

ST LAWRENCE

**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:

LSR1

Ventnor has a reputation of being like Marwell so far the majority of us living here it is our choice. Obviously the usual gripe are applicable i.e. cutting back on library services, public toilets etc and in general favourable of ours, only one perhaps making working on the esplanade. We pay the highest Band 'D' on the island - Why? We were sold short on the Winter Garden and had to pay for the privilege, and one would question the favouring and crowding to The Hambarugh Group! The community spirit in Ventnor is admirable but does tend to suffer from an element of 'Betz' mentality i.e. fatality. Having said all this in all fairness Ventnor does seem to be on the up again.

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L S R 3

I like many of the ideas but I do not wish to agree to many as it incenses me the fact that Ventnor Council Tax is one of the highest on the Island. ~~and~~ It is also higher than Westminster.

Why should our council tax be so high - is it because of all these proposals being implemented?

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LSR 4

Most important to maintain blue flag
status for the beach and continue
community feeling and policing.

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LSRS

VENTNOR IS BECOMING MORE & MORE POPULAR WITH BOTH VISITORS & LOCALS WITH ITS CHOICE OF ESTACIES & POPULAR CLIFF TOP WALKS IT IS APPARENT THEREFOR THAT WE MUST RESIST ALL EFFORTS TO BUILD WHAT WOULD BE AN ABOMINATION OF ANY SORT OF SUB STATION/BURDENS ON FLOWERS BLOCK THIS AREA IS A MAGNET FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY & RELAX WITH ALL THE WORK CARRIED OUT ON THE AREA OF THE STREAM BY THE ENHANCED COAST AND LINKS VENTNOR TO STEEPHILL I FEEL OUR BEACHFRONT AND CLIFF WALKS ARE OUR MAIN ATTRACTION THE TOWNS ITSELF HAS IMPROVED ALTHOUGH PIER STREET STILL REQUIRES WORK AND LETS DOWN THE REST OF THE TOWN DUE TO THE SEABSY BUILDINGS AND SOME SHOP FRONTS IT IS ALSO TIME THE BUS STATION WAS SORTED OUT THE DOG MESS IS ALSO BECOMMING A PROBLEM AGAIN

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L S R 6

A deterrent for Tourism & Locals is the closure of Public Toilets. Though a nuisance they are necessary. It would be useful to regain the market it loses. As well as be grove Rd ones. If people have no toilets, they spend less time in a town. This applies to other towns on the Island!!

Resist as hard as possible Central Government Cut Backs.
For the sake of "Business & the Well Being of Communities"

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L328

Appreciate the proactive efforts of Ventnor Town Council. Good reporting of the Council work (eg in South Wight Chronicle.)

Important to retain Blue Flag status for the beach to maintain or improve Ventnor's attraction as a holiday resort. May need to advertise independently as well as with I.O.W Tourism.

Free parking attracts visitors and/or shoppers, even if free only for first couple of hours. (eg Ely)

Helps advertise the niche markets in Ventnor (eg concentration of Antique Shops, or very wide selection of restaurant styles) all (in) close proximity.

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Mr.

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LS129

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COULD THERE PLEASE BE A CLAUSE INSERTED IN ANY AGREEMENT THAT IS ENTERED INTO WITH LANDLORDS THAT BUY PROPERTY IN OUR TWO MAIN STREETS, PIER ST, & THE HIGH ST, THAT STIPULATES THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE TO MAINTAIN & DECORATE THE OUTSIDE OF THEIR PREMISES AT LEAST ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS. THIS WOULD ENABLE US TO KEEP THE TOWN UP TO A DECENT DECORATIVE STANDARD, AND GIVE A LIFT TO THE WHOLE OF VENTNOR AT NO COST TO THE COUNCIL OR COMMUNITY. (THE STANDARD OF UPGRADE IS AT PRESENT, AN EYSESE!!!)

