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PLYMOUTH BOAT TRIPS ANNOUNCES NEW FERRY SERVICE LINKING ROYAL WILLIAM YARD AND SALTASH

Plymouth Boat Trips has announced that, following a successful trial ferry service and public survey run in partnership with Saltash Town Council on Saturday 30th March, a new daily water transport link between Plymouth's Royal William Yard and Saltash will be introduced from Friday 24th May.

The 70-capacity foot ferry will depart every 1.5 hours from Royal William Yard Marina, stopping at Jubilee Pontoon, which is managed by Saltash Town Council under a Tenancy at Will with Cornwall Council. Potential plans are also in place for a connecting bus service, dependant on numbers, that will provide transport directly into Saltash town centre.

Owner of Plymouth Boat Trips, Ben Squire, said: 'We're thrilled to be working with Saltash Town Council to deliver this important new service for commuters and tourists alike. It has long been our aim to grow our network of ferry routes across Plymouth and Cornwall and this is another very positive step on that journey.'

The Royal William Yard to Saltash Ferry service begins as Plymouth Boat Trips simultaneously launches its advanced online booking system, covering all services including cruises, ferries, and fishing trips. Ferry tickets can now be booked online, up to and including the day of travel, via the Plymouth Boat Trips website.

Ben added: "Water transport is not only an enjoyable way to travel, but is also a more sustainable choice, meaning less traffic and congestion on our roads and with our recently introduced online booking system, it's even easier to take the ferry."

It is hoped that the new water link will help to drive footfall between Plymouth's iconic Royal William Yard as well as Saltash, to help boost the local economy at both destinations.

The Chairman of Saltash Town Council, Councillor Julia Peggs said: "I am delighted that following the survey results from the transport connectivity day the new ferry will be in operation. The Town Council is pleased to be working in partnership with Plymouth Boat Trips to offer an additional form of transport to residents and visitors, and our aim is to further grow transport links into the town centre."

Councillor Peggs thanked Cornwall Council, Urban Splash and Plymouth City Council for their support in the new venture and went on to say: "Saltash provides a perfect escape for those looking to experience the serene charm of Cornish life."

Richard Williams-Pears, Cornwall Council cabinet portfolio holder for transport, said: "We're committed to putting the infrastructure in place to help residents make more sustainable choices about how they travel and to support councils such as Saltash in their work. Reducing the number of journeys made by car isn't just good for our environment – it's good for our health too."



“Earlier this year we introduced the Beryl e-bike share in Saltash and the great news is that with Beryl docking bays close to Jubilee Pontoon and Royal William Yard in Plymouth, passengers can hire them for their onward journeys.”

Councillor Mark Coker, Cabinet Member for Transport at Plymouth City Council, added: “It is great news to hear about the new ferry service. This will help provide an extra travel link between Saltash and Plymouth for those who would like to visit for shopping and family days out.”

The full timetable is available on both Plymouth Boat Trips website and Saltash Town Council website.

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Notes to editors:

Plymouth Boat Trips

Plymouth Boat Trips is a family run business, operating cruises, private charters, ferries, and fishing trips from Plymouth in Devon.

The company started out more than twenty years ago as, Fish ‘N’ Trips, a small business founded on a life-long passion for fishing by Ben Squire. With a £1000 loan and a £500 grant from The Princes Trust, at the age of 21, Ben purchased a boat and took the first mackerel and deep-sea fishing trips from Plymouth. Since then, the business has flourished to become Plymouth Boat Trips Ltd. A family affair, Ben’s brother Dominic Squire joined the company in 2013 and, together, they now own and manage a fleet of passenger boats.

www.plymouthboattrips.co.uk

Saltash Town Council

Saltash is situated on the west bank of the River Tamar, which meanders through the Tamar Valley, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Its position on the border of Devon and Cornwall offers a base to explore both counties with a wide choice of transportation and accommodation options.

Saltash is home of the spectacular Royal Albert Bridge - designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel and completed in 1859, this stunning bridge is a 'must see' for anyone visiting the area. One of the greatest bridges in the world, it is unique in design, unequalled in engineering and graceful in appearance.

Saltash is a thriving town with a lively shopping centre offering excellent facilities, with independent shops selling unusual gifts and souvenirs. There are also pubs, restaurants and cafes and general retail shops for all your holiday needs.

[Tourism Information \(saltash.gov.uk\)](http://saltash.gov.uk)

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