



# TOWN CLERKS' REPORT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 91/13

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The purpose of this report is to provide Members with updates on some areas of the Town Council's ongoing work.

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### 1) WESTMINSTER DAY

- a) Ventnor had a starring role in the very successful Westminster Day for the Island on 17 October with its Beach Hut Display, Dinosaur and effective networking by its excellent team.
  - b) The Deputy Mayor's contribution to the Day was much appreciated by all, not least for his consistent tweeting throughout the day – including pictures – that enabled those who couldn't be there a sense of involvement with the event.
  - c) Ventnor Business Association had a lead role from beginning to end and ensured that the town was engagingly presented to the influential audience.
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### 2) UPPER VENTNOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

- a) The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerks had the second of what is now a regular series of meetings with the Upper Ventnor Community Association on 21 October for a very useful exchange of information and discussion of issues.
  - b) It was agreed to meet more often on a 6-weekly cycle with the next meeting in the diary for 2 December.
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### 3) VOLUNTEERING NOTICEBOARDS

- a) Community Development Officer Julia Aratoon has arranged for Volunteering Noticeboards to be on display in Ventnor Post Office, the Community Café and the Library.
  - b) All community groups have been notified of this and invited to make use of this free service for recruiting volunteers. More information from Julia on 852753.
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### 4) ALLOTMENT INTEREST

- a) The offer by a local resident of a large overgrown area off St Boniface Road for possible allotment use is being explored by Councillor Leigh Geddes and the Assistant Town Clerk.
  - b) All those on the waiting list for an Allotment have been written to in order to establish how much interest there might be.
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### 5) POTTERY MAP

- a) The remarkable pottery map of Ventnor Park, including the Putting Green, made by local artist Helen Egleton for display at the recent Westminster Day has been passed to the Town Council by Sue and Chris Cooper.
  - b) It is available for local groups to use on loan for display at their own local events and will in between have a prominent display place in the new Salisbury Gardens.
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### 6) LOCALITY CONFERENCE

- a) Councillor Leigh Geddes is attending Locality's Annual Convention as the Town Council's representative in Leicester on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, along with 600 other delegates from a very wide range of organisations involved in grass roots change.
  - b) The theme this year is *Building Possibility* and more details, including the programme, are available [here](#).
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**7) COASTAL MANAGEMENT TEAM**

- a) We've been saying our goodbyes to those with whom we've co-located in Salisbury Gardens for nearly three years since we moved in during February: the Isle of Wight Council's Coastal Management Team.
  - b) Both Alison and I are keen to record how much we've benefited from their advice and assistance on all accommodation issues and our respect for the professionalism that has always been a hallmark of their approach to their work.
  - c) We will also very much miss their friendly presence within the building.
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