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THAT RESIDENTS ARE ASKED WHERE POSSIBLE, TO GET RID OF DENSIS & LEAVES FROM THEIR AUSTRALIAN PALM TREES, INSTEAD OF LETTING THEM ACCUMULATE IN THE ROADS BLOCKING MUCH NEEDED DRAINS (THIS IS VENTNOR AFTER ALL!!)

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LSR10

WE HAVE RECENTLY BROUGHT A HOME HERE AND WHILE OUR WORK IS ON THE MAINLAND, WE ARE REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO BECOMING MORE INVOLVED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, AND HOPEFULLY MOVING TO VENTNOR ON A PERMANENT BASIS IN THE FUTURE.

WE HAVE BEEN COMING TO VENTNOR ON HOLIDAY FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS TOGETHER AND MARK HAS BEEN COMING HERE SINCE A BOY PRECEDED BY HIS DAD AND GRANDFATHER BEFORE HIM. WE HAVE ALWAYS SEEN THE TOWN GRADUALLY IMPROVE OVER THE YEARS AND WOULD LIKE TO THINK IT IS ABOUT TO COME INTO BLOOM.

WE FEEL A VIBRANT ARTS SCENE, SWIMMING BEACH AND LOCAL FACILITIES WILL BE KEY TO ATTRACTING AND DELIGHTING VISITORS AND WILL ENCOURAGE THEM TO RETURN AND PROMOTE VENTNOR AS A DESTINATION TO OTHERS. ULTIMATELY IT IS IMPORTANT VENTNOR IS ABLE TO PROVIDE JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE AND ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES WHICH WILL PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED INVESTMENT AND REVENUE FOR THE TOWN.

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LS RII

Congratulations on what has been achieved so far -
Keep up the good work.

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LSR12

We are pleased to be living in a vibrant and forward-thinking community and fully support VTC in their projects.

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L.S.R/15

Cardens avenue Ventnor to be planted + maintained
to a high standard

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L SR16

Music is fine in the park on a Sunday afternoon, but do we have to have amplifiers on so loud, that the local residents, have no peace for two hours every Sunday during the summer months. We live opposite the park, we have to shut our conservatory door & windows. We understand that people like to listen to music, but why has it got to be so loud!!!

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LSR17

Ventnor is a strong, vital and caring community.

The Ventnor Spirit is unique.

My guests (who come from around the world) always say what a fantastic community this is. They can "feel it" although they are "outsiders".

In order to preserve this special part of England we should do all in our power to invest in this community.

It is essentially a seaside town. The beach is therefore paramount to Ventnor's well being. We must invest therefore in the Beach Safety - this should be at the very heart of any plan - which surely must be obvious. Without this being addressed the tourists will stop coming. If the sea was not there, this town would fade into obscurity.

This should not even need highlighting. The Bringing back of the Blue flag is PRIORITY.

(Riviera B&B) Charlotte Hargreaves.

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LSR19

Please keep holiday homes to a minimum
and increase their Council Tax as lack of
use kills the town.

There are too many drugs and too much
vandalism in Ventnor - perhaps both ideas
and money could be spent on these negative
activities.

In general, Ventnor residents are friendly and
happy, if a little quirky - please don't ever
try to change this!

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LSR 20

The high Street could be
cleaner e.g. rubbish &
cigs. need removing.
Some buildings are in
need of painting / knocking down.

The Skate park needs
attention it looks dangerous

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L.S.R. 21

I feel that certain jobs now being undertaken by Island Roads are falling well below I.e. seats railings + general fittings of the hour. The Sea front businesses have made a special effort this year + buildings are looking good but let down by the upkeep of the Seats + railings. The planting of the baskets in Central Park + the railings has the wrong kind of geraniums - should be trailing they are upright and will suffer from the wind factor. Also all the same colour (no imagination) Please feel free to get advice from Dennor Enhanced!

Lawn shops are good + varied + the town has a good buzz.

You you are doing a good job but need to keep on top of the I.O.W.C. contributions to the town which is sometimes ~~so~~ second rate,

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LSR 23

There should be somewhere in Ventnor ^{which} ~~were~~ local groups and societys could use free or charge or for a small donation then more things could and would happen in the town.

