



Budleigh Salterton Town Council

Town Clerk: Alice Gater-Wildgust
Council Offices, Station Road
Budleigh Salterton
Devon, EX9 6RJ
T: 01395 442245
E: office@budleighsaltertontowncouncil.gov.uk

Press Release

For Immediate Release

12.5.25

Mayor of Budleigh Salterton Retires After 30 Years of Dedicated Service

Budleigh Salterton Town Council has announced the retirement of Councillor Caz Sismore-Hunt.

Cllr Sismore-Hunt was first elected as a Town Councillor three decades ago and has been a constant and committed presence in civic life ever since. Throughout her tenure, she has served in numerous roles, including several terms as Mayor of Budleigh Salterton — most recently in the 2024/25 civic year. Her service has spanned generations, and her dedication has left an indelible mark on the town she so passionately represents.

Caz is widely respected for her local knowledge, her support for residents, and her approach to community engagement. Over the years, she has championed causes ranging from local heritage and environmental stewardship to accessibility, community wellbeing, and support for local businesses. Her strong voice and spirit have helped to guide the Council through changing times while always keeping the needs of Budleigh's residents at the heart of its work.

In addition to her official Council duties, Caz has been a familiar face at community events, civic services, and countless volunteer activities. Her enthusiasm, kindness, and unwavering sense of duty are much appreciated.

Incoming Chair of Budleigh Salterton Town Council, Cllr Penny Lewis, paid tribute to Caz's service: "Caz will be greatly missed — she has been such a presence in the Chamber and throughout the town. Her energy, commitment, and unique spirit have made a lasting impact, and we will all miss her contribution to the work of the Council. On behalf of all the Councillors, I wish Caz and Glenn all the very best for the future."

A moment of recognition and appreciation was shared during the Annual Meeting of the Council, where fellow councillors paid tribute to her long-standing service. A further opportunity to formally celebrate her legacy will take place at this year's Celebration of Civic Service, where Caz's contribution — alongside that of other long-serving members — will be acknowledged in front of community members and invited guests.

Budleigh Salterton Town Council offers its heartfelt thanks to Cllr Caz Sismore-Hunt for her outstanding contribution to public life and extends its very best wishes for the future.

ENDS