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The full impacts of coronavirus and lockdown are starting to become increasingly clear, and many organisations are struggling financially. Saltash Leisure Centre, along with many other leisure centres in Cornwall, has not yet reopened. A not-for-profit organisation called GLL has a contract to operate the leisure centres owned by Cornwall Council, which includes our Saltash Leisure Centre. GLL operates many leisure centres across the UK, but the loss of income caused by lockdown combined with the cost of changes needed to reopen them have resulted in a loss for GLL in Cornwall alone of around £5 million. As a social enterprise, GLL has not qualified for any government financial support. Cornwall Council has joined local authorities across the South West to lobby the government to provide funding to safeguard the future of this vital service, but so far government has not shown

willing to provide any funding. GLL has also asked Cornwall Council for financial help but the impact of Covid means the Council already needs to find an extra £20 million of savings in the next year. Cornwall Council's Cabinet confirmed in September that they are looking in to ways to support GLL, and their priority is to get the closed centres reopened as soon as possible.

The Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Joint Committee finds itself in a similar financial position. In this case, income loss has come from a massive fall in traffic which went as low as 80% below normal levels at one stage, and is still 10-20% below what would be expected at this time of year. Tolls were suspended over lockdown in accordance with government guidance and to support key workers using the Bridge and Ferry as well as staff at the Crossings. The loss of income from suspending tolls accounts for a small proportion of the



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total loss of income as it coincided with the lowest traffic volumes. The continuingly low traffic volume is a major concern, with no guarantee that it will ever recover. It seems that the increase in working from home and possibly a shrinking economy has cut the number of commuters, which is having a detrimental effect on the income for the two crossings.

As the Joint Chair of the Committee I have been calling for funding from the government since the start of the lockdown. Most recently, we have applied to a national scheme where the government is offering to replace local authorities' lost income. Government has not given us confirmation that the Bridge

and Ferry qualify for this scheme, but I believe they should as they are owned solely by Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Council. It is unclear how much funding would be available, but it is possible that it will be enough to prevent an increase in the tolls.

Councillors were asked to look at this financial problem at the start of September. The law requires the crossings to be funded by users and not the general public, and although emergency loans might be available from Cornwall Council and Plymouth City Council the crossings are required by law to cover their own costs and pay back any loans. Cost savings have already been made, so the only

option for further savings would be to further reduce the ferry service in Torpoint. This option was also debated, but every councillor in the meeting agreed that this was not the right thing to do: the savings from this would be too small to solve the financial problem, it would have a massive impact on the town of Torpoint, and a loss of the overnight ferry, for example, would have huge implications for the emergency services for the whole of the Rame Peninsula.

The Committee had two other options, both of which involved increasing tolls. One option was start the process for a 20% increase in tolls, and hope that funding from central government arrives before the process is complete. The other was to wait and hope that funding arrives before having no option but to increase tolls by 40%. The committee narrowly chose the first of these options. Personally I think this was the least worst option, as if enough funding comes from the government the increase can be stopped or possibly reversed, and if there is no funding from central government then we will at least have avoided a bigger increase.

I am genuinely interested to hear what people think about this, I've been studying the problem for months and I can honestly say that the options above were the only ones available. Would you have chosen one of the other options or agree with what we did?

My email address is sam.tamlin@cornwallcouncilors.org.uk, I doubt I will be able to reply to every email but I would like to have your views.

Major Study of Saltash Waterfront Begins



Saltash Town Council have appointed consultants, the John Grimes Partnership to carry out a study of the Saltash waterfront areas for the Saltash Coastal Communities Team. The Saltash Coastal Communities Team, is made up of volunteers from local businesses, organisations and members of the public, as well as Town and Cornwall councillors.

The team won a bid for £50,000 from the Government's Coastal Revival Fund to carry out a design feasibility study for public realm and flood protection improvements to the area.

Areas of Saltash suffer from significant flooding during Spring Tides, and these are predicted to get considerably worse over the coming years, and some form of barrier could provide protection from these increasing predictable events as well as from weather related tidal surges that may occur. Town Councillor, Richard Bickford who chairs the Saltash Coastal Communities Team, said 'The John Grimes Partnership were chosen following a formal tender process which included interviews. Their bid was impressive and they clearly showed they understood the issues and area.'

He added 'I hope this will form the basis for much larger funding bids to carry out the vital protection work, as well as making some carefully chosen improvements to the public realm areas to enhance the appeal and experience for residents and visitors alike. A public consultation to illustrate potential design options is planned for the autumn, however Covid restrictions mean we may need to take a different approach to engaging with people. This means it is important that everyone in the town is aware of what is going on and what we are planning to do so that they can spread the word now and keep an eye open for further details.'

Tom White, from the John Grimes Partnership added 'We are delighted to be appointed for the study, and look forward to working with the CCT and wider community to bring forward a plan to protect and improve this beautiful area over the coming years'.

COVID 19 has Not Gone Away! New Rules to Keep Us Safe...

As the number of Coronavirus cases starts rising again in England and Cornwall, limits on the number of people you can see socially have changed. When meeting friends and family you do not live with (or have formed a support bubble with) you must not meet in a group of more than 6, indoors or outdoors. This is against the law and the police will have the powers to enforce these legal limits, including to issue fines of £200.

These limits do not apply in workplaces or childcare and education settings, and Covid-secure venues such as restaurants can still host larger numbers in total, but groups of up to 6 must not mix or form larger groups.

Rachel Wigglesworth, Cornwall Council's Director of Public Health, said: "It's important to say that the vast majority of people in Cornwall have been keeping up with social distancing rules, and this is evident in the low number of cases that we have here currently. But Coronavirus hasn't gone away." Indeed, the number of cases is continuing to rise in Cornwall: in the week leading to 2nd September there were 5 new cases in Cornwall, but in the week leading to 23rd September this figure had risen to 83.

Rachel went on to say: "Please remember when meeting in groups of six to still maintain social distancing, don't hug anyone outside your immediate household or support bubble. Wash your hands often, limit how many people you see over a short period of time and if meeting indoors try to keep the room ventilated by opening doors and windows."

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From the Mayor of Saltash

As I write this column, the news of an increasing Coronavirus infection rate and the possibility of a further lockdown is making for gloomy headlines.