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CSR24

I am already a member of Ventnor Timebank and have been involved in the Our Place Programme (Open Spaces). However, I didn't get the chance to discuss the following which is:
I would like to see Ventnor town centre freed from parked vehicles to give traffic free circulation. Buses sometimes have to wait the narrow pavement in the High Street to get around wide or bulky parked vehicles. Without public parking on the street, delivery vehicles might not need to park in the bus stop bays, leaving buses blocking the road. Currently, anyone walking along the narrow High Street pavements is in danger of being hit by a passing vehicle. Shops should not be allowed to clutter those pavements with signs, as some do. Victoria Street parking also causes problems for buses, as the short section at the High Street end is very narrow; yet parking is allowed outside a guesthouse. Could a solution be found for 'guests' to park in one of the car parks? I don't think it is fair for bus and coach drivers to have to deal with blocked roads in our town centre on a daily basis. Our roads are challenging enough as it is, especially for coach drivers who are unfamiliar with them. Let's put our newly acquired car parks to good use to try and solve this conundrum, to keep our residents and visitors safe. Could we have designated delivery bays, perhaps one next to the bus bays?

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LSR 25

Venice is regarded as the Town with the most natural beauty - Visit by some people year in & out. I feel a lot of Venetian citizens are still in the dark regarding the threat of what the in shore tidal energy will mean to the beauty that has been enjoyed for generations. It will industrialise a beauty spot so close to residences & Town. Directly control this where visitors go for peace & to admire the beauty. The total atmosphere & environment will change. Natural Energy Yes Yes - but Not at this price,

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CSR 28

Parking has become a real issue for the residents around Salisbury Gardens + Dudley Rd. as with the whole of the town. Maybe Residents Parking Permits for some people i.e. Dudley Rd.

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LSR 29

We rent a shop in Ventnor and do not really make a profit! We are concerned about the variation in visitor numbers over the past few years and the effect on local shops and accomodations etc. The rent we pay is really too high for us to carry on trading. Most of our customers during the holiday season are in fact local people! We run the gallery + frames opposite Rainbows. We would ideally like to buy a shop to enable us to stop renting.

We would like to be more involved in helping with local projects but we have a young family with a son with complex additional needs that have not yet been fully assessed; but that's another story! So our time is very limited outside work - sorry.

I am very concerned about the cost of buses on the island. My teenage daughter has friends from school all across the island and we pay a small fortune for her to meet up with them. I do not drive and do have a "Key" card for me, my 6 year old son and a spare one for my partner's older son to share. But this is still expensive for us to have a day out. Where did the Student Rider El tickets go?

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CSR30

Ventnor receives good press in national papers - best weekend getaways, good place to buy a country retreat and so on - but could do more to promote this and attract a wealthy visitor demographic which would bring money into the local economy.

Ventnor has a good selection of restaurants and these could also be promoted more coherently - adding to the positive Ventnor brand. There are no restaurants or bars listed on Ventnor's official website - which would be easy to update, with a link to (visitisleofwight.co.uk) the 'Love Ventnor' website.

How about some downloadable pdf leaflets about Ventnor for visitors - a walking trail to Bonchurch and back? A history trail ^{from Ventnor} to St Lawrence via the coastal path to see its historic churches? How about involving local artists or designers to make them look really lovely?

The High Street frontages look shabby. Is there opportunity to involve local artists to improve fascias or blank walls?

