

UPPER VENTNOR

FREE FORM INFORMATION SUPPLIED
BY SOME LOCAL RESIDENTS OF VENTNOR
FOR THE OUR PLACE 2015 SURVEY

Ventnor Town Council would like to thanks all those local residents who participated in the 2015 local survey and for their valuable comments, views and advice.

Please use this space for anything else you would like to say to us:

USR2

* I currently rent No. 18 in Salisbury Gardens.
The office space is really useful and great
for small businesses in Ventura.

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USR3

I'M SURPRISED PUBLIC TOILETS WEREN'T
LISTED UNDER PROTECTS.

I think the library is a v. important part of the community and should be supported as such.

It helps in many of the areas mentioned in this survey ~ helping young people & older people too, training, research, arts & cultural, job support, CV writing etc etc.

Its importance does not seem appreciated and it is instead it is used as part of cost cutting,

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US R5

I think the parking situation in the town doesn't help the businesses to thrive. Quodley Road car park is usually empty. There should be more free short term parking available, or at least cheaper.

I sometimes go further to shop, because I can park free. Nilton has free parking for instance.

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US27

I haven't lived in Ventnor long but it is a wonderful, friendly, clean and lovely place. The only negative is that some dog owners aren't picking up after their dogs!

It is so good that there are so many places to walk on the hills. The seafront is lovely.

Thank you.

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US R 10

The ventnor exchange is a huge asset to the town & Ventnor Central initiatives are also of high importance, the young and the old need the embrace of the community.

FIRST IMPRESSION FROM VISITORS VENTNOR IS A "DIRTY SHABBY RUN DOWN PLACE". TO FIX HAVE A CLEAN ALL BUSINESS PREMISES IN TOWN CENTRE & SHARPEN UP KEEP THE PROSTATE CLEAN, TIDY & PRESENTABLE, THE ROADS & FOOTWAYS IN VENTNOR ARE DREAFUL WHY HAS ISLANDS RDS NOT RE DONE CIVILS CLINT & ZIG ZAG THESE ARE FAR WORSE THAN MOST RDS THAT ARE BEING RE DONE, NOT A GOOD IMPRESSION FOR TOURISTS VISITING & RESIDENTS, THEN THEN ARE GARDEN WALLS WITH LARGE CRACKS THAT LOOK UNSAFE THAT BORDER FOOTWAYS WHY DOES COUNCIL NOT CHASE THE OWNERS TO MAKE SAFE & SAME WITH OVERGROWN PLANTS THAT OBSTRUCT FOOTWAYS. THERE ARE MANY SEATS AROUND THE TOWN AT VIEWPOINTS, BUT MOST OF THESE VIEWPOINTS ARE OBSTRUCTED BY OVERGROWN SYCAMORE TREES CAN THESE BE CUT BACK? PARADISE WALK USED TO BE A FANTASTIC WALK WITH SUPERB SEAVIEWS NOW VIEWS ARE MOSTLY GONE DUE TO HEDGES & SYCAMORES THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT TO GROW TOO TALL. APPEARANCES & PRESENTATION IS EVERYTHING WHEN YOU VISIT A NEW TOWN IF THE LOCAL COUNCIL DOES NOT GET A GRIP AT ALL THIS IT WILL CONTINUE TO GO DOWN HILL LIKE SANDOWN, WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF VENTNOR, NOT FEEL ASHAMED OF ITS SHABBY RUN DOWN LOOK, PERHAPS START SOME CIVIC PRIDE PROJECTS, I WOULD BE KEEN TO HELP RESTORE PARADISE WALK TO ITS FORMER STATE, I ALREADY HELP TRIM