I am sure that most of us, myself included, never thought that having gone through the lockdown in March, we would still be facing the now almost inevitable cancellation of events that were scheduled well into 2021.

Of particular regret is the almost certain fact that there will be no traditional Remembrance Day Parade in November. Only a few short weeks ago, we at Saltash Town Council, were looking at ways that we could hold some sort of Remembrance Parade and/or Service, but with the current restriction now down to groups of six being allowed to meet, those plans are all but unachievable.

The Town Council are determined, however, that we will pay our respects to those brave men and women who gave their lives for the freedoms we have enjoyed during our lifetimes. Remembrance Sunday will be commemorated, but perhaps in a less conventional way.



Looking a little further ahead, there are also plans being made for the Christmas period and what can be achieved whilst working within the likely restrictions applicable during the Festive Season. I did think twice about using the word festive, but I can tell you that your Town Councillors are working on some exciting ideas which will make this Christmas memorable, but for all the right reasons.

Another thing to look forward to, when the time is right, is the official re-opening of the Station building, the work on which is now all but complete. Many of you will have seen the exterior of the building, magnificently restored, but I can tell you that having visited a couple of times recently, the interior is also

looking rather splendid with clean simple lines that will make the building very welcoming to any weary traveller.

A great deal of thanks for restoration of the Station building, is due to Cllr Richard Bickford, who with his Station Sub Committee, have not only overseen the progression of the project, they have also secured multiple grants and funds to pay for the restoration, therefore the Town now has a wonderful asset at a minimum cost.

The first of my two 'official' visits to the Station was to welcome the Transport Portfolio Holder for Cornwall, Geoff Brown, who has been of great assistance in helping Saltash Town Council to achieve the restoration of the building, the second visit was to welcome our local MP Sheryll Murray, who left extremely impressed by what she saw. It

was a great pleasure to welcome both visitors in my role as Mayor.

Some other good news at the time of writing, is that the Guildhall has reopened, but with limited hours and services to adapt to Covid-19 regulations, the Library also is currently operating a limited

service. Please see the Town Council website for more information.

I sign off for now, in the hope that you and yours stay safe, but with a request that everyone obeys whatever restrictions are in place, so that the infection rate is kept as low as possible, which in turn will enable all to

live the nearest possible to normality in the coming months. We all have a part to play in beating this virus, but you will probably never know what a simple act of putting on a face mask might achieve as part of the bigger picture.

*Kind Regards, Pete Samuels,
Mayor of Saltash*



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Fore Street Bench Repairs



*Gold and Black
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scheme*

The Saltash Town Council Service Department are now continuing with the Fore Street bench repairs and refurbishments. This started in the weeks before Covid 19 lockdown and one bench was completed at the top of town which shows the new treatment and colour scheme. Unfortunately, this programme of refurbishment had to be suspended during lockdown.

We are now in a continuous loop of removing 2/3 benches at a time for repair in the service department workshop where we are replacing and painting all the wooden slats with our new colour scheme and removing rust and re-painting the metal end frames.

Christmas Lights

Due to the current situation Saltash Town Council will unfortunately not be holding an official Christmas Light Switch on event this year but instead Saltash Town Council Members agreed a bright Fore Street with Christmas Lights across many Council sites would add as a morale booster for residents and visitors after what has been a difficult year for us all.

Following the meeting of the Christmas Lights and Town Events Sub-Committee held on 16th September 2020 it was agreed by Members that the switch on of the lights would go ahead late afternoon of Friday 13th November 2020 with residents and visitors of Fore Street being able to view the lights in the early evening.

Local businesses may also consider late night opening on this day providing additional services to those visiting to view the lights.

In addition, Saltash Town Council are to join residents and local businesses decorating the Guildhall windows as part of the Window Wanderland Festival which anyone can get involved with by simply registering at:

<https://www.windowwanderland.com/event/saltash-cornwall-2020/>

Saltash Town Council are greatly disappointed that celebrations have required to be scaled back this Christmas but know that together with local businesses we can still offer residents and visitors of our high street a fantastic local and warm welcome.

Community Chest

At a recent meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee Saltash Town Councillors approved the following Community Chest applications.

Coombe Woods Regeneration Project was awarded £600.00 for producing and printing Map Boards to be placed in strategic places in Coombe Woods.

Saltash Rugby Club were awarded £1000.00 to refurbish its changing rooms.

Saltash Town Council have awarded a grant of £1000 from the Community Chest to the Saltash 1941 Blitz Committee to go toward the commemorations in April 2021 to mark the 80th anniversary of the Saltash blitz.

Saltash Town Council would like to thank to voluntary workers involved for their consistent hard work.

Saltash groups and organisations are welcome to apply for both Community Chest and Festival Fund monies. For more information and application forms please look at the Saltash Town Council website:

<https://www.saltash.gov.uk/forms.php>

Supporting Local Organisations

Over a number of years, Saltash Town Council have annually appointed Councillors as representatives to various outside organisations.

A recent meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee took the decision to cease making these appointments, instead allowing Members of the Council to join in their own right, if they wish to do so.

It was acknowledged that there are many more organisations within the wider community that have not had a formal representative appointed in the past.

We feel therefore that we can give better service and cover a wider network of organisations by not appointing Councillors to specific groups, but instead to give all a chance to request our assistance when required.

If your organisation needs our help, please contact us via email at: enquiries@saltash.gov.uk

Meet Your Councillor

**Councillor Sheila Lennox-Boyd
South Ward Saltash**

After forty years in the hospitality trade while running a number of successful businesses in and around Saltash, Sheila Lennox-Boyd decided to further involve herself in her community by standing for Council. She was already involved in the local sporting scene as President of Saltash United football club and a patron of the rugby club in Saltash. Having been elected a Cornwall Councillor in 2017 she decided that it would be helpful for a local councillor to serve on both Cornwall and Saltash Town Council so successfully stood for South ward later that year.

As a former local business person and employer she is especially keen to see Saltash and Cornwall work together with a sound vision for the future of Saltash. She sees the Town teams on which she serves as having potential to see the Town emerge post COVID, regenerated and more prosperous, presenting a united front she sees opening up revenue sources to achieve this.