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LSR31

1. THE POOR QUALITY OF THE REAL ESTATE IN THE SHOPPING STREETS CONTRIBUTES TO THE "LOW RENT" SHABBINESS OF THE TOWN. FIRST IMPRESSIONS COUNT. WHERE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE (BISTRO, AT SARAFIS HOUSE, CANTINA, SOPHIE HOMEBOURNE) THE CHANGE IN APPEARANCE HAS POSITIVELY IMPACTED THE STREETSCENE. THE COUNCIL SHOULD SEEK TO TAKE ACTION TO PURSUE NEGLENT LANDLORDS + IMPROVE NEGLECTED BUILDINGS. THIS ESPECIALLY APPLIES TO UPER FLOORS, WHERE AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL ACCOMODATION COULD BE PROVIDED IF THE BUILDINGS WERE IN GOOD REPAIR, AND, MOST IMPORTANT, LOOKING ATTRACTIVE + GIVING THEIR OCCUPANTS A SENSE OF PRIDE.
2. THERE REMAINS A LARGE VOID SPACE IN THE HIGH ST WHERE A FORMER GARAGE/DEPOT HAS CLOSED (NEAR BISTRO) THIS NEEDS TO BE AN ANIMATED RETAIL OR CULTURAL FRONSTAGE, NOT A CAR + BIKE PARK.
3. Ground Floor Premises on the Seafront should have RETAIL or CATERING USE, NOT RESIDENTIAL. THEY NEED TO INTERACT WITH VISITORS.

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LSR 33

With THE PROBLEMS OF UNDERGROUND
PIPE LINE, HAS THE COUNCIL NOT
EXAMINED, OR THE PUBLIC LIABILITY
INSURANCE OF THE CONTRACTOR, WE
HAVE PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE, WHEN
WORKING. SO, WITH, HAS THE COST
UPGRADED.

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L SR 36

As the government seems determined to diminish the responsibilities of County Councils, it is evident that the only way to maintain our standard of living (ie public services) is for Towns/parishes to become providers. You will need to be able to exert pressure on the National Government in order to be able to raise the necessary funding.
I hope you will continue to be supported by Ventnor residents.
Keep up the good work!

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LSR37

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CASCADES GARDENS PLANTED OUT.
IT LOOKS A LITTLE SAD THIS YEAR, SO FAR.

THE MET APARTMENTS... TOO MANY ARE USED FOR SECONDED
HONES. IT LOOKS LIKE A GHOST BLOCK.

OLD PEOPLE NEED A PUBLIC TOILET AT THE SPY GLASS
END OF THE ESPLANADE

THE ORANGE BARRIER AT THE TOP OF THE CASCADES
LOOKS DREADFUL.

VENTNOR IS A UNIQUE TOWN. LET'S KEEP IT
LIKE IT.

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LSR 39

The compilation of this survey is very poor. It has been delivered on a one per household basis but most of the questions, in particular sections C & D, are directed at an individual NOT a household.

The survey does not collect any demographic information so much of the data will be meaningless.

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CSR46

We were interested in the Timeshare scheme but the paperwork/mile assessment every time you wanted to go as a volunteer put us off completely.

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LSR 47

IF I SEEM TO BE LACKING IN A PRO-ACTIVE ATTITUDE MYSELF, IT IS BECAUSE I AM ALREADY BUSY WITH GRANDCHILDREN & FEEL THEY ARE MY PRIORITY RATHER THAN OFFERING COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY WORK.

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD, NEWTOWN IS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO LIVE, FRIENDLY, HELPFUL PEOPLE & NATURAL BEAUTY ABOUNDS.

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS FACING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IS THE ABUNDANCE OF HOLIDAY HOMES & SECOND HOMES, VIZ. EMPTY PROPERTIES & HIGHER PRICES. WHICH SHOULD BE PENALIZED & DISCOURAGED BY HIGHER COUNCIL TAX FOR SECOND HOMES.

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L SRS 2

Although the ROADS are not the Council's responsibility, the TOWN COUNCIL SHOULD certainly BE CONCERNED about them as Ventnor's tourist industry (as well as its residents) will suffer.

Good to see more signs to the "outdoor gym" in Ventnor Park, & pleased the Aviary has opened again (whoever was responsible!).

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L8R54

It is evident that the concept of "Localism" involves the reduction of central government funding to Local Authorities and a further reduction from LAs to town councils.

Although central taxation can be reduced and council tax maintained it is obvious that local precepts rise in line with increased uptake by town councils.

