



BEACH SAFETY PROJECT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

8 OCTOBER 2012

The purpose of this Report is to provide Members with a summary of the now completed Beach Safety Project 2012.

No. DETAIL

1) THE PROJECT

- a) The Project was initiated in 2011 following the Isle of Wight Council's decision to discontinue funding for Lifeguards and their offer of £6,250 towards alternative provision of beach safety support.
- b) It has again consisted of a full-time staff member – Dave Gray – and a group of volunteers with support and encouragement from Councillor Jim Toogood and ran from Monday 1 May to Sunday 30 September.
- c) The following sections of this report provide members with information on the level of activity and the accounts for the Project.

2) ACTIVITY LEVELS

- a) Although the weather during the season reduced the number of days for which the beach was in significant use, the overall level of incidents dealt with were almost the same as those for 2011 as shown in the following table

MONTH	SAFETY INCIDENTS	FIRST AID	ASSISTED RESCUES	TOTALS
TOTALS	112 [121]	69 [66]	12 [9]	193 [199]

- b) The 112 safety incidents included: warnings to swimmers/dinghies too far out and/or too close to rocks.
- c) The 69 first aid treatments included: wasp stings, weaver fish stings, cuts & grazes and sprains.
- d) The First Aid Hut also served again as a *lost & found* service for objects ranging from sunglasses through purses to mobile phones.

3) FINANCES

- a) The table lists the expenditure on the project by category and months:

MONTH	SALARIES	FIRST AID	CLOTHING	EQUIPMENT	TRAINING	MISC	TOTALS
MAY	1,076						1,076
JUNE	1,537	63	220		610		2,430
JULY	1,205			15	180		1,400
AUGUST	1,382	46		28			1,456
SEPTEMBER	1,205					175	1,380
TOTALS	6,405	109	220	43	790	175	7,742

- b) In addition to the £6,250 grant from the Isle of Wight Council – received in May - donations made after the project had closed in 2011 of £1,414 were carried forward into this year's work giving a total budget of £7,664 and a consequent overspend of £78.

4) **VOLUNTEERS**

- a) Thanks are due to the volunteer team that provided invaluable support for Dave Gray's work and contributed significantly to the safety of residents and visitors using the beach this summer.
 - b) They are: Jon Jowett, Gordon Mitchell, James Blake, Mark White, Davin Gibbs, Dylan Gray, Clare Marshall, Dave Thornes, Barbara Blake, Sophie Blake, Lucy Ann Ricketts and Jody Berry.
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