



The purpose of this Report is for Members to consider a request from Gift to Nature for a financial contribution to its work.

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The Island 2000 Trust began in 1997 as a partnership between 10 organisations: Isle of Wight Council, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit, Rural Community Council, National Trust, National Farmers Union, Country Land and Business Association, Environment Agency, Countryside Commission, Association of Town and Parish Councils and Southern Water.
 - b) It registered as a Charity on 8 November 2000 having secured a Millennium Commission grant of £3m.
 - c) In February 2016 the Island 2000 Trust charity took on the management of most of the Isle of Wight Council's countryside estate. This project is run under the name of Gift to Nature as a 20-year agreement to reinvigorate 25 Isle of Council sites, covering an area in excess of 170 hectares.
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2) FUNDING REQUEST

- a) The latest filed accounts – for the year ended 31 March 2017 – of Island 2000 Trust show an income line in its 'Income from Charitable Activities' section of £13,023 from the Island's Town and Parish Councils.
 - b) The email from the Gift to Nature project's officer Carol Flux is a request for the Town Council to contribute to its work in maintaining three of Ventnor's landscape areas: Rew Down, Nansen Down and the Landslip.
 - c) Maps of the three areas are also attached and the annual maintenance costs of each are included in the email.
 - d) The request was considered by the Town Council's Assets and Services Working Group meeting of 4 December and agreed to be included in the Agenda of this meeting without any recommendation from the Group.
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3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to consider the request for a contribution to the work of the Gift to Nature project of the Island 2000 Trust in Ventnor.

From: [Carol Flux](#)
To: [David Bartlett](#)
Subject: FW: Gift To Nature
Date: 21 November 2018 15:58:17
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[1718069 Landslip and Nansen.pdf](#)
[Ventnor_RewDown.pdf](#)

Hi David

Thank you for taking the time to chat through Gift To Nature for me.

We would be very grateful if Ventnor Town Council could consider giving us some money towards the upkeep of our three sites. Since chatting we have revisited the costs and to be cautious we have upped the contractor fees slightly. These are variable and dependent on conditions, so I am detailing the costs below for each site and have separated these out.

We will be getting some income from the car park at Smugglers Haven, although the amount is speculative at present. We also get a small amount of reimbursement towards the contractor cutting costs at Nansen.

I am also attaching maps, as requested.

Our costs (based on 2018) are as follows:

Bonchurch Landslip £2749 of which £960 is contractor costs (mainly tree-cutting which is tricky and time-consuming there, so expensive)

Nansen Hill £1495 of which £540 are contractor costs (grass cutting)

Rew Down £1640 of which £540 are contractor costs (topping brambles etc)

We do provide a full breakdown of all activities to TPCs who contribute towards Gift to Nature with funding. Graham or myself would be very happy to come and discuss these sites further with the Councillors if it would be helpful.

Many thanks gain

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From: Carol Flux
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Subject: RE: Gift To Nature

Oh that's good, I can follow on from Matt as we now have a better idea of what each site costs to run. Shall we say 9.30am?

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Gift to Nature sites: Nansen Hill and The Landslip