It might be attractive to be ultra community involved but there is a real danger in assuming responsibilities which will prove to be hugely costly and result in unaffordable local precepts.

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LSR 56

The biggest blow to Ventnor was the closing of the railway!

The island line to Shanklin is again under discussion. There is talk of a light railway that will continue through the centre of SHANKLIN.

Cool but what about Ventnor?

The line needs to be extended on a new track from Shanklin to Ventnor.

The natural terminus of the Island line is Ventnor.

This would cost a lot of money & moral talkers about such an option. But the termination of the line at Ventnor & later the bus has stopped Ventnor's development.

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LSR57

As I have said, these ~~the~~ questions and preference options seem totally obvious. Would anyone sane not agree to the ideas put forward. Maybe 0.5 % of the population. I therefore have my suspicions about the source of this money and the motives behind those funding it.

Is this funded by central government to allow them to claim they care about local issues - let's face it - everyone wants or agrees about such aspirations.

It would be nice to see who is funding this. I suspect it is an attempt by central government to boast about caring about local issues.

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L S R 59

I believe if the 'safe Haven' had been extended to provide a visitors centre this would have brought significant revenue to the town. There is no where on the south coast to moor a boat so this would have been an ideal opportunity to attract visiting boats. A massive opportunity missed! STRONGLY AGREE!

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L S R 6 2

ALL DOGS SHOULD BE KEPT OFF THE BEACH FROM EASTER
UNTIL LAST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER.

BETTER CONTROL OF DOG FOULING IN PUBLIC PLACES.

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LSR63

PUBLIC TOILETS.

Holiday resort.

Very much needed to encourage visitors and Islanders to stop in Ventnor and coastal areas.

Toilets should not have been closed in the first place - even a small fee would not be too bad, especially for people with young children.

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LSR 64

THE SMALL HARBOUR NEEDS TO BE INCREASED TEN-FOLD
AND MADE INTO A LARGE MARINA, CAPABLE OF
ACCOMODATING YACHTS AND MOTOR CRUISERS FROM
THE MAINLAND AND ABROAD. THIS WILL BRING CUDUS
+ REAL INCOME TO VENTNOR (AND NOT JUST THE
DOMAIN OF A FEW LOCAL FISHERMEN.)
A HUGE INVESTMENT I KNOW, BUT VENTNOR
COULD BECOME THE ONLY MARINA ON THE ~~WHOLE~~
~~WEST~~ BACK OF THE NIGHT.
NOW THAT I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN!

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LSR 65

The town has to look clean and tidy for people to want to come and stay. The beach has to be pristine. The public toilets need to be open and well maintained. The hotels and guest houses need to be pleasant and not full of inner-city displaced persons with drug, alcohol and mental health issues who have been moved down by large municipal corporations who find it cheaper to pay HMO fees rather than supply a flat in their authority area. The island does not have the capacity or services to cope with an influx of this kind and places like Ventnor will continue to struggle if all tourists see are run down properties full of grungy people drinking from cans in the street and smoking cannabis (the smell of which pervades much of the town most of the time).

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L.S.R.66

Alpine road should have no-parking all year long, it is an accident waiting to happen, due to the amount of cars - heavy vehicles and coaches. Park avenue should be one-sided parking only, it has too many cars and if an accident happened, you wouldn't get emergency services there. The pigeons in the town are a disgrace, and it makes the town look dirty with all the muck everywhere!!.

Public toilets should be more accessible, it's a shame so many are closed as visitors have stopped my husband and I on many occasions and to our knowledge the nearest ones are, as hotels - guest house - pubs don't like people using their premises. Ventnor town looks tattered and dirty. Some investment is needed to give it its pride back.

