov.uk and your details will be forwarded to the volunteer committee.

Maximum Increase for Cornwall Council

Cornwall Council's portion of the Council Tax will rise by 4.99% for the second year in a row. This is the maximum increase allowed by central government without the need for a referendum, and comes as the Council struggles to make massive savings. It includes 2% for an Adult Social Care Precept to provide the money so desperately needed for adult social care services.

Cornwall Council's Deputy Leader, Cllr. David Harris, warned it was imperative that Cornwall Council received "fair and proper funding from central government" or else it would need to file a notice for bankruptcy in a couple of years' time.

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This equates to £11.42 per year which is just **22 pence per week**

for a typical Band D property.

The larger portion of your Council Tax is set by Cornwall Council, Devon and Cornwall Police, and Adult Social Care.

The Saltash Town Council portion of council tax is used to support the community in many ways. Here are just a few examples of how your Saltash portion of council tax money has been reinvested in the community during 2023-2024:

- £55,050 Commissioning of Professional Youth Work
- £25,000 Community Chest and Festival Funds
- £11,000 in support of Summerfields Play Park
- £4,000 for Saltash Youth Network
- Christmas Lighting Display
- Library Services
- The Guildhall Refurbishment
- Devolution of assets such as Victoria Gardens
- Street Furniture
- Public Conveniences
- Allotments
- Churchtown Cemetery
- St Stephens Churchyard
- Civic Events and Parades
- Tree Planting Initiatives
- Grounds Maintenance and Floral Displays

Funding Streams

The Town Council has been successful in securing various funding during the year 2023-2024. Funds have been received from Town Vitality (Working in partnership with Town Team) and Community Levelling Up to be able to start reinvesting into the community.

Business Plan

Saltash Town Council acknowledges the need for a business plan to cover the years 2024-2027. Part of the workings of the business plan is to understand the needs of the town and capture the key strategic priorities.

Strategic Priorities

The Town Council recently considered and approved six strategic priorities for the upcoming three years to ensure Saltash becomes an envied riverside town, being greener, more inclusive and prosperous in all aspects.

The six strategic priorities link to the Saltash Neighbourhood Development Plan and outline how the Town Council will continue to deliver quality services for the residents as well as people who work within and visit the town.



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Travel and Transport

To work with key stakeholders to support access to affordable, accessible and sustainable transport in Saltash and the rural and urban areas, and promote walking and cycling.



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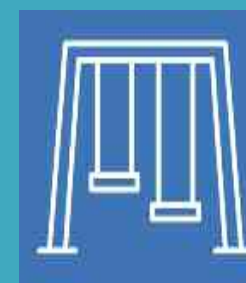
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Housing

To ensure Saltash has a balanced range of high quality and affordable housing by working in partnership with Cornwall Council.



Recreation and Leisure

To continue to provide, support and improve in Saltash, play parks, open green spaces, library service, leisure and sport facilities, and cultural activity, and to acknowledge our unique position on the Tamar and Lynher Rivers.

Sustainable Saltash

A regular column on changes Saltash residents are making to confront climate and ecological breakdown.

Have you received your new bins? According to www.cornwall.gov.uk, weekly food waste and fortnightly rubbish collection will help us waste less and recycle more. I wonder how much anybody really expects this to achieve apart from, hopefully, a small reduction in collection costs.

Isn't waste reduction (or, more problematically, proliferation!) something that happens further upstream? Mightn't this be another example of Central Government refusing to promote more meaningful shifts towards long-term sustainability by imposing restrictions at the source?

I am merely speculating. As I've mentioned in a previous column, true sustainability requires engagement in a far more open and constructive conversation regarding the issues affecting our lives as a

result of climate collapse than any of our politicians appear inclined to acknowledge. These will not be comfortable or easy conversations; we have things we need to discuss well beyond how frequently we may or may not have our bins emptied. We will need to listen as well as to talk, and spend as much if not more time defining our problems, rather than jumping straight into arguing how best to solve them.