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NAVINTHILCATS

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- ① Living in Upper Ventnor and retired we have difficulty supporting anything in the town from the Library and the Community Center Cafe to the local businesses due to the heavy car-parking charges. It is useless to pay the required amount to go to the library or buy a loaf of bread. As we have to get into the car, we drive to where parking is provided free. Perhaps a resident discount of some sort could be thought about - or even free parking for a couple of hours a week would help. There is an underused car park near to Salisbury Gardens that would become more popular with smaller charges. We do walk down occasionally but the climb back means carrying heavy shopping loads or library books is impossible.
- ② Public toilets. It seems to us crazy that a 'holiday' destination would have the public toilets closed. Not only should these stay open but also money be found to re-furnish them.
- ③ Beaches. We note the Town Council are not applying for Blue Flag status. Again - crazy if we are to continue to attract tourists. Would Ventnor Council be able to apply for this?
- ④ This questionnaire was probably expensive but the format is difficult to complete. Putting things in order of priority would make more sense. However the space above was useful.
- ⑤ It would be nice to consider refreshing the steep flights of steps going down and up Upper Ventnor and making a booklet of walks using them.

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USR15

I'm a 79 year old widow in the first 20 yrs of my life lived in Ventnor. Got married and moved to LUTON had a family, came back in 1988 when my husband retired. It was as if I had never been away people calling out to me saying its good to see you back. It was not long before ~~and~~ one daughter and one son came down here to live they love it as much as me.
There's no place like Ventnor

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US R 16

I LIVE ABOVE VENTNOR AND AT THE MOMENT DRIVE A CAR.
I DO NOT GO DOWN TO V'NOR VERY OFTEN AS ^{ARE} THERE ~~NO~~ FREE
CAR PARKS. I DO NOT EXPECT TO PAY. THE BUS RIDE IS VERY
^{AWKWARD} ~~WAKWARD~~ + THERE ARE NOT MANY ROUTES FOR US HERE.
I PREFER TO DRIVE TO SHANKLIN!

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I think on the whole we are very lucky with the people who act for the interests of Ventnor.

The worst thing in Ventnor is the lack of car parking. I will often drive to Shanklin because it's easier to park.

The car park in Duddy Road is a criminal waste. Make it affordable and it would be well benefiting everyone.

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US R18

My partner and I only moved to the island on 18 December last year. We have not really taken on board the facilities available, but are gradually finding things of interest. We think that people are very friendly and help you if they can. The local newspaper the South West Chronicle is very helpful.

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US 219

I like the fact we have
a town hall in Upper Ventnor
but it is too scruffy looking
and needs a coat of
paint.

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U S R 20

We have worked hard throughout our working lives, and brought up our children in our lovely town, we want to see it continue to grow and prosper.

More should be done to promote Ventnor as a holiday resort, advertise Ventnor in National Newspapers, we have so much to offer visitors, lovely beach, park, country walks, cafe's, friendly pubs, forget advertising the Island, lets draw people to 'our place'. I came here as a six year old and decided then that I would live here, we have been on the Island for over forty years, and would not want to be anywhere else.

Keep the car parking prices down, maybe re introduce a free parking afternoon to encourage people to shop here instead of using out of town free parking at large Supermarkets.

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U S R 21

MY PARTNER AND I HAVE LIVED ON THE ISLAND
IN UPPER VENTNOR FOR 15YRS, AND WE REALLY
ARE VERY HAPPY HERE - I AM 80YRS OLD IN AUGUST
MY PARTNER ~~IS~~ IS 81YRS, BUT WE STILL GET
OUT A ABOUT.

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USR 24

IF THE CURRENT LOCATION OF THE LIBRARY WERE TO
RELOCATE TO VENTNOR CENTRAL - I WOULD DESIRE
A THOUGHT OUT USE OF THE OLD LIBRARY BUILDING.
EXAMPLE; NOT TO BE LEFT TO BE AN EYE SORE.

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U S R 27

THERE ARE STILL TOO MANY AREAS WHERE GRASS NEEDS CUTTING AND PATHS ARE NOT SWEEPED OR BEING MAINTAINED TO A SATISFACTORY LEVEL. SOME ARE ONLY SWEEPED ONCE IN TWO TO FOUR WEEKS. AND ONE AREA OF GRASS HAS NOT BEEN CUT THIS YEAR WHEREAS TWO HUNDRED YARDS AWAY ONE AREA HAS BEEN CUT TWICE IN A FEELING

THE FOOTPATH AT OCEAN VIEW ROAD GREEN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CUT HAS BEEN RESURFACED THIS YEAR BUT THERE ARE ALREADY WEEDS GROWING THROUGH THE TARMAC

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US R 29

Ventnor has improved over the years but
Junamie must be an issue in the future.
It is too easy to do projects with out
proper long term Junamie.