Sheila also serves on the library sub committee, while holding a monthly surgery there she has become increasingly aware of its popularity and potential as a community asset following proposed refurbishment.

Living in the Saltash countryside along side a public footpath Sheila, during lockdown, was made aware of the value of our rights of way for physical and mental wellbeing especially giving climate change concerns. She is now walking all local footpaths and is anxious to ensure they are assessable and properly publicised.

Sheila can be contacted via Saltash Town Council website www.saltash.gov.uk



Chamber Chairman Peter Ryland - Keeping us Updated...

In this article, I would like to open the opportunity to any employer in Saltash or the surrounding area to take part in the Government's Kickstart Scheme. Under this initiative, the government will fully subsidise, for 6 months, the costs of employing young people aged between 16 and 24 who are at risk of long-term unemployment. The employers will receive funding for 100% of the National Minimum Wage for 25 hours a week along with N.I. and pension contributions. Obviously, it is hoped that these young people will then continue in employment.

The Kickstart scheme is only open to those who can create employment for 30 or more young people, but the Chamber is prepared to co-ordinate a grouping so that smaller employers who may only be able to take on one or two employees can also take advantage of this initiative. Kickstart is due to start in November, but if you are interested then please contact me at: peter@hilllane.co.uk. To the Chamber this seems a good opportunity, and I hope that employers also recognise the chance that it can provide. Obviously, to proceed will be dependant on numbers and Government approval, but you don't know unless you ask.

I have talked with several businesses on the industrial estates over the last month, and most are positive about the future as long as there is not another Covid lockdown. However the "Brexit" word has risen again in conversations, and for many the trade deal with the EU is a critical factor. Hopefully we will know in the next month or so the nature of the deal and how it will affect the various sectors of the business community.

As part of the town centre regeneration initiative, I was in an online meeting with Councillor Tim Dwelly from Penzance, who gave us an insight into how that town has secured funding for various projects. I hope this will give us food for thought as to what we need to do in Saltash.

I mentioned in my July article that, with my Community Enterprises hat on, we are refurbishing the offices at Belle Vue Road for Citizens Advice. This work has now been completed and I would like to thank local building contractor, Shaun Libby, for all his efforts along with local electrician, Andy Booth. We also purchased the floor tiles locally at Spectrum Floor-site Ltd. It was good to be able to support local business in this way.

Finally on a sad note: our sympathies go out to Bill Cotton, who was my predecessor as Chairman of the Chamber, on the passing of his wife, Val. It was heart-warming to see how many people turned out in Fore Street to see her funeral procession and show their support for the family.

Sandcastle Winners Announced



Saltash children were able to enjoy seaside fun without having to travel thanks to the community stepping forward to raise funds and bring 27 tonnes of sand from Padstow to the slip alongside Ashtorre Rock.

Saltash Scrapstore ran a competition encouraging families to upload a photo of their sandy creation to their Facebook page. Scrapstore have announced that the winners are Sofia, Sienna and Harvey, who all worked as a team to create as many sandcastles as they could. They all win prizes donated by Truly Scrumptious Sweet Shop. Martha, who has supported the beach on a regular basis, also wins a prize of 4 tickets to Lappa Valley, kindly donated by Julia Peggs.

Heritage Team Busy Planning Museum's Re-Opening

Although the Saltash Heritage Museum remains closed, together with almost all other smaller museums in the country, the Heritage committee has remained busy answering queries, carrying out research, and planning for future exhibitions from the vast collection of artifacts.

The museum was almost set to open this Spring featuring an exhibition to coincide with VE and VJ 75th anniversaries "War and Peace - the 1940's". It has been decided to hold this over until next year when it will mark the 80th anniversary of the devastating blitz upon Saltash.

The Heritage committee remains active and recently held a socially distanced discussion in the Treasurer's garden to consider how to

promote the town's history in the age of Covid. The possibility of opening the museum to pre-booked visitors later this year, with full precautions in effect, was considered and the Heritage website will give updates on this.

The Local History Centre, with its vast wealth of documents, maps, pictures and photographs, may also be opened to pre-booked visitors, subject to restrictions. Indeed Terry Cummings, the archivist, has probably been busier than before lockdown dealing with enquiries from all over the world, largely from those with local connections seeking to add to their information on family history. The team has also been transcribing leases dating back to the 18th century and transferring over 21,000 records to the database. It should be easier than ever to access information on the rich heritage of Saltash and the rural surroundings once all is fully re-opened.

This year's Grand Family History Day has been moved to June 2021, and the eager team is anxious to ensure that its permanent and temporary exhibitions are better than ever when open to one and all. Saltash Heritage are looking forward to their future with confidence and enthusiasm.

Police Close Down Flats

Two houses in Tamar Street on the Waterside have been closed and residents removed following complaints from neighbours of continual noise and anti-social behaviour.

The Police, in conjunction with Cornwall Housing, obtained closure orders on the two properties during the Summer. Local residents have been informed and asked to tell the Police of any further anti-social behaviour or criminal damage.

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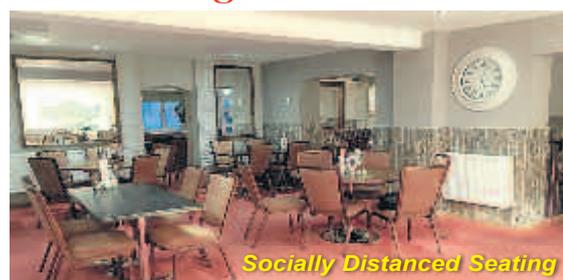
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Climate Emergency Funding

Community groups with ideas for projects to help tackle the climate emergency can apply for match funding from Cornwall Council, which has joined forces with Crowdfunder to help residents get their plans off the ground.

There are three types of funding available: the Carbon Neutral Cornwall Fund; the Town and Parish Council and Community Fund, and the Forest for Cornwall Community Fund.

The Carbon Neutral Cornwall Fund provides funding for ideas that are helping tackle climate change through activities such as reducing carbon production or removing carbon from the atmosphere. Groups can apply for a grant to match fund between 20% and 40% of costs up to a maximum of £4,000.

The Town and Parish Council and Community Fund is for places that are developing plans as part of their climate emergency response. The match-funded grant will be 50% of costs (up to £2,000) to develop a carbon inventory, action plan or feasibility study.

