



Welcome to edition 116 of our Clerk's Column circulated as usual to the 490 residents on our Residents' Forum email list and through the Chronicle's page 4.

## JUNE FINANCIALS

The total of our two Bank Accounts at 30 June was £442,490. The major item in the month's total expenditure of £77,819 was the £25,687 for the work on the new public toilet, bringing the total cost of that to date to £137,367. We also made the first of the loan repayments for those works at £3,770. There was also a payment of £2,470 for repairs to the Esplanade toilet. Salisbury Gardens' costs totalled £2,780.

Receipts during June came to £16,848 of which £8,544 came from Salisbury Gardens' rents and £1,735 was the annual payment from the Isle of Wight Council towards our Beach Cleaning costs.

Payments during the first quarter of the financial year were £6,741 more than Budget with receipts in that period £956 over Budget.

## JULY'S TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

This evening's meeting includes the Finance Report, Ventnor Park signage, possible membership of the Island's Chamber of Commerce and the Town Council's Major Projects Programme.

## COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND REPORT

'The government published last week its final evaluation of its Coastal Communities Fund from which our successful application provided £95,000 towards the cost of refurbishing Salisbury Gardens in 2014. We are one of 21 case studies quoted: Ventnor Town Council refurbished and reconfigured the Coastal Enterprise Centre to provide office space for business start-ups and self-employed workers. However, beyond the business impacts the increased visibility of the Town Council was mentioned as a key success... As a result of the Centre being built, residents knew where to go to receive and offer support....Stakeholders felt that these benefits were especially important because of the high levels of deprivation within the area, so there needed to be an accessible location point where people can go for assistance. The profits from this project were reinvested back into the local community.'

## VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- Rough Ready Reckoner [from [Martin Lewis](#)] if you pay £150pm now, from Oct £250, Jan £255 If you pay £200/mth now, from Oct £330, Jan £340 If you pay £300/mth now, from Oct £495, Jan £510.
- An article on the Island in today's [Times](#) records that our over-65's population has increased by 24.75 since 2011 and 'Available rental properties had suffered an 82 per cent drop since 2019 as owners increasingly turned to short-term letting.

## BELGRAVE ROAD LATEST

There's serious disappointment about the latest news from Island Roads about their intentions for the restoration of Belgrave Road: *Once completed, the finished scheme at Belgrave Road will be returned to the same street layout (pavement and carriageway width) as it was prior to the wall collapse.* This means that access will still not be properly available for users of wheelchairs or mobility scooters.



## VENTNOR'S JUNE WEATHER

Chris Watts has compiled his usual monthly table of the town's main weather patterns that he compiles

Rainfall (mm):		Date
Total amount	27.1	
% of average	66	
No. of dry days	19	
Highest	7.3	3rd
Temperatures (deg C):		
Mean	16.4	
Difference from average	+1.5	
Highest	25.4	18th
Lowest	8.0	1st
Coldest day	15.2	7th

from the daily readings at its own weather station.

## BUSKING @ SPRING HILL: SEASON 2

July 16 Bethan John & ?  
 July 23 Julian Warne & Marc le bone  
 July 30 Lucan & ?  
 August 6 Bethan John Julian Warner  
 August 13 Boogie Woogie sisters & ?  
 August 20 Marc le bone & Bella B  
 August 27 Lucan & Paul Bailey  
 September 3 Bethan John & Andy Roberts  
 ? = slots to fill, volunteers are asked to contact the Mayor on 07525 662555.

## NEW ROAD CLOSURES

*Lowtherville Road* no traffic for one shift, between Monday 11 July 2022 and Wednesday 13 July along Lowtherville Road for its entire length, required for carriage repairs.