Pressure will grow on the Council to do more
with less and Ventnor will need to take
over more services and so will continue
to increase precept.

Look forward not backwards, as Flowerbrook
campaign seems backwards, we should
~~embrace~~ embrace opportunities like this and
find a way to make it work

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US R 30

The lack of toilets in the town are a situation which affects the older generation more and more.

This certainly stops them coming to the town.

The toilet facility in Marlborough Rd is a nuisance and not very welcoming at all.

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USR 32

I AM SURE THE TOWN COUNCIL DO & WILL DO THE BEST THEY CAN FOR VENTNOR
BUT THEY MUST STOP "IN FIGHTING". AS AN 'OUTSIDER' OR NORMAL CITIZEN ALL
I HEAR ABOUT ARE THE DISAGREEMENTS AMONG THE OFFICERS.
IF I WAS YOUNGER I WOULD ENJOY BEING MORE INVOLVED WITH RUNNING
& ORGANISING VENTNOR AS I HAVE LIVED HERE OVER 30 YRS. AND AS
A CHILD DURING THE WAR. IT IS THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD!!
PERHAPS EXCEPT NEW ZEALAND!

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who have included a name and address here:

My responses may sound very noncommittal and sometimes negative. My reasons being I am living in rented accommodation and have only lived here for eight months. I have chronic mental/physical health issues which impact on me getting out. I moved here with the hope of becoming involved in Wightfutures. They wound out a week after I arrived!

I feel Ventnor is 'dirty' and has a 'feeling of lack of pride'. I think visually if the money spent on one building could now be spent on supporting property owners to decorate the outside of their premises, it would be one immediate step towards community pride.

Maybe combine this project with -yp engagement and local business support?

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I feel that Loutherville (Upper Ventnor) is largely excluded from the overall "Ventnor" picture we pay the same Council Tax as those from the "Town" and I don't think we get value for our money.

My biggest concern (probably I.W. Council not town Council responsibility) is the state of the road above 'Crispy fry chip shop' and below the entrance to the Cemetery, Newport Road, Upper Ventnor. Also The Old Shute, have any Councillors walked up or down this vital route to the Town? The shift of ground is very great - I estimate it rises/falls 6ft in about 6ft linear - very difficult to negotiate in icy conditions, not to mention any other conditions when one is not so able. My fear is a repeat of the Undercliff Drive fiasco, the road will slip away and the access via the Old Shute will not be far behind. Upper & Lower Ventnor will be completely separated. The Town Council should look closely at this matter.

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US R 37

The survey was jointly filled in by
Mr & Mrs

Mr Kelly Volunteers at Ventnor Botanic Garden
for NHS & Age UK
and for National Trust

Mrs Kelly Volunteers @ Spring garden

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US 238

I love Ventnor - my whole family does. Quirky. Bags of character.
What about the old bus garage in town? Would like to see that
developed.

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US 241

This survey is a really good idea,
hope you receive a good response.!

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USRSI

My wife and I are pensioners in our 70's and financially comfortable.

When we were younger we had no school transport or extra coaching and coming was used to learn discipline & respect for our seniors. All we achieved was by our own efforts. Today's youngsters, generally, are spoiled & soft by comparison. If they cannot or will not find work then they should go without until they find the incentive to change.

Bah Humbug!

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USR 56

I object strongly to the closure
of both Public Toilets and Tourist
Information Centres as I was
under the impression this was a
Holiday Island.

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USR 57

SECTION E.1 SHOULD HAVE INCLUDED RE-OPEN PUBLIC
TOILETS THAT HAVE BEEN CLOSED.

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USR65

Why no mention of public conveniences. We have a large elderly population and many tourists are elderly. What do you actually expect people to do?

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US 269

Spend some of the dosh on
your beastly website!

(Bored of Pmz Parit.....)