The Forest for Cornwall Community Fund aims to support community-based projects that help to increase canopy cover in Cornwall and contribute to the 8,000-hectare Forest for Cornwall. Once the applicant has raised 10% of the total project target, Cornwall Council will pledge £5,000 or 75% of the target, whichever is the lower.

Cornwall Council is looking forward to seeing applications and working on tackling the climate emergency together. The funds are available through the Crowdfunder website, or contact one of the four Saltash Cornwall Councillors.

Saltash Leisure Centre

In April 2017, a social enterprise called GLL was awarded a 25-year contract to manage the 14 leisure centres owned by Cornwall Council. This includes Saltash Leisure Centre. As Covid-19 hit, all leisure centres had to close and GLL's income reduced significantly overnight - it is now facing a financial loss of around £6m.

As a charitable social enterprise, GLL has not qualified for direct government financial support, although government has funded leisure centres in other parts of the country where they are managed by a local authority. Whitehall has given Cornwall Council emergency funding to mitigate the effects of Covid 19, but this sum already falls far short of the amount Cornwall has spent on the services it has been delivering directly to support and protect residents during this public health crisis. Both GLL and Cornwall Council have been lobbying central government for funding for GLL to ensure the contract can remain sustainable.

GLL has received indirect financial support from central government in the form of the staff furlough scheme, which has provided a safety net for the 900 staff employed by GLL in Cornwall. The furlough scheme is due to end in October, however, and on this basis GLL staff are now being made aware that there is a risk they will be made redundant unless a funding solution is found.

At present only 8 of the 14 Leisure Centres managed by GLL in Cornwall have been able to reopen. Saltash Leisure Centre remains closed. Generations of children have learned to swim there, and it plays a vital role at the heart of our community, promoting good health and providing employment, so Cornwall Councillors and officers have been working hard with GLL to figure out a solution that will be acceptable to all. The situation is complex, though, as the impact of Covid means that Cornwall Council is already looking to make an extra £20 million of cuts to the services it provides in order to balance its budget.

Reopening all the closed GLL Leisure Centres across Cornwall remains the top priority for GLL and Cornwall Council, and we are confident this can be achieved. Saltash Leisure Centre made a loss in 2019, though, and 36% of members in Cornwall have cancelled their GLL membership since March. The harsh reality is that without funding from central government certain services in Saltash Leisure Centre may not be able to start up again in the near future.

Planning for the Future

The government has published a consultation document called 'Planning for the Future' that outlines proposals for new laws designed to 'modernise the planning process, improve the system of developer contributions to infrastructure, and ensure more land is available for development'.

Designed to help developers across the UK "build more homes, more quickly", the government wants to help small and medium-sized builders in these difficult times. While this is a good aim, Cornwall Council is worried that the proposed formula for the number of new houses would require an extra 12,500 houses to be built in Cornwall over the next ten years. That's in addition to the current requirement, so the total requirement would be 4,000 new houses across Cornwall every year.

Cornwall Council is also concerned that affordable home provision could fall significantly under the proposed new rules. Currently, developers need to provide a contribution to affordable housing whenever more than 10 houses are built on a site. The government's consultation document proposes raising this threshold to 40 or 50 houses, a change which could mean a loss of around 300 affordable homes per year for Cornwall's residents.

Like many places in the UK, Cornwall has thousands of homes with planning permission which have not been built. The consultation document makes no mention, however, of giving local authorities the powers to build the infrastructure that is needed to unlock these sites.

While supporting the aims of the document, Cornwall Council is calling on Government to: review the new housing formula; abandon the proposals to raise the affordable housing threshold; give Cornwall Council the powers and funding to enable it to build the infrastructure that is needed to unlock sites that already have planning permission; and focus on delivering net carbon zero new homes.

What are your views? You can read and respond to the consultation at the government's website at www.gov.uk. The deadline for responses is 29th October. If you respond via email, please copy in Cornwall Council to help us get a better understanding of how Cornwall's residents feel: haveyoursay@cornwall.gov.uk

Community Safety

Safer Cornwall is a virtual partnership of public, voluntary, school and community organisations who come together to do all they can to reduce crime and disorder to try and make Cornwall's communities safer. The responsible authorities include Cornwall Council, Devon and Cornwall Police, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service, and NHS Kernow.

There are 10 'safer towns' in Cornwall. Safer Saltash has been meeting on a 6-weekly basis since 2018, but from March this year the meetings moved online and the frequency increased to once every two weeks to ensure the partnership received regular dynamic intelligence and updates about the rapidly changing nature of crime and risk across Saltash in these Covid times.

The initial focus in March was on supporting vulnerable families during lockdown. Later, a multi-agency approach was put in place to address issues with large groups of young people beginning to congregate in key areas as well as to address specific Anti-Social Behaviour problems.

Councillor Hilary Frank, who has been a member of Safer Saltash since its first meeting, says: "The relationships that have been built within the Safer Saltash partnership have meant we've been able to coordinate action to increase community resilience. But we can only act where we have information, so please do use one of the information channels below to make reports. Or get in contact with one of the Cornwall Councillors."

Report Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour covers a wide range of acts that include verbal abuse, vandalism, joyriding, criminal damage, throwing missiles, underage drinking or engaging in threatening behaviour.

Ring: 101 (Police, non-urgent crime number)

Ring: 0800 555 111 (Crimestoppers)

Ring: 0300 1234 232 (Cornwall Council ASB Team)

Report noise nuisance

Neighbour noise, such as loud music or barking dogs can constitute a statutory nuisance if it causes an unreasonable interference to the use and enjoyment of your home.

Ring: 0300 1234 212

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Ring: 0300 1234 141

Report Rubbish & Graffiti

To report graffiti, fly tipping, littering, abandoned vehicles and dog fouling please use the "Report It" pages on the Cornwall Council website

www.cornwall.gov.uk/report-it

Worried about a child?

The Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU) provides advice and guidance about the wide range of services available to children and families in Cornwall.

Ring: 0300 123 1116

Worried about an adult?