Why can't the old bus station be converted into a sports centre - or a shopping and cafe mall, put Ventnor back on the map. Put the fair back in the park, so everyone can finish off their evening after the carnival, as families like to enjoy some small fairground attractions, bands, food attractions and put some more back into Ventnor —

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L SR 68

DOG POO IS A REAL PROBLEM. WE NEED CLEAN STREETS. SOMEONE IS CIRCING DOG POO BUT WE NEED ACTIVE INTERVENTION TO ENSURE DOG OWNERS PICK IT UP

TOWN COUNCIL SHOULD NOT BE SPENDING PUBLIC MONEY OWNING AND RENOVATING BUILDINGS. THIS IS THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR

PS HOW MUCH IS THIS SURVEY COSTING? COULDN'T THE MONEY BE SPENT PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE MOST VULNERABLE?

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LSR 69

A BIG CHALLENGE IN VENINOR - DOG MESS -
WE CAN'T PLAY IN VENINOR PARK WITHOUT
TREADING IN IT. IT IS A HEALTH HAZARD
AND DOG OWNERS NEED TO BE HELD TO
ACCOUNT FOR THEIR DESPICABLE LACK OF
CARE. I SUGGEST A TOUGH APPROACH.

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LSR 70

The future well-being of Ventnor is dependant on its economic health which is dependant on its attractiveness to visitors (Tourism) and in-house employment opportunities (Business development).

Tourism

First impression by visitors is of the utmost importance (i.e. No business receptionist is chosen for his/her, clean appearance, smart, smiling and bright personality) There are busking in the main streets (although a little improvement in recent years) where colour & cleanliness is lacking.

The railings on the Esplanade & East Cliff Park are a disgrace!!
Business development

Space is a problem in Ventnor. More free industrial sites where available should be ^{encouraged} ~~converted~~ to those business opportunities with high-tech outputs

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LSR 73

- A library located within the main shopping area could provide information services for both residents and tourists ie a cafe, tourist information, children's facilities, IT suite, employment information, special events etc. (Ventnor Central is not really central or a suitable building - potentially expensive to maintain.)
- Ventnor Botanic Gardens has a number of facilities that were publicly funded, but it is now an expensive place to visit for local residents. The discounted local admission rate compares badly with national membership of bodies like National Trust or English Heritage. An admission for local residents that is like that to Calbourne Mill - one admission giving entry for a whole season, would give a greater sense of attachment for the local community.

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1) Car parking meter on Victoria seafast does not work and there is no out of order sign. I see some people putting money into the machine and to use the other one when I pass them but there must be a number of visitors who put money in and then get angry at losing it - I have seen this. Also some less abled people debate whether to risk not walking to the other meter beyond the deckchair cabin.

Solution: Get Council to fix meter or display an out of order sign on the meter near the Met. If someone sees people put money in and only later notice the machine is not displaying properly.

2) 40 mph limit is vastly exceeded on Whitewell Road making it difficult to cross.

3) Most visitors on coastal path heading past 'Victoria' sign don't see tiny arrow diverting them up away from closed path so they have to double back and up.

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LSR 78

Thank you for what you have achieved.

A difficult issue that really spoils Ventnor Town and the surrounding pathways is the continual problem of dog ~~fooding~~ fouling - why are owners not responsible for clearing these messes.

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LSE 88

Lock Ventnor a lovely place to live ☺

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LSR 90

We do think the cost of this expensive Surrey brochures etc. might have been used, ~~of the kind of paper used~~
~~by the kind of paper used~~
copy from
The Young People's Committee.

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LSR91

Clean toilets are a must. Most of the toilets that remain after the disgraceful cuts are worse than 3rd world toilets. There is no need for them to smell; not in this day and age.

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L SR 92

REGARDING VENTNOR CENTRAL - IS THE LIKELY COST OF UPGRADING
REFURBISHMENT TO MEET CURRENT LEGISLATION COST EFFECTIVE?

REGARDING VENTNOR LIBRARY - WHY CAN'T IT REMAIN IN ITS
CURRENT BUILDING? ANY REFURBISHMENT WOULD BE MUCH CHEAPER
THAN RELOCATION TO VENTNOR CENTRAL

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE BENEFIT TO THE TOWN IN TAKING OVER
SOME CAR PARKS UNLESS THE REVENUE GENERATED REMAINS IN VENTNOR
TRANSPORT TO/FROM VENTNOR TO MAIN ISLAND TOWNS IS GOOD. HOWEVER
LIVING IN ST. LAWRENCE, WE ARE VERY POORLY SERVED BY PUBLIC
TRANSPORT AND USE OF A CAR IS ESSENTIAL.

