



VENTNOR DAY

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 72/18

9 JULY 2018

The purpose of this paper is to provide a summary of the Ventnor Day 2018 event for the record and agree a date for the event in 2019.

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) This year's event took place on 7 July and again coincided with the *Round the Island* yacht race.
 - b) It was the third successive annual celebration of the town's remarkably rich community life with 35 stalls set out attracting large crowds throughout to browse, meet, chat and enjoy the view, the sunshine and the music.
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2) PREPARATIONS

- a) Matt Hitt, our Youth Development Officer, produced this year's poster which was of a similar high quality to the previous and attracted a lot of interest on social media.
 - b) Flyers were included in the South Wight Chronicle, delivered to local schools and the event was featured in the County Press, The Chronicle, On the Wight and Isle of Wight Radio.
 - c) A staff team led by Community Development Officer Tony McCarthy with admin support by Assistant Town Clerk Alison Killick and Admin Assistant Morgan Williams provided the careful and details planning for the event and support for it throughout the day..
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3) THE EVENT

- a) We provided a table and two chairs free of charge to voluntary and community groups and around thirty-five groups attended the event with very positive feedback from them.
 - b) We were assisted by a volunteer team who helped with the setting up and clearing the site at the end of the event.
 - c) Music was in the air throughout the event the provided by a wide range of individual musicians and choral groups that was again organised by Greg Barnes, one of our Youth Workers.
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4) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to agree to hold the 2019 event on 6 July.