Everyone has the right to live their life free from violence, fear and abuse, but not everyone can protect themselves. If you're an adult experiencing abuse or neglect:

Ring: 0300 1234 131 (Out of hours number: 01208 251300)

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

Anyone can experience domestic abuse or sexual violence - it affects people of all ages, regardless of gender, sexuality, ethnicity and background. If anyone is in danger please call the police on 999 immediately. If you ring 999 but can't talk, make sure the police know you are there by coughing or tapping the handset, or by dialling 55.

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- high temperature
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If you live with someone who's tested positive, you don't need to book a test, but you must self-isolate for 14 days.



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Testing Times

Saltash residents have responded to a Cornwall Council appeal to share their experiences of the government's Covid-19 testing service.

The appeal went out after concerns were raised that people suffering from symptoms associated with Covid-19 were struggling to book a test or were being offered test slots at locations outside Cornwall - in some cases hundreds of miles away.

The information has been anonymised and passed on to Cornwall's MPs to use as evidence when making the case to government that urgent changes need to be made to the current system.

From the responses it is clear that this isn't about asymptomatic people putting strain on the system. The responses we've had are from people who have Covid-19 symptoms and are trying to do the right thing by following government guidance.

Cornwall Council's Director of Public Health, Rachel Wigglesworth, gave some words of reassurance, saying: "We'll continue working to put additional arrangements in place to help boost local testing availability until the national capacity increases."

Useful Contacts

- Cornwall Council's COVID-19 information page: www.cornwall.gov.uk/coronavirus
- Queries relating to Coronavirus: covid19@cornwall.gov.uk
- Cornwall Council's Helpline for advice on employment: 0333 0150699
- To book a Coronavirus test: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus
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Don't Trash Saltash



Pictured Rodney Hare, Georgina Caro, Adrian White & Shojiro Frank

Saltash Environmental Action (SEA) is thrilled with the positive response to their new Litter Rangers initiative, with over one third of the 267 streets in Saltash already adopted. For the past few years, SEA has worked with Clean Cornwall to organise monthly litter picks in Saltash. In these Covid times, though, it isn't possible to have group gatherings so instead SEA is inviting Saltash residents to adopt a street and then clear litter on that street on a regular basis at times they find convenient.

Launched under the slogan 'Don't Trash Saltash' to coincide with the Great British September Clean being organised by Keep Britain Tidy, more than 90 people signed up as a Litter Ranger within the first week. "It's been such a great response," said Adrian White, Chair of SEA and one of the driving forces behind the Litter Ranger initiative. "We know that lots of people already pick up litter in their area. We thank you - please carry on. It'd be great, though, if you could tell us

which streets you are covering, so we do not duplicate." There is no cost involved in signing up as a Litter Ranger, and SEA is able to loan out litter picks and hoops thanks to a donation from Scrapstore.

The scheme is being seen as a pilot, and if successful will be rolled out to other areas in Cornwall. Already it has generated a tangible sense of community pride and energy, with many young children signing up to be a Litter Ranger. Check out SEA's website to see if the street where you live is still looking for a Ranger. Or send SEA an email to express your interest: info@seasaltash.org.uk

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Saltash Health Centre Flu Campaign

We are now offering influenza (flu) vaccinations at Saltash Health Centre starting in September when we receive our vaccine delivery. We are expecting an increase in the flu vaccine uptake this year due to the COVID pandemic. You will remember in previous years if you attended the Health Centre we carried out large scale vaccination sessions. This year due to COVID and the need to protect patients and staff through social distancing we will be running the clinics in a different way to ensure our patients remain safe.

The flu clinics will take place at Saltash United Football Club; this is a large indoor space that will allow us to see patients in a safe, socially distanced space. It's also near the Health Centre.

By offering so many dates we can schedule patient appointments to maintain social distancing whilst still vaccinating a large number of patients. This will also give

shielded patients first as they are the most vulnerable group. If you have previously had your flu vaccine at the health centre we will be sending you a booked appointment. There

You can also book at local community pharmacies in Saltash, they are currently advertising appointments for patients, please contact them for more details.

The clinics will be taking place on the following dates –

Day	Date	Start time	Finish time
Wednesday	7/10/2020	9:00am	12:00pm
Thursday	15/10/2020	9:00am	4:00pm
Monday	26/10/2020	9:00am	6:00pm
Tuesday	27/10/2020	9:00am	6:00pm
Wednesday	28/10/2020	9:00am	6:00pm
Thursday	29/10/2020	9:00am	8:00pm
Friday	30/10/2020	9:00am	6:00pm
Saturday	31/10/2020	9:00am	12:00pm

patients some flexibility on dates to attend. Please note you should only attend if you have booked an appointment on a specific date, **please do not drop in.**

We have identified all our patients needing a flu vaccine, we intend to book dates for our

will be an option to change your appointment if it is not possible for you to attend, but we ask that you try and attend on the dates we allocate you. Some patients will be offered an option to phone and book whilst limited appointments will be made available online.

Patients are asked to wear a face covering when attending in line with current government guidance. A small number of patients might be exempt from wearing a face covering due to a medical condition.

Find out more at www.saltashhealth.co.uk

Dementia Voice Update

Following the great success of our latest activity 'Do you mind if I sing?' it was with much regret that we had to make the decision to suspend all of our four main activities due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Since the middle of March, we have been unable to hold our Café, Veterans Group, Walking Group or singing sessions.

However, we have not been idle and have continued to support our service users in any way we can. Our lovely Carol Emmett has been compiling and delivering both general knowledge and military quizzes every week since lockdown began. They are currently going to over 200 households! She has also been delivering books, jigsaw puzzles and food parcels to those that need them.

We have been passing on any useful or fun information that we come across via email, printed copy or Facebook.

We have also been keeping in telephone contact with our service users and volunteers to try to offset the isolation felt.

We are monitoring the situation and are in contact with our usual venues to ensure that we can restart our activities as soon as it is safe to do so.

Saltash Well Water is a Tonic to Local Business

Well in Saltash is providing the pure clean water which gin lovers will be enjoying in G and T's. The long-established Cornish drinks company of Jolly's has been offering sparkling soft drinks since the 19th century but has now moved into a new base in Saltash. And with Cornish distilled gins becoming increasingly popular Jolly's were jolly delighted to discover a fresh water spring forty metres below their own factory which provides perfect water for blending with quinine and various botanicals to create the perfect tonic water accompaniment to Cornish and other gins.