SINCE THE CLOSURE OF UNDERCLIFF DRIVE, THE MAINTENANCE OF
HIGHWAYS (ROAD SURFACES, CLEANING, UNDERGROWTH CONTROL,
SIGNAGE etc) HAS FALLEN SHARPLY AND, IN SOME AREAS, APPEARS
NON-EXISTANT

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LSR 94

ONE OF THOSE QUESTIONNAIRES FORMULATED AROUND
AN AGENDA AND TO HAVE A SPECIFIC OUTCOME
WHETHER INTENTIONAL OR BY CHANCE, LITTLE
WORTH I IMAGINE. MOST OF THIS STUFF ANY
GOOD TOWN COUNCIL SHOULD BE DOING ANYWAY.

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LSR 96

THE WHOLESALE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES ON THIS ISLAND IS A DISGRACE. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WE HAVE NOTICED PEOPLE URINATING IN THE STREET AND UP AGAINST THE LOCKED DOOR OF A NOW CLOSED PUBLIC TOILET.

WE FEEL MORE SHOULD BE DONE TO PROMOTE GREEN TRANSPORT, CYCLING IN PARTICULAR COULD BE MADE A LOT SAFER. WE NEED MORE CYCLE PATHS AND MORE CONTROLS ON SPEEDING MOTORISTS I.E. SPEED CAMERAS AND BETTER SIGNAGE. ST LAWRENCE SHUTE AND SEVEN SISTERS ROAD ARE PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS FOR CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS WITH THE INCREASED FLOW OF TRAFFIC DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF UNDERCLIFFE DRIVE.

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L S R 97

In my business activities I have dealt with many Town Councils. I would rate Ventnor close to the bottom in terms of approachability and support. Generally they give the impression that if your view does not correspond with theirs you must be wrong and should be treated with disdain. They are over protective of their roles to the point of ~~over~~ arrogance.

We have a planning committee headed by a local builder on the grounds that this provides expertise. The point is entirely missed that it also provides a clear vested interest in most local applications.

A recent town council recruit left very quickly saying he could not work as he felt he was clearly outside the existing clique and his views shouted down.

Rather than this survey perhaps an external audit of the set up in Ventnor should be commissioned.

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LSR 102

Ventnor Council must be accountable, financially. These schemes that have produced very little e.g. TimeBank must stop. A grant has come from a source we pay into - a grant is not magic free money.

Ventnor includes Bonchurch & St. Lawrence - council tax, precept.

The youth of Ventnor must have consequences. If they cause upset at 34, they must be permanently excluded. If nobody uses the Skate Park Out of fashion, stop grants.

Who is paying for the facility at the Post Office.

Financial records, INCLUDING SALARIES, should be available in detail. If a business with perks is being created, it should be transparent, following all legal obligations to those who pay into it.

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L.S.R. 111

Perhaps some toilet facilities could be provided
in La Falaise Car Park, and the market street
toilets reinstated.

Also if it is possibly free Thursday afternoon
parking in Central car park could be
provided. It may bring in more shoppers.

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LSR 114

THIS HAS BEEN ANSWERED BY TWO ELDERLY RESIDENTS
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR PRIORITIES — THIS DOES NOT
MEAN WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN EITHER THE YOUNG
ADULTS AND CHILDREN'S INTERESTS.

? NO MENTION OF DISABLED REQUIREMENTS

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AS A RESIDENT OF ST. LAWRENCE & A NON DRIVER, I WOULD
LIKE THE VITAL COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE
A LATE AFTERNOON / EARLY EVENING.