Sounds scary? Or maybe exciting? I expect to enjoy coming together with fellow residents of Saltash as a concerned community a lot more than I expect to enjoy listening to any party-political electioneering that might be about to break out. Frankly, I have arrived at a point where I am pretty much disgusted with the lot of them, and anxious beyond measure that our highly adversarial political system is so poorly suited to handling our current situation. Fewer and fewer of the things we care most about are working properly. But simply

getting together for a decent chat, remembering just how much more we all have in common than makes us different? Yes. I believe that might provide a much-needed fresh start.

The coming together I am referring to is an inaugural Popular Assembly that will be taking place right here in Saltash, 'empowering everyday people to make collective decisions about the everyday issues that are most affecting us'. I wish I could tell you when and where it's scheduled to take place but that won't be decided until after this column has gone to press.

I'd also love to be able to tell you a whole lot more about what to expect, except that it seems likely that will depend on the particular interests of whoever chooses to turn up.

It might qualify as kind of a whacky invitation, but do please come and join in with an event that has yet to be scheduled but could potentially make a world of difference.

Readers can find out at least a little more by visiting <https://humanityproject.uk/>.

Elizabeth Gay

This column is a conversation starter for our whole community. If you have comments on the subject, ideas of your own or suggestions for future content, please do get in touch at sustainable.saltash@protonmail.com

Voice of Saltash Patients

Shocking is a much overused word in the world at the moment, however the lack of NHS dentists in Saltash and more widely in SE Cornwall is indeed a shocking situation for local patients. It is a shock for most people when they have to pay quite large sums of money for routine or urgent treatment. But what should not be forgotten is that they have already paid once for this treatment through taxes. It is not just shocking; it is a scandal.

The problem goes back many years, and is based in the "dental contract" which has not been reformed despite promises in the Government's 2010 manifesto. Now most dentists have stopped doing work for the NHS, so the local Integrated Care Board has not been able to spend its budget to pay for dental services. Our local Health Action Group suggested imaginative ways to create new services by using this unspent money on a mobile dental surgery. Now we have been told that this money has been taken away for other services.

We are not going to give up on this locally. We are presuming that there will be money in the local NHS budget in the new financial year, and we will put together new proposals. Interestingly, our ideas seem to be mirrored in the government's last-minute Dental Recovery Plan, which does make some more money available - if it can be spent! We are particularly keen to work with partners to support the young and the vulnerable who have not been seen by a dentist in recent years.

The Action Group is determined to improve Saltash patients' access to an NHS dentist. Please send us your own ideas, and ask your councillors and MP to back us openly. And

we look forward to your comments on our proposals. **One other thing....**as far as we know, there is no new investment planned in other NHS services in the town. Last year Bodmin got a multi-purpose Community Diagnostic Centre; St Austell is getting a £15 million new local surgical centre; Newquay is having a major modernisation of its X-Ray service; and now GP Hubs to provide additional appointments are being created just in eight towns, but mainly in the far west of Cornwall (Bodmin is nearest). This is another scandal, specifically disadvantaging Saltash. We now know of one Saltash patient recently discharged from Derriford, who, having been discharged home, was sent to Camborne Hospital (yes, Camborne) when they fell ill again after a few days. We have no short-term

beds in the town to deal with this common problem. This cannot go on. Please help us pursue a better service here. Contact us on patient.voice@icloud.com

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Chamber Chairman Peter Ryland Keeping us Updated

So many things have happened since my last report that I have difficulty in knowing where to start. First, the Town Team was successful in achieving some further funding, from the Accelerator Fund, which is enabling us to progress the ideas of street markets and seating areas in Fore Street. We will be consulting with Fore Street traders in March as to the more definitive proposals and, if there is general approval, we are hopeful that a trial will start in early summer. We have also applied for more funding in order to start the process of 'greening' Fore Street.