The business is already employing twenty-five Saltash staff and hopes to expand on this to provide added employment opportunities for the town.

Window Wanderland Extends to Hatt and Landrake

A brand new event in the winter calendar is capturing the imagination of residents. "We are thrilled that over 50 households and businesses have already signed up for Window Wanderland, even though it's only September," said Tracey Hayton, one of the organisers and owner of The Bookshelf and Tea Rooms on Fore Street. "We've even extended the area covered by this outdoor art gallery to include Hatt and Landrake after residents there contacted us saying how keen they are to take part."



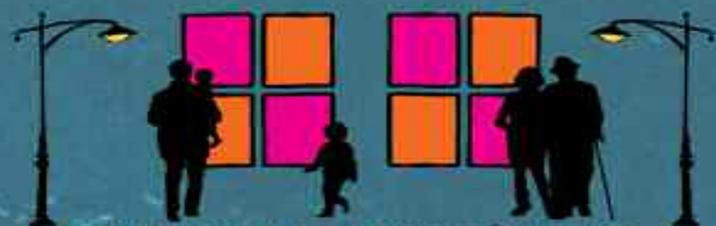
The Window Wanderland event is being organised by the Saltash Chamber of Commerce, which is inviting residents and businesses to make a display in their window using craft materials like greaseproof paper and tissue paper. The display can be small-scale or grandiose, from a simple candle to Father Christmas and his team of reindeer flying through the midnight sky.

Signing up as a Windowmaker is free and easy using the interactive map. Then on the evenings of 5th, 6th and 7th December 'wanderers' can use the map to explore, seeing their

neighbourhood in a whole new light. Taking part is free for both Windowmakers and Wanderers. Tutorials will be uploaded on the Saltash Christmas Festival Facebook page, and Saltash Scrapstore will be stocking paper for the displays. Designs can be really simple, but if you really don't feel up to decorating your window yourself then use the Contact Event Organiser facility on the website below to let the organisers know you'd like to lend them your window and arrangements will be made to deliver a display to you.

Window Wanderland is a Covid-safe, inclusive opportunity to light up our neighbourhoods in that first weekend of December. "We turned to Window Wanderland after realising we wouldn't be able to organise the Saltash Christmas Festival or Lantern Parade this year, but there has been such a positive response from the community that we're now hoping it will become an annual event. We'd love to see many more people sign up to decorate or lend us their windows, though," added Tracey.

Help establish the event by signing up at: www.windowwanderland.com/event/saltash-cornwall-2020



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Saltash Christmas Festival

An Exhibition of Photographs...

People and Places in Saltash During and After Lockdown

The Rotary Club of Saltash are delighted to introduce a new project not only for our Community but also with our Community and create an archive, recording how everyone's life was affected during 2020.

You are invited to contribute to an exhibition of photographs. These should show people and places in Saltash and its local area during and after the lockdown of 2020. There being uncertainty on future access to public buildings, the exhibition will initially be virtual with photographs displayed on the Rotary Club of Saltash website. It is hoped that the exhibition might transfer to a suitable venue for public viewing early in 2021. There are prizes for the winners in each age group and subject

category. A final set of photographs will be selected for inclusion in a Rotary Calendar 2021 sold in the lead up to Christmas. The proceeds from this will be donated to Rotary and local charities. Full information, including an entry form, is on www.saltashrotary.org, then send in your favourite photographs - some serious, some funny, some unique and many showing off the beautiful area in which we live.

New Woodland Adventure Golf Course



Cllr. Hilary Frank, Chairman of Cornwall Council, and Royal Marines Brigadier Jock Fraser joined China Fleet Trust Chair, Rear Admiral Mike Wood, to officially open the new Woodland Adventure Golf Course at the China Fleet Country Club in a "socially distanced" ceremony in glorious Cornish September sunshine.

Since its establishment in 1991, when the site was bought with funds raised from the sale of Navy property in Hong Kong, the China Fleet Country Club has grown to become one of the biggest employers in the area with over 200 staff.

Around £5 million has been invested in the China Fleet over the last few years, and the adventure golf course is the latest addition to a range of health and leisure facilities that includes spa, golf course and Woodland Fairy Trail. The Adventure Golf Course has already proved popular: over 5,000 people have tackled the 18 holes since the course was opened to the public at the beginning of August. There is no need to book ahead - just turn up, pay and play. Make sure you avoid the magic tree, though, as it tells awful jokes.

The China Fleet Trust also formally announced the widening of its Beneficiary membership to include all serving Royal Navy & Royal Marine officers and their

families as well as all Royal Fleet Auxiliary personnel and their families. Rear Admiral Wood said: "This sends a clear message that not only is China Fleet here to stay but is expanding to support the whole serving Royal Navy family, from the newest recruit to the most senior officer, as well as providing a pivotal role in and for our local community."

SHERYLL MURRAY MP WRITES...



I was pleased to visit the renovated building at Saltash Station. The building has been done up to a very high standard and is a real testimony to all who have worked on this important and historic building. I was shown round by the Mayor Pete Samuels and the main driving force behind the project Richard Bickford. It was good to be able to thank Richard personally for his work on this project because previously the building had become in bad disrepair and a bit of an eyesore at what is one of the most important gateways to Cornwall. It is planned that the building will provide a service at the station at certain times of day. What was the old ticket hall is now an excellent space for events which will be available for people to hire.

Recently I was able to highlight what the Minister called the 'curious' case of the Cornwall office in Brussels. A job advert was recently posted, with a closing date of last month, looking for a "Dynamic person to help Cornwall shape its place in a new UK-EU context: Brussels Representative, Cornwall Brussels Office (part-time)". One of the responsibilities is for the successful candidate to undertake "lobbying in key areas of interest for Cornwall Council". I thought this was a bit bizarre considering we have left the EU. I asked the Minister in the chamber, "Does my honourable friend agree that Cornwall Council having a staffed office in Brussels is a good use of taxpayers money at this difficult time when it could be used on local services?" The Minister responded by saying, "It is a curious decision considering we have left the EU to have an operation overseas where we have a global network of 280 overseas post which represent all parts of the UK including Cornwall but the decision to operate overseas is one for Cornwall Council and ultimately the voters of Cornwall who I am sure will want to have a say if this is good idea and a good use of taxpayers money at the next local elections."

