



The purpose of this paper is to provide Members with an update on some recent developments at Salisbury Gardens and the opportunity to comment on them.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The Town Council's Public Buildings Working Group has moved to a fortnightly meeting schedule and Salisbury Gardens currently appears on each of its Agendas as development work proceeds.
 - b) Details of five of the activities at the building the Group is overseeing are provided in the following sections of this Report.
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2) WEST WALL REPAIRS

- a) Decayed pointing and porous stonework in some areas of the building's western wall (the one facing the Green) have resulted in internal areas of dampness particularly over the bay windows.
 - b) Wight Heritage Preservation have been commissioned to follow on from an earlier area of treatment. The necessary scaffolding has been put in place and work commenced on 6 July.
 - c) Weather permitting, it is expected to take up to three weeks.
 - d) The cost of the work is being met from the building's own income stream and will have no consequences for the Town Council's budget.
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3) BICYCLE SHEDS

- a) Planning permission for the placing of three bicycle sheds to occupy the two parking spaces nearest the sea to accommodate the Safer Neighbourhood Team's cycles was granted in mid-June and the order for them placed accordingly.
 - b) The additional works required involve providing a concrete base, erecting the sheds from flat-packs and part-painting of them and will be carried out by D N Norville Associates, the company responsible for the building's refurbishment.
 - c) All the related costs have been agreed by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and will be reimbursed in full.
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4) 'GO LIVE' DAY

- a) The date on which the Shanklin & Ventnor Safer Neighbourhoods Team will take up their occupancy of the four ground floor rooms in Salisbury Gardens has now been fixed for Monday 3 August.
 - b) The installations for them to have their own independent telephone and internet communications connections are in place and most of the fixtures, fittings and furniture are in.
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5) SIGNAGE

The external and internal signage for the building is nearing completion in the works of Signpost Express and installation has been agreed to be in the week commencing 13 July.

6) HISTORIC IMAGES

The Isle of Wight Council have kindly agreed to return the stunning historic images of old Ventnor that were previously hung in the Coastal Visitor Centre to the building where they will be hung in the Green Room's two Meeting Rooms.