AS A READER &, AS ONE CONCERNED AT LOW LITERACY
LEVELS / LOW EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT I CONSIDER THE LIBRARY
ABSOLUTELY VITAL TO THE TOWN. RE POSITIONING IT MAY
IMPROVE ACCESS BUT I AM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT DUPLICATION
OR EFFORT BETWEEN LIBRARY, CHILDREN'S CENTRE, SANCTUARY
GARDENS, etc. SPACE MUST BE PROVIDED FOR TOURIST INFO.
AND SIGNAGE (to the library!) IS VITAL WITHIN THE TOWN.
Bottom of Spring Hill, CAR PARKS, ~~the~~ BEACH, etc.

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CSR123

I think it important for all Local Authorities to concentrate on first providing basic services. There is a growing tendency for LAs to expand into areas which are more appropriate to private sector provision - if required at all! If there is no business case it's probably not necessary.

I am concerned that VTC has taken on car parks which the LAs found unprofitable. Their policy on residents' annual parking permits breached the laws of diminishing returns and they are only retaining profitable car parks.

In the cause of openness and transparency could you please publish the cost of this survey as, from whichever fund it comes, it is a charge to the public purse.

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LSR124

Cover your basics; parking, litter, lighting + esp.
water front (dog poo enforcement!?) AND footpaths clear
+ cut. All else follows... 1988 I came here, diff.
times but better infrastruct. maintenance. Sure funds
lives are an issue but allocate wisely. When people hit
bumpy potholed roads, can't park easily + trip on the pave-
ment we lose their goodwill!

Thanks for interest.

A Ventnor Resident

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LSR127

I appreciate all the things Ventnor is already doing re keeping the town etc a good place to live / visit but as pensioners we worry about the increase in council tax with further improvements etc

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LSR/28

THE PLANNING COMMITTEE IS USELESS. IT OFTEN SUPPORTS
APPLICATIONS OF WHICH IT HAS NO DETAILED KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER,
THE SORT OF TOWN COUNCILLORS VENTNOR COULD WELL DO WITHOUT,

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LSR 129

WHILE IT IS GOOD THAT YOU WANT LOCAL PEOPLES OPINIONS, ON THESE ISSUES, THERE ARE MORE SERIOUS ISSUES SUCH AS PLANNING, WHEREBY THE PEOPLE OF VENTNOR ARE LARGELY IGNORED. NOT ONLY ARE THEY IGNORED BUT THEY ARE TREATED WITH CONTEMPT. THE MORE I SEE OF VTC, THE MORE I THINK THEY MUST BE WORKING WITH FIFA.

NO DOUBT THEIR INCOMPETENCE WILL ~~BE~~ BE HANDSOMELY REWARDED.

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LSR 135

I hate waste of money! Toilet closed, beaches no longer cleaned, librarians losing jobs. We pay high taxes for surveys, studies, people in offices developing strategies.

The volunteers + good will of Ventnor locals are the success of the town.

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LSR136

~~This~~ It seems beyond your remit, but if you could influence the Island Roads works schedule I think that the surface from Trinity Church down to the town and from Ventnor Park to Flowers Brook needs urgent attention.

The parking from flowers Brook along to the Eversley Hotel is now ridiculous during weekends and school holidays and more double lines need to be in place to allow more passing places for the long single track runs created by cars parking on both sides of the road for long distances.

Keep up the good work.

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~~Staged~~
LSR 138

I feel that the Council in Ventnor is working
really well in order to provide the very best
for the community. As a volunteer I am
Chair of the Board of Trustees of St Catherine's
School and we are probably the biggest
employer in the area. We are aware of the
deprivation in Ventnor and hope that by
employing local people we can alleviate some
of the hardship in a small way. I also
work as Secretary for Ventnor Film Society
which contributes to the cultural life of Ventnor
and the Island as a whole. Due to my
age and current occupation (also Chair of
First Fairs at Niton Parish Church) I cannot
commit to anything more but would if I
could. Keep up the good work.

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LSR140

Although we know the names of our two local councillors, they at never seen to be active in this community. It would be good to know at least what they look like (aside from the internet) and to hear their views on local issues - such as traffic problems on St. Lawrence Street.

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