We are offering a £100 thank-you to the first name drawn by the Mayor from among those who have included a name and address here:

Parking charges in Ventnor are ridiculous. I used to use local cafe's & shopping in Ventnor when residents had resident car parking for £15.00 which went up to £500.00!!! This has stopped me using Ventnor, I now go further afield for shopping & coffees etc. This has crippled Ventnor. This weekend we had visitors staying who had to pay in its main car park just to buy a newspaper!

We also need the No 6 Bus to continue running for people living on the Whitwell Rd, & residents living in Whitwell & Milton who like to come into Ventnor for shopping etc.

Transport & Parking are Ventnor's main problem

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05277

This seem a bit of a dogs dinner of a survey, mixed up multi- agency Questions.

If you put out 5,000 of these you should be pleased to get 500 back.

Confusing or what, questions on Health, Transport ; Employment, provision ?

You are The Town Council not the government or a private enterprise have you gone beyond your remit.

Get back to basics,

Ventnor is a Tourist seaside Town with a mainly Tourist / Welfare/Pension economy.

Enhance whatever will enhance the tourist trade, and the well-being of the town will prosper.

Clear tourist Information

Open clean well signed toilets. (open from 8:00a.m.)

Cheap or free parking,

a clean Beach and sea front,

town free from litter and dog poo,

clean bus shelters.

Push for lower Business rates (as not in your direct control)

Promote the town wherever possible, through all the local the festivals and events.

Support the Youth and all the sports clubs where you can.

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VENTNOR IS A LOVELY PLACE TO LIVE BUT COULD BENEFIT FROM BETTER TRANSPORT LINKS WITH THE RAILWAY I.E. COMBINED TICKET PRICING WITH BUS AND RAIL TO GIVE AFFORDABLE THROUGH/LINKED JOURNEYS TO RIDE AND OTHER STNS ON THE RAIL NETWORK. (VENTNOR RAILWAY SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN CLOSED IN THE FIRST PLACE)

ADDITIONAL SHOPS FOR UPPER VENTNOR. SPA SHOP IS ONLY SHOP AND IS FAR TOO EXPENSIVE COMPARED TO OTHER SHOPS IN TOWN. THEREFORE LOCAL COMMUNITY IS POORLY SERVED IN UPPER VENTNOR. FURTHER RETAIL BUSINESS NEEDS TO BE ENCOURAGED IN THIS AREA.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT NEEDS TO BE MORE AFFORDABLE FOR THOSE PEOPLE THAT PAY! - ISLAND WIDE

THOSE THAT CAN AFFORD TO PAY SHOULD PAY!

We are offering a £100 thank-you to the first name drawn by the Mayor from among those who have included a name and address here:

There are 2 people living at this address, both adults who have worked as teachers in Ventnor for many years, but only one survey form was left at this address.

and have available

Thought should be given to what tourists might like to see. A prettier esplanade would be good eg the re-instatement of the flower boxes - maybe as sponsored boxes or as a competition opportunity for volunteers.

An audit of 'second homes' might be useful and what can we do to restrict the number of holiday second homes being taken from local stock. There are too many homes in Ventnor left empty for much of the year, as they belong to non-permanent residents.

Toilets in the town and at either end of the esplanade.

Businesses making tourists feel welcome, and able to use their toilets without having to purchase items.

I hope that our views and everyone else's views will be considered and that this survey is not just a lip-service exercise.

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US 281

The Town Council is doing a wonderful job.
hope may it continue!

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U S R 83

I THINK THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE THOUGHT GIVEN
TO THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC TOILETS IN VENTNOR GIVEN THE
AMOUNT OF OLDER PEOPLE + DISABLED IN VENTNOR

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USK 87

Being disabled restricts my opportunity to offer
my time to help community activities

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USR94

A few hanging baskets around the town centre would
make it more attractive!

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Ventnor, as a tourist attraction, has three main areas of merit:
The shoreline from Ventnor Cove to Wreder Bay.
St Boniface Down.
The Botanic Gardens.

All of the above areas are completely inaccessible to short term visitors arriving by coach, or on foot.

It is essential that these attractions are made get-at-able by regular shuttle bus services.

So often one sees visitors venture to the top of the cascade look down and turn back. The finest beach and esplanade is out of reach to the elderly or young families with prams etc. And ever more shall be so, until the transport situation is addressed.