It has been customary that the Town Council arranges for the Christmas lights to be switched on at the Christmas Festival, which is always on the first Saturday of

December. This year, the first Saturday is the 7th December, which would mean that the lights will be on for less than three weeks. Chamber members asked me to write to

the Town Council asking if this could be changed, and I am pleased to report that the switching on of the lights will be on 15th November. The Chamber will now try and arrange a late-night opening of shops and some entertainment on that evening so put the date in your diary. The Chamber will still host the Festival on the 7th December featuring firm favourites including Santas on Bikes, Santa Fun Run and the Lantern Parade, subject to finding the funding.

Funding for events generally has also been under discussion last month. Although the Chamber runs only the Christmas Festival it became evident that the May Fair and the Regatta are also have difficulty finding sufficient funds each year, so we are looking at ways to fund for the future as it is obvious from the people attending that these events are well enjoyed by the community and there is a wish for them to continue.

There was some sadness that Community Enterprises (CEPL12) had to take the

decision to withdraw its Hopper Bus services. Since its inception, the Hopper has served the community well and had been the flagship of CEPL12 for many years, but following the resignation due to ill health of the Hopper director it was felt it was time to move on. We have organised a 'thank you' celebration to all those involved with the Hopper from when it was an idea in the mind of Colin Brown to the current day.

Although Chamber has been active in working behind the scenes, we have not had a formal meeting for the last couple of months as key members have been unavailable due to other commitments. We have continued to monitor events in and around Saltash and, in particular, the situation regarding the tolls on the Tamar Crossings. We submitted our views to the consultation late last year, but it was obvious that tolls had to rise in order that the Bridge could continue to subsidise

Richard Receives the Chain of Office

Saltash Funeral Director Richard Walter Parson, from Westcountry Funeral Service has taken the position of 'Chair' of the South West Division of the British Institute of Embalmers, 100 years since his Grandfather joined the Institute.



Photo: Richard wearing the chain of office

Richard received the chain of office at the AGM held in Taunton on 28th January 2024 and on doing so, paid tribute to his Grandfather, Walter Cyril Parson, who joined the institute which was established in 1927, and all of those gone before him that promote and value the benefits of formal training and qualification in caring for the deceased since those earliest days.

Richard began his training in 1987 gaining qualifications with both the National Association of Funeral Directors and the British Institute of Embalmers and continues to

value formal qualifications and training alongside practical experience, Richard said "the Parson family have been involved in the funeral profession for generations, as both Funeral Directors and Embalmers a fact of which I am very proud. I hope that I, like them continue to be an ambassador for our profession and continue to try and do my best, every day."

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Saltash Town Council Invites Residents to Thank the Town's Unsung Heroes

Saltash Town Council are inviting people to thank someone in the community by nominating them for a Saltash Civic Award. Nominations are open until Thursday 21st March 2024 in the following categories:

- Contribution to the community
- Youth achievement
- Lifetime achievement
- Youth group leader award
- Sporting achievement award
- Cultural contribution award

The awards recognise the significant contribution made by people active in different sectors of the community. A few examples include, giving exceptional and continued commitment to

the life of the community of Saltash over a considerable period of time, turning up week after week to coach children's sport, making a significant contribution to the cultural life of the town. Anyone who has made a difference can be nominated!

Mayor of Saltash, Councillor Richard Bickford said "Saltash has many residents who go the extra mile for others. During my Mayoral year, I have been fortunate to meet many who undertake volunteering throughout the town without any formal recognition. I encourage people to nominate anyone they feel has made a difference to the town of Saltash."

Nominations must be made on the nomination form which can be found on the Saltash Town Council website - <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/civic-awards.php> if anyone requires help in accessing the form or would like a paper copy please contact the Guildhall on enquiries@saltash.gov.uk or 01752 844846.

