

From the Outgoing Mayor of Saltash 2022-2024

It was a pleasure to be asked by Councillor Julia Peggs to propose her for Mayor of Saltash for 2024-25. I have worked closely with Julia for the last two years, and I know she will do a fantastic job, both around Saltash and beyond. We have a similar positive outlook, and aims. She will be well supported by Councillor Rachel Bullock as Deputy Mayor, both will continue our push to deliver well thought out projects that will benefit Saltash. Julia and Rachel have both been part of the team seeking funding and delivering for our Connectivity Project and we hope there will be more projects in the pipeline.

I have been lucky to have Sarah's wonderful support over the last two years, and I know that Julia and Rachel will have the key support of Geoff and Matt as their consorts. The volunteer roles of Mayor and Deputy Mayor have grown over the years and having people to support and help you is so important in ensuring you both get things done and enjoy yourself along the way.

One of my last events was to host the annual Civic Service at the end of April. Many thanks to the Saltash Baptist Church, especially the Reverend Tim Parkman who has been Mayors Chaplain for the last two years, providing invaluable advice, support and jokes. It was lovely to use this event to give out many Civic Awards that were presented to recognise volunteering across Saltash, please see elsewhere in this paper for more details. We also presented the very rare Freedom of Saltash award to Bob Austin for distinguished service across many organisations in Saltash. I was also proud to award the Mayors Award to our Town Clerk, Sinead Burrows who works so hard in the background for us all, she is without doubt the best Town Clerk I have ever had the pleasure to work with, and I've been a councillor for quite a while!

That is it from me and Sarah. I wish Julia and Rachel good fortune in the year ahead.

Councillor Richard Bickford  
Former Mayor of Saltash 2022-24