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Ventnor exists in a 'time warp' but this is a large part of its' attraction. Development on the tourist front need to be in keeping with the uniqueness of the town and of quality rather than quantity.

It is a great pity that the Botanic gardens are not freely available - other than on a pay basis - we feel it has been a great loss to the community as not everyone ~~or~~ wants to sit on the beach ~~at~~

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USR99

UPPER VENTNAR IS THE ONLY PLACE ON
THE ISLAND THAT HAS NOT GOT A
PUBLIC CAR PARK - SURELY FUNDS COULD
BE FOUND TO BUILD A METERED CAR
PARK WHICH WOULD ALLOW ADDITIONAL
SENSIBLE PARKING AND PAY BACK IN A
FEW YEARS TIME

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USR 100

I am concerned about the cost of entry to Ventnor Botanic Gardens. Could the council explore the possibility of Ventnor residents getting a substantial reduction in the entry fee, perhaps by showing proof of address. It is a great shame that local people now have to pay to enter this beautiful garden, when at one time it was free.

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upper Ventnor
8286 - 22 May 2015

Dear Council,

The main causes of problems in our country are Central and Local Government trying to run the show. You say you are "funded". Even more taxpayers money is being taken, along with the already mountainous pile of taxes, rates, charges, and along with the massive National Debt of £1.3 TRILLION. The bills for this largesse will land either directly or indirectly on businesses that will either go bust, or struggle to take on workers even at minimum wages.

Salisbury Gardens is just an ugly old building with no historical or architectural merit which you intend to fill with more officials spending, and not creating wealth. Successful business men KNOW what they need to do.

Ventnor Central is another bottomless pit. Ventnor is a heaven for youth. Seaside, Downs, walks, activities, sports. With little money as a child I used to cycle in the countryside, walk on the hills, play cowboys and Indians, spacemen, build landyachts out of old prams, run round the block pretending we were Roger Bannister, put on shows in the street for younger kids. You have created a nation of vegetables who feel they never have to do anything for themselves.

And Housing I presume you also mean to help those people who have made no effort or sacrifice to buy their own home. You will take resources from someone making an effort and dole it out to layabouts who are naturally quite happy to accept a free Council House worth £1/4 million and welfare to mean they don't have to get out of bed on a morning and go to work. Doing something for yourself teaches you about life. Most of the criminals and misfits have come from Council Estates. In London they are no go areas.

Jobs will never go to school leavers who are illiterate, innumerate, and incapable of turning up when, where, and how demanded. 90% of university courses are a total waste of time.

So stop helping the baddies and aid return power to the goodies.

CONCERNS OVER WHEELERS BAY BOAT PARK.

SR 25

Dear Town Council,

I am bringing to your attention about the unfair and unjust way that we are being treated at Ventnor fishing club and boat members. The cost of having a boat bay has near on increased to double, this I understand is to bring it in line with other boat yards on the Island and mainland according to the lady in the council offices. But can I state that, one minute we are told it is a public slipway then we are told it is not because you need a key to enter the revetment, which has to be purchased at the council. Can you clarify which is correct.

If you are saying that the cost increase is to bring it in line with others

- 1) No public facilities for water
- 2) Slipway not maintained
- 3) Winch never been serviced or operated in over 15yrs. It is in situ so we are paying for service that is non existant.
- 4) Security
- 5) Being a member of the fishing club committee we were told that we are not allowed to have a key for any of the gates. We hold a lot of open days and fun days for the locals and their children and if there was an emergency the ambulance would not be able to attend unless they had a key.
- 6) Ventnor Haven IS the public slipway but is not fit for purpose.
- 7) When the Haven was built there was meant to be a walkway to the end for fishermen but this did not happen.

It is a shame that it has come to this, the character of ventnors smaller fishing community is being pushed out. This doesn't encourage any new members for the fishing club or increase community spirit.

We are a small fishing community and should not be compared to others especially those on the mainland.

Our fishing club holds an annual fishing competition for children in August, we have families from other countries coming every year to fish and enjoy the day immensely being taught by England Internationals that we have in the club.

Looking forward to a response as something has got to be done.

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