



VENTNOR TOWN COUNCIL

CLERK'S COLUMN

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Welcome to edition 118 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.

READY FOR THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS...

Our Beach Safety team are well prepared for the increased use of the beach as the holiday season gets underway. It's led by our very experienced Maintenance Manager



Brian Roberts supported by local residents Beth Whitehead and Lloyd Wheatley. The hut carries an AED defibrillator, the team members are equipped with First Aid kits and carry two way radios. They know the beach and its particular tidal states very well indeed, especially after having spent many hours on the beach growing up; all of them are fully First Aid Trained including the use of the defibrillator.

THE JUDGES CAME

Following the shortlisting of Ventnor Park and the Cascade for the South and South East in Bloom Awards 2022, the Judges arrived early Wednesday to assess both. In over three hours they took in the whole of Ventnor Park including the upper park area and the putting green and found the Cascade



looking stunning in the sunshine. The Judges appeared to be very impressed with all of the hard work that has gone into keeping these two outstanding features of Ventnor in such great condition, thanks to the local team of our contractors John O'Conner Grounds Maintenance.

NEW ROAD CLOSURES

Southgrove Road from 7am on Monday 25 July until 6.30pm on Friday 29 July.

VIA MY TWITTER FEED LAST WEEK

- The [All Party Parliamentary Group](#) has published the results of its Inquiry into in-work poverty: 'More than 20% of the UK workforce are paid below the Real Living Wage ... nearly half (45%) of all supermarket workers paid below the Real Living Wage.'
- [Stepchange](#) reports 'a significant number of parents also expect they will have to sell personal or household items to make ends meet this summer – 19% of all parents said they will do this, with this figure almost doubling for parents on Universal Credit.'

MORE INFORMATION is available from the Town Council's website and @ventnor clerk

BOTANIC GARDENS FRIENDS IN ACTION

A group of the Friends of Ventnor Botanic



Gardens came to rescue the areas around our Salisbury Gardens building from the weeds and out of control plant growth

with their skill and infectious good humour. We're very grateful to them for their remarkable improvements to both appearance and access. Their Chairman, Valerie Pitts, told us afterwards: *We all thoroughly enjoyed the morning and left feeling very satisfied with a good job done. We shall certainly return later in the year to plan and carry out some improvements to the planting.*

THE FRINGE IS IN FULL FLOW

Starting on Friday this amazing programme runs until Sunday with over 70 performances featuring over 300 artists from across the world. The programme is available [here](#).



Congratulations to Ventnor Exchange for giving the town what the Sunday Times described as *rapidly becoming the country's most surprising and inspirational multidisciplinary arts festival*

THE BUSKERS ARE BACK!

A great two hours of musical entertainment at Spring Hill Gardens in the Saturday 12-2 slot with Just Julian and his guitar followed by Marc le Bone on guitar with the surprise addition of a mandolin.



This coming Saturday it will be Lucan Hickmott followed by Southern Bells.