I met recently with the National Association of Cider Makers at Cornish Orchards in Duloe. They told me that Cider is worth £3.1 bn in the UK market and that 11,500 people rely on the cider industry for employment. The Association represents 87% of cider produced in the UK and is 100 years old this year. It was important for me to hear the affect Covid has had on the industry this year so I can take that message forward to parliament. I would like to thank Cornish Orchards for hosting the meeting and showing me the investment they are making locally in their products.

Lastly I would like to thank everyone who supported the very successful eat out to help out government incentive. In total 109,000 meals were discounted in the South East Cornwall constituency helping our important restaurant sector.

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Conundrum Corner

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- 1 What word describes Fish or Meat coated with a spray seasoning before being cooked? (8)
 - 2 Which Country does the White Sea border? (6)
 - 3 What word describes decorative Needlework on a piece of Cloth? (10)
 - 4 Which famous British victory occurred on the 18th June, 1815? (8)
 - 5 The Solway Firth is an inlet of which Sea? (5)
 - 6 What type of animals are Frogs and Toads? (10)
 - 7 Which is the largest Island in the Canadian Arctic? (6)
 - 8 Hank Marvin was famous for playing which instrument? (6)
 - 9 In the Pantomime Cinderella what was the name of the Prince's valet? (7)
 - 10 What word describes the three dots used in a sentence to show words have been left out? (8)
- Answers on Page 7*

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A record of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays) during normal office hours. Alternatively please telephone 0300 1234 212. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5000.



Tamar Reflections

F.W. Hearn. The name suddenly came to me on one of my rare, sleepless nights. I thought again - F.W. Hearn. Where have I heard this name before? It just wouldn't go away. So I hopped out of bed, made a cup of tea and dwelled on this name for quite some time, as a quest to settle my insomniac thoughts. Suddenly, I remembered. I tip-toed to the hallway umbrella stand, sifted through the cobwebs and found an old golf club that my husband, John, and I had purchased some 30 years earlier in a Cornish antique shop and there, engraved on the clubhead was F.W. Hearn, Saltash GC.

It was then that I started to reflect on why we had purchased this antique originally. My studies had found that golf was very popular in the Saltash Borough in the 1920's, and in the area where we have always lived in Saltash, there was a golf course stretching from Warfelton as far as Burraton Coombe.

The original nine-hole golf course was opened for play on 24th April 1924 by Dr Grenfell, who was the founding member and club president. Another nine-hole course followed in September of the same year. The opening was attended by the Mayor of Saltash, J. Lander, who was also vice-president of the Club. Saltash Golf Club, at that time, had over 100 members, growing to 120 at its peak. The course was laid out over Warfelton Farm, lying to the west of the road running from St Stephen's village and meeting the Callington-Saltash road. The course was very lengthy and about a 20-minute walk from the Saltash Railway Station. The second, seventh and eight greens were built on marsh, which had to be drained, and in the past children have found old golf balls at Burraton Coombe.

There are many names from those original members who have played significant roles in shaping Saltash: Vosper,



Grenfell, Lander, Robinson, Kitto, Underhill, Pengelly, Newman and Venn, to name but a few. Membership was open to ladies too! And there were some interesting golfing challenges between them.

Saltash place names now exist on the former golf course: Birkdale Close, Fairway, Sunningdale Road, Carnoustie Drive, Wentworth Way and St. Andrews Close.

Saltash Golf Club enjoyed great success, competing against visiting towns from far and wide. Sadly, the start of WWII in 1939 led to diminishing membership, number of holes and finances, and the club's final year was in 1940.

I also found out F.W. Hearn in 1925/6 held the new professional record of a remarkable 67 strokes! Tee-time! Anyone for golf? Sue Hooper MBE

Waterside Clean-up

As our press deadline looms, this weekend's forthcoming, Observer-sponsored clean-up is showing great promise. Public response to our litter-picking plea has produced optimistic emails. Already, a prominent, chainsaw-wielding Saltash Rotarian has demolished two boat carcasses, one definitely floating-hazardous. Our thanks to him! Saltash Council have put up posters. Cornwall Council will handle disposal after the event and have already delivered bags and gloves; this week they also removed several longstanding hulks above Jubilee Green.

An inspection today still reveals two supermarket trollies, a child's car seat, several tyres... and various other assorted debris. We're hoping for a sunny, socially distanced, shoreline Saturday... and let's all care a little more about the jewel we have here. Ian Robinson
See the result of this clean-up in your next Observer

Conundrum Answers:
1 Devilled 2 Russia 3 Embroidery 4 Waterloo 5 First 6 Amphibians 7 Baffin 8 Guitar 9 Dandini 10 Ellipsis Re-arranged the letters spell Wedderbridge

Environmental Activists Target "Highly Polluted" Town

Saltash was bestrewn with banners warning of the consequences of continued use of fossil fuels, placed by the Extinction Rebellion pressure group. Activists placed banners by the Carkeel Roundabout, at Latchbrook and by Victoria Gardens marking their concern for the future of the planet in general and the town in particular.

They form a reminder that Saltash was named as among the worst ten towns in the UK for air pollution in a league table from the World Health Organisation in 2018. This report was controversial, as was pointed out at the time in your 'Saltash Observer' by Cornwall Councillor Sam Tamlin, who said it was based solely on one 2015 measurement taken at Saltash Fire Station, and that air quality had shown a marked improvement since then.

Extinction Rebellion claims, though, that the British government's definition of acceptable level of pollution caused by vehicle emission is higher than the standard set by the World Health Organisation, and this is why concern is not expressed for the health of residents in towns such as Saltash. By World Health standards Saltash continues to have unacceptable air pollutions, the protesters claim.

Reports from Tideford also indicate continuing air pollution issues with emissions unacceptably high from continuous traffic passing through the village. At the height of lockdown, traffic levels fell dramatically, with cleaner air one of the noticeable side benefits. Traffic is now back to around pre-Covid levels and the danger of air pollution, in particular to children's health, is a particular

target for local Extinction Rebellion activists.

