

PRESS RELEASE

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ANOTHER BID SUCCESS FOR SALTASH !

Saltash, which this year has become the regional focus for celebrations of the life of Brunel, is to be the location for a life-sized statue of Brunel !

The statue, in the famous pose leaning against chains, has been commissioned from Wadebridge sculptor Richard Austin, and will be made in a bronze effect using recovered resin.

It will be installed in the newly completed Huntley Gardens, in Silver Street directly below the Royal Albert Bridge. The Gardens were officially opened for Brunel's Bicentenary in April, and also provide the site for the 3 ton 1959 Brunel plaque, brought back by Network Rail to Saltash.

Saltash Waterside Community Association applied successfully for the project funding through Awards for All, and part of the grant of £3,880 will also be used for a notice board about the history of the site.

Lynn Marsh from SWCA at Ashtorre Rock says " more and more people are now visiting Saltash as a result of the Brunel connection, and finding out what a great day out it can be.

Visitors will be able to have photos taken beside a life-size Brunel, in an incredibly beautiful and atmospheric location with marvellous views of the Tamar "

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