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Making Saltash Waterside Better Connected



People who live and work in Saltash are being asked for their views about how to improve the connections between Saltash Waterside, the town centre and destinations along the Tamar.

From **22nd March to 7th April**, Saltash Town Council will be consulting the public on the ideas developed so far and asking for the public to get involved.

This project is specifically looking at the feasibility of:

- Sustainable, innovative and traditional transport options linking the town centre to Saltash Waterside;
- Reintroducing water transport locally and along the River Tamar and beyond;
- Circular routes linking existing footpaths, cycle routes, railway and bus routes;
- Public realm and infrastructure improvements.

Cllr Richard Bickford Chairman of Saltash Town Council said; "We believe that making Saltash better connected could have real benefits for our community. Hopefully, it will attract more people to Saltash, help our local economy as well as allow people to use the town and enjoy Saltash Waterside in an easier, and more sustainable way, negating our notoriously steep hills."

"We are asking for the opinions of those who live in, work in and visit Saltash. How do you think Saltash Waterside could be better connected to the town centre? What would encourage you to visit Saltash Waterside more? We would like to hear from all, giving a cross section of views, to help us shape ideas that will really benefit our community."

30 March 2024 Free transport trips

The Town Council is running a 'public transport trial' on 30th March offering free rides on a land train and minibus from the town centre down to the waterside and back, free ferry rides across to Royal William Yard and St Budeaux and an opportunity to ride a tuk tuk or an electric bike.

Come and try them out and let us know what you think.

Plymouth Boat Trips

- Saltash Waterside to Royal William Yard and return
- 25/30 minute journey each way
- 10:00 - First trip leaves Saltash
- Running until 4pm (leaves RWY at 3.15pm)

Silverline Cruises

- Saltash Waterside to Tamar River Sailing Club
- Starts at 10am from Saltash
- Shuttle service on demand until 4pm
- Approx. 5-10 minute journey each way

Looe Land Train

- Start and finish at Saltash Waterside with stops including bottom of Fore Street bus stop, top of Fore Street bus stop (on downhill side), and Old Ferry Road
- 10am to 4pm, approximately every 30 minutes

Tuk Tuk

- Take a trip in a Tuk Tuk between the waterside and the town centre.

Saltash Red Bus

- 2 routes - outer route and inner route
- Outer route leaving Waterside to stops including China Fleet, Pillmere, Latchbrook and back
- Inner route leaving Waterside to Fore Street via Albert Road and back
- Running 9am- 5pm at regular intervals

Beryl Bikes (electric bikes) will also be available to try out.

- All trips are free and offered on a first come first served basis.
- All activities are weather dependent.
- More detailed timetable at www.saltash.gov.uk from 22 March



Drop-in public exhibition



- Easter Saturday 30th March
- 10am - 4pm
- Ashtorre Rock, Old Ferry Road, Saltash Waterside, PL12 4GT

Come along and see the ideas so far, have a chat to members of the team and most importantly let us know what you think.



Other activities

- Take part in the Easter Egg Hunt and look out for the Easter Bunny
- Guided heritage walks leaving from Ashtorre Rock at 12 noon and 2pm. Check for details on the day.
- Elliott's Museum open 10am-2pm, Mary Newman's Cottage and Heritage Museum open 10am to 4pm
- Isambard House @ Saltash Train Station - Craft Fair and refreshments in partnership with CEPL12.

How to have your say...

- On the day, come and have a look at the consultation exhibition and drop off your surveys at **Ashtorre Rock**, Old Ferry Road, PL12 4GT
- Have a look at the proposals online and have your say at www.saltash.gov.uk
- From 22nd March - 7 April, pop along to **Saltash Town Council Library Hub** and the **Community Kitchen at 8 Fore Street** (CEPL12) to view the proposals



Saltash Town Council has secured funding for this feasibility study for the Saltash Town, Waterside and River Links Connectivity Project. The funding was awarded through Cornwall Council, from the Government's Community Levelling up Programme and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.



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