Local XR members, who also placed warning labels on petrol pumps at local filling stations, gave assurances that they took all appropriate safety measures while placing their banners by highways and roundabouts.

Getting Help from Citizens Advice

With the refurbishment of Citizens Advice offices in Saltash at 18 Belle Vue Road now completed by Community Enterprises PL12 with the help of a generous grant by the Town Council, the offices will soon be brought back into use. An Open Day is being held on September 28, but a "drop in" service for the public will not be available until Covid restrictions have been eased.

Gill Pipkin, chief executive of Citizens Advice Cornwall, says: "Advice is nevertheless available 5 days a week. Anyone who needs our help or advice can contact us by texting the word ADVICE to 78866 and we'll call you back within 48 hours (excluding weekends). You can also call us on 03444-111444 Mon-Fri from 10am to 4pm - calls are charged at your normal rate. You can also find useful information on a wide range of subjects on our website at www.citizensadvice.org.uk"

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The Late Valerie Cotton

A horse-drawn hearse was followed down Fore Street by a column of taxis as for the second time this Summer the street was lined with people paying their last respects to a doyenne of the well-known local business of Cottons Taxis.

Just a few weeks after the death of the firm's founder Hazel Cotton, came the tragic passing of her daughter-in-law Valerie Sandra Cotton. While Hazel was the well-known voice on the telephone, Valerie was an equally vital part of the family concern, though preferring to remain quietly in the background while also running the household at 'The Gables', the family home in Saltash.

Born in Devonport to a military family Valerie Ford was educated at Honicknowle, then went to work as a machinist in Berkertex. While on a night out with her friend Annie at the Rooftop Ballroom she met Bill Cotton and his friend Brian when they were all teenagers. Valerie and Bill were married on Bill's 19th birthday in 1971, and the four remained friends ever since.

Bill was already working for the family taxi and coach firm and on her marriage, Valerie came to join the business, helping administer both the business and the home. Valerie also worked as a driver when

required, otherwise working efficiently behind the scenes until diagnosed last year with her final illness.

They had one child, Julia, who lives in Saltash. While Valerie especially enjoyed the family weekly lunches out, she also relished holidays in Britain shared with friends Roy, Lil, Frank and Toni. She also enjoyed travel overseas and had a love for the Italian Lakes. Back in Saltash she was pleased to accompany Bill to functions attended in his capacity as Chair, later President, of the Chamber of Commerce.

The funeral procession down Fore Street stopped at the Church of St. Nicholas and St. Faith, where Prebendary Brian Anderson conducted the service. There was a socially distanced reception later in the grounds of The Gables.

Bill and Julia wish to thank all who attended, the many who sent cards, and especially Brian Anderson as well as Ayesha of Pengelly's Funeral Services.



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Two Men Two Boats

If you live by a big river, there's a good chance you'll encounter men of the sea. I learned that growing up in Exmouth, including some time in the Royal Marines. By chance, two very different Saltash men have each built equally diverse boats within a

nautical mile of our Tamar's kelp-strewn shoreline.

Retired MN Captain Tony Laurillard spent 43 years at sea and was master mariner of oil tankers topping 60,000 tons across the oceans of the world. He has pure sea-water flowing through his veins - I saw the

proof under a leaden sky one July Friday when Tony's Land Rover deftly manoeuvred a pristine hull into a slightly bumpy Tamar. She was a 21-foot, Cape Henry gaff cutter. "Similar to a Cornish shrimper," said Tony. To me, she looked sound, very safely

seaworthy, and as solid as the family barn where she was built, in two and a half, dawn 'til dusk, years

An ardent local canoeist, with ideas for a 'family of 4 camping on the water', the design of a Cape Cutter he had spotted on the Lynher had inspired Tony. He Googled designer Dudley Dix, found that a slightly bigger, road-trailerable boat ticked all the boxes and 'Squiggles' was conceived. Lockdown hindered launching and engine installation, but subsequent short exploration trips off Rame Head, around Drake's Island, Eddystone and on to Looe, have proved Squiggles is a craft that handles well and doesn't give any surprises. Snagging (my word) has produced minimal concern beyond a cleat design change and mainsail position adjustments. Immediately



Pictured Tony Laurillard

Photos Ian Robinson

ahead, with a reef or two in the main, and two very promising grand-daughter crew-persons, lie some very enjoyable, winter's day family sailing trips.

No less skilled is long-time Waterside resident Jim Thompson, Dartmouth-born, son of a Royal Navy Chief Petty Officer. A coppersmith, welder and draughtsman in Plymouth dockyard until heart surgery intervened, Jim also built a boat in the same amount of time as Tony, but months, not years. Jim's craft is a metre-long scale model of an Aberdare class minesweeper launched in 1918... HMS Saltash, no less. It is perfect in every detail. HMS Saltash missed action in World War 1, but later distinguished herself considerably at both the Dunkirk evacuation and

subsequent Normandy landings.

Both men worked with plans and plywood to create their respective works of art, with interesting improvisation in Jim's case using knitting needle as prop shafts and Scrap Shop paint brushes for masts. Pepsi-can coal scuttles and glass bead aerial fittings, all ingeniously disguised, combine to create a perfect representation in every detail, easily to museum standard. Jim's next projects will be a working, steam-engine model of the paddle steamer Compton Castle, radio

controlled too, and a forthcoming local sailing club lecture.

Tony and Jim are undisputed, talented craftsmen. As photographer, I was privileged enough once, in Maine's Bath Ironworks, to have a pre-launch day flight in a crane bucket over America's newest destroyer, the USS Arleigh Burke. Like what you've just read too, I feel lucky to be involved!

Ian Robinson.



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For further information, please contact Community Enterprises PL12. Closing date for applications: 9th October 2020 Interviews to take place: 16th October 2020 Start date: 1st November 2020

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Prescription Delivery Shock

Local residents, especially the elderly and housebound, have been faced with a shock as their prescription delivery service, which has long been free, now incurs a charge.

Lloyds Pharmacy, whose Fore Street premises face closure later this year, have advised customers that if they wish to continue having prescriptions delivered to the door this could entail a delivery fee. One elderly housebound resident told the Observer that she has been asked for an annual fee of £90 per household or £60 per year for